

Everyone was in high spirits as the Cabbagetown Cultural Festival got off to a great start; and ended with a flourish. In between, there was fun to be had for all. The parade included clowns, Checkoslovakian dancers and Scottish bagpipers. There were bake sales, booksales and plenty of entertainment.

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Photos by Dave Zapparoli.



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The next issue of Seven News will be published on Friday October 8, the deadline for that issue is October 4.

## Election update

Four hats have been thrown into the Broadview- Greenwood election ring: Lynn McDonald's for the NDP, Bill Fatsis for the Conservatives, Dave O'Connor for the Liberals and Peter Worthington as an independent.

The long, bitter battle for the PC nomination ended on September 9 when Bill Fatsis beat out Mr. Worthington.

Fatsis was the winner of a long, bitter campaign for the PC nomination. The ostensible reason for his victory was support gained from ethnic party members because of a Worthington editorial condemning 'multi-culturalism' that ran in the Toronto Sun just a few days before the nomination convention. The convention itself was the largest rally ever held by a political party in the history of Canada.

Worthington, as an independent, has a hard road ahead of him in this campaign, but seems to have retained the support of those PC members who worked to have him nominated.

# KILL BILL 127 NOW

BY DINNY BIGGS  
DEA CROMPTON  
MARTHA GANDIER

The following excerpts are from two parent presentations made to the Legislature committee on public hearings for Bill 127. This took place Thursday, September 16th. Bill 127, if it is passed, will directly affect schools in this area that are under the jurisdiction of the Toronto Board of Education.

These presentations show specific examples of how Bill 127 would lower the quality of education the Toronto Board is able to offer. As a teacher in Regent Park for 8 years I am upset that program quality, resources and staffing will suffer.

I urge you to call your MPPs Jim Renwick (965-5928) or Margaret Scrivener (965-4769) to ask how she will be voting as your representative. On Oct.

14th, Thursday afternoon, parents and teachers will be meeting in front of Queen's Park to express our education needs. Call your school for details. Please make your opinions known

My name is Dea Crompton and I am a parent from Park-

view Secondary School. With me are representatives from Park School, Martha Gandier, a parent and Kinny Biggs and Fave Collins, teachers at Park. I have invited Park to share my time at these hearings to give the committee a view of an inner city project school, many of whose graduates in the past have gone on to Parkview.

Parkview is a high school serving children with special needs. We have classes for children with learning disabilities, for hearing impaired students and for language impaired students.

I believe that Bill 127 should be defeated on the grounds that various educational areas for our students would no doubt be reduced with less educational funding available. Physical Education, Art, Music, Library Services, Learning Centres and Remedial Programs are a necessary part of the school system. The Toronto Board of Education has always been very responsive towards the needs of our students. Early identification of students with learning disabilities is essential. Small classes are needed. Some say that mainstreaming lies in the future. Our students are special and could not cope in the mainstream without small classes, much individual attention and specialized help.

Many trustees with the Toronto Board of Education have been very helpful to parents of children with learning difficulties. We are able to discuss our problems with them and know that they are in a position to affect some changes. I fear that their ability to do this would be modified if Bill 127 were passed.

Parkview Secondary School is in the process of being phased out. Our Board has been sensitive to the need to attend to the future education of students like those at Parkview. As a Parkview parent I can only hope that the funds will be available for children like mine to be well served throughout their educational life wherever they live in Ontario.

My name is Martha Gandier. I am a parent of a five year old who attended an all-day kindergarten program at Park School last year. I also speak as a member of the Regent Park Residents' Association and I feel I can voice the feeling of the Regent Park Community.

Speaking personally, I feel committed to the defeat of Bill 127 for several reasons. My son spent most of his fourth year in intensive speech therapy at

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## Welfare rolls up

If the number of people on welfare is any indication of Metro's economic health, this city is in trouble. Over 8,000 families joined the welfare rolls in August, a time when, traditionally, the number of welfare recipients goes down due to seasonal employment.

Though 8,000 new families joined welfare, 7,500 families left, leaving a gain of 500 families and bringing the total number of families relying on welfare benefits up to 27,117. That's 44,097 women, children and men - and of them 14,000 are considered employable.

What these figures mean in terms of money is that Metro Toronto welfare payments are over \$200,000 daily. The increase in the numbers of people seeking welfare is not expected to slow, or level off for some time - Metro is, in fact, predicting a 75 per cent increase by the end of this year.



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# Elect A Mayor Of Skid Row

Unemployment is here to stay. There is little chance of the situation changing for a number of years. It has sadly become a part of our economy, a way of life in the twentieth century.

I grew up in the depression in Britain in a city noted for its poverty and drabness. Unemployment was accepted as a way of life: there were unemployed clubs, camps for the unemployed. In South Wales, where I attended a camp for out-of-work coal-miners, there was a place with 98% unemployment, for coal-mining was the only industry and nobody seemed to want it or it was too hard to get.

Unemployed men and women, as also the men and women of Skid Row, are an important part of our society. They give work to a lot of people from the Sally Ann downwards.

There is also the fact that many people adapt to this way of life, not a large percentage, but in a society which is based on a struggle for survival, quite a number must be unemployable. We will meet them in London, Toronto, Washington, Melbourne, and in Seattle where I believe the name 'Skid Row' originated. They are entitled to this way of life if they want it: the Protestant Work Ethic is not one of the Ten Commandments! For a full picture of this whole subject, we should read Jim Ward's recent book, *The Street is Their Home*, Director of Dixon Hall. There are also, I know, many people of character, virtue, and intellect presently unemployed, some by choice, but most by grim necessity.

I am suggesting, therefore, what can hardly be a new thought, that some Union of the Unemployed be formed. Such a Union could express the feelings and needs of the unemployed for themselves. Presently, with very few exceptions, nearly all the planning for this large group is done by other people, who devise plans for the unemployed and brood about "What is best for Skid Row?" "What can we do for these people?" "What can the Church do?"

Well, let's ask the chaps themselves. So many of our meetings are without them, perhaps even without knowing them personally. We meet at the City Hall to think how we can accommodate a few hundred - or is it thousand? men and women overnight (and God bless the people of concern who do meet), but, when we get together, let's ask them. Let's see what action they would take

My appeal is that a group of unemployed persons be formed and be given the power so large a part of our society deserves. This might help to do two things: (1) To help see themselves out of this mess, (2) to see that the present situation is made more tolerable, more Canadian, more human, more civilized.

Once at All Saints' at an Open House we elected with pomp and ceremony a Lord Mayor of Cabbagetown. The Hon. Margaret Campbell awarded the chain of office. Other prizes were an umbrella, in case the roof of the City Hall still leaked, also the original pair of jeans, we claimed, which John Sewell had purchased to wear for the visit to Canada of Her Majesty the Queen!

Why not a Mayor of Skid Row? an extravaganza perhaps, because we need a sense of humour to get through, and because humour often achieves what preaching does not! But also because this large and important sector of society needs representation in the civil, social and political arena. They need recognition.

At least they need an Ombudsman of their own.



## Salt talks timely

Here is a timely item which I think should be posed to our Federal Dept. of Health.

When is the Federal government going to bring down legislation to limit the salt content in processed foods? Conclusions reached by various medical experts and committees link up sodium intake with high blood pressure.

At present there is a two year old petition with the FDA in the U.S. to limit the use, but the government there has been dragging their feet, probably from lobbies.

Canada needs a similar limit, because although we have been urged to "go easy on the salt shaker", we can do nothing with the content of our prepared foods. The only agency with any clout is the Federal government.

BILL WOOD

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their writers. All letters should be signed and mailed to 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto, M5A 2A2

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The application by the Board of Education for the City of Toronto, current owners of the property, on behalf of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto, who intend to develop the site, is to:

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- Provide 810 sq. m. (8,719 sq. ft.) of retail and community facility space
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A separate application has been filed by the applicant for the closing and acquisition of a portion of Oak Street (see map). In return for the acquisition of this portion of Oak Street, the applicant proposes to exchange a land area to be dedicated for parks purposes totalling 1697 sq. m. (18,267 sq. ft.) and a public vehicular roadway totalling an area of 412 sq. m. (4,435 sq. ft.).

The proposal requires an amendment to the Zoning By-law in respect to allowable density within the provisions of the Official Plan.

For further information please call Alan Dudeck or John Gladki of the City of Toronto Planning and Development Department staff, at 367-7335.

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# Worker's health concerns

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Because many of these substances cause health problems which show up only slowly over a long time it is not always easy to pinpoint work-related sicknesses. For example, gradual hearing loss, breathing problems, skin irritation, nervous tension, heart disease and

high blood pressure are all common, work-related diseases which we do not notice until they become chronic problems. So, too, is cancer in many forms. What can we do about this situation?

### What can we do about this situation?

Recently a new group was formed at the South Riverdale Community Health Centre on Pape Avenue. Called the South Riverdale Occupational Health Group, it is made up of workers who have become increasingly concerned with occupational health. Basically, it acts as a support group for workers with work-related health problems. It assists workers in identifying causes of occupational health problems and in taking the necessary steps to get rid of hazards in the workplace.

Later, the group will organize leaflets and meetings to bring information to Riverdale working people on these issues. It will also be doing research on particular health hazards and their causes, and also making contact with other individuals and groups in Toronto who are concerned with occupational health.

### Health hazards in your workplace

Perhaps you may feel that you would like to talk with someone about a possible health hazard in your workplace. Or you may be interested to know more about what the group is doing. If so, you can get information through the South Riverdale Community Health Centre on Pape Ave., or by calling Marg or Brian at 461-8513.

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"Personally, I know a number of modern, hairy-chested, real men who enjoy quiche," claims Linda Robertson, spokesman for the Ontario Egg Producers' Marketing Board. "I take issue with Feirstein for maligning this truly delicious food."

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over the \$250,000 bracket. This, we understand, is at the high end of the "mid-range" of housing, according to Kent, who feels that the boom is still on.

People who might think of buying one of these homes might want to think about what it could cost them. It's worth a look:

Assuming a "mid-range" buy at \$215,000, the household annual income would have to be \$98,000, according to our generous assumptions (30% down payment; 15% mortgage/20 year amortization; 30% income taxes; 1/3 net income spent on mortgage payments).

The average Canadian household may have an income of \$20,000 per annum - at most. Apparently these people may not be able to qualify for an old Victorian house in the ward. They may not even be able to erect a wrought iron fence!

A lot of people have been sleeping on the street during the hot summer months this year. There must be a shortage of shelter for the poor. With so many houses in the area having been eviscerated, this is no wonder.

*Note: Eviscerate; to take the entrails out of; to disembowel; to gut.*

Loving care was seen around the garden at 41 Oak this past summer. As a result, the tenants had the most beautiful flowers and garden to sit and relax in. Management planted a variety of flowers, but they were well looked after by tenants of the building. Many of them always brought their friends to the back to admire them. Believe it or not, management staff also joined in as spectators.

One can't stick some flowers in the ground and say grow. They are like people. They need attention. Now we are wondering what next year will bring. They will still be so colourful until frost comes.

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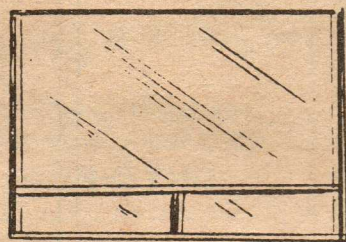
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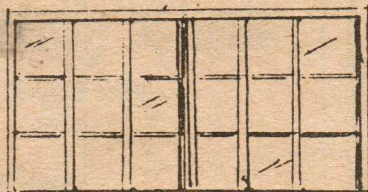
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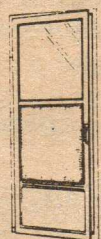
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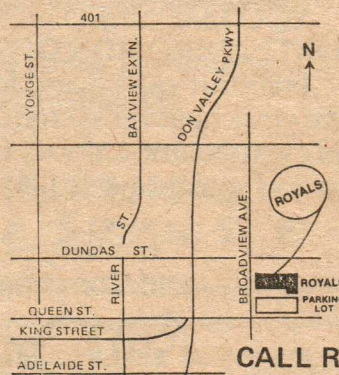
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He was lucky to have a small class - lucky to have teacher aides in the class - lucky to have a concerned dedicated teacher - and lucky to be a Park School where staff are anxious to have parent involvement. My son is in the mainstream of our educational system because there were support mechanisms in place at Park School which allowed him to be special without being segregated.

Like many parents of Park school students, I'm a single mother supported primarily by Family Benefits and partly by low paying part-time jobs that allow me to structure my days around my son's school schedule. All day kindergarten has meant a slight but definite increase in my income and thus, the quality of our lives.

I became aware of Bill 127 shortly after news of another government "administrative change" threatened the thousands of struggling single mothers on government assistance. The Minister of Community and Social Services decided that our

jobs as mothers were no longer valid and thus we were "employable". With no effective increase in subsidized daycare and apparently without noticing that there were no jobs to go to, Mr. Drea began implementing plans to remove our financial support. I see Bill 127 as one more threat to our children, who seem to have no rights as individuals.

When I entered the school system thirty years ago, there was no time for any special needs. The baby boom five to seven years previous had filled schools to overflowing - there were forty children per teacher in the country school I attended.

If such a resource as speech therapy existed, it wasn't available. A child hard of hearing received no more preferential treatment than a seat at the front of the class. There were 'good' students and 'poor' students and no teacher with thirty-nine other pupils and time to investigate why the poor ones fell by the wayside. You fit into the pigeon hole or you failed.

Inner City schools make education a positive experience. Schools like Park, Lord Dufferin and Sprucecourt attract teachers who have a commitment to the children. Local school boards

support that commitment and in most cases support the community the children come from. For a single mother, schools and community can help shoulder the tremendous task of raising young children alone. To do this, our Inner City schools need their local autonomy and continuing parent committees.

*On Monday, September 27, The Queen Alexandra Senior Public School will host a discussion on the effects of Bill 127 on area east schools. In their library, Mr. Bob Spencer, chairman of Toronto Board of Education will address such concerns as the reduction of French immersion programs; closing all-day kindergartens; and the loss of E.S.L. (English as a Second Language) classes.*

*Members of the Workgroup of Metro Parents will also be present. Parents, teachers, friends and neighbours, are all welcome to attend.*

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Moss Park Skating Club commences at 5:00 p.m. Membership is open for children and adults in Beginner and Advanced classes. Group and Private lessons are available. Ice Dance classes. Contact Moss Park Arena at 368-1512 for brochure and further information.

## Saturday, September 25

Simpson Ave. United Church at 115 Simpson Ave at 11:00 am to 3:00 pm is presenting a trash and treasure sale, bake-table luncheon, tea room, white elephant table and much more. Everyone come.

New choir members are urged to join us as well.

Pape / Danforth Library is presenting A MASS OF MOVIES at 2:30 pm.

The Riverdale Library is having an afternoon of folktales and crafts starting at 2:00 p.m.

The Committee for Racial Equality and Canadians Concerned about Southern Africa are community-based organizations committed to anti-racism within Canada and abroad. We are holding our fall fund-raising event. Let Racism Fall Dance at 8:00 to 1:00pm at Cecil St. Community Centre, 58 Cecil St., Toronto. Admission: \$5/\$3 for students, unemployed. Cash bar available. For further information contact Karen V. Gregor 593-4849, Ext. 151 or Dominic Bellissimo 977-1163.

The 519 Church Street Community Centre will be hosting a COMMUNITY CENTRE DAY

Daytime activities include demonstrations of dance, music, arts and crafts, information on programme groups as well as community groups, baked goods, games rooms, films, tarot card readings, book sales, library information, fish ponds, and much much more. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 519 Dinner and Auction At 5pm there will be a country dinner consisting of chili, salad, rolls and fruit. \$2.99. Ticket sales are limited.

Commencing 7pm the 519 Auction will begin with items donated by local community artists, dinners for 2 from restaurants, and other unique unusual items donated by members and local community merchants.

Admission is free to all events, excluding the price of the dinner. Every one is welcome. Location: 519 Church St. (Just north of Wellesley).

For further information call Penny Lamy 923-2778.

## Sunday, September 26

After a successful first year MARIPOSA SUNDAYS are returning to fill the fall and winter with fun and entertainment for the whole family. Six concerts will take place in the intimate atmosphere of Innis College Town Hall (St. George at Sussex Ave.) from September through March. A unique mixture of new and familiar performers will sing, play and enchant the colder months away.

## Monday, September 27

The next general meeting of "East Area Schools Together" will be held at 7:30 pm at Queen Alexandra Public School (at Dundas St. and Broadview Ave.).

EAST's special guest will be the Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education, Bob Spencer, who will bring parents up to date on the status of Bill 127 and the activities of the Board, parents and teachers to oppose this proposed piece of legislation.

Mr. Spencer will also discuss the reasons behind the opposition and the anticipated effect the Bill will have on Toronto schools if it becomes law.

Therefore, if you are still unclear about why Dr. Bette Stephenson, the Minister of Education is intent on imposing legislation to which the Board of Education, Toronto City Council, the Teacher's Federation, many Toronto parents and many other municipalities have objected, then come out to the EAST meeting.

## Tuesday, September 28

Come to the public launching of CORE: A Collection of Stories and Poems collected by Ruth Johnson - edited by Enid Lee. At The Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard Street East at 7 to 9 pm. 924-7122. Come and meet the many writers and illustrators. Get your copy autographed.

The Department of Public Health, Downtown Health Area, Community Advisory Board wishes you to note this change in date and time (7:00 pm) of the meeting. Location: Conference Room, 7th. Floor, East Tower, City Hall.

The Liberal Party of Canada, National Convention will be held in Ottawa, November 5-7, 1982. If you wish to help form Party Policy for this crucial decade in Canada's history -- you need to be a delegate. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm sharp at The Enoch Turner School House, 106 Trinity St. (South of King -- East of Parliament).

The Energy Conservation Community Outreach project (ECCO for short) marks the first occasion when a municipality has co-ordinated the expertise of all three levels of government, as well as the energy utilities, to provide a complete energy advisory service. The project is jointly funded by the Ontario Ministry of Energy, the City of Toronto and the Federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Renovation Course -- Part I-- Interior Renovations. Simpson Church Howland Rd. 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

## Wednesday, September 29

Preparatory music classes for children aged 3 to 9 are starting again at Sprucecourt School, 70 Spruce Street. These music classes are based on various methods of teaching music, such as Orff and Kodaly. Through movement, poems, songs, games, and instrument-playing your child will be able to explore sound, beat, rhythm, and melody. The classes will be fun, but they will also help to prepare your child for playing an instrument seriously later. Classes will be in the gym of Sprucecourt School, each Wednesday afternoon. Fee: \$22.00. To register or for more information, call Ada Vermeulen at 368-7291.

## Thursday, September 30

Join us at the Riverdale Library for a free Karate Demonstration by Centennial College Karate Club (David Easson, Instructor, East York Campus) at 7:30 pm.

Vote Yes for Disarmament Campaign. You're invited to an organizing meeting of the Ward 7 sub-committee, 7:30 pm at 45 Ingham Ave. (6 blocks south of Danforth, 1 block east of Broadview, 465-9089). The disarmament referendum, part of the municipal election ballot on Nov. 8, is our chance to convince the politicians of the importance of peace as a political issue. We need people to share their ideas, distribute literature, etc. to guarantee the most impressive turnout the politicians have ever seen. Peace is everybody's issue! For more information, contact: Rosemary Major at St. Paul's Parents Resource Centre, 366-2624, or Terry Dance at Dixon Hall 863-0499.

## Sunday, October 3

Molson Jazz Club: Tap your toes to the sounds of the Bob De Angelis Dixielanders, 7:30 pm. Free. York Quay Centre.

Traditional Sounds: Singer Margaret Christl performs at 2 pm. Free, sponsored by Coca Cola Ltd. York Quay Centre.

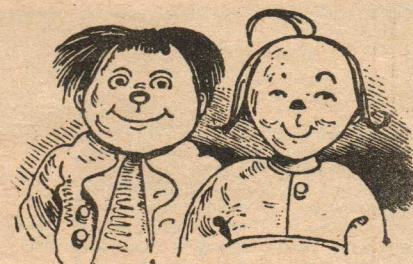
## Tuesday, October 5

Toronto Hard of Hearing Club invites you to join us. Communication is a necessity. Learn to lipread. Meet others with a hearing impairment. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7 pm at St. Peter's Church, 190 Carlton St., north east of Sherbourne. For further information call Mrs. Harvey at 868-0010 or Mr. Wyeth at 244-3457 or write to the President, Mrs. B. Allen at 2222 Parkway Dr., Burlington, Ont. L7P 1T1.

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Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have a notice you would like to appear in the next (Oct.8) issue of the paper (all events between Oct. 9 and Oct. 22) please fill out the coupon below and mail it to us at 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2.

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# TAKE SEVEN

## Love's ups and downs

## Monarchs migrate

WRITER:  
LANFORD WILSON  
DIRECTOR:  
GEORGE BLOOMFIELD  
BY HEATHER CHRISTIE

The setting sun threw shadows over the abandoned boathouse while the crickets chirped along the river's edge, now that is a set for a romance. Where then was the love?

"Talley's Folly" which opened on Sept. 2nd. at the St. Lawrence Centre is a romantic comedy by Lanford Wilson. It is a nostalgic look at a special evening in the lives of 'Salley Talley' and 'Matt Friedman' when differences, revelations, fears and love all play their part.

The story takes place in an old boathouse on the Talley farm near Lebanon, Missouri in the early evening of July 4, 1944 - the night that Matt Friedman, a fortyish immigrant Jewish accountant from St. Louis Missouri, has come to woo Salley Talley, a rebellious 31 year old woman, who is thought of very much as a spinster by

her small town establishment family. The dilapidated boathouse is Salley's secret hideaway and it is here that Matt has come to propose the idea of a life together and therefore the possibility to fulfill each of their dreams.

Kerrie Keane and George Sperdakos feature and both successfully capture their characters vast regional differences and vitality. George Sperdakos in particular had a wonderful feel for Matt's own sense of comic timing and combined with George Bloomfield's direction the humour was delightfully played. The problem occurred within the relationship between Matt and Salley. I couldn't help but feel that the most important element was missing. Where were those desires that were burning underneath and gave us the full range of emotions we were treated to at the climax? Without those foundations we were deprived of seeing different levels and had often to be content with only seeing the surface.

The set is well described at the beginning of the play -

complete with all the necessary trimmings of a Valentine. The lighting works unobtrusively with it although sometimes the gazebo created annoying shadows. The set is also quite workable but I felt could have been better facilitated by using stage right and left more often and leaving

centre stage for more poignant moments.

Talley's Folly presented by Theatre Plus runs from Sept. 2 to Oct. 2. Ticket prices are between six and fourteen dollars. Like any romance it has its ups and downs but somehow it's always worth it.



### COMMUNITY PHONELINE

Community Phoneline is a new feature we'd like to see catch on. The idea behind it is that various community groups call us, or we call them, and let us know what they've been up to. Kind of a community calendar in reverse-tell us how a dance went, what happened at a Board meeting-anything that you think the whole community would be interested in. If your group is curious give us a call at 363-9650 for more information. If no one's in be sure to leave a message saying that you're phoning about the phoneline.



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