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Inside This week Seven News includes Issues & Actions, the newsletter of the Community Forum on Shared Responsibility - a network of social justice groups bringing you a grass roots perspective on current social issues. This insert is available only at all commercial outlets and in the Riverdale residential area.



It's starting to look a lot like Christmas in the stores and streets of Ward 7. Green's Antiques on Parliament typifies the holiday mood.

Ottawa Cuts Hurt Us All

BY LYNN McDONALD MP

The Economic Statement of the Minister of Finance brought in some very tough changes. There were a number of good points, such as increased pensions for widows and widowers aged 60-64 and the promise of speedy action on pornography.

However, too many task forces and studies are to be set up. Yet areas which require speedy action and we are aware of the problems all too well, will be re-studied: for example childcare and tax loopholes for the wealthy.

Enormous cuts in government programs will be made. Some, such as the closing down of selected embassies, are justifiable. However, more drastically, we will see cuts in energy conservation, and research and control of toxic substances.

The expenditure allotted towards direct job creation, only one billion dollars, is not large enough, given the extent of unemployment. It is the equivalent of one month's expenditure on unemployment insurance benefits.

The "universality" principle in our major social programs such as old age pension, family allowance and medicare, is threatened. The "selectivity" principle is supposed to save money, but let's be realistic that any means test the Conser-

vative government institutes will require the hiring of investigators to check applications.

The cuts in government spending will increase unemployment. Canadians will lose jobs from direct program cuts and the increase in the federal states tax which the Conservatives had approved before coming to government.

It is necessary to reduce the deficit, however, the government proposals will have the opposite effect to what is intended.

Any economic program that results in increased unemployed will increase the deficit because the unemployed pay lower taxes and receive unemployment benefits or welfare.

Night Heat Shot in Cabbagetown

Metcalfe and Winchester Streets were the scene of filming for a new television series, Night Heat, earlier this month. Film crews from Moviecorp VII moved their trucks onto the scenic streets of "Cabbagetown" for day and night shooting for the series.

New Board Members Elected

Three new directors were elected to the Seven News' board of directors at the annual general meeting on November 20.

There is now a full board of directors comprised of nine board members: John Campey, Meg Floyd, Benita Ho, Keith Tarswell, Rob Hutchison, Barb Hall, and the newest members: Peter Meier, Tony Junior and Jim Houston.

Jim Houston was confirmed on November 14 as the administrator of the Ralph Thornton Community Centre after a three and a half month sojourn as interim administrator. He has been a familiar face around Ward 7 all of his adult life and has written articles for and illustrated Seven News over the years.

Jim's artwork, often sketches of local buildings, have appeared all over the city and he has had a collection published as the Jim Houston Toronto Colouring Book. Jim is a former Jesuit Priest who, until this year, helped congregations of the United Church of Canada get in touch with the community. He was a worker for the Federation of Don Area Residents Associations before that, and began his career at St. Simons Church in St. James-town, as the interfaith minister.

Jim reminds us that the Ralph Thornton Centre is assessing programming ideas for the local residents and is receptive of any ideas or concerns which are submitted. Please pass along your suggestions.

Tony Junior is a partner with his wife Patty in the Epicure Shop at 473 Parliament Street. He also is a director of the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement

Area and has been the liaison between that board and Seven News for the last little while.

Peter Meier is very involved in the Queen Broadview Village area of Ward 7 and is vice-chairman of the Queen Broadview Business Improvement Area, a director of the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas as well as a director of the Ralph Thornton Centre. Peter is a local lawyer.

All of the new board members are known for their involvement in the community and we are looking forward to working with them during the coming year.

Drink or Drive?

"One of the major obstacles faced in countering impaired driving is that all too many people, most of them otherwise responsible law-abiding citizens, regard it as perfectly reasonable and acceptable to get behind the wheel of a car after having too much to drink," says Dick Greene of the Canada Safety Council. For this reason, National Safe Driving Week from December 1 to 7 is aimed at the drinking driver. The Canada Safety Council believes that all drivers can make a contribution to resolving the dilemma of impaired driving and make Canada's roadways safe for all.

Pollutants Endanger Local Water Supply

Researchers have found that there is a veritable "river" of pollution five to 10 kilometres wide which sweeps along the shores of Lake Ontario.

The shoreline current, which produces a "river" effect, is a result of natural forces such as prevailing winds and the outflow of the Niagara River. What it means is that most pollutants discharged into the lake stay close to shore instead of being dispersed or discharged into the St. Lawrence River and then the ocean.

The area close to shore is thus very heavily polluted, while the bulk of the lake is affected to a much smaller degree. The

current can change direction, depending especially on the wind, so that a location "downriver" from a major source of pollution one day can be "up river" another.

A major effect of the current is that it passes over the water intake pipes of most municipalities on Lake Ontario, both in Ontario and the United States.

According to Environment Canada scientist T.J. Simons, Ontario residents have "this beautiful big sewer" along their shoreline. For example, between Toronto and Hamilton "in essence you have a little pond in your backyard and that is where you are dumping."

The Best Christmas Gift

BY HOWARD HUGGETT

The leaves are just about all down, the snowflakes will soon be coming down, and the prices will shortly start going up because, of course, Christmas is only weeks away. Already the campaign has begun to persuade us to "give." Actually a better word to use would be "exchange" because the annual Christmas exercise is mainly a gigantic swap.

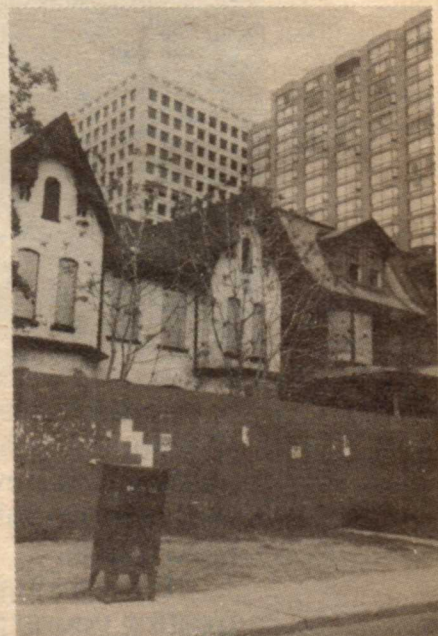
For years I have noticed that whenever you remark to anyone that there are only so many more days until Christmas you seldom get a cheerful response. The most common answer is: "Oh no!" That is a little strange because it is supposed to be a time for rejoicing. The explanation most likely is that people dread the annual hassle of trying to pick appropriate presents for those who already have so much. The Christmas commercials even have suggestions of what to buy for those who "have everything."

Well, this year how about giving to those who literally have nothing? In the past few weeks we in the West have finally realized that famine has existed in Ethiopia for years, and money and supplies are flooding into that unfortunate land. However, starvation will still be

there on December 25 and in other countries also.

Instead of desperately trying to think of what to get for Uncle George that he wouldn't buy for himself if and when he needed it, rather than struggling through crowded, hot and stuffy stores to find acceptable quality at a reasonable price, why not ask him if he would like you to make a donation in his name, a gift of life itself to starving fellow-humans? Maybe George would agree to do the same for you.

There are many responsible organizations that would be glad to receive your Christmas gift - Oxfam, Save the Children Fund, the Red Cross, to name only a few. Think about it the next time you sit down to eat.



Are our neighbourhoods threatened by this kind of "development"?

Our aldermen speak out! See page 3.

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Local Actress Stars in TFT Production

BY PHYLLIS JENSEN

Sharry Flett, a ward 7 resident, is making her debut at Toronto Free Theatre's world premiere of a new Canadian comedy by Laszlo Barna.

Born in Sarnia, Sharry grew up in Toronto attending Victoria Park School before embarking on a career in music. It was the classical repertoire that first drew her to university, but after two degrees in performance, auditions in Europe and an operatic tour, she turned to the stage. Having completed theatre school in London, England, Sharry returned to Canada in 1976 to begin her professional career on the stage.

Canada, she notes, is a wonderful place to build a strong acting career because of the wide range of experience available and the relative lack of type-casting. On a recent sabbatical to New York City, funded by Canada Council, she found both respect and admiration for Canadian talent and its theatres. By then she was well known in this country for her leading roles at the Stratford Festival.

Sharry has only praise for Shakespeare's women whom she describes as wonderfully strong characters including "Miranda" which she played in The Tempest. However, Kate in Taming of the Shrew has been her favourite role to date because of the challenge to play her as a non-sexist character.

Sharry had leading roles in a number of other Stratford productions including Sarah the mute, in Translations. That was an exciting role, she explains because of the need for pure acting. She also played Celimene in The Misanthrope and recently was seen at Young People's Theatre in Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang.

Other credits include roles for Centre-Stage, Edmonton's Citadel, Theatre London, Toronto's Tarragon and the Charlottetown Festival. Sharry received ACTRA, CFTA and Emmy Award nominations for her performance in War Brides and will soon be seen in a new CBS series Night Heat and CBC'S Love and Larceny.

Don't expect the beautiful, wise, yet innocent Miranda that Sharry played at

Stratford — every young girl's dream in a puff of lemonade chiffon — for in Prisoners of Time, she plays Mrs. Williams, a nurse Rachett-like role. It's been a demanding part for the actress who found it necessary to create the character's internal structure before interpreting her outward responses with a minimum of dialogue.

The rehearsals have been a unique experience because of the open dialogue between the actors, director, Guy Sprung and writer, Barna. Sharry noted that too often actors begin to feel a bit like puppets, but the opposite has been the case with this play. She has been delighted to observe the creative abilities of her peers being given full range and credit. Instead of the director insisting on lines in which the thought process doesn't work, both the director and the playwright have been open to suggestion and a great deal of re-writing has taken place on the spot. The result is a very strong first play — a black comedy, a farce complete with a love story.

Prisoners of Time is set in the future,

2031 AD where a group of post-war baby-boomers are now geriatric residents in a senior citizen's home owned and run by a large corporation bent on profits...

The residents manage to resurrect their 1960 protest skills to wage a war against their own children who are in positions of authority.

Sharry Flett as the rigid nurse is the fun role of her impressive career to date.

Prisoners of Time runs until December 16. Tickets are available through BASS of the Toronto Free Theatre box office, 26 Berkeley Street. Call 368-2856.



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Health Council Approves Aid to Abuse Victims

The Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council has approved a recently released report by its Sexual Assault Working Group. The recommendations of the working group call for the development of a regional program for the treatment of victims of sexual assault. At present, only Women's College Hospital has an organized program dedicated to the treatment of adult victims of sexual assault.

According to William Nichols, chairman of the Metro Health Council, "Victims of sexual assault require emotional support as well as physical treatment."

The estimated cost of the centre which are being recommended would be \$300,000.

Grossman Campaign Sweeps St. George

Ontario Treasurer Larry Grossman won all 10 delegates from St. George riding as delegate selection for the Progressive Conservative leadership convention got under way this month.

The other two local provincial ridings, St. David and Riverdale, have still to select their delegates.

St. George MPP Susan Fish is co-chairman of Mr. Grossman's campaign, and she and the riding executive were instrumental in nominating the slate of delegates which was elected at the meeting.

The leadership convention will be held January 28 in Toronto.

Letters

Editor:

The participants of Focus on Change and myself, extend our appreciation to Tracy Peverett and Seven News for the positive article you did on our program.

In the article, you captured the dreams, hopes and aspirations of the women and for that we are pleased.

Thanks,
Fay E. Cole
Program Worker
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Ward Mourns Renwick's Passing

Ward 7 mourns the loss of Jim Renwick, MPP for Riverdale.

Since his election to the Ontario Legislature in a by-election victory in 1964 he has become one of the most respected figures in Ontario politics. A successful lawyer before his entry into politics, his commitment to social justice and the needs of his constituents earned him the admiration, respect, and love of friend and foe alike.

He was also a friend and supporter of Seven News, and we join with all of Ward 7 in extending our deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

He will be sorely missed, but the work that he has done, and the cause for which he has fought, will live on.

People wishing information on memorial arrangements can contact the office of Lynn McDonald, MP at 465-1105.

Ward 7 NDP Annual Meeting

BY JOHN ARGUE

On November 14 the municipal organization of the NDP in Ward 7 held its annual general meeting at Winchester Public School. Aldermen Joanne Campbell and David Reville spoke to the members about the threat to the neighbourhoods in Ward 7 posed by the Leslie Street extension. Public school trustees Fran Endicott and Pam McConnell shared with the meeting some of the initiatives taken by the Toronto Board of Education in affirmative action.

David and Joanne informed us there will not be an immediate decision on extending Leslie Street, but that during the next year it will be important for neighbourhood groups to be ready to speak out against the extension. Illustrating the probable effect of additional traffic being encouraged to come south along Bayview if Leslie Street is extended, Joanne showed by map how many more vehicles would exit at Bloor and Gerrard, and then overflow the residential areas in our ward.

Fran and Pam explained how the Board's affirmative action program is proceeding in fact, not just in policy - a more positive demonstration of the Board's belief in this program that the

inaction of our more senior governments, which are still merely promising their study of proposals for the same goals as the Board is implementing. During the question period, a member asked if downtown schools provided as good an education as schools in more economically better-off areas. Fran and Pam explained how the Board's inner-city program is better than the program offered in Toronto's north-end schools.

The organization's executive election spurred a discussion about whether the Ward 7 NDP should be more active as an organization in the ward. The members agreed that the elected representatives have been speaking out for the ward's concerns at City Council and at the Board of Education, and as a result, have been supported at election time by numerous people in addition to NDP members. Therefore, the question of what activities should be highlighted between elections will be the first topic of discussion by the new executive.

Former executive members Noreen Dunphy, Frank McIntyre, John Campey, Leslie Mang, and John Argue were re-elected, and will be joined by former school trustee David Clandfield, and local activists Mike Armstrong, Vivian Perry, and Keith Tarswell.

Aldermen Walk Out

BY DAVID REVILLE

One of the best things about being a Ward 7 alderman is to be an inheritor of the Sewell-Jaffary-Howard-Cressy tradition of sticking up for the little guys.

As one of today's aldermen, I am bolstered and buttressed by our precursors' tough stands on neighbourhood preservation, affordable housing, rooming houses, group homes, day care and the "home for a home" principle when governments expropriate. The list is much longer, obviously, but you get the idea.

On Friday, November 9, you may have seen your aldermen push back their chairs and quietly file out of the "ring" along with nine others. In so doing, Alderman Campbell and I - along with the nine others - "broke quorum" and the meeting ceased to exist; no decisions could be taken. It takes 12 aldermen to constitute a valid meeting, with Alderman Gry's "unavailable" and 11 of us outside the ring, there were only 11 inside, hence, one short of a quorum.

Now, why would we sabotage a meeting of council? Weren't we elected to serve on council? Hadn't a supreme court judge ordered us to issue a demolition permit so that three older apartment buildings could be torn down to make

way for luxury condos? Why should the fate of tenants in far-away Ward 11 concern Ward 7 aldermen anyway?

There is one answer to all those questions: we care about affordable housing. We think people have a right to decent housing they can afford. We're worked hard, through Cityhome, through Metro Toronto Housing Company, through advancing council policy, to ensure that everyone can live in the city with dignity. We couldn't sit idly by while people, mainly senior citizens, had their homes torn down around them.

We had tried all the "legal" ways: we supported our solicitors' numerous appeals against unfavourable court decisions; we requested demolition control legislation from the province; we begged the provincial and federal governments to come to the rescue of people who are, after all, their constituents too; we offered to buy the buildings; and we supported the tenants in their attempts to buy their own buildings. None of these actions were successful. Did we have a choice?

I don't believe we did. Even now that the city has been found in contempt of court and fined, even now that a solicitor has sued the 11 of us, I believe we did what was right. I'd do it again. Of course, I hope we don't have to.

11 Aldermen Refuse Demolition

BY JOANNE CAMPBELL

More local control over the demolition of existing residential buildings, the right of tenants to enjoy secure residency in their homes, and the future of moderately priced rental housing in Toronto are the major issues that prompted 11 city aldermen to break quorum at City Council on Friday November 9.

This action prevented City Council from issuing a developer with a permit to demolish three structurally sound apartment buildings on Eglinton Avenue. City Council had been ordered by the Ontario Supreme Court to issue the demolition permit, and when it did not the Corporation of the City of Toronto was found to be in contempt and fined \$115,000. The City is currently appealing this judgement.

Much ado has been made in the press and on television about the \$115,000. Little has been reported about the real issues at stake in this matter. Issues which go to the heart of what kind of city Toronto will be in the future.

The procedure by which demolition permits are issued by the City is governed by provincial legislation. For some time now the city has been asking the province to increase the length of time between the date a developer applies for a demolition permit and the date that permit is required by law to be issued. Such a change would give City Council and local politicians stronger demolition control.

More importantly it would give City officials, tenants and local politicians sufficient time to seek alternative means to save residential buildings from demolition and give tenants security of residency in their homes. The proposed changes to the procedures for issuing demolition permits would not unduly restrict property rights. Instead, they would give us time to explore arrangements like co-operative ownership as an alternative to the demolition of housing units.

In the case of the Eglinton Avenue buildings, my colleagues and I voted against the eviction of 200 tenants from 135 moderately priced apartment units. In our view these tenants, many of whom are elderly and have lived 30 years in the buildings ought not to be put out in the street to make way for 98 luxury condominium units.

The issue is quite clear. At present there are about 45 older apartment buildings in the City of Toronto slated for demolition. Most of the 1,400 apartment units housing 2,500 tenants are moderately priced. In all cases these will be replaced by luxury condominium units.

If something is not done now to protect the future of tenants who live in older, moderately priced apartments, it will be a clear signal to developers that they need only buy older buildings and await the demolition permit. For the tenants of these buildings security of residency will be non-existent. People of moderate income who have lived in the city their whole lives, younger people not yet able to buy property and people not interested in owning property will be forced to move outside the city.

It is not my vision of Toronto that it should be a city in which only the rich and subsidized poor can live. The "Toronto 11" have prompted a debate on the rights of tenants as fundamental as any of the major municipal issues of the last decade. It is a great strength of the City that its politicians have had the foresight and conviction to pursue the vision of a liveable City.

As the events of this debate unfold I hope I can count on your support.

Seven News asked our Alderpersons, and lawyer Philip Travesy, to give us their sides of the story surrounding the contempt of court fine levied against the city and the class action suit subsequently filed by our Alderpersons are printed on this page - neither Mr. Travesy nor his lawyer would provide us with any statement.

'Fool for Love' Continues Run

BY PHYLLIS JENSEN

You don't have to head down to New York City to see the award winning play Fool for Love by the multi-talented Sam Shepard, it's playing at Toronto Free Theatre starring Jennifer Dale and Brent Carver.

The one act play, symbolizing the stress between fantasy and reality, is set in a motel room in the American south where May (Jennifer Dale) has run to escape her 15 year love-hate affair with Eddie (Brent Carver). Bound by a common past which one is never quite certain is real or their mutual creation, they

find themselves unable to let the other be.

The audience sits on the edge of their chairs wishing that Eddie would get smart and make the break, but when he does and May calls him back, you wish she would pack her suitcase and walk out the door. When she makes the attempt, it's Eddie calling her back.

Two characters relieve the spiraling tension. A ghostly old man played by Frank Adamson enters the struggle from time to time to advise, but then becomes embroiled in the dynamics himself because of his own historic love conflicts just when he thought he had the solution.

Richard Donat plays Martin, the simple loveable small town boy who gives us the comic relief we need. But like our

own accidental involvement with the love conflicts of friends, there is a fear of his innocent entanglement with the two main characters who are clearly unhitched by their mutual passion.

Jennifer Dale is best known for her recent starring role in the Canadian film The Wars, the much acclaimed series on CBC, The Empire Inc., Vanderberg, Flappers and the upcoming Love and Larceny.

Brent Carver won a Doraw Award for his performance in Bent, and also starred in The Wars, the Stratford Festival and

co-stars with Jennifer Dale in Love and Larceny.

For TV fans it is a wonderful chance to see Canadian stars in a live performance and for the theatre audience it is a delight to see these two fine actors once again paired in a gripping play directed by Michele George. It runs until December 23.

Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office, 26 Berkeley Street or by calling 368-2856.

NIP's Office Hours Change

Neighbourhood Information Post's office hours have changed. NIP will be open for drop-in inquiries on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Telephone inquiries should be made from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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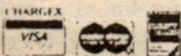
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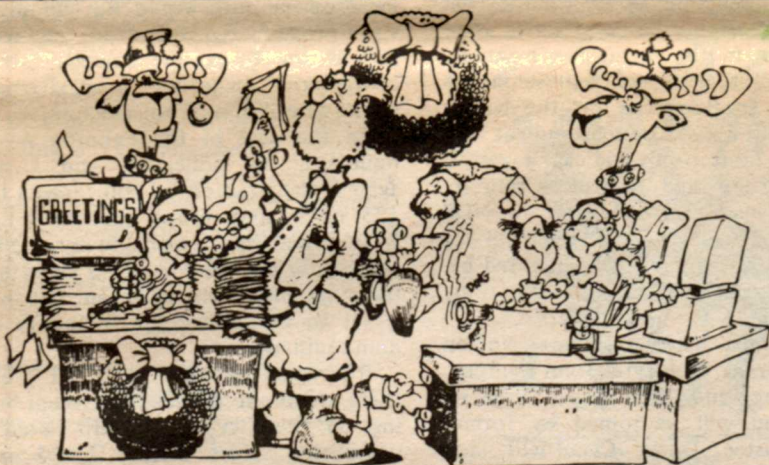
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The Planning Advisory Committee will hear representations from the public on a recommendation from the Commissioner of Planning and Development to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for the South of Carlton Planning Area. The area is bounded by Carlton, Parliament, Queen and Jarvis Streets.

The report recommends the removal of the present Official Plan and Zoning By-law requirement for a proportion of larger units in some residential developments in the area on the ground that it fails to provide the flexibility needed to respond to changing needs in accommodation downtown.

For copies of the report, contact Mr. Ken Tomilson at 947-7185. If you wish to address the Committee, please contact Mrs. Pat Duggan at 947-7025 before 12 noon on Friday, November 30, 1984.



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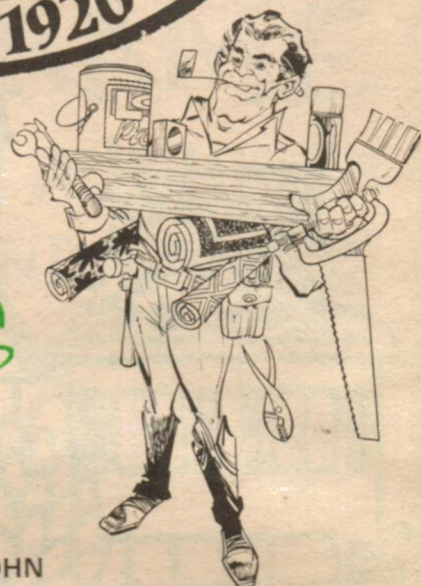
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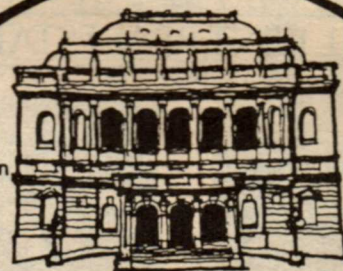
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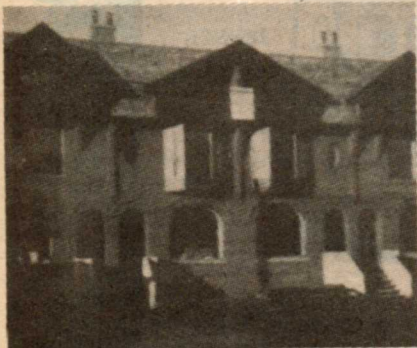
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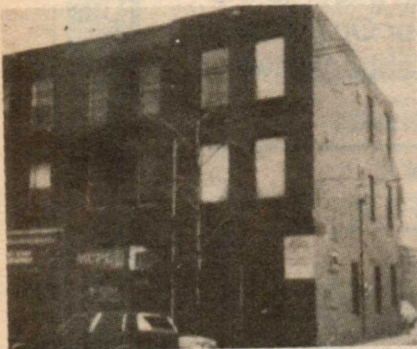
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Another Sesqui Day Just Passes By

BY BERIC GERMAN

A crumpled article about Sesquicentennial was on the dresser. The room stank of sweat and booze. Dirty clothes littered the floor.

Joe McGrath lay face down with a bottle of Aqua Velva beside his head. Some of its former contents stained the mattress.

Some people fear a nuclear holocaust. Joe had never feared it. He had lived his past five years near Sherbourne and Queen. His death had been long and drawn out. A bomb might kill quickly. He was shown no such mercy.

Who was Joe McGrath?

Was he a bum, as they say, a transient, or a man of no fixed address as the Sun newspaper wrote a few days later?

Whoever he was, the detox centres closed their files on him.

Never again would he offend the business woman when he would stop her by pleading for a dollar, impeding her daily journey to her office on Yonge Street.

The ambulance would never again scrape him off the sidewalks.

Seaton House would never again close their doors to him.

Jim Murdock, his "sworn enemy," would no longer fear his big fists when he refused to share his bottle with him.

Never again would he be thrown out of the Eaton Centre by security guards who washed their hands after handling him.

Six days earlier Joe had picked up an old Toronto Star and lain back with it in the basement of the Seaton House Men's Hostel. He read an article on Sesquicentennial and tore it out. Then he ran across an ad in the personal section. A young woman was looking for her father whom she'd never seen. She gave his name, her name and her phone number.

He awoke many times that night. The smell of dirty socks and the sound of people vomiting is usually annoying. But he

was used to these things, and they weren't the reasons he couldn't sleep.

In the morning he phoned the young woman. She described herself and made an arrangement to meet him on the corner of Dundas and Yonge, outside the Eaton Centre. To make conversation he spoke to her of Sesquicentennial. He felt that he was knowledgeable on the subject.

He went to welfare with the ad and convinced them to give him enough for a room and food. There was some left over to buy a shirt, pants and a tie from a Goodwill store.

On the way to his appointment he stopped off at the Canada House for a drink. He asked a woman seated next to him, "What does Sesqui means?"

"Dunno," she answered.

He stayed a long time. Someone tipped a glass of tomato juice and he shouted "Shit." The front of his shirt was stained.

While on the way to the washroom he noticed the clock. He was late.

A few minutes spent at the sink attempting to remove the stain wasn't enough. He'd have to go as he was. He ran out of the bar to catch the bus.

As soon as he arrived he saw her. She was tall and straight and dressed well. Her hair had been done at the beauty parlour. "She's beautiful," he thought. But Joe was beyond assessing beauty.

He staggered to within 10 feet of her and stopped. She was looking up and down the sidewalk but her eyes never rested on him.

Looking down, he tried to adjust his tie so that it might cover the stain on his shirt.

He stood and watched her for 15 minutes. Then he moved away.

On the way home he found Jim Murdock asleep on the grass across the street from the Salvation Army Hostel. An



Aqua Velva bottle was hanging partways out of his shirt pocket. Joe stopped and stole the bottle.

If Joe had lived one more day he could have gone out to one of the Sesquicentennial celebrations. He would have worn his new shirt, pants and tie, to Nathan Philips Square to listen to military music and sip free tea. After all, the government was spending millions on these affairs.

Activities at Jimmie Simpson

If you were wondering what was happening to Jimmie Simpson's Fall Program, rest assured it's still going strong. Adult Aqua Fit every Monday and Wednesday nights, 8-8:45 p.m., is done in the pool to music. Non-swimmers are welcome. Adapted Aquatics, also in the pool, is on Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. For those who don't like getting wet there is Adult Fitness Monday and Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. and Dancercise on Tuesdays, 7-7:45 p.m. and 8-8:45 p.m. Rollerskating for all ages every Friday and Saturday, 7-9:45 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. 461-2550

Art Centre Programs

BY CHANTAL CASTEL-BRANCO

I bet you didn't know that the Cabbagetown Arts Centre offered so many different programs. There is karate, jazz, aerobics, ballet, ballroom dancing, break-dancing, the marching band, choir, and even the Gold Diggers Project to join.

Karate is offered to ages 5-17 years every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m. for \$10 per month. It's also available for adults every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8-9 p.m. for \$25 per month.

Jazz dancing is every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. for ages 5-12 years at a fee of \$30 per 10 week course, and every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. for ages 13-17 years at a fee of \$40 per 10 week course.

For the more musically inclined, aged between 10-17 years, there is the marching band. Every Monday night from 7-9 p.m. at 40 Oak Street, for \$10 per month the centre supplies instruments, instruction, leadership and travel to competitions.

If that doesn't suit you, you could always join the choir every Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. For more information call 925-7222.

Don't forget that on Friday December 21 at 7:30 p.m. the Cabbagetown Community Arts Centre's Annual Showcase is being held at the Christian Resource Centre, 40 Oak Street. Admission is \$3.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday

December 1

Annual Dixon Hall Seniors' Bazaar today from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Crafts, baked goods, white elephants and a fish pond for children will be featured. 58 Sumach Street (just east of Parliament Street and south of Queen Street).

Bain Avenue Co-op, 100 Bain Avenue, is holding a craft show today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Bain community centre. There will be weaving, wood crafts, Christmas cards, toys, prints, puppets, pottery... food too.



Celebration Concert: Classical and contemporary musicians will perform original music composed and written in honour of Toronto's 150 birthday, at Massey Hall. Call 595-0404.

St. Jamestown Christmas Bazaar. Start shopping early today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 200 Wellesley Street East (in the gym, basement floor level). Articles include hand crafted goods, clothing, white elephant tables, plants, raffles, and food and refreshments.

Toronto Central Christian School is holding its annual bazaar today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Taunton Road Christian Reformed Church, 63-67 Taunton Road in the Mt. Pleasant Eglinton area. Featured will be wonderful Christmas decorations, lots of home baking, crafts, toys and much more.



Through Her Eyes: An International Festival of Women's Films at Harbourfront is presenting a 10th anniversary retrospective salute to the National Film Board's Studio D (founded in 1974 to provide a forum for women filmmakers). Films will be screened at 4:30 p.m., 7 and 9 p.m. in the studio theatre.

Sunday

December 2

Kathy Stinson, author of *Red is Best and Big or Little*, will be appearing at the Harbourfront Children's Reading Series at 1:30 p.m. Bill Freeman, author of *The Harbour Thieves* and 1984 winner of the Vicky Metcalf Award, will appear at 2 p.m.



Wednesday

December 5

Unemployment: *Voices from the Line*, a film about the effects of unemployment on the lives of individuals and their families, will be shown at the NFB Theatre, 1 Lombard Street at 12:15 p.m.

Free Film Night tonight at Ecology House. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. come and see *If You Love This Plant*, *Lovins On The Soft Path*, and *Old House, New House*. Alone, each one is inspiring, together they are a powerful argument for a safe, renewable energy future. 12 Madison Avenue. Call 967-0577.

Thursday

December 6

Children and Peace. Library and Information Workers for Peace are sponsoring an evening of resource sharing tonight at 7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls House of the Toronto Public Library at 40 St. George Street. There will be speakers from Parents for Peace and the Military Toys Boycott Campaign, and stores by Ray Gordski, books from the Children's Bookstore, and demonstrations of co-operative games.

Muddy York presents the music of Old Ontario, with a touch of Christmas, at the Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview at Gerrard, at 7 p.m. Free. Call 466-2197 for more information.

Friday

December 7

Images of the Wild - a film about Robert Bateman, Canadian naturalist and international wildlife artist, will be shown at the Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas Street West at 12:15 p.m.

Saturday

December 8

Danforth Village will be holding a Santa Claus parade today from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Santa Clause, balloons, candy, and children's ponyrides.

Changing Places Theatre presents creative playmaking in the home, free workshops in drama for children and parents. Starting today at 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Ralph Thornton Community Centre, 765 Queen Street East. Call Debora at 469-4226 for more information.



Sunday

December 9

The Canadian Caribbean Afro-Asian Ministerial Fellowship is sponsoring a Human Rights Celebration tonight to mark Human Rights Day at 7:30 p.m. Caribbean Catholic Centre, 867 College Street. The speaker will be The Rev. L.O. Jenkins, Pastor, Saunders Memorial AME Church, Detroit, Michigan. All welcome. For more information call Ken Bhagan 962-5758.

bp nichol, author of *Once: A Lullabye and To the End of the Block* (ages 5-9) will appear at the Harbourfront Children's Reading Series at 1:30 p.m. Gwendolyn MacEwen, author of *The Chocolate Moose* (ages 8-11) will appear at 2 p.m.

Tuesday

December 11

The Pro-Choice Movement: *New Directions, New Debates*. In conjunction with the release of their new book, *Not An Easy Choice: A Feminist Re-examines Abortion*, the Women's Press together with the Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics, is sponsoring a forum tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanford Fleming Building at the University of Toronto, on King's College Road (just north of College Street). For more information call 598-0082.

ONGOING

Canada World Youth is seeking to recruit young people to take part in its youth exchange program. Young Canadians accepted to the program, joined by an equal number of exchange country participants, will spend seven months living and working in vastly different cultures and communities overseas. Application forms and more information are available from Canada World Youth, 627 Regional Office, 627 Davenport Road, Toronto M5R 1L2.

Arts and Crafts. The Central Neighbourhood House women's arts and crafts program will be in full swing until December 19. It will start up again on January 4 at 7 p.m. There is still time to learn to make Christmas decorations for your home or tree. New members welcome. Childcare is available. For further information call David or Kay 925-4363.

Toronto in Print, a collection of approximately 80 books, maps and prints descriptive of Toronto and spanning the years 1797 to 1965 will be on display at the Marine Museum from November 7 to January 6. The Marine Museum is at Exhibition Place. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for seniors and children. Call 595-1567.

Three B. Harper Bull Conservation Fellowship Awards of \$600 each are available to encourage and assist university and college students who reside in Metro Toronto, and wish to broaden their knowledge of conservation through study, travel, and practical experience. For further information and applications write Waneeta Roberston, Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Foundation, 5 Shoreham Drive, North York, Ontario M3N 1S4.

Lesbian and Gay Youth are looking for more women to join their group. If you are up to 25 years of age and would like to be a part of this support group, please come to a meeting. Meetings are held Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the 519 Church Street Community Centre.

A nation-wide campaign is under way to collect \$1 million worth of material and financial aid for Nicaragua, sponsored by the Coalition for Aid to Nicaragua. The campaign, named *Tools for Peace*, can be contacted at 175 Carlton Street, Toronto M5A 2K3.

The Art Gallery of Ontario is hosting a retrospective of the *Walking Woman* series by Toronto artist Michael Snow covering 1960 to 1967. 315 Dundas Street West.

The Art Gallery of Ontario presents a unique view of Canada's landscape and her people in an exhibition of paintings by William Kureleck. 315 Dundas Street West.

Soundwomen is a one-hour radio show featuring music by and for women, interviews and community announcements. Sundays from noon to 1 p.m. CKLN, 88.1 FM.



The YWCA has weekly **Take A Break** programs for mothers. The groups offer an opportunity for mothers to meet for an hour of exercise followed by discussions, speakers or films, while their children are well cared for by YWCA child care workers. There is a group meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 154 Floyd Avenue (near Pape, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.). Call 961-8100.

The directory of **Co-operative Naturalists' Projects in Ontario** is designed to publicize projects that rely on volunteer help and to attract wider participation in them. Examples of projects in the 1984 directory include Christmas bird counts, inventories of natural areas, and county plant and bird checklists. Any naturalist interested in undertaking a project which may benefit from inclusion in the directory is invited to write for a project description form to Clive and Joy Goodwin, Directory, Apt. 103, Weston, Ontario M9P 1A8.

The **Cross-Cultural Communication Centre** has produced two new video-tapes by and for immigrants. One is *Immigrant Women: Job Search and the Interview*; the other is *Women Making Changes: Immigrant Women and the Job Search*. The tapes are being promoted for use in libraries, schools, English as a second language programs, and service agencies. Call 653-2223 for information.



There is a **parent-child drop-in** at Regent Park/Duke of York Public School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a lunch program. Come and have fun with your child 0-5 years of age. All community persons welcome. Free. Call 363-3441.

Dixon Hall Neighbourhood and Family Service Centre is running a **Big Pal/Little Pal** program through its children and youth department. If you know of any child from five to 12 years old who you feel could benefit from the program please let us know or pass this information on to the parents. Our program has been in existence for several years. All volunteer applicants are screened and interviewed carefully by our department. The family involved must also make certain commitments to the program. Call 863-0499.

ENTERTAINMENT

From now until January 6, Harbourfront's community gallery is featuring **A Room Of One's Own**, a "magical world of fantasy rooms." The exhibition is the result of the work of some 40 artists who have turned ordinary 16-inch square cubes into their ultimate "dream rooms," employing a variety of themes and materials. The Community Gallery is at York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West. Admission is free. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Womens Film Night every Wednesday evening at Central Neighbourhood House at 7 p.m. An informal gathering where women can watch a current or topical movie with their neighbours. Coffee, juice and popcorn are available. Suggested donation is 25 cents. There will be no film on December 19 or December 26. Films will resume January 4 at 7 p.m. For further information call David or Kay 925-4363.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have an item for the next (December 14) issue of 7 News, please have your material in by Wednesday, December 5. Because there will be no issue at Christmas, events between December 14 and January 11 should go in this issue.

Raffle winners of the Central Hospital International Bake Sale and Bazaar are as follows:

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Advance Registration: Monday Dec. 10, 5 to 6 p.m. - Regent Park residents only; 6 to 8 p.m. - Current students, those on waiting list, and Regent Park residents.

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INFORMATION

DEC Resource Library contains a unique collection of papers, pamphlets and periodicals on economic and social development in the Third World. Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m. There is no charge and materials must be used at the library. Location 427 Bloor Street West, basement. Call 964-6560.

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Phoenix School is looking for volunteers to help with many aspects of the school program. People are needed to work with individual children in the mornings (listening to them read, helping with projects, et cetera). During the afternoons people are needed with practical or creative skills especially in the field of music. If you can referee a floor-hokey game, teach gymnastics, photography, a musical instrument or anything else that you think children would enjoy call 463-6572.

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Tools for Peace is a nationwide campaign involving thousands of Canadian volunteers collecting \$1 million worth of material and financial aid for Nicaragua, sponsored by the Coalition for Aid to Nicaragua. If you want to make a financial contribution, donate materials, be a volunteer, or obtain more information contact: Janice Acton, Coalition for Aid to Nicaragua, c/o 175 Carlton Street, Toronto M5A 2K3, phone 925-7502 or 961-3935.

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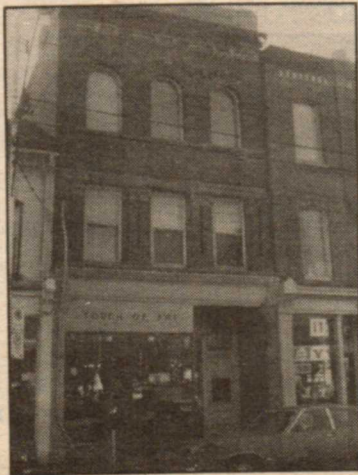
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