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Don Yeomans honoured by Carleton University

Don Yeomans, longtime member of Carleton University's board of governors, received the Founder's Award at the June convocation ceremony. The university recognized Yeomans for his "extraordinary record of dedication" to Carleton.

Yeomans joined Carleton's board in 1980 and served for 13 years, including two years as chair. During this period, he also chaired and served on many committees. In addition, he was a member of the commission on Carleton's second half-century, served on the university senate, and was a member of the board of the Carleton University Development Corporation. Since his retirement from the board in 1993, he has continued to serve the board and the university as a

member of the audit, finance, and strategic planning committees.

After living for more than 30 years on Clemow Ave., the Yeomans family recently moved to Second Ave.

Yeomans, a University of Toronto graduate, retired from the public service in 1993 after serving more than 30 years in a variety of posts, including Commissioner of Corrections, Chairman of the Tariff Board, and special advisor to Justice David Marshall, executive director of the Canadian Judicial Council.

The Founder's Award is Carleton University's highest non-academic honour and is given annually, when merited, to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the university.

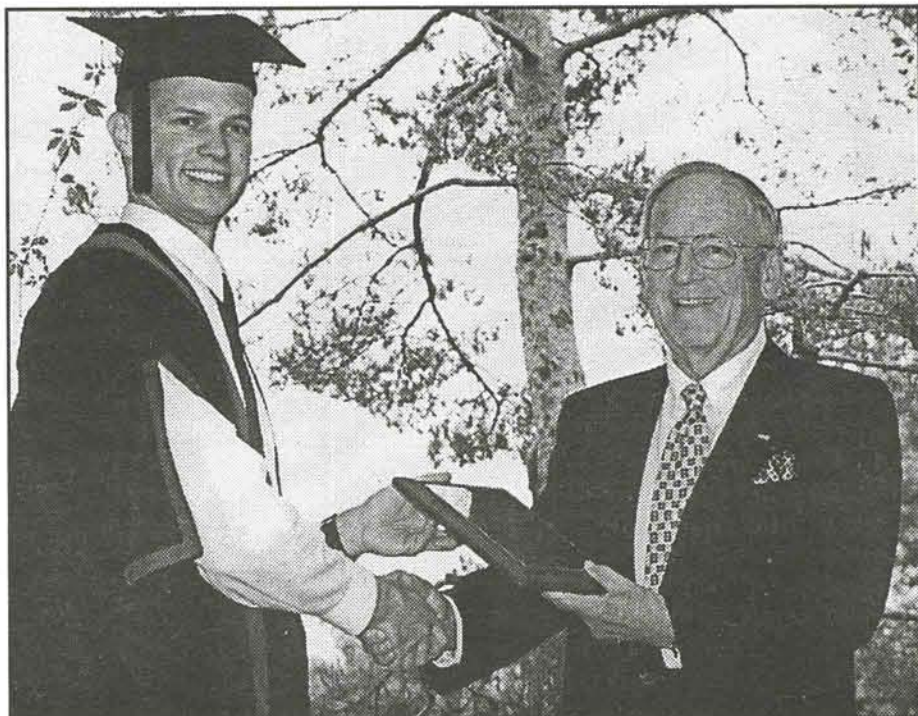


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Carleton University's Student Association president Joe Belfontaine (left) presents Glebe resident Don Yeomans (right) with Carleton's prestigious Founders Award at the university's 114th convocation

Mutchmor School

Closure decision this fall

New class-size rules set by the provincial government in June have made trustee Lynn Graham hopeful that only eight schools within the Greenbelt will be closed, rather than 12.

School board staff will present their final recommendations to close up to eight elementary schools to school board trustees Aug. 28.

Community presentations to the board are scheduled for Sept. 26 and 28.

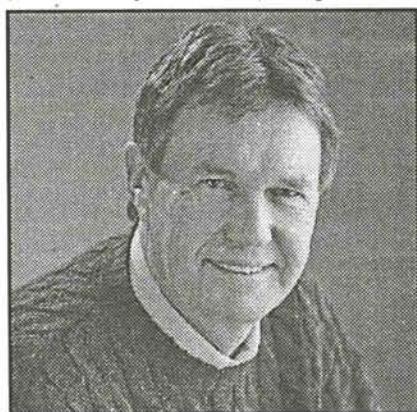
Trustees will vote in October, (tentatively Oct. 23). Lynn Gra-

ham emphasizes that it is trustees outside the Greenbelt who must be persuaded to save the schools in the central area.

Wendy Daigle Zinn of the central family of schools reports that parents' groups, community associations and local politicians have sent the trustees 800 pages of analysis arguing against school closures.

The many arguments include the facts that a coming population boom and interest in urban living will increase the number of

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Bickford enters Capital Ward race

Jim Bickford recently registered as a candidate for councillor in the new City of Ottawa's Capital Ward.

The former deputy-chief of the Ottawa Police Service was elected to Ottawa City Council in an April 1999 byelection in the Mooney's Bay Ward. He is vice-chair of the policies, priorities and budgeting committee, and sits on the audit committee and the disability issues advisory committee.

As a police officer and former resident of the Glebe, Mr. Bickford knows the area well. "It is without a doubt my favourite part of Ottawa. It would be a great honour to serve this community as its councillor."



Glebe writer wins short fiction prize

Joan Boswell of Second Avenue has won the Toronto Star short story contest, beating 2,500 submissions from across North America. The \$10,000 prize makes it the biggest short story competition in North America.

Her story—*Toby, Toby Came Today*—was published July 1 in the Star. It is a whodunit involving a pig farmer, a developer and a barnful of pigs.

Ms. Boswell, a member of the six-person Ladies Killing Circle (a group of mystery writers), is currently co-editing its fourth anthology of crime stories, *Fit to Die*, to be published in 2001.

A well-known artist as well as a writer, Joan has had many solo shows of her watercolours and acrylics.

Post office plans revised, approved

Ashcroft's revised application for variances to the post office property was approved by the committee of adjustment July 14.

Ashcroft now plans to build a new third floor to be used solely for residential purposes, to have 12 residential units and to provide 16 parking spaces. The developer reduced the height to 13.4 metres from 15.24 metres by changing the roof line on the Third Ave. side from a peaked roof to a flat roof. The third floor has been stepped back approximately three metres to lessen its impact on the streetscape.

"Now, if you stand on Third Ave. and look up, you won't even see the third floor," says Bill Buchanan of Ashcroft. Both the second and third levels will be residential, with high-ceiling lofts on the second and four apartments on the third.

With the change in plans, the GCA and some neighbours dropped their objections. Two neighbours, however, were still opposed. Another neighbour, Bob Brocklebank, told the committee he was still concerned about the possibility of a roof-top bar or patio.

When Bill Buchanan assured the committee that the third floor would be residential, the variances were granted.

Buchanan says they are pleased the committee approved the plans that were revised to accommodate community concerns.

He says the post office has agreed to relocate to the Third Ave. side, "so we'll do this first."

On Fourth Ave., the ground level will stay commercial, with lofts above.

The next step is site plan approval, scheduled for Aug. 16, to address fencing, parking, landscaping and garbage disposal.

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Tuesday, September 5



Photo: City of Ottawa
Mayor Jim Watson, Mutchmor principal Barbara Campbell and Councillor Inez Berg unveil the Mutchmor Public School Heritage Plaque on June 21.

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families in the city core. Also, central family schools are not "half empty" as the Premier says, but at about 79 per cent capacity overall.

Closing downtown schools will have serious impact on our neighbourhoods.

Local politicians who joined Glebe residents June 21 to unveil a heritage plaque at Mutchmor school are also supporting the community's fight to keep Mutchmor open.

In the May staff report, five downtown (central family) schools were on the closure list: Mutchmor, Elgin, Centennial, Viscount Alexander and York.

Daigle Zinn urges everybody

who cares about Mutchmor to attend the board meeting Monday, Aug. 28.

School board trustees face the reality that \$23 million must be cut from its \$500 million budget. And schools that are desperately needed in the burgeoning suburbs and rural areas cannot be built until "half-empty" downtown schools are closed.

To find out more about closures or to help your own school, contact the school council chair by calling your neighbourhood school office the week of Aug. 28.

You may also call Wendy Daigle Zinn at 232-2928, e-mail wdz@zinnhofley.com

See OCDSB trustee report, p. 21.

Abbotsford still going strong



BY GORDON HAUSER

Your tax-supported senior citizens community centre at 950 Bank is active as ever through this holiday time. Because we offer such a range of interesting things to do for people 55 years or older, our regulars are here often.

RENOVATIONS PLANNED

You are going to see changes to our site. The board is trying to complete plans to deal with the Glebe tower's non-compliance to the new Ministry of Health design standards. The deadline is 2006 to become compliant for the 195 long-term-care beds needed. The current proposal before the board will include renovations and new construction. Final plans will be announced as soon as approved by the board. Abbotsford will remain in the middle of the complex and continue to offer, in its impressive Victorian mansion, all the fun activities that will keep the residents and the elderly of the community nimble.

Why does the province insist on this major undertaking? Because we are all growing older, and projections indicate that we will need all this space for the

seniors of tomorrow, perhaps for you.

FALL PROGRAM

Our fall program guides are now available—free, of course—just call 230-5730 or drop by. Classes start September 18, but you must register a week in advance. If you aren't already a member, the fee for membership is \$13 for the balance of the year.

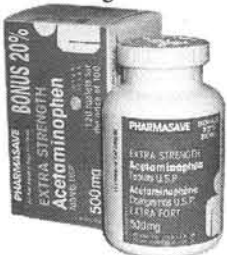
The bridge club is always popular—Mondays all day and Friday mornings—and we always welcome new members. For those who have mastered opening bids and responses, Bidding 2 will cover overcalls and takeout doubles. If you enjoy following newspaper bridge columns, Modern Bidding Systems will help you, covering such things as 2 over 1, game force, inverted raises, Blackwood variations and much more. You can see from all this that although our members can't run marathons, their minds are as quick as ever—and playing bridge keeps 'em that way!

If you need to tone your entire body, we offer tai chi and yoga, muscle-toning with weights, and seniors aerobics. Perhaps this is news for you, in which case I advise you to visit and look us over—ask for the tour.

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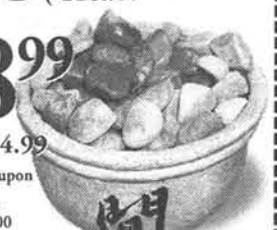
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Come and join us for fun and friendship. Guiding provides a wonderful opportunity to learn progressively more responsible leadership skills in a fun environment. If you have a daughter, enjoy working with children, or are just looking for a way to become more involved in your community, Guiding has something for girls and women of all ages. Volunteers are always welcome—on a weekly basis to work directly with the girls, as a parent to help occasionally with a unit or outing, or as an adult to work on organizing committees. There is an interview and screening program for all volunteers working with children, and training is available.

Sparks: For girls five to six years old. The adventure begins with the magic raindrop, a climb up the rainbow stairs, sliding down the other side of the rainbow, to be met by Jewel and led by the fireflies to join the group of girls in pink. Promising to Share and be a Friend is the start of the Guiding journey. For one hour each week, the girls will have fun learning new crafts, songs and dances. They will learn about and do things in the outdoors, as well as themselves and the world around them. There are two Sparks groups. Meetings are on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m., either at Glebe-St. James (Lyon and First), or at Fifth Avenue Free Methodist (Monk and Fifth).

For seven- to eight-year-olds, we have Brownies, where the Guiding journey continues and the girls continue learning in a fun way about their community, themselves, the outdoors and the world around them. They have the opportunity to ex-

plore a variety of interests and earn colourful badges to show their accomplishments. The foundation of groups is begun with the introduction of Circles with magical names. There are two Brownie units. Meetings are at Glebe-St. James in the evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays or Wednesdays.

For nine- to 12-year-olds, it's time for Guides. The girls begin to explore in more depth what they started in Brownies, although a background in Brownies is not necessary. Once again, badges and a structured program based on having fun while learning are integral parts of each weekly meeting. Meetings are on Thursday at St. Matthew's from 6:45-8:30 p.m., with the potential of a second Guide unit this year.

For 12- to 14-year-olds, there is Pathfinders, where the girls work through their program with a strong focus on building their independence and leadership skills. Meetings are on Tuesdays at Fifth Avenue Free Methodist from 7-9 p.m.

After Pathfinders, there are opportunities for girls to participate as Rangers, Cadets or Junior Leaders with other Guiding units to help develop their leadership skills further and to have fun doing so.

We especially welcome university students who have relocated to Ottawa and wish to join our Guiding family while away from home. Their home Guiding experiences are a welcome addition to our community.

Guiding is about community. Come and join us.



Scouting at Glebe-St. James



The Scout leaders at Glebe-St. James United Church are preparing for another exciting, instructive, fun-filled year. The 36th Ottawa Group (Glebe-St. James) will be holding registration sessions on September 7 and 8. This will be your opportunity to enroll your child in Beavers (ages 5-7), Cubs (8-10), Scouts (11-13), or Venturers (14-18).

The youth will participate in indoor and outdoor activities, including games, sports, crafts, life skills, community work, camping, etc., in accordance with programs established by Scouts Canada.

We also need a number of new adult leaders this year to help run the programs. Without additional leaders, some youth will

have to be placed on waiting lists. We particularly encourage parents to join us. It will involve a few hours of your time one day a week, plus outings, usually on weekends. Training will be provided. Candidates will be screened for suitability by Scouts Canada.

Register your boy or volunteer as a leader at Fraser Hall, Glebe-St. James United Church, 650 Lyon Street South, on Thursday, September 7 or Friday, September 8, between 7 and 8 p.m. Parents or guardians must register their own children, as consent signatures are required.

For more information, or if you will miss the registration nights, please call Doug Selley at 234-9274.



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Summer in the city

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At the Glebe Community Centre the summer day camps are full of happy youngsters. So what if the outings to the beach have often been cancelled due to poor weather. The super cool counselors make sure the kids have fun, sometimes with the help of water balloons. At the end of the day the tired but happy children ask their parents, "Do I go back to camp tomorrow?"

Street parties and block parties are part of the summer scene in the Glebe. On page 14 we have photos of a couple of parties in celebration of summer. The ingredients for a street party seem to be good food, good people and good fun.

Glebe gardeners have been busy this summer too. Green growth in the Glebe can be seen in planter boxes in public places, flower boxes on shop windows and baskets of flowers hanging on front verandahs.

Sunny gardens are full of sunflowers and day lilies; in the shady areas under trees, impatiens and begonias are thriving.

We see people in the outdoor cafés sipping cool drinks; on the sidewalks residents stroll along enjoying ice cream cones.

Along the Canal and Dow's Lake people stop to feed the biggest population of ducks and ducklings we have ever seen.

The parks and playgrounds have been busy too. Since the Mutchmor play structure has been built, it has been filled with children of all ages swarming over it. The wading pool and playground at Lansdowne Park are always popular with Glebe youngsters looking to have fun. And for the smaller ones, there is Lionel Britton Park, known affectionately as the Tot Lot.

We have a selection of photos throughout the paper of Glebe residents of all ages enjoying the summer scene.

Ottawa South Porch Sale

If you are looking for a great sale with a real neighbourly feeling, head over the bridge to Old Ottawa South's Porch Sale Saturday, September 9. Browse for bargains from a wonderful selection of neighbourhood treasures and trash. The Porch Sale is a fund-raiser for the Ottawa South Community Association. Happy hunting!



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Keep Clemow Ave. quiet!

Editor, *Glebe Report*,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Ottawa wanting to register my views about the Glebe traffic proposal, and specifically my objection to the proposal to withdraw the traffic quieting measures on Clemow Avenue.

The added value I bring to this debate is based on 39 years of experience on Glebe streets between 1961 and 2000. During this time I witnessed, as a child, youth and adult, the challenges faced as a pedestrian, cyclist and motorist in the area, and specifically on my former street, Clemow.

As a child, I witnessed Clemow as a very busy thoroughfare and street difficult to navigate on my bike, as well as to cross. I always had to seek out quieter places to practise my biking skills. Cars used to roar from Bank to Bronson. I chose the word "roar" because the drivers, for the most part, were not Glebites, and did not show respect for Glebe residents. They were motorists looking for quick access from one main artery to another.

As a youth, I witnessed the citizens gain control over the street. Many motorists realized they didn't need to enter the Glebe to get to their destinations, and neighbourhood friends and strangers, children and seniors benefitted from a street where they could go and practise bicy-

cle skills and/or take a quiet stroll.

As an adult, I mastered in-line skating on Clemow rather than having to retreat to an arena or parking lot.

My message is simple:

1. Clemow Avenue provides Glebe residents with an opportunity to master bicycle-riding and rollerblading skills without the overbearing threat of automobiles, and with a model of how progressive our city planners can be.
2. The Glebe's traffic problems arise entirely outside the Glebe—to be specific, new ramps to the Airport Parkway at Walkley and Hunt Club—and that is where they must be addressed.
3. Citizens around the world are fighting to gain control over their neighbourhoods. The issue is how to preserve what control the residents have and to expand the control that pedestrians, cyclists and bladers deserve.
4. Let me make it clear: I have no vested interest in writing this letter about the Glebe proposals (I'm no longer a resident of Clemow Avenue). However, what is at stake here is the need to preserve our quiet Ottawa streets and expand this opportunity to other residents, both in the Glebe and elsewhere in Ottawa.

Do your analysis thoroughly and remember that city core residents bring more value than your proposal reflects.

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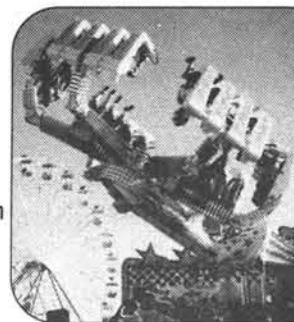
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 - 3 Deep — August 20
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 - Serial Joe / Eric Maheu — August 25
 - David Wilcox and the Jeff Healey Band — August 26
 - Youth Talent Show Semis & Finals and the Fernandez Adult Show — August 27
- Trisha Yearwood — August 22
Trisha Yearwood tickets are available at Ticketmaster — 755-1111.

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Support your community GCA membership campaign September 16 to October 16

BY DOREEN DROLET

This might not be the warmest summer. Still, as we enjoy it, plans are already under way for this year's Glebe Community Association (GCA) membership campaign. From Saturday, September 16, to Monday, October 16, neighbours will be knocking on your door asking you to join or renew your membership to the Glebe Community Association. The cost remains low (\$4 per household). Please give canvassers a warm welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This August, you might get contacted by an area representative asking you to consider volunteering a bit of time as a "block representative" (to canvass a block on or near where you live). This is a great way of keeping in touch with your neighbours! Here is a list of streets or blocks for which we have no volunteer; if you happen to live on one of these blocks and would like to volunteer during the campaign, please contact Doreen Drolet (237-3907) or Christine Hollander (236-9850). We would be delighted to hear from you!

- Ella (even numbers: 32-62)
- Findlay (odds: 1-41, 49-99; evens: 54-100)
- Newton (evens)
- Woodlawn (evens)
- Fifth (odds: 141-181)
- Third (odds: 41-103, 123-161; evens: 36-112)
- Queen Elizabeth Drive (300, 330; evens: 206-248)
- First (evens: 90-172; odds: 99-177)
- Glebe (odds: 85-105)
- Strathcona (odds: 145-221)
- Holmwood (odds: 5-95)
- Oakland, Muriel, Ralph, Thornton, Wilton, Percy, Lyon, O'Connor, Metcalfe, Pretoria, Adelaide, Howick, Regent

GCA WORKS ON YOUR BEHALF

The GCA's elected volunteer board of directors works on behalf of all Glebe residents. The Great Glebe Garage Sale is a widely recognized event organized by your Glebe Community Association. Last fall, when the devastating fire made 13 families homeless, the GCA set up the Glebe Fire Relief Fund, and vol-

unteers were able to collect funds for the fire victims from concerned neighbours.

Over the past year, a dynamic planning committee, chaired by June Creelman, has discussed and represented your interests on a number of Glebe planning and development projects. The original plan for the post office was amended to reduce the height and adjust the set-back to line up with other buildings on Fourth Ave., a definite improvement. Glebe residents made comments during the last membership campaign, identifying the increasing and speeding traffic on Bronson, and the cut-through traffic in the Glebe as major concerns. The traffic committee is very diligent on this issue, and is looking at solutions and the implementation of calming measures for the Glebe.

John Crump, VP education, leads the GCA battle against the threatened closure of Mutchmor School. For more information on this issue, John can be contacted at 233-4040.

Discussions on regional and city government budget plans, their impact, one city, and Lansdowne Park are ongoing. These and other such issues that impact our community will continue to be of particular concern to the GCA over the coming year.

OUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT

Membership in the GCA gives each of us a stronger voice on community issues. A large membership strengthens the association's credibility when making representations on behalf of the Glebe. We look forward to hearing from you to volunteer for the upcoming membership campaign, or for your help on various community issues.

Make 2000 the year your voice is heard—join the Glebe Community Association!

The next GCA meeting is on September 25 at 7 p.m. at the Glebe Community Centre.

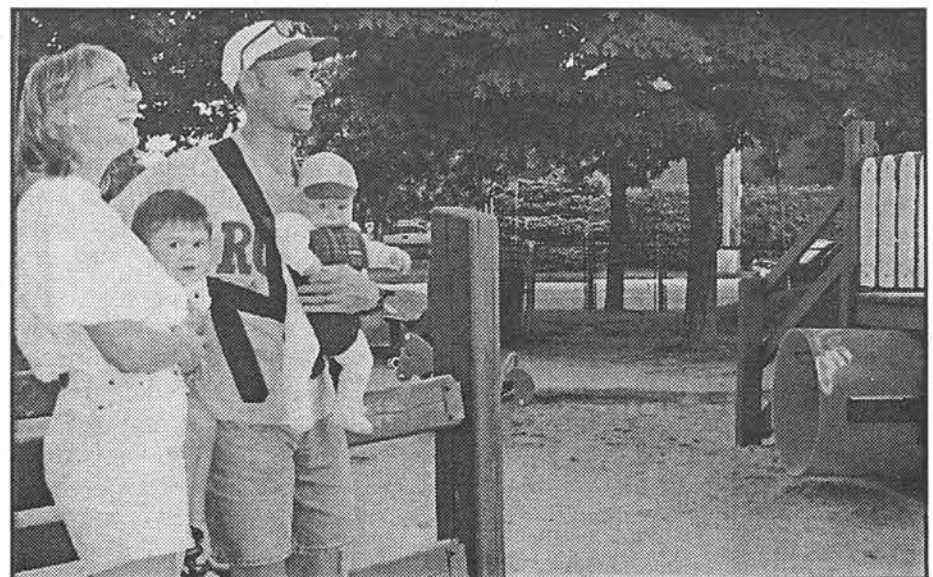
Doreen Drolet is vice-president membership of the GCA.

Tot Lot turns twenty-five



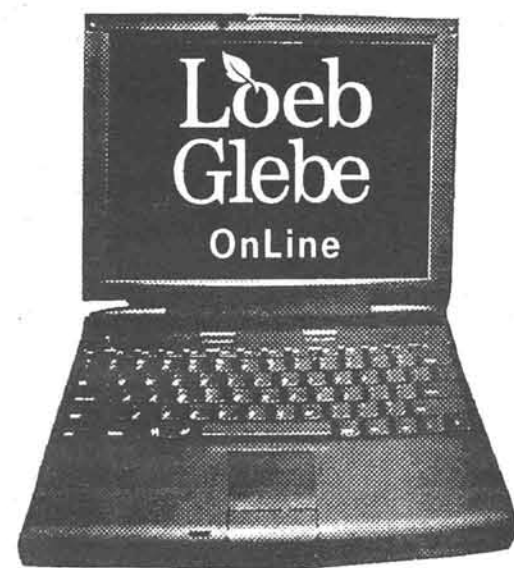
The "tot lot"—Lionel Britton Park—at the corner of Fifth Avenue and O'Connor Street was opened 25 years ago this month.

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Parents Maggie & Scott Clarabut and sons Spencer and David are frequent visitors to the tot lot.

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FAREWELL TO MAYOR JIM WATSON

The Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group (or should we say "the nags") extends to Mayor Jim Watson our heartfelt gratitude for all his support over the years as city councillor of Capital Ward and as the major of Ottawa. We wish him the very best in his future endeavours. Jim, we look forward to your participation as member-at-large this coming year.

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Yes, we are finally online! Much thanks to KSL King System Limited (Software Consulting Co.), who has generously created a Web site for GNAG. We owe a huge thanks to Lisa Wienburger, the person behind the "screen," for all her hours of hard work. Happy surfing!

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Fall is just around the corner, which means REGISTRATION TIME! GNAG has an incredible lineup of fall programs for all ages. Check out your copy of the GNAG Fall Program Guide inserted in this month's issue of the *Glebe Report*, or pick up your copy at the Glebe Community Centre, or visit us on-line. Registration begins Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and ongoing.

FLEA MARKET & ANTIQUE FAIR REGISTER MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7 P.M.

Come and register for either of these coming events. These well-attended weekend sales are ideal for those who are interested in buying or selling long-lost treasures at very affordable prices. Free admission. Call GCC at 233-8713 for details.

*FALL FLEA MARKET: Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee: \$25 per table or \$50 per corner booth.

*ANTIQUÉ & COLLECTIBLE FAIR: Saturday, November 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee: \$35 per table or \$70 per booth.

QUEST 4 FUN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pao Yeh is back and he is coordinating Q4. Join our dynamic team of staff for a fun and safe after-school program. Our caring staff has attended comprehensive training, including program planning, safety and behaviour management, and all staff are certified in first aid and CPR. GNAG is also excited to announce that we are giving our popular after-school program a new look. Much like Glebe C.C.'s summer day camp program, we will be running two age groups: JQ (Junior Quest), Grades 1 to 3; and SQ (Senior Quest), Grades 4 to 6. We are currently accepting registration and spaces are filling fast. Avoid disappointment and register today!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Rise and shine! Feeling a little rushed in the morning? Having trouble getting your children off to school on time? We can help! Send your child to Glebe C.C. for a fun and relaxed morning. Your child will enjoy a healthy and delicious breakfast, followed by some fun and games before school. If you attend Mutchmor public school or Corpus Christi school, we'll make sure your child will get there safely and on time! Please note: we require a minimum of 12 to 14 full-time registered children to ensure this excellent program runs, so register today!

YOUTH (11-14 YEARS) UPDATE

GNAG runs fun and exciting youth dances on the second Friday of every month for teens 11 to 14 years of age. Come and join us for the first dance of the school year on October 13 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Conquest Continuum starts up Friday, September 15 and ongoing. Blow-your-mind workshops, totally insane adventure games and once-a-month out-trips are only a few of the incredible activities your teen will enjoy. Do

you know where your teenager goes on Friday nights? ... How about GCC?

GLEBE HOUSE TOUR

Come and explore a variety of homes in the Glebe. Twenty years ago, GNAG hosted house tours in the Glebe. It was a chance to see various renovations, decorative ideas or learn about the history of some of the homes. We felt that it was such a great fundraising idea, who not try it again? We have arranged to view a variety of homes in the Glebe and Dow's Lake area on Sunday, September 24, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Limited tickets will be available at the Glebe Community Centre front desk by September 1. If you are interested in volunteering during this event, please call Christy at 233-8713.

ROLL OVER ROVER, HERE COMES JUNIOR DOG SEMINAR

Congratulations! You are pregnant ... you have told everyone but ... your dog! GNAG, in partnership with Lynn Young of Pet Dog Training and Dogma Training, will be offering information so you can safely and humanely prepare your dog(s) for the arrival of the new baby. Lynn Young has

run Dogma Training since 1994 and she has concentrated her expertise around making the family pet safe for the entire family. She has training exercises that make the new addition a fun and relaxed experience for your dog.

Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$40 per person or \$60 per couple; additional \$5 with dog. Class maximum: 10 dogs. Register today at GCC or call us at 564-1058 for further details.

COSTUME & UNIFORM SALE

Brownies, Scouts, Taekwon-Do, dance wear, Hallowe'en costumes ... Come buy or sell second-hand costumes and/or uniforms here at Glebe C.C. on Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. to noon. Call 564-1058 or 233-8713.

If you would like to sell your second-hand costumes, uniforms or dance wear, please bring items marked with your name, phone number, the size and expected price to the main hall at the Glebe Community Centre on Friday, Sept. 15, 7-9 p.m. All unsold items and money must be picked up by 2 p.m. on the day of the sale. For further details, please call 233-8713.

Summer in a Glebe garden

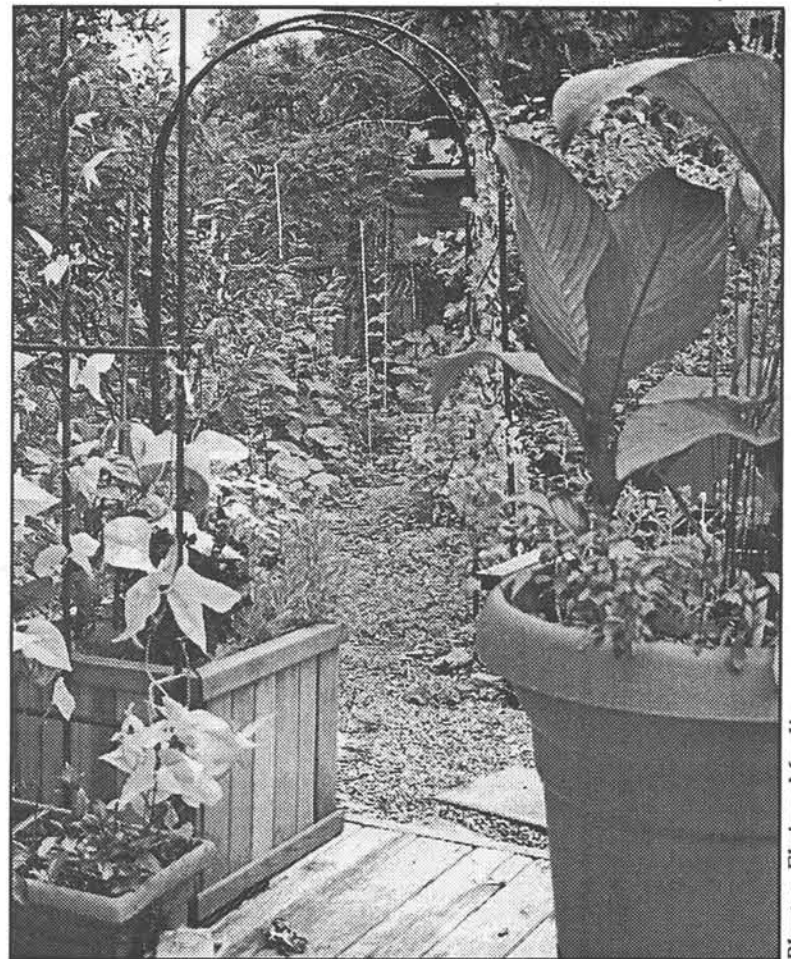


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Environmental Achievement Awards presented to local residents



John Leaning, Glebe planner and architect, wins award

The Glebe planner responsible for planting greenery along the Queensway and those who produced a mural at Hopewell School received Environmental Achievement Awards in June.

John Leaning, a longtime advocate of an environmentally healthy urban core, put together a group of local enthusiasts to plant trees and shrubs along the Queensway. The greenery will absorb road sounds, improve air quality and beautify the Queensway.

John's planning work in the 1970s illustrated his vision for pedestrian-friendly streets and an urban core that maintained its aesthetic and heritage features.

At Hopewell School, a Grade 2 and Grade 8 class combined their efforts to produce a magnificent, permanent mural on the theme: Protect Our Planet. The intent of

the mural is to develop an awareness in the students, who see the mural every day, about the wonderful things that are done to protect our planet, as well as the need to put an end to the activities which harm our planet. The mural depicts the good and bad co-existing in a familiar environment. Local landmarks such as Hopewell School and the Parliament Buildings are easily recognized. The mural's environmental awareness message is reinforced each time the students look at the work of art. This tremendous project will make the children at Hopewell more aware of their environment and of the necessity to protect it from senseless destruction. Equally important, the project has shown how well students from Grade 2 can partner with students from Grade 8. The entire project took only three months from its inception in January to completion in March.

Emma Findley and Ian Vickers accepted the award for Hopewell School.

The City of Ottawa established the award to promote environmental awareness, encourage participation and reward original ideas and outstanding efforts.

Gary Ludington, chair of Ottawa's environmental advisory committee, presented the 2000 Environmental Achievement Awards to the winners at City Hall on June 7.

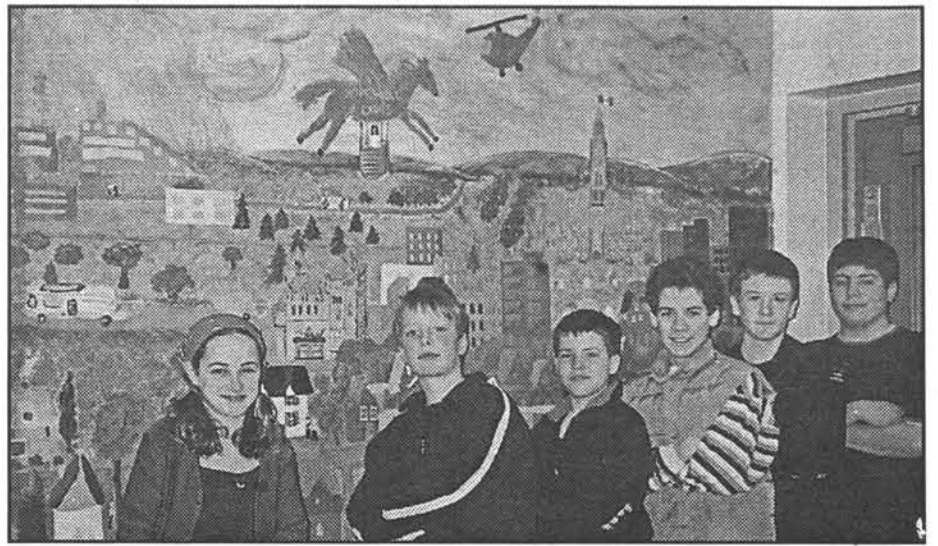



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Hopewell's enviromural wins city award. Intermediate student artists (left to right) are K. Moir, B. Simpson, C. Tunis, C. Cennet and J. Miracle



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City Councillor's report

CITY FUNDING FOR MUTCHEMOR PLAY STRUCTURE

Earlier this summer I was pleased to present a \$15,000 cheque from the City of Ottawa to the Mutchmor Play Structure committee. Under our Self-Help Program we provided both Mutchmor and Corpus Christi school councils with \$7,500 grants to assist their community fund-raising efforts for a replacement play structure in the Mutchmor field behind Corpus Christi school. Funding was also obtained from the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board and the business and local communities as well. The beautiful \$60,000 handicapped accessible replacement play structure has been well used all summer by children from several local neighbourhoods. I know it will also be a welcome and well used feature for students from both schools during the school year as well. My thanks to our exceptional community volunteers, board trustees and both city and board staff. Their combined efforts provided our community with a beautiful play structure in record time.

HIDDEN INTERSECTION

WARNING SIGNS—

FINDLAY AT BRONSON

At my request city staff recently installed a Hidden Intersection warning sign at the ramp on the south-east corner of Findlay at Bronson. Its purpose is to warn motorists exiting Bronson, of the emerging Sidney Cook Lane to their immediate right, as they enter Findlay.

Sidney Cook Lane is the main access to the residences for those living on Queen Elizabeth Drive-way and Broadway Avenue between Torrington and Bronson. Many of these residents feel increasingly unsafe as they exit or enter the lane due to increases in the speed and number of cars coming off Bronson over the last two years or more. It is hoped that the outcome of the Glebe traffic review will provide recommendations for further safety at this intersection. In the meantime, the Hidden Intersection warning sign is a helpful measure.

BICYCLE ACCESS CORRIDOR AT LYON & FIFTH

In July the City of Ottawa constructed a bicycle access corridor connecting Lyon Street and Fifth Avenue. As part of the Glebe traffic plan, the passage of vehicles has been blocked at this intersection for many years. The new bicycle corridor is wide enough to allow passage of bicycles with infant trailers, but the

By
Councillor
Inez Berg



retention of existing planters and the addition of concrete bollards prevents any illegal passage of vehicles. The cycling community, pedestrians and local residents are happy with this new improvement. Thanks to city staff who worked with me to bring the community's wishes into reality at this intersection.

ROSEBERY RETAINING WALL

The Rosebery retaining wall has been completed, providing an attractive treed slope on the north side of Central Park, and a safely constructed road foundation and enclosure for Rosebery Avenue. A welcome new feature is the handicapped accessible, ramped pedestrian path from Rosebery Avenue to the pathway that runs through the park. This project is the result of meetings between myself, the Rosebery Avenue Residents Association and city staff. I thank everyone for their co-operation toward its successful conclusion.

PARKS AND PARK PROGRAMS

In June, I was pleased to help kick off the Lunchtime Performing Arts Series at Lansdowne Park community playground. This partnered the city's community arts program with their parks seasonal programmes to bring local musicians, dancers, actors and other performing artists into Ottawa's parks for lunchtime concerts and other great events. It was an outstanding success, benefitting many communities, artists and arts organizations. I hope it continues next year and in the future.

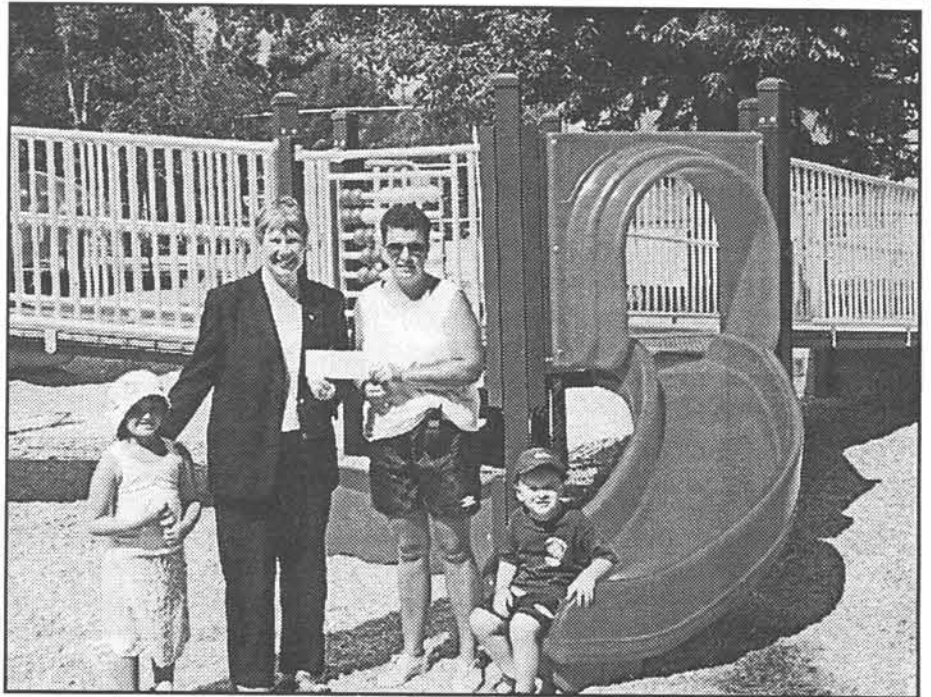
GRAFFITI PAINT-OVER CAMPAIGN

I invite volunteers to join city staff in helping get rid of graffiti on city property and in our parks. Please contact my office at 244-5367 if you are interested. Please also report graffiti when you first notice it. Our aim is to remove or paint over graffiti as soon as possible, as this reduces its incidence and reinforces for ourselves and others how much we care about our communities.

OTTAWA SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

NAME CHANGE CONTEST

In anticipation of the new one-tier city of Ottawa, the library board is seeking to eliminate duplication and confusion that could result from similarly



City Councillor Inez Berg presents a \$15,000 cheque to Kathy Aldridge, chair of the Mutchmor play structure committee.

named library branches. Local residents are therefore invited to drop off their suggestions for a distinctive and appropriate new name for the South Branch. Your written suggestions can be dropped off at the Ottawa South Branch Library. Please include your name and other contact information.

FRIENDS OF THE CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Have you ever wondered who cares for the many beautiful features of the Central Experimental Farm and its Arboretum which many of us enjoy and take for granted? Valuable and necessary work continues to be done by Friends of the Farm, a volunteer organization that has existed for over 17 years. As government funding for this beautiful national heritage site has decreased, the work of the Friends has increased. If you would like to join their organization please call 230-3276, or fax 230-1238. E-mail: thefarm@cyberus.ca

The Friends of the Farm are located at Building 72, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0C6.

FAREWELL & THANKS TO MAYOR JIM WATSON

Like many of you, I was surprised and saddened to hear of Mayor Watson's recent decision to leave office in mid-August. He will be very much missed by constituents and at City Hall. Jim will take on the role of president and CEO of the Canadian Tourism Commission. However, Ottawa's loss is certainly Canada's gain, and I trust that we will continue to feel Jim's presence. On behalf of Capital Ward residents, I would like to thank Jim for all that he has done on our behalf, and wish him well in his new career.

SUPER EX 2000 AUGUST 17-27

The Central Canada Exhibition will be back at Lansdowne Park from August 17 to 27. Don't miss the many events and entertainment geared to all age groups and particularly for family fun.

CAN I HELP?

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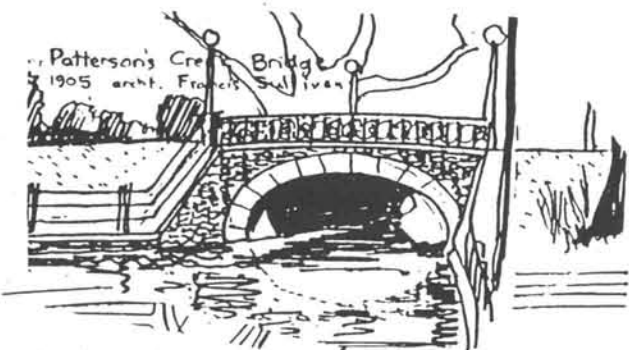


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Regional Councillor's update

Dear *Glebe Report* Readers:

I hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer. I must say that it was good to take a couple of weeks off and get away from the eternal problems of traffic and the temporary (I hope) problems of the transition board. Let me fill you in on what's surfaced over the summer months.

The Bronson People figures: We lowered them on the hydro poles so they are more visible to drivers on Bronson Avenue.

Red light camera: We're getting one at Carling and Bronson.

Data Road Centre motor-bike racing: It has proved much more difficult than we expected to come up with grooving in the pavement that will deter late-night racers. We tested four different types of grooves at Lansdowne and none of them worked. We're now looking at simply roughing up the road as you would for an overlay and trying this out.

Soccer pitch, Lansdowne Park: It will be going in this fall.

Botanical Garden proposal at the Central Experimental Farm: After listening to the proponent of this idea and to the reaction of the community, it seems clear that it is an excellent idea and I would strongly support it at, say, the Mile Circle in Manor Park, or some other pleasant site in the Ottawa area, but not at the Central Experimental Farm. While the farm is in some decay due to lack of funding, the deterioration does not diminish its importance to the history of our country as a centrepiece for agricultural innovation and as an impetus for western rural settlement. It also has a special place in the landscape of our capital. The lake and its environs have been, for a long time, one of the most popular places to visit in the capital for a variety of festivals and just as a place to promenade, ski and toboggan.

I have proposed the following action to the respective federal Ministers of Agriculture and Heritage. If Agriculture Canada no longer wishes to maintain "the farm" because it is seen as having evolved out of an agricultural research station and into an urban park, then why not transfer it to Parks Canada under whose mandate it now seems to fall more naturally? Parks Canada could maintain this heritage site in the manner it deserves, with the proviso that Agriculture Canada would be able to lease back whatever land and laboratories it still regards as useful to its research needs.

That done, we could proceed with the task of finding an appropriate site in the Ottawa area for the Botanical Gardens that would be acceptable to supporters of this project, but would not involve changing the Central Experimental Farm historic site with the glass pavilions, representative gardens, gates, fences, access routes and all the other aspects a botanical garden re-

By
Councillor
Clive
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quires.

New defibrillation machines: By the time you read this, I am hopeful that we will have passed at council the reports and motions required to get defibrillation machines for the region's ambulance service, community centres and police cruisers. Getting these machines out into the community can make a real difference to saving the lives of those who suffer from heart attacks. This kind of program has made a real difference in Seattle, where it has also been introduced, dramatically improving the chances for survival for those who suffer a heart attack. And right now, we are at the bottom of the heap for survival, so this is good news.

The green agenda: I'm interested in bringing forward a green agenda once the new city council is convened. By a green agenda, I mean the kinds of initiatives that will improve the quality of life in our region by enhancing pedestrian, cycling and community life, and reducing our dependency on the automobile. One of the initiatives we need on this green agenda is protecting a green corridor out of the city behind the airport. Recreational cycling should not be confined to NCC pathways. The Gatineau Park works because it is in a pie shape and provides easy access to cyclists and hikers, as well as car drivers. We need this kind of access on the Ontario side, but development is quickly closing off this opportunity by ringing the city with extensive suburban development. The Leirtrim wetlands and adjacent farmlands south of the airport are the only green corridor we have left that is easily accessible from the centre of the city (20 minutes from the Glebe). We need to expand the conserved area around the wetlands).

We've got to make the canal more pedestrian-, community- and bicycle-friendly by building pedestrian bridges at Somerset and the Driveway, and at Fifth and the Driveway—sooner rather than later.

We need better pedestrian and bicycle signage on recreational paths where they intersect with regional roads. Small signs for tourists and visitors to the downtown that are pedestrian-oriented need to be put in place. While it is obvious to residents just how far it is to Parliament Hill from Fifth and the Driveway, it isn't to visitors.

I spent part of my holidays visiting relatives in Halifax and was struck once again by just how beautiful the Halifax Public Gar-

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dens are. There is no reason we can't have this kind of wonderful green space between the Aberdeen Pavilion and the Driveway. There is enough land there; we've just got to find the courage to tear up the asphalt. As for the loss of parking, it comes down to a choice. What is more important to the community? To make sure parking is maximized for the

commercial areas? Or to have a public garden area, as first proposed by Murray and Murray? For me, the choice is easy. If you have ideas or opinions on how we might put together a green agenda for the new council, just give my office a call.

Clive Doucet, Regional Councillor, can be reached at 560-1224.

Glebe Questions

Don and the thirty toads

What's in a name? Quite a bit, to judge from the number of Glebe folk who turned out at Nepean Sportsplex on June 28 to hear what was being done about duplicated street names. About nine streets and avenues in the Glebe and Dow's Lake area have duplicates in the larger Ottawa and might need to be changed.

We were among a crowd of some 200 people, who were hardly in a sporting mood—distinctly querulous, in fact. One woman early on announced several times that she had no trust in the Transition Board, while others called what was being presented a *fait accompli*. The gentlest complaint came from a young woman who said that having your street name changed was "like moving without the satisfaction of being in a new house."

Our own Don Brousseau (he lives on Third Avenue and is supervising the name-changing) kept cool while his team of police, a paramedic and others explained the need to cut out duplication—in particular, for the sake of responding to 911 calls. Example: there was a family dispute reported at an address given as Bearbrook Road—and there are two Bearbrooks, 15 miles apart. People calling 911 are often scared and can't explain their whereabouts beyond the bare street name.

Chris Bourque, the paramedic, pointed out that you can't trace the location of cellphones. A caller might use one to report a drowning from a beach. Several other calamities were rehearsed to show the confusion that ambulances and police may face.

The fun began when we broke up into small groups to make suggestions. We were given a list of eight proposed criteria to evaluate whose street should keep its name. Cost to the new city was one—and our group yelled: "What about costs to businesses and people?" Changing letterheads, driving licences, chequebooks, magazine subscriptions and all. And would the post office waive the \$50 fee for change of address?

Our friends on Sunset Boulevard wanted to add a criterion about geographical significance to mark their glorious westward view over Dow's Lake. And we threw in suggestions, like hyphenating street names with zones as they do in Atlanta, or adding a first word like Prince to Arthur.

The Glebe's five avenues are on the duplicate list because of similarly named streets in Stittsville. But at least three criteria argue for ours not changing: number of residents affected, historical significance and length of time the name has existed. The street numbers in Stittsville

By
Clyde Sanger



don't climb above about 28, and are clearly more recently named.

But some Glebites are for seizing the chance to change. Roy Matthews on Second Avenue wants the five avenues renamed after local celebrities—Doug Fullerton for First, Mitchell Sharp for Second, Celia Franca for Fourth, Eugene Forsey for Fifth. He couldn't think of a celebrity with a 'T' to take over Third. (There are precedents, even though they are in the Glebe's back streets: George Watts Lane, Sidney Cook Lane and also Tackaberry.)

The one that seems to have caught on from my proposed list (in the May 3 issue of this paper) is a new name for Craig Street. On a walk down to Brown's Inlet with my friend Rafiki, I was met by Noelle Harris, who said she had found good support for Toad Crossing Street.

As if to reinforce the point, I found Meredith Olson, the former advertising manager of the *Glebe Report*, on the bank of Brown's Inlet with a plastic bag. She seemed to be staring at hundreds of tadpoles darting among the weeds, while her dog Willie waded around. They weren't tadpoles, she said, they were baby toads and when some came ashore, she scooped the tiny creatures into her bag. "They get squashed on Fifth Avenue otherwise," she said. She carries them home to Fourth Avenue and puts some 30 of them in her sister's garden. "About two survive the summer," she added.

Don Brousseau now thinks the re-naming exercise, more complicated than first thought, will continue past Christmas. At the Nepean meeting, there was an invitation for volunteers to join the Naming Board, but it wasn't clear what powers they would have. Some streets have mounted an overwhelming case for a new name. The folks on Church Street in Vanier have all agreed it should become Rue Église.

Yet, there's plenty more work to do. There are five Albert Streets and presumably there will be quite a battle among them as to which one keeps the name. One continuous street has five different names, from Hogs Back through Meadowlands Drive.

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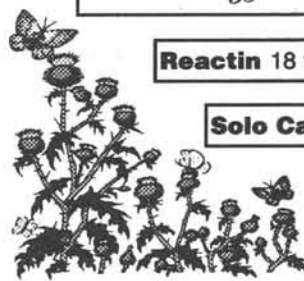
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Mrs. Joe with the prized Queen of the Night, a plant that brings good luck when it blooms.

Meet Mrs. Joe and the Queen of the Night

BY JENNIFER MACLEOD

Most people look to good luck symbols like horseshoes and rabbits' feet. At Bronson Place (one of the two resident buildings at The Glebe Centre Inc. long-term care facility), however, we look to our prized Queen of the Night plant. We are doubly lucky to have one of our very own residents, Mrs. Yuk Lan Joe, take on the care of not only this plant, but every plant on our second floor.

The Queen of the Night came to us from the family of one of our Chinese residents, and it was a new experience for most of us. The plant, a member of the cactus family, is very popular in Chinese custom because of the good luck it brings when it blossoms. In fact, families will invite friends and neighbours over for a

party to watch it bloom!

It will only bloom at night, usually starting around 8 p.m., and will continue to open until it actually shakes and emits the most amazing fragrance. It will then start to close slowly and the whole process will be complete by 11 p.m.

The Queen of the Night usually only blooms once a year in the late spring to early summer, and the blossoms actually come right out of its leaves! The leaves themselves have to be at least two to three years old before any flowers will appear. Once the blossom does appear, it is very fragile; simply touching it will cause it to die! The flowers themselves can be pure white to pale pink. In Chinese custom, the flower can be used to make a soup with pork or can be boiled with

rock sugar for a treat! The Queen of the Night does require a lot of sun and tender loving care.

And that it just what Mrs. Joe makes sure it has. She gives exceptional care to each of our plants and the results are incredible. In fact, because of her care, our Queen of the Night has been blossoming at least once every three months, and recently had three blossoms come out in one night! This is very rare, but Mrs. Joe is sharing her secret with a few people. Those of us lucky enough to have a cutting of this plant hope we will be half as successful as she is.

Everyone at Bronson Place is grateful for the special luck she helps bring us!

Jennifer MacLeod is a therapeutic activity worker at Bronson Place, the Glebe Centre Inc.

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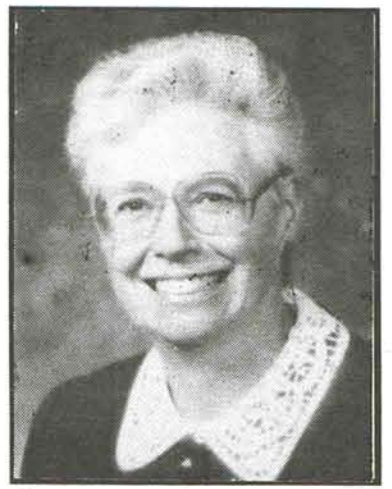
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Cobalt street party

BY RUTH SWYERS
July 1st saw the ninth annual Cobalt Avenue Canada Day street party. Although the afternoon and evening were interspersed with rain, a street parade kicked off the party, followed by

the singing of O Canada—in both official languages.

There was also a soccer game, helped along by the skill of our recent major, lots to eat and drink, ending with a spectacular fireworks display!



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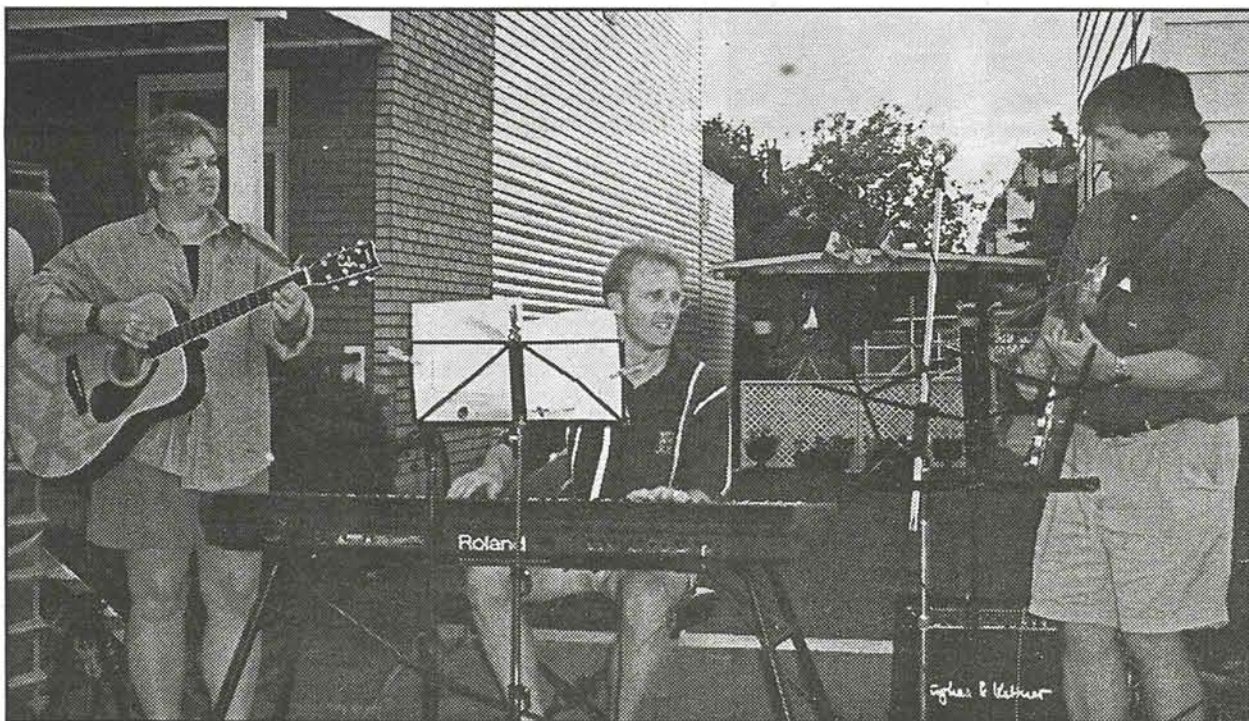


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Summer in the city

BY MARV GANDALL
Residents of Morris Street enjoyed their annual summer block party on June 17. The balloon-festooned street was closed to traffic, and patio tables and barbecues were rolled out on a beautiful summer evening.

Apart from a full program of kid's activities—a bicycle parade, water balloon toss, treasure hunt and relay races—the highlight of the evening was a singalong led by Morris Street musical talents "Stompin' Mike" Poulter and, on guitar, Jill and Jono Hamer-Wilson.

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Fine and feathered friends

BY J.C. SULZENKO

I just want to crow! It's not that I have a Peter Pan complex or anything like that, you understand. The fact is—I spent the first part of a sunny day in the unusual company of a fledgling crow, and I feel compelled to crow about it!

One early morning, I turned down a residential street on the usual way home from taking my daughter to work. Preoccupied by the coming demands of the day, I saw what, at first, I took to be two cats in the middle of the road at the start of a fight. As I drew nearer, I found to my horror a single cat advancing on a juvenile crow. Adult crows cawed loudly overhead as they buzzed the cat with little effect. The fledgling was not yet half the size of an adult, with rounded head and no tail feathers to speak of, and could not fly away.

I pulled over, stopped the car and ran towards the bird. The cat didn't budge, but looked at me with disinterested hostility. Regrettably, the bird started to hop away from me and the cat followed in hot pursuit. I went into automatic pilot. I remembered advice that baby birds should remain with their parents whenever possible. I took my courage in hand and picked up the crow. The parent birds flew by calling wildly as I placed the flapping creature as high as I could in a cedar hedge. The cat, on the other hand, watched all of this in a detached way and stayed close by my feet. Its boldness made me furious and caused me to make extremely rude comments and frightening noises. These together had the desired impact: the cat left and didn't come back.

Feeling limp as I climbed back into the car, I noticed a drop of blood on my hand, and knew it wasn't mine. I felt a shiver of panic. As soon as I reached home, I called the Wild Bird Care Centre. The volunteer who answered told me that birds injured by cats required antibiotics or they die from infection. She advised me to bring the bird in. Bring the bird in? When? How? In what? I picked up ski gloves, lined a cardboard box with a towel and took a cloth to cover the box. I drove back to where I had deposited the bird. At first, the scene seemed peaceful, the adult birds still cawing, but more restrained. That changed the second I left the car to approach the hedge. After some searching and in spite of the raucous commentary from the tree tops, I located my feathered friend looking small and lost. It hadn't moved.

I put on the gloves and, heart pounding, reached into the bush. With some difficulty I pried the bird loose from its perch. The adult birds were going ballistic, and I almost lost my resolve at that point. I was not really sure that what I was doing was right, even though I understood the consequences of leaving the bird in the "wild."

Overcoming my qualms, I

spoke aloud my apologies to the adults for taking away their fledgling and carefully put my "prize" into the box. Then I caught my breath and prepared for the 20-minute trek to the centre. Fearing that my new charge might escape while I was on the Queensway, I cajoled a friend into coming along to ride shotgun. Her job was to keep an eye on the birdie! We headed out. There was no sound from inside the box. I hoped that I hadn't killed the bird with my kindness.



Illustration: Heather Meek

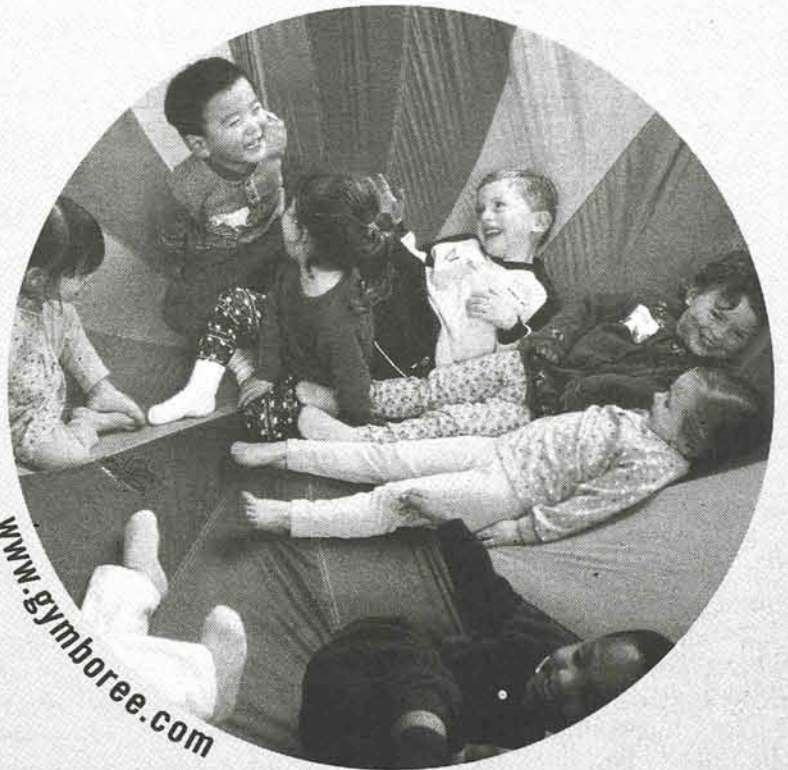
Around five minutes from the centre, my friend exclaimed that the bird had hopped out of the deep box! I pulled the car over in time to see the black explorer pacing along the rear window-shelf of the car. It seemed happy enough there, so we continued on slowly, freaking out other drivers who passed us and saw the crow on patrol.

It was with real relief that I allowed a centre volunteer to reach into the car and remove the bird gently in a towel. I followed her gratefully into the house and filled in an information form, not unlike what you do when you arrive at a hospital. I also left a little cash to cover the cost of the bird's treatment, as my contribution to the excellent work of the Wild Bird Care Centre.

Right behind me, checking in, was a huge man with a shabby starling on a bed of flannel. Immediately behind him waited a mother and three-year-old child who had "rescued" a pigeon. We overheard talk of an albino robin someone else had found. Ours was an unusual and eclectic procession that early morning.

With some reluctance, and heartened by the promise of a health bulletin the next day, I left "crowbaby" in good hands. My friend and I returned to the city's core, somewhat overwhelmed by our close encounter of the avian kind. Everything else that followed seemed anticlimactic to me. I mean, it's not every day you have the chance to look a fledgling crow in the eye and learn, with amazement, that its eyes are absolutely sky blue!

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Business matters

BY BRUCE DONALDSON

Despite the long spell of unseasonable and unattractive weather this year, the majority of Bank Street merchants have realized increased business and profits compared with those of last year and the year before. The increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic along Bank Street during the week as well as on the weekends shows encouraging signs of maintaining its upward trend. The disadvantage is the growing inconvenience from the lack of adequate parking facilities.

GLEBE BUSINESSES EXPANDING

To encourage the continuation of the growth many of the merchants are upgrading and enlarging their premises as well as broadening their inventories to serve growing customer needs. Michel and Monique Poirier of Optical Excellence, for example, have moved next door into the space previously occupied by the Glebe Book Shop to enlarge their display space as well as to provide more privacy for discussion with clients. This move has permitted the Royal Oak Pub in the Glebe, next door, to expand and serve its increasing business growth.

Another example of change can be found at The Papery at Fifth Ave. and Bank Street where Katherine Slack, the owner, is renovating the space next door vacated by the Marco Rozzi Shoe store, to provide almost twice as much space. New uses for decorative paper products that can be embellished by home computers are generating the need for more and more display space and for demonstration and training sessions to show how to use the new products effectively. "Bulk Invitations" for any occasion and "Scrap Booking" are two examples that use pre-cut paper with border designs within which pictures, poems and complex designs can be applied by computer and reproduced at home to serve any occasion. This arts and crafts activity is already moving quickly in the U.S. and needs to be supported by demonstrations and training from experts.

Katherine expects that the new space will be completed and occupied by the end of September. In the meantime she hopes that her customers will experience only minimal inconvenience

during the renovation and will be forgiving if they do.

ART IN THE BUSINESS PLACE

In order to make their places of business more interesting some merchants are displaying attractive paintings by local artists—some of which are purchased by the owner while others are on consignment and may be available to purchase.

Jim McKeen at Loeb Glebe commissioned four large paintings by Bhat Boy that are hanging in the store where they make a beautiful complement to shopping in the store. Penelope's Haberdashery has a collection of Geraldine Classen's work on consignment which provides an unexpected area of interest as a diversion. Ian Boyd of Compact Music Inc. has a group of paintings by Jamie Monroe for show that harmonize with the music played for customers. Kamal's restaurant has a good selection of works by local artists on the walls. This activity not only helps to make the Glebe a better place to shop but has the potential to help local artists.

Growing flowers in little window boxes attached to the display windows of stores has been more successful than last year and has provided an unexpected touch of colour that changes during the seasonal life of the plants. The display in front of Thorne and Company is particularly attractive.

NEW COUNCIL WILL FACE MANY ISSUES

There are many municipal issues that have to be resolved but must wait until after the municipal elections in the fall. There will be a number of new people on council and it will take some time before their roles are clarified and priorities are established. From the merchants' point of view, action should start as soon as possible to define needs and to be prepared to move them forward for consideration by council. Traffic and policing problems should be reviewed and updated if required.

MUNICIPAL TAXES

We have been advised that during the next month the revised municipal tax base for 2001 will be defined based on the 1999 provincial market evaluation. Taxes for the current year 2000 are based on the market evaluation of property for 1996.

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Fair Trade coffee farmers to visit Ottawa

Ottawa fair trade coffee circles are buzzing with good news. They are gearing up to welcome two Guatemalan fair trade coffee farmers—Hipolito Nicolas Mateo and Baltazar Francisco Miguel—who are visiting Ottawa Sept. 15.

Hipolito and Baltazar work with The Barillas Farmers' Association (ASOBAGRI), a farming co-operative in a remote village in Guatemala's highlands. They are Mayan Indians who speak K'anjoba'l.

ASOBAGRI represents the interests of 662 coffee growers in the region. Members are guaranteed a fixed, reasonable price for their coffee, which they grow using organic methods. They are advanced affordable credit upon request, and profits are plowed back into the community to go

towards things like education and health care, besides agriculture.

Hipolito and Baltazar are part of the growing fair trade network. Global fair trade product sales amount to an estimated \$300 to \$500 million US in retail sales per year.

Come hear the remarkable story of these coffee growers (with a little help from translators) at Baker Lounge, Carleton University, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 15. Or catch them at Loeb Glebe from 5 to 7 p.m. the same day.

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Glebe Adrenaline Junkies head for New Zealand

BY JENNIFER SUNNERTON

The residents on Adelaide Street and Holmwood Avenue are starting to wonder about our team. At 6 a.m., morning commuters see a few pedestrians waddle down the street with kayaks on their shoulders. Around dusk the same day, the man on his porch asks where "a sweet girl could find so much mud on her bike in the Glebe."

What our neighbours don't know is that we pedestrians with kayaks are coming back from a two-hour paddle starting at Canal Ritz, and this "sweet girl" is trudging back with her bike from Pink Lake in the Gatineau. They also don't know that our athletic hyperactive quartet, Team Adrenaline Junkies, is en route to New Zealand to compete in The Discovery Channel Adventure Race, a Southern Traverse partnership.

The Southern Traverse, beginning November 13 and lasting five to seven days, is a race against 55 international teams of four through New Zealand's South Island. The Adrenaline Junkies are one of only two Canadian teams that were accepted to participate this fall. We'll trek about 450 km in four to six days, averaging only about three hours of sleep per day. We'll travel across glaciers to whitewater rapids, using mountain bikes, abseiling (to rappel down cliffs) and more.

There is no place to practise activities like glacier travel in the summer months in Ottawa, but



Team from left to right: Frank Matteus, Jocelyn Cabilete, Jennifer Sunnerton, Syd Trefiak.

we train six days a week in the disciplines that we can. Every chance we get, we are strapping the four kayaks or bikes onto Frank's red Civic. On the days we can't train together, we keep fit with weight training, Ultimate or rugby games, and anything else that sounds exciting.

Pushing over rocks, cliffs and crevasses is only part of the fun. Continuing on through muscle

cramps, blisters and exhaustion adds to the pleasure. If our sense of pride and stubbornness fail us in the race, our team captain Jocelyn will be quick to remind us of our other motivating force.

"What about the children?!" she cries whenever we're getting tired in a training session. Although it's said partly as a joke on the trails, the matter is really quite serious. The Adrenaline

Junkies are also using their physical endeavours to raise money for the Toronto-based charity Street Kids International (SKI), an organization that helps youths help themselves by teaching them the everyday skills they need to be self-sufficient.

Half of all funds raised will go to SKI and the other half to team costs. The race, with entry fees, airfares and equipment, will cost about \$30,000. With sponsorship or without, the Adrenaline Junkies mean to go to New Zealand, because we will have spent over a year in preparation.

So the next time you see crazy physical events going on in the Glebe, it's probably safe to assume that we are involved. And if you see Frank, Joce, Syd and me lying on the lawn looking close to cadaverous, with gear strewn all over, it's safe to assume that we had a great day of training.

Jennifer Sunnerton is a journalism student at Ryerson.

If you would like to help Team Adrenaline Junkies compete in New Zealand and aid youth in need across the globe, please contact Jocelyn Cabilete at 230-0275.

Hockey registration

Hockey fun time is again upon us. Registration for the coming season of the Ottawa Centre Minor Hockey Association will be held Saturday, September 9, at 9 a.m. in the Brewer swimming pool meeting area. An equipment exchange will also be held at this time.

All of those living in the Glebe, Ottawa South and Centre-town communities are welcome to sign up for non-contact hockey. There is an initiation program for children as young as four and also age-based teams all the way to the Juvenile level which includes those 19 to 21.

The emphasis at OCMHA is on enjoying and learning the game: body-checking and the violence sometimes seen at professional and junior games are not tolerated.

This year, thanks to the efforts of Tony Clark, Grant Gibbs and sponsor Richard Lamothe of PL.com, the association has a Web site at www.ocmha.org

Additional information will be available at this site, or you may phone the association's president, Kevin Figley, at 234-9183.



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9	Jr. Riders / Southshore Packers (2 pm)	1	67's / Plymouth (2 pm)
9-10	Molson Canadian Rocks DV8	6	67's / Peterborough (7:30 pm)
15	67's / Kingston (7:30 pm)	7	Ottawa University / Queens (1 pm)
16-17	Fall Flea Market	7	Jr. Riders / Ottawa Sooners (8 pm)
17	67's / Belleville (2 pm)	8	67's / Belleville (2 pm)
17	Jr. Riders / Northshore Broncos (2 pm)	9	Styx Concert (7:30 pm)
21-24	Fall Home Show	13	67's / Erie (7:30 pm)
23	Ottawa University / Laval (1 pm)	13	Mayor's Fall Tea & Concert for Seniors
24	Jr. Riders / Chateauguay Raiders (2 pm)	15	67's / Kingston (2 pm)
29	67's / Guelph (7:30 pm)	20	67's / Oshawa (7:30 pm)
30	Ottawa University / Concordia (1 pm)	20-22	Ski & Snowboard Show
		21	Ottawa University / Toronto (1 pm)
		21-22	Canadian National Franchise Show
		27	67's / Mississauga (7:30 pm)
NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
3	67's / Belleville (7:30 pm)	1	67's / Toronto (7:30 pm)
5	67's / Kingston (2 pm)	2	Y-105 Fan Jam
10	67's / Sarnia (7:30 pm)	3	67's / Kitchener (2 pm)
17	67's / Owen Sound (7:30 pm)	7	The Huron Carole
17-19	Ottawa Kennel Club Show	7-17	Ottawa Christmas Craft Sale
24	67's / North Bay (7:30 pm)	8	67's / Peterborough (7:30 pm)
24-26	The Ottawa Wood Show	9	Kenny Rogers "Christmas from the Heart"
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NOTE:

Regional Council has approved the return of PAID PARKING beginning September of this year. Plans call for a fixed rate for event parking and a lesser hourly rate for off-peak periods.

Rates and information will be announced in the near future.

Take a tour of the tiles in the Glebe

BY DAVID TEERTSTRA

Stores with designer tile floors are rather rare, yet the Glebe has several stores which have installed tile in a special pattern. In terms of tile design, these are outstanding examples, with a good balance of shape, colour and pattern.

At **Glebe Side Kids**, 793 Bank near Third Avenue, there is a dynamic pattern of one-inch black squares with two-inch white squares. I call this a two-square offset pattern, because if the corners of each small tile line up with the corner of a large tile, the next tile will be offset a little, making zigzag diagonal lines. What most people don't realize is that two tiles of any size can be used to make this pattern, doubling your buying choices, and this pattern is as easy to lay as standard single-size square tile. See illustration.

Right next door at **Snappdragon**, 791 Bank, is one of the most unusual tile designs in the city. This one really caught my eye, even though the design is subtle. These tiles are entirely curved! Yet each fits perfectly against the next. At first glance, it looks like no one tile is the same size or shape as any other. Looking more carefully, however, you will see that shapes are actually repeated in a pattern. But the colours are not repeated; there are white tiles randomly distributed among grey tiles. There is a pattern of shapes, but not a pattern of colour. Very classy.

Now, if you go to **Olga's Delights**, 588 Bank near Rosebery, you will find a very nice three-colour design of broken tile. This is noteworthy because of an artistic balance of shape and colour—pale green, blue and red—randomly distributed. Now, in a true tile pattern, each tile fits perfectly against its neighbour, covering a plane essentially gap-free. Bricks form a tiling; so does stacked lumber. But broken materials are irregular, so they pack together, rather than fit together—



David Teertstra, tile designer.

bagged chips rather than Pringle's. Mosaics like this take longer to do than regular tilings.

Right next door at **Artguise**, 590 Bank, there is an ancient design that has been in use in many cultures, from pre-Christian Egypt and Greece to the Byzantine and Roman empires. Here, regular hexagonal tiles make a rectangular pattern, and that's not unusual. What makes this design work so well is a trim of red and white tiles making a zigzag square wave, each corner nicely trimmed by a double square.

At **Fratelli**, 749 Bank, there is a great mosaic using bright yellow, red and blue tiles, with a graphic design being formed by long chains of white tiles snaking throughout. Now, as you may know, regular square tiles form an ordered mathematical grid, and that grid can be used to teach children addition and multiplication. But the broken tiles used here lie along a series from absolute order to absolute disorder. Breaking tiles makes a range of size, according to the technique used, but here the artist sorted the material to get pieces of similar size. That makes it easier to concentrate on the design of the mosaic.

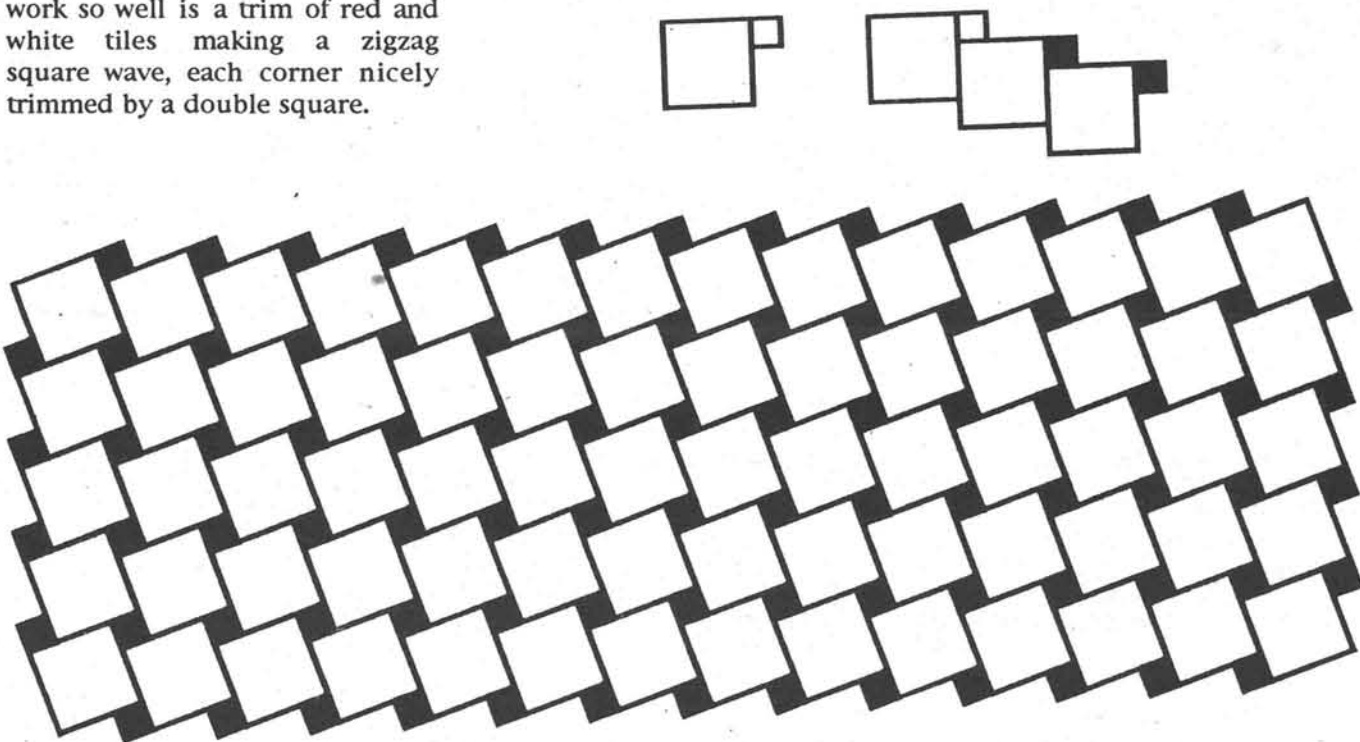
A little out of the Glebe proper, but well worth the trip, is **Gina's Café**, 511 Bank near Catherine. Here, rhomb-shaped tiles are coloured to look like shaded stacks of cubes. The rhombs have to be a special shape to accomplish this, as if made from two equilateral triangles back-to-back. This way, three

rhombs fit to make a triangle. If one is coloured black and the other two are white, the pattern looks like cubes viewed from the corners. Voilà! Shaded stacks of cubes!

David K. Teertstra, Ph.D. is the author of *Geometric Floor Tile Design*; *Do-it-yourself Custom Patterned Flooring*; and *Teaching Geometric, Tilings and Patterns to Children*, Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8. Web site: www.tile-books.com

Tile designer David Teertstra tells the *Glebe Report* that the Glebe's tile installations are not found elsewhere in the city. "There is nothing similar in the Market or Elgin St. areas," he says.

He believes the tiled entranceways to the Glebe shops were installed in the 1920s by Italian workmen. "Because I work with tiles and patterns, I notice all sorts of interesting things that other people might pass by in their daily travels," he says.



A two-square offset tile pattern.

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"I finally got my tree back"

Mixed-media artist Claude Latour is using parts of his neighbourhood—the Glebe—in a new exhibition at City Hall.

A telephone pole taken from Bank St. at Glebe Ave. and a table from Irene's Pub are part of Urban Myths: Aboriginal Artists in the City, an exhibition by nine local First Nations artists at the Karsh-Masson Gallery, Ottawa City Hall.

"My art is related to my neighbourhood and my aboriginal background," says Claude, a Glebe resident for 12 years.

His work with the pole, entitled I Finally Got My Tree Back, illustrates the experience of aboriginal people. "The telephone pole is displaced from the forest into the urban setting, much as aboriginal people have been displaced," says Claude. "This pole also represents the antiquity of communications, since it is an old one with climbing spikes. Today they are installing fibre optic cables underground and there are no spikes on the poles." However, he points out that telephone poles are still used as neighbourhood bulletin boards.

Claude's pole is also related to aboriginal commerce and employment, from the fur trade to the lumber trades—he notes that his grandfather, who lived on a reserve near Maniwaki, worked as a lumberjack. "And now we're warping into high tech," he adds. At the top of the pole, Claude has

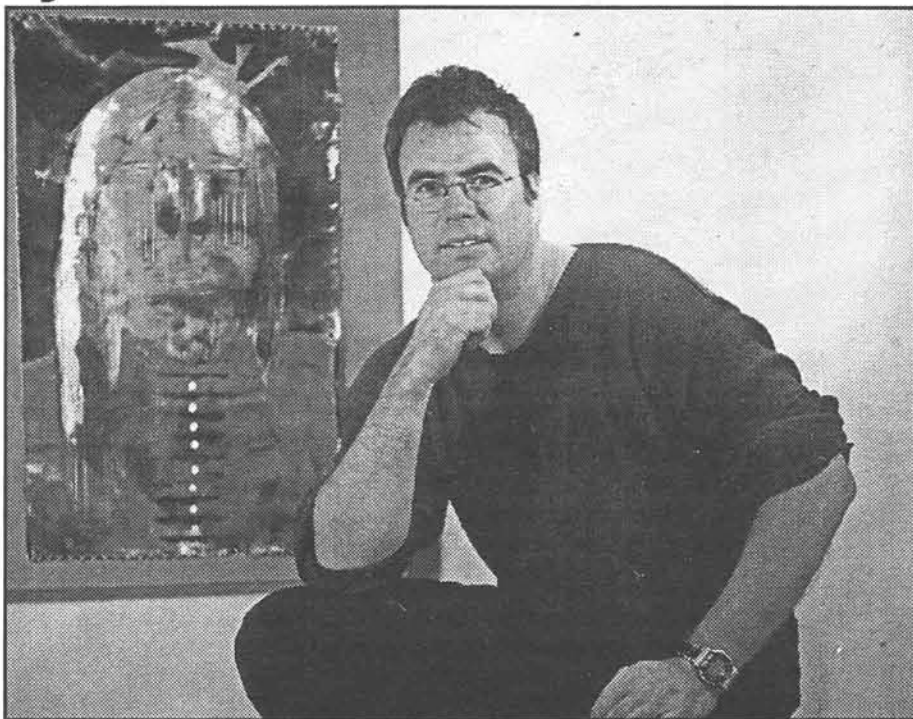


Photo: Malcolm MacTavish

Claude Latour's mixed-media work is part of City Hall art exhibit

installed a bear skull, since his grandmother, Margaret Brascoupé, is Bear clan.

Claude Latour's second work, Table of Contents, treats the images carved onto a table from Irene's Pub as urban pictographs. "I did a macro shot on a video and made a digital image of an image on the table." The 3-D image is displayed projecting from the table.

Claude Latour, an Algonkin, is working on a fine arts degree at the University of Ottawa. He has a diploma in fine arts from Heritage College, and has studied jazz

piano and print-making.

His exhibition, Table of Contents and Then Some, was held recently at Irene's Pub in the Glebe.

Urban Myths: Aboriginal Artists in the City runs until Sept. 24. The Karsh-Masson Gallery at Ottawa City Hall, 111 Sussex Dr., is open daily and on weekends from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. One hour of free parking is available.

View more of Claude Latour's art at the West End Studio Tour, Sept. 9 and 10, and Sept. 16 and 17. Call 594-3263 for information.

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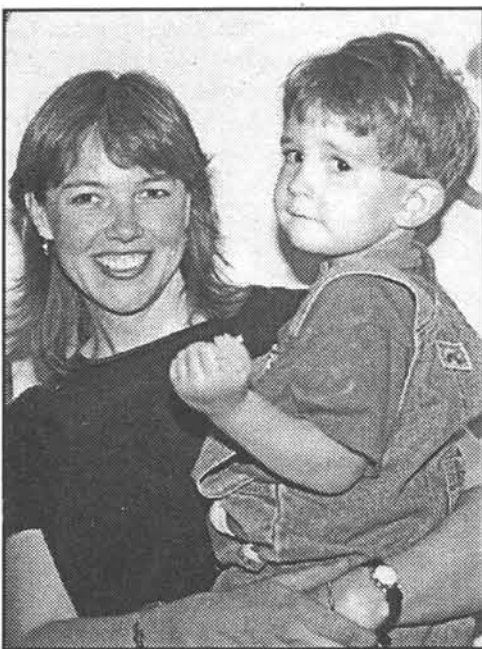
New director at Good Morning

BY SHARON MESSERSCHMIDT

Good Morning preschool at 174 First Avenue welcomes a new director, Liane Gallop, to the school. Liane brings a depth of professional experience in early childhood education, and a wealth of new ideas and excitement to our programming. Returning teachers are Jennifer Wilson, the creative arts and drama specialist in all of our programs; and Melanie Bauman, our fun and caring teacher in the three-year-old program.

We are delighted to announce some exciting new additions to our afternoon program this year. Liane and Jennifer have expanded our afternoon creative arts program by adding preschool science, co-operative games and dramatic play. Designed to encourage children's natural curiosity and sense of wonder, this program will give your child a rich foundation for language development and reading readiness.

This program, entitled Young Explorers, runs three afternoons a week and will be based on a series of themes throughout the year. Each day of the week will emphasize a different aspect of the overall theme, through explorations into preschool science and nature study, co-operative games, and music and art. This program is targeted for children 3-1/2 to five years of age and would be a good complement to regular kindergarten programming. Participants can attend



Liane Gallop and Ben Wilkinson-Zan.

one, two or three afternoons a week. Please call our preschool director, Liane Gallop, at 563-0571 for more information on this program.

The Good Morning preschool is well known for its excellent programming for two- and three-year-olds. Our twos attend on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and our programming for threes is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Please call our registrar, Suzanne McCarthy, at 234-2407, to register for any of our preschool programs.

Come and join us for an enriched and fun learning adventure!

Linda Davis leads Heart & Stroke Mother Daughter Walk

For the last two years, as the chair of this very successful fundraiser, Linda Davis has been speaking out on the need for lifestyle changes for many women juggling family and career. She was conscious of her family history with heart disease, but it wasn't until she was admitted to the hospital this past Christmas for a week that her own message really hit home. The crisis led Linda into a rigorous weight-loss program and caused her to take her role as chair of the Mother Daughter Walk for Heart & Stroke even more seriously.

Linda and many other walkers will be pre-registering at the Bay

this month and so can you. Pre-registration is from August 25-27 at any of the Bay stores. The walk itself is scheduled for Sunday, September 24 at 10 a.m. at Vincent Massey Park.

So put your heart and sole into a step in the right direction this September and follow Linda into a healthier year for all.

For more information, contact the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario at 737-0651.



A solution to discarded needles

The problem: needles and syringes discarded in parks, school yards and other public lands.

The solution: the Region of Ottawa-Carleton's Community Cleanup Project.

The Community Cleanup Project is an innovative program that cleans up needles and syringes that have been discarded in public areas. The region has teamed up with several community agencies and groups to design and implement this program, which operates throughout the spring, summer and fall of each year.

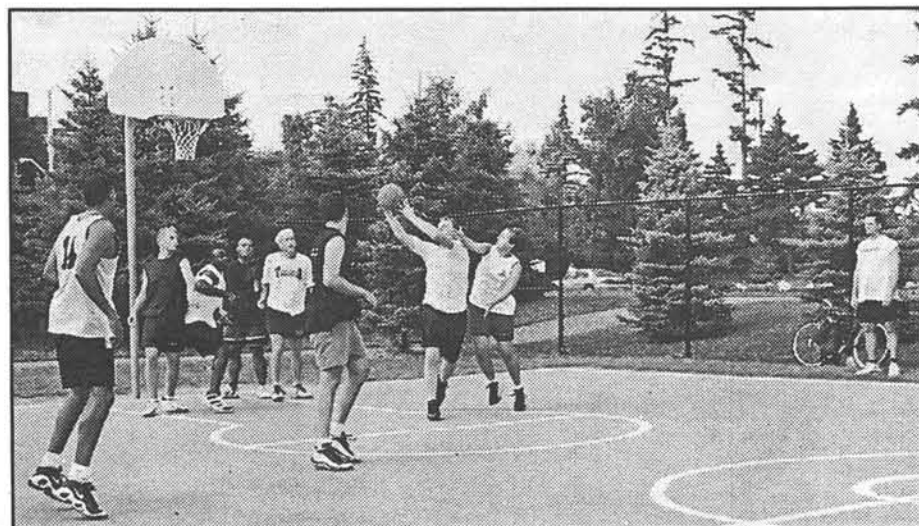
Cleanup crews, hired through day programs at drop-in centres and other community agencies, work every day to check areas of the city where discarded needles and syringes are a problem. These dedicated workers help

identify new areas to check, and work with the public to increase awareness about the safe handling and disposal of needles and syringes.

Improperly-disposed-of needles are a hazard for everyone. The Community Cleanup Project is part of the solution, but everyone can help keep our community safe and clean. For more information, please call 560-6095, ext. 2525.

Used needles and syringes do not belong in the garbage or recycling bins. If you find a needle or syringe, please call the region's 24-hour call centre at 560-1335 for disposal information.

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Ottawa-Carleton District School Board trustee report

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURES

At the board meeting on August 28, staff will present their report with final recommendations for elementary school closures inside the Greenbelt. The closures are to take effect by September 2001.

School closures have become a reality across Ontario due to a provincial government grant formula which ties funding for new school construction in high-growth areas to the elimination of "surplus" pupil places in older, downtown neighborhoods. The OCDSB houses more than 6,500 students in about 280 portable classrooms (elementary and secondary), located for the most part outside the Greenbelt. Yet inside the Greenbelt, in older, urban neighborhoods, there is, according to the guidelines set down by the province, extra space in several of the schools. Unfortunately these guidelines do not consider adult education and community recreation programs or even new child care programs as legitimate uses of school space.

In May, the preliminary staff report on school closure options indicated that, depending on size, six to 12 of the 72 elementary schools inside the Greenbelt would have to close. One of the several schools mentioned in these closure options was Mutchmor, with the students being re-directed to either First Avenue or Hopewell.

June was the month for community response to these options. I support the school councils, the Glebe Community Association and many others who submitted reports strongly opposing the loss of a viable community school (Mutchmor) and rejecting the resultant overcrowding at both First Avenue and Hopewell. I support the view that closure decisions are premature, particularly with explosive growth and changing demographics across Ottawa-Carleton. Thanks to all those who took action and expressed their views, including school councils and committee members in the Central Family of Schools, the GCA, councillors

By
OCDSB
Trustee
Lynn
Graham



Berg and Doucet and MPP Richard Patten. Also, I wish to acknowledge all those who organized the wonderful celebration of Mutchmor School on June 21.

What is the situation now? Fortunately, in mid-June, the provincial government announced new elementary class size "caps," reducing the number of students for a kindergarten class from 25 to 24 and the number of students for other elementary classes from 25 to 24.5. This has decreased the number of surplus classrooms and lowered the number of potential school closures to eight schools or fewer, depending upon size. Following further debate in September, trustees are scheduled to vote for (or against!) school closures this October. Schools would actually close at the end of the 2000-2001 school year.

CONGREGATED GIFTED CLASSES

During budget discussions for the 2000-2001 school year, trustees decided to maintain the same number of elementary congregated gifted classes (for the exceptionally advanced intellectually) as the OCDSB had in 1999-2000, i.e. 30 classes. Later in the spring, it became evident that more students had qualified for 2000-2001 than there were spaces available. A plan to use a lottery to determine selection was criticized (and rightly so) and trustees voted in June to establish two new congregated gifted classes; however, 22 students still remained on the waiting list. I hope satisfactory placements have been found for everyone by September.

SCHOOL COUNCILS

The Ministry of Education and Training is coming out this fall with a new regulation to strengthen the advisory role of

school councils. Parents are to "actively participate" in a number of ways, including the development of school improvement plans, the review of the Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO) results for their schools, and the selection process for principals and vice-principals. I have been concerned about the limited role for school councils in principal selection across the OCDSB and I look forward to seeing the requirements under the new regulation.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Tues., September 5, 2000—school resumes

Fri., December 22, 2000—last day of school

Mon., December 25, 2000 to Fri.,

January 5, 2001—Christmas Break

Mon., January 8, 2001—school resumes

Tues., January 23, 2001 to Mon.,

January 29, 2001—secondary exams

Mon., March 12, 2001 to Fri.,

March 16, 2001—March Break

Wednesday, June 27, 2001—last

day of classes, elementary

Mon., June 18, 2001—last day of

classes, secondary

Tues., June 19, 2001 to Mon.,

June 25, 2001—secondary exams

Note: Professional Activity

Days at the elementary level are

December 1, February 23, March

30 and June 28. At the secondary

level, they are February 23, June

26, June 27 and June 28.

INFORMATION ON SCHOOLS AND TRANSPORTATION

During the summer, questions on schools and programs can be directed to the OCDSB planning office at 596-8780. Offices at elementary schools will reopen on Mon., August 28. Check directly with secondary schools for registration details. A welcome to two new Capital Ward principals, Dagmar Stonehouse at First Avenue and Valerie McKay at Lady Evelyn.

For transportation information, call 596-8256. This year, transportation policies and bus route schedules are printed in a flyer (available in many public places) and they are also posted on the board's Web site.

For information on subjects in this column, please check the board's Web site at www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca or call the board's automated line at 596-8222. Contact me at any time.

Finally, thanks again to Jim Watson for all his support of our students and schools during his term as Mayor of Ottawa. I wish him well at the Canadian Tourism Commission.

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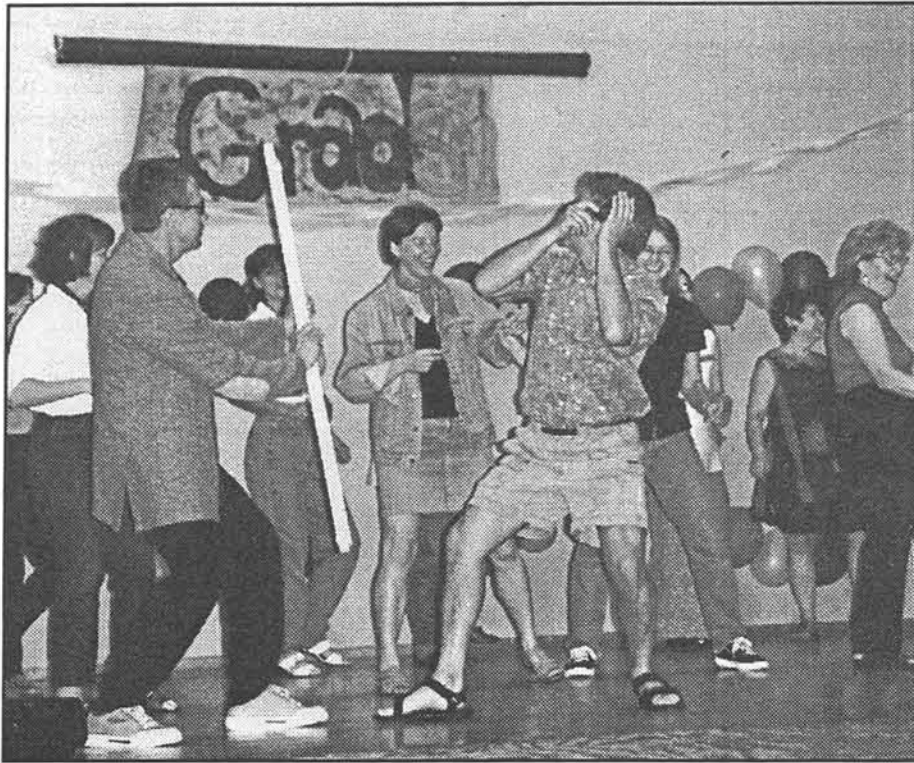
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End-of-year talent show delights audience at First Avenue school.

First Avenue Public School Getting ready for 2000-2001!

BY MARCI MORRIS

The end of the 1999-2000 school year brought the much-anticipated First Avenue talent show. Held on June 23, the last day of school, staff, students and parents were entertained and amazed by all of the talent resident in the student (and staff) body. Students from Grade 1 through 6 participated and delighted the audience with songs, skits, jokes, gymnastics, music and much more. It was an upbeat end to a great school year. The highlight of the show came just before intermission, when the staff sang and danced to Shania Twain. Congratulations must be given to Denis Arsenault, Marc LaFortune and Martin Boudrias for their part in the otherwise all-female cast.

TEARFUL GOODBYES

The last day of school was also the time that First Avenue had to say goodbye, not only to its Grade 6 classes, but also to many of its long-term and devoted staff. Remaining staff, students and parents wish Linda Acton-Riddle, Chantal Parent, Annie Caron, Gisele Pilon, Debbie Lévasseur, Marc LaFortune, Martin Boudrias, Jennifer Bellefeuille and Chantal Racine all the very best in their new teaching assignments. You will all be sorely missed.

CHEERFUL WELCOMES

As September rolls in, the First Avenue community will be joined by a number of new teachers. Claudette Mulder will be job-sharing with Merle Haltrecht-Matte in senior kindergarten. Francine Raymond from Elgin Street public school will be teaching Grade 1. Heather

Leighton from Leslie Park public school will be teaching Grade 6 with Stephanie Borrens (who is returning from maternity leave). Marie-Pierre Roure from Woodroffe public school will be joining the congregated gifted team and will be the SERT staff member.

In addition to these new staff members, First Avenue is delighted to welcome its new principal, Ms. Dagmar Stonehouse. Dagmar joins First Avenue from McNab public school in Arnprior. She has nearly 20 years of experience as an administrator and is very excited about her move to First Avenue. Dagmar brings her "child-centred" philosophy to First Avenue and describes her favourite times as the hours she is able to invest directly with the students in the classroom, in the yard and in the community. She has had very positive experiences working with school councils and looks forward to meeting the First Avenue parents early in the year.

SLOW DOWN NEAR THE SCHOOL!

As fall approaches, the start of the school year is upon us. Staff, students and parents would like to ask all driving members of the community to slow down at the intersection of O'Connor and First Avenue. Each year, there are a number of drivers who forget this is a school zone; consequently, their speeds are far too fast for this area. Please be aware of the crossing and give the pedestrians a little extra time to get across.

For more information on First Avenue public school and all our activities, please call 239-2261 or visit our Web site at www.ocdsb.edu.on.ca/FAVEweb



Lady Evelyn School news

Farewell to a wonderful principal

The last day of school in June was a bittersweet day for the students, staff and parents of Lady Evelyn Alternative School. The usual joy that comes with the end of the school year—"freedom" for students, no more lunches for parents, a much-needed break for staff—was tempered with a great sadness. Our lovely principal of five years was leaving!

Susanne Lutsch became the fearless leader of Lady Evelyn in 1995. Her experience as an alternative school teacher made her the perfect candidate for Lady Evelyn and, as time would tell, she more than lived up to the expectations of the school community.

A woman of many talents, Ms. Lutsch has a special gift—her ability to work exceptionally and equally well with students, staff, parents, community and administration. Over the years, Ms. Lutsch worked relentlessly to nurture a positive, open learning environment that welcomed parents, respected students and staff, and included the community. She earned the respect, admiration and love of all who worked with her.

Stretched by so many competing demands and faced with ever-smaller budgets, Ms. Lutsch was never without a smile on her face and a friendly word for everyone. In an era in which the cry of most people is "there is no time!" Susanne always had time to talk and to bring people together to solve problems. She made sure that everyone was part of the so-

lution. Every lunch hour, she could be found in the school yard and, at the end of the school day, she was always available to students, staff and parents.

A scene from Ms. Lutsch's last day at Lady Evelyn illustrates the relationship between students and principal. The lineup of students outside the school office waiting to say goodbye, many with gifts in hand, grew longer all morning. As soon as Ms. Lutsch saw the small crowd, she immediately invited them all in to her office to find a seat. She spoke to each student in turn, opening gifts and chatting with them about summer plans, the year past and the year ahead. The warm and caring relationship was clear to all.

The Lady Evelyn Alternative School community wishes Ms. Lutsch all the best in her new school, Manor Park, where she will no doubt continue her alternative school traditions. We extend a warm welcome to Valerie Mackay, our new principal.



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Stamp identification day at Mutchmor Public School Stamp Club.

Presenting Mutchmor school's Stamp Club

Mutchmor School's Stamp Club won a silver medal in the youth category at Orapex, the national philatelic show held in Ottawa this year.

The club exhibit is now entered in the world youth exhibition in Indianapolis, Ind., sponsored by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.

The Mutchmor Stamp Club, open to students from Grade 3 to Grade 6, was organized by Jill Hare, whose son came to Mutch-

mor this past year from McNabb. The club has 25 enthusiastic members, nine girls and 16 boys.

Jill says that stamp collecting is a love and a hobby for her husband, herself and her son. She feels it is important to give the children a good groundwork of knowledge first. Part of the club's success is the fact that it is run like an adult club, encompassing any and all aspects of philately as they arise. The children have learned all the basics

of stamp collecting, including soaking and mounting stamps, using tongs, hinges, identifying stamps using Scott catalogues, watermarks and perforations.

During our weekly lunch-hour sessions, says Jill, the students are able to look through boxes and boxes of stamps, both from our collection of doubles and those donated by the local stamps community. They are encouraged to take a reasonable amount (about 20, although I've never had

to put any back!). We have a good time learning and helping one another. The excitement of the children is infectious.

Throughout the year, the club has had stamp quizzes, complete with prizes, and stamp identification days. We also held two one- to four-page exhibits days. From the success of these exhibits, we entered a club exhibit at Orapex, the national stamp show.

The students have made great progress. I commend their efforts and look forward to another year of stamp collecting at Mutchmor.

Jill is always on the lookout for donations of stamps and other related material for the children. Please call Jill Hare, 828-8048, if you want more information on the club or the possibility of having a stamp club come to your school.

Jill, along with her husband Tom, have both collected since childhood, with strengths in older British Commonwealth and postal history. They belong to numerous philatelic societies.



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Ignatieff writes biography of Isaiah Berlin, English philosopher

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Michael Ignatieff, Toronto-born author and journalist, spent the better part of a decade writing the biography of Isaiah Berlin, English philosopher and historian, (1909-1997).

The two men spent much time getting to know one another, and the portrait which Berlin ultimately agreed to had one caveat—that it be published after he died. A sacred trust was passed on to Ignatieff, who carried the torch as requested, discharging his chosen task with integrity and caution. At best, Ignatieff's portrait is his own take on Berlin with much left to the individual reader's interpretation, and perhaps to subsequent biographers who might choose to portray a different Isaiah, for alas, he had many personae. In fact, Berlin identified so strongly with the men and women he admired that he found himself almost *becoming them*. Berlin also had great difficulty making up his mind about any important issue—this persistent conflict became the source of much of his original thinking, and characterized his intellectual thought throughout his final years.

What drew Ignatieff to Berlin was their shared, yet dissimilar, Russian heritage, and a common, passionate pursuit of moral pluralism, specifically romantic liberalism which Berlin debated and revisited with dogged persistence. What both intrigued and tormented Berlin was man's inhumanity to man during this century—"a wicked century," he called it, when millions of innocent victims died for what was believed to be the common good.

By
**Sharon
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The radicalism of the 1960s, more central to Ignatieff's life, was for Berlin mere addendum, whose strength grew out of an insidious, invisible boredom following two world wars, rather than out of moral necessity. This aspect of Berlin's thinking, along with Berlin's quest for non-answers in the 20th century (final solutions of any kind terrified Berlin), provide the negative energy and counterpoint on which Ignatieff's biography is based.

For Ignatieff, the pivotal event in Berlin's intellectual and personal life happens when he revisits the Russia of his youth after the Second World War. The Jewish extended family from which Berlin descended were wiped out, with the exception of his mother and father and a tiny number of relatives who, like his parents, emigrated or survived. (A point of information here: Berlin was an only child who was doted on by his parents and he did not marry until he was 48 years old.) Visiting family ghosts is accomplished privately and publicly. The window on the latter is through several meetings with Boris Pasternak and Anna Akhmatova, two fellow tribespersons who chose not to leave Russia, even following the Second World War. In particular, Berlin's rendezvous with the masterful poet Akhmatova, for whom it is suggested there may have been a love interest (Berlin was

still the consummate bachelor in his late 30s when they met), serves as a true union of two minds and hearts without the physical component. It is this unusual friendship with Akhmatova that helps transform Berlin into a philosophical historian, refusing to serve as a quasi-political soldier during the Cold War.

In their subsequent correspondence, Berlin no longer sees the west and the east as dissimilar—he sees only the pluralism they both spawn, a set of priorities which he daubs positive and negative liberalism.

Positive and negative liberalism define Berlin's intellectual thought. He believes that for every occasion that an individual makes a choice expressing an act of free will, the choice will elicit a counter effect. In lay terminology, he cherishes *paralysis of analysis*.

Ignatieff is not alone in this biographical adventure with Berlin, sitting in the drawing room of his autumnal/winter years. A non-definitive epilogue, and extensive notes, taking up a good 60 pages of this 360-page (small print) book, make Ignatieff's position clear.

Still, I do not think Ignatieff gives sufficient space to the actual documentation of Berlin's published works, readily available for listing thanks to Berlin's editor and literary executor, Henry Hardy, who began working for Berlin in 1974 when he was a post-graduate student at Oxford University's Wolfson College. (An aside here to mention that without Berlin's one great show of his practical streak, Wolfson College would not have happened. He raised the money through per-

suasion from two main sources: the American Ford Foundation and the British entrepreneur Sir Isaac Wolfson.) Hardy's bibliographic work in 1974 already totalled 130 publications, including Berlin's study of Karl Marx (1939), *The Hedgehog and the Fox* (1953), *Two Concepts of Liberty* (1958)—the list goes on.

If I were to have one criticism of Ignatieff's biography, it would be that he did not give more separate credit to Hardy by including a total bibliography of Berlin's publications. Instead, his Henry Hardy acknowledgments appear in the closing chapter and acknowledgments, when Hardy obviously served as so much more than a silent partner in this adventure. Maybe I am more aware of bibliographers and their importance, as booklovers will rely more heavily on their work in the 21st century.

But this is a small quibble, compared with the love story implicit in Ignatieff's beautifully written biography. It is not love between a man and a woman. (Berlin married the woman he loved, Aline, when he was well into his middle years. Aline was divorced and had three sons. The couple never had any children of their own.) Nor is it a story of Berlin's unrequited love of Anna Akhmatova, as the biography's metaphor subtly teases. It is, without doubt, Ignatieff's love and respect for Berlin, a man whose ideas created their own boundaries, who expressed himself in the positive while warning about the negative, who, like the best of chess players, explained through words that there is forever a countermove and, even more crucial, never a final solution.

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The dog days of summer

BY ARCHDEACON
DÉSIRÉE STEDMAN

Many will have had their holiday, some will be away and a few will be hanging on by the skin of their teeth waiting for their time away to come. Holidays are such a vital part of our survival and sense of well-being. Stating the obvious, they provide us with a chance to renew, refresh and re-examine ourselves—that is, if we take a good holiday.

I spoke recently to a friend who took a bad holiday. She went on a whirlwind bus tour in Europe, which gave her no space and no time, rushed her around at a pace that was more frenetic than her normal. She returned tired and frazzled, with no replenishment of body, mind or spirit.

A good holiday ought to provide time for replenishment of all dimensions of our being. Time for extra sleep, which includes the chance to sleep at odd times of the day and in different places; time for real relaxation, as in doing and achieving absolutely nothing; time to reconnect with family and friends, who often receive short shrift during our regular lives; and time for renewal of your spirit. This will happen in as many ways as there are people, but I believe it is the one human dimension we may overlook or neglect, if we do not intentionally carve out spiritual time while we are on vacation.

Obviously for me, as a Christian, renewal of my spirit in-

volves more time in prayer, scripture and meditation, but this will not be the choice of all. Whatever your religious affiliation, or even if you have none, renewal of your spirit will likely involve examining yourself, asking the big questions about how you are living. Are you doing the things and being the person you hoped you would become? Are you living up to your ideals and values? What of the future? Are you laying the foundations of the legacy you want to leave this world after your death? (And I don't mean financial!) What are the things you still hope to accomplish, and have you begun to do them?

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Legal briefs

BY GARY STEIN

SOUTH OTTAWA LEGAL CLINIC

For those of you who might not know much about Ontario's legal clinics, this article gives some background information. I also report on some of the issues that our clients have been facing this summer.

The legal aid system in Ontario is funded and administered by an agency called Legal Aid Ontario. Legal Aid Ontario has two major components. If a person needs a lawyer to help with either a criminal law or family law problem, and if that person qualifies financially for legal aid, then Legal Aid Ontario will pay a private lawyer to represent him or her. Most of Legal Aid Ontario's funding is used every year in this way.

Legal Aid Ontario's other component is the system of community legal clinics. There are 71 legal clinics across the province (soon to be more). Most are general service clinics that serve a particular geographic community. For example, South Ottawa Community Legal Services (where I work) serves southern and eastern Ottawa-Carleton. The other types of clinic are specialty clinics, which offer legal services to particular social groups, such as the elderly, aboriginal people and disabled people.

Legal clinics are run by an elected board of directors drawn from the community they serve. All clinics have staff lawyers and support staff. Most clinics also employ "community legal workers." South Ottawa Community Legal Services has a permanent staff of five.

Each clinic provides services in response to the needs of the

low-income population in that clinic's area. There are, therefore, some differences in the services that each clinic provides. However, overall, the mandate of Ontario's legal clinics is to provide free legal advice and representation, and to do law reform work and public legal education.

At South Ottawa Community Legal Services, we provide services in the following areas:

- landlord-tenant disputes;
- immigration and refugee law
- workers' compensation; and
- the law governing all social benefits, such as employment insurance, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, Ontario Works ("social assistance") and the Ontario Disability Support Program (disability benefits).

You can reach my office at 733-0140. We are located at 1355 Bank Street, Suite 406, directly across from Billings Bridge Plaza. Sorry, we have no Web site. However, those of you desperate for more information about legal aid in Ontario can go to www.legalaid.on.ca

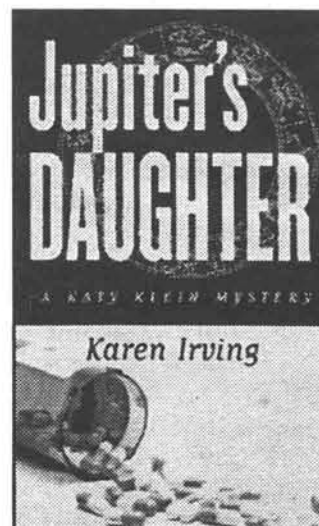
And while you've got your computer on, take a look at these sites:

- www.parkdalelegal.org for a report card issued to Ontario's Minister of Housing, reflecting the deterioration of the rental housing markets for tenants;
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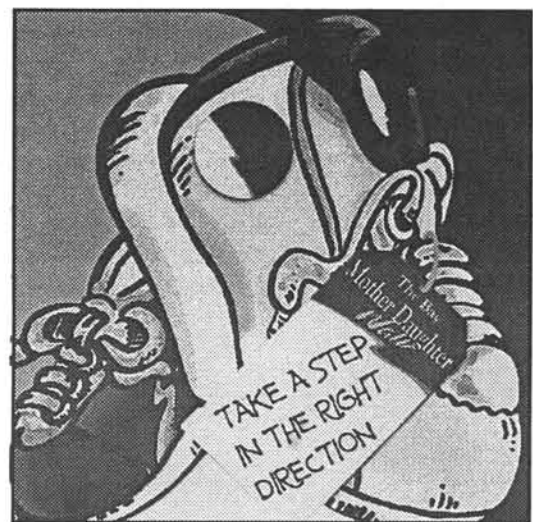
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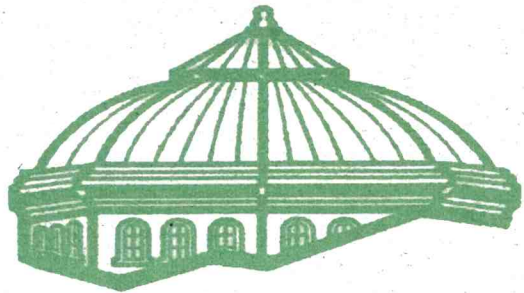
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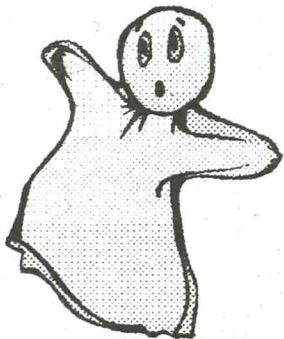
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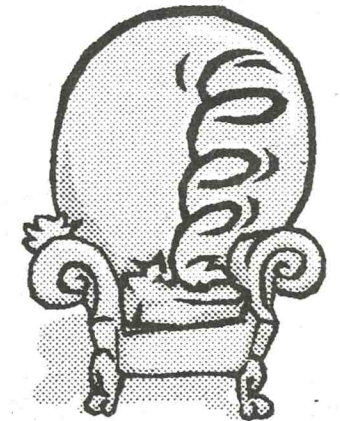
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