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New police-citizen relations committees being formed in coming weeks will seek to improve communication between the Police Department and the public.

Better communication is goal

City sets up program for police and residents

by Chuck Hoven

Residents of the Second Police District will have the opportunity in coming weeks to nominate and elect representatives to a new District Community Relations Committee being formed "to open up an additional avenue of communication between citizens and the police," said Chuck Habjan, Police-Community Liaison for the Community Relations Board and coordinator of the program.

The committee will meet monthly in an open forum with the police commander of the Second District to discuss current needs and priorities for police service, Habjan said. The second district is bounded on the east by Scranton Ave. and the Cuyahoga River, Lake Erie on the north, W. 65th St. and Ridge Rd. on the west, and Brookpark Rd. on the south.

Habjan says that the committee will: 1) act as a community sounding board for new ideas from the police department; 2) disseminate information about police department activities to the community; 3) address police service methods and crime problems on a district basis; and 4)

help to initiate police-community relations projects.

Habjan has proposed that the committee be composed of one community representative from each of the 10 police service zones in the second district, one large and one small business representative, one representative from each active auxiliary police unit in the district and one staff member from the Community Relations Board of the City of Cleveland.

Residents of each service zone can discuss and propose changes in the structure to meet their requirements for representation, Habjan added.

In developing this citywide program Habjan worked closely with Community Relations Board executive director Earl Williams, Police Chief William Hanton, Safety Director Reginald Turner, and community leaders throughout the city. Habjan expects that the roles committees play in each district will differ according to the needs of that district.

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Company stockpiling wastes in Tremont

by David Beach

A storage site for hazardous chemical wastes lies in the shadow of Tremont, half-way down the hill to the Flats at 2484 W. 4th St.

Last summer officials from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Ohio Attorney General's office conducted a surprise raid at the site, seizing documents and taking test samples because they suspected that the chemical wastes were being stockpiled illegally.

The state then filed suit against the operator of the site, Northway Environmental Services of Ashtabula. And Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court Judge Burt W. Griffin ruled that the company was operating without proper permits, that the site had to be cleaned up, and that a 24-hour guard had to be posted until the cleanup was complete.

Assistant attorney general Robert Styduhar says that according to an agreement reached with Northway in December all the wastes must be removed by March 1. First, the company must inventory the chemicals in the approximately two thousand 55-gallon drums and several large tanks at the site and submit a plan for disposal to EPA. This has not been completed, Styduhar says, and the attorney general may have to file contempt charges if the March 1 deadline is not met.

Gary Nied, commissioner of Cleveland's Division of Air Pollution Control, said recently that he has been concerned about the storage site for some time.

"Northway is an in-between man in this hazardous waste game," he said. The company was not processing the waste itself, but was stockpiling it until eventually transporting it to a disposal site, Nied said.

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City and state officials are concerned about this chemical waste storage site located close to Tremont residential areas.

Nurse training program

Women who want to enroll in LPN training programs may first want to take a new course designed to prepare them to pass the entrance test.

Area schools of practical nursing give entrance tests which cover high school biology and chemistry. Many women never studied these subjects. Others studied them many years ago but need a refresher course.

The entrance tests also include speed reading of science material and rapid solution of fraction, decimal, and percent problems.

A new preparation course will begin February 2 at Merrick House, located at 1050 Starkweather Ave. Cost of the course is only \$20 for 12 weeks. Classes will meet twice a week. Call 771-5077.



Children at the West Side Community House day care center had a great time at their Christmas party in December. (Photo by Bob Holden)

Jefferson Library activities

Mothers, bring your children (ages three to five) to our Pre-School Story Time at the Jefferson Branch-Cleveland Public Library, 850 Jefferson Ave. The programs will be on Mondays at 1:30 and again at 6:30 p.m. from January 25 through to June 14. Phone 241-7527 for more information.

Youth drop-in center

Drop in for ping-pong, billiards, music, cards and table games at the youth drop-in centers sponsored by the Near West Side Youth Coalition and the Spanish American Committee. Young people age 9-19 can come to the West Side Community House on Mondays, 2-6 p.m., and to the Spanish American Committee on Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m.

Newspaper recycling

From the first to the second Friday of each month there will be newspaper recycling bin in the parking lot of the Lutheran Housing Corp., 1967 W. 45th St. The bin will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Newspapers should be tied in bundles or bagged. No magazines or other types of paper, please. Proceeds will support the Food Co-op and Near West Neighbors in Action.

Blankets needed

The Neighborhood Counseling Service is holding a "Blanket Drive." The agency is welcoming donations of light and heavy-weight blankets, comforters and quilts at its office at 1885 Fulton Rd. Special arrangements to pick up items for donation can be made by calling 281-9222. All contributions will be distributed among needy persons in the area.

Jan. 29 is school open house

On Friday, January 29, parents with children in Cleveland schools will have a rare opportunity to have conferences with their children's teachers. January 29 is the last day of the semester and students throughout the school system will attend classes only for three hours and 15 minutes in the morning. Teachers will remain the rest of the day for parent-teacher conferences. Call your child's school for specific times.

COMMUNITY BOARD

Workshops on mental health

The Women's Services Program of West Side Community Mental Health's Consultation and Education Unit will again be offering seminars for community leaders and service providers. The seminars this year are February 11, 18 and 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the West Side Multi-Service Center, 4115 Bridge Ave., room 212.

Topics include "Depression and Women" and "Ethnic Values Impact on Women" and will be looked at from a women's perspective. No reservations needed, but there will be a \$2.50 charge for materials for each seminar. For more information call 281-8600.

Dancercise classes

Merrick House Parent Group is offering aerobic dancing with a certified instructor every Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., from January 20 to February 24 at Merrick House, 1050 Starkweather. It costs \$5 for six weeks. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. For more information call 771-5077.

Help wanted

The West Side Community House day care center needs substitute day care teachers. If interested call Lynda at 771-7297.

Open house at Jefferson School

The Thomas Jefferson School/Community Council will have an organizational meeting February 4 at 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Junior High, 3145 W. 46th St., in the Media Center. There will be a student council presentation on how students feel about the school and a chance for parents to discuss their concerns about the school with the principal. Parents will also be able to talk to school guidance counselors about their child's coursework and planning for high school.

Food co-op potluck

Bring a generous dish and come join the fun at the Food Co-op potluck to be held at St. Patrick's Church hall, 3602 Bridge Ave., on Saturday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. Then go upstairs for some great foot-stomping with music by Mud in Yer Eye.

Don't worry if you don't dance much—quick instructions will be given before each number and everybody looks like a fool anyway!

Admission to the dance is \$2 to pay for a parking lot guard and the hall.

Block grant meeting

Come hear the Department of Community Development's recommendations for Block Grant-funded improvements for this area. The Region VI meeting is January 26 at Metropolitan General Hospital, 1803 Valentine Ave., in the North Lounge. Region VII is February 4 at the West Side Multi-Service Center, 4115 Bridge Ave., room 212. Both meetings are at 7 p.m.

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Job program for students is axed by govt.

by John Bachtell

Hundreds of jobs in the Comprehensive Youth Services Program (CYSP) have been eliminated in the last few months.

CYSP was cut from 1,000 jobs to less than 100 in the in-school CYSP program. A few work programs in OWE (Occupational Work Experience), OWA (Occupational Work Adjustment) and the program at the Woodland Job Center remain, but few of these jobs are directly related to federal programs.

CYSP may be totally wiped out in the future if the Reagan Administration budget proposals take effect because it is a part of CETA—(Comprehensive Employment and Training Act).

Already CETA funding has been drastically reduced with the city of Cleveland suffering a 59 percent cutback from \$30 million last year to \$12 million for this year. Young people have been working for non-profit agencies in offices, horticulture, food service, custodial work, health services, teaching, conservation, the fine arts, and recreation in the CYSP program.

CETA began in the 1970's when government decided to help some youth who couldn't find a job in private industry. But it looks like CETA will be a victim of the Reagan cutbacks in social programs which already have reduced many of the programs designed to help the urban poor.

These CETA cutbacks come at a

time when the youth unemployment rate is 21 percent and the black youth unemployment rate is about 45 percent. In addition, we are now in the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930's so prospects do not look bright for the near future.

The future of the summer job program of CYSP is still up in the air. There are plans to continue the program but with some reductions.

Little protest was heard from students when the in-school CYSP program was eliminated. As long as the young people of this country re-

main defenseless and quiet further cutbacks in program designed to help young people will continue.

It is now time to let the leaders of the country know what young people think about these changes in the job programs. Right now some of the money saved by reducing the job programs is being used to increase spending on the military. Jobs are more important for our future than weapons of destruction.

This article originally appeared in the WELCOME student newspaper, The Unity Bridge.

Arson rate down 78% in Tremont

by Patti Holmes

On January 21, Tremont residents asked for and received a public accounting of Police Department commitments to help combat arson in their neighborhood.

Those commitments were made in June 1981, by Captain Ed McNamara from Second District Police to Tremont West Development Corporation's Safety Committee. The most important measure was McNamara's assignment of a special strike force to watch vacant homes and investigate rampant house looting.

TWDC Safety Committee member Theresa Lazarek explained, "During the first six months of 1981 there were 17 vacant house fires in Tremont. In each case, the house had been vandalized and looted. We know who was involved and what houses were in jeopardy."

The committee provided the strike force with this information and the strike force responded with the promised surveillance. Four block clubs and the TWDC Safety Committee

have worked to identify vacant properties, post House Watch signs on them, and keep the strike force informed.

The results have been encouraging. Only four vacant house fires have been reported since June—a 78% decrease over the first half of the year.

Based on this success, TWDC's Safety Committee and the strike force have agreed to continue their cooperative anti-arson work.

HOUSE WATCH

WARNING: This property is under 24 hour surveillance by neighbors who want an end to house fires and vandalism. The slightest tampering with this property is a felony, punishable by up to 15 years in jail. Violators will be strictly prosecuted!

If you see any suspicious activity call Tremont West Development Corp. immediately. Call 575-0920 day or 566-1763 night. Stamp out arson.

Get involved in TWDC's Anti-Arson Campaign



NWNIA plans for convention

Near West Neighbors In Action announced its 4th Annual Convention on January 19, at a victory celebration and planning meeting. The kick off meeting was attended by 50 neighborhood people who started making convention plans.

Starting the meeting was a "This is Your Life" skit describing the many accomplishments of the group this year. The group applauded its partnership with Central Bank on Commercial Development, the winning of a \$30,000 Arson Mobil Van for the city, participating in the raising of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) income guidelines, institution of Courtesy Cards by the Water Department to reduce estimated bills, taking Safety Director Reginald Turner on a tour of the

neighborhood hot spots, and making Cardinal Federal Savings & Loan secure many of its properties and much more.

NWNIA established five planning committees: Arrangements, Membership, Resolutions, Nominations, and Publications. These committees will be choosing speakers, setting the agenda of the day, designing an annual report, and soliciting participation, resolutions, and nominations for officers from all parts of the Near West Side community.

The Convention will be held Saturday, March 13 at St. Ignatius High School, 1911 W. 30th St. Workshops and registration will begin at noon.

Everyone who lives or works in the neighborhood is encouraged to attend and to participate in shaping the 1982 agenda. It is at the annual convention that NWNIA decides which neighborhood problems to address and elects leadership to help carry out those resolutions.

The resolutions committee will be accepting resolutions through March 5. Nominations for officers may be submitted through March 4. All planning committees are open committees and welcome fresh ideas.

If you would like an NWNIA representative to attend one of your organization's meetings to explain the neighborhood convention, or if you would like more information, call the NWNIA office at 281-5508.

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New housing for Tremont

The 60-year dry spell in new home construction in the Tremont neighborhood will be broken this spring when the Tremont West Development Corporation puts up two single-family homes. TWDC has acquired land from the city of Cleveland on W. 14th St. and at the intersection of W. 5th St. and Railway Ave. for the project.

To learn what the homes will look like, the costs and financing arrangements, come to a public meeting on Wednesday, February 10, at Merrick House, 1050 Starkweather Ave. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Drug companies are getting fat on diet pill sales

by Steve Rothschild

At some point, most of us have experienced the frustration and aggravation of trying to lose weight. No matter how seriously we start dieting, it's not long before we're "cheating," and in a little while we're back to the same old over-eating habits.

It's not as if we don't know *why* we're supposed to lose weight. We all know that overweight people suffer more from high blood pressure, heart disease, gall bladder disease, hernias, arthritis, and diabetes. In general, obese people die at an earlier age than others. Besides all that, most of us feel better, and can do more when we lose weight.

Despite all that, it always seems that our appetites get the better of us every time we go on a diet.

No one knows this better than the corporations that make diet pills. They know how frustrating it is to stay on a diet. And they want to believe that you can stop your appetite by taking their pills, which contain a drug called PPA (Phenylpropanolamine). It seems like every drug store and grocery store now has a big display pushing diet pills with PPA, like "Appedrine," "Control," "Dexatrim," "Dietac," and "Prolamine."

PPA pills have been around for a few years as decongestant cold medications. In 1978 however, they began to be sold as appetite suppressors, or diet pills. In their ads, the drug companies claim that PPA pills are a "safe and effective" way to lose weight. In truth, they are neither safe nor effective.

PPA pills can have many side-effects; they can cause large increases in blood pressure, severe headaches, restlessness, irritability, nervousness, and loss of sleep. According to the F.D.A. (the U.S. Food and Drug Administration), these pills should *never* be taken by people with heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, or hyperthyroidism. Since many overweight people suffer from those very diseases, some experts have said taking PPA pills "is like playing with a loaded gun." In fact, there were over 10,000 poison control cases in 1980 alone which were caused by PPA pills.

As for the claim that these pills are effective, numerous tests have

shown that these pills are useless in trying to lose weight; in one study, people who used PPA pills actually *gained* more weight in the long run, than those people who just tried to change their eating habits. There are a few tests that the drug companies claim "prove" that PPA pills help

some people, but the FDA found that *all* those tests were "defective." That's why many authorities (including *The Medical Letter*, a newsletter that tells doctors how good different medications are), agree that there is no good evidence that PPA pills help anyone.

I strongly recommend that you save your money, and not buy these worthless, and potentially dangerous diet pills.

Steve is a Family Practice doctor at Cleveland Metro General Hospital.



TIPS FOR SAFE DIETING

(1) Go on a diet with someone else, preferably your family or other people you live with. It's hard to stick to a diet when everyone around you is "pigging out" on pizza or cookies.

(2) Begin a regular daily exercise schedule. I know this is difficult, but a moderate increase in your physical activity has been shown to *cut down* your appetite. Moderate exercise is a *real* appetite suppressant! Don't bother to do this if you're only going to exercise for 10 to 15 minutes a day—that will increase your appetite for food. Plan on exercising at least a half hour each day.

(3) If nothing else, leave your meals the same, but change your snacking habits. Substitute unsalted nuts, fresh fruits, and raw vegetables for the usual "junk food."

(4) Above all, be patient with yourself. It took years to get to the weight you are now. Don't expect to lose 20 pounds in the first 3 weeks. I advise my patients to work towards losing just 2 or 3 pounds, *consistently* every week. If at first you don't succeed, try a different sensible diet.

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What to do if you are suspended



STUDENT RIGHTS

by Mary Murphy

So, you've been rounded up in a hall sweep after lock-out, or you've defended yourself in a fight with another student, or you've been smoking in the john. You could be sitting outside of the principal's office for any number of things. And now you're wondering what's going to happen. Well, instead of wondering, maybe you should know exactly what is supposed to happen.

First, if you've read the Cleveland Public School's student handbook, you'll know that you can only be paddled, suspended, expelled or removed from your school only for the violations on pages 14 through 17 of that handbook. (If you don't have a copy of the handbook, ask your principal for a copy or call the Department of Community Involvement at the Cleveland Board of Education at 574-8149.)

Second, the handbook states that only the principal may suspend a student, and a suspension should only be given when all other remedies have failed. The principal or the assistant principal must hold an informal hearing with you where you are given the chance to explain your side of the story. (You do not have the right to have your parent at the hearing, but there is no harm in asking.) If it is decided that you should be suspended, the principal must give you written notice—the Notice of Intent to Suspend or Expel—that states that you have been suspended for a certain number of days for a specific reason. **You cannot be suspended for more than ten days or past the semester you are now in.** Your parent or guardian is then telephoned to advise him or her that you have been suspended—before you are sent home.

The principal must then *mail* a copy of the Notice of Intent to Suspend to your parent or guardian. Now, this is where it becomes a little tricky. The notice states that you (if you are over 18), or your parent have the right to appeal by calling the Division of Attendance at 229-9791. **You have only five days to appeal the suspension from the date your parent receives the notice.** The parent copy of the notice does not state that, but it is explained on page 12 of the student handbook.

If you feel that the suspension is unfair, there are a few things you can do; and you can do all of them, if you want to—but make sure you request an appeal during those five days if you plan to appeal administratively.

1. **Your parent can call your cluster director.** If you don't know who that person is, call the Department of Community Involvement at 574-8149. The staff at the cluster office will try to work the problem out between you and your school.

2. You may also use the **grievance procedure** at your junior high or high school. This may not do anything since the grievance board has no real power, but it can make other students or the school staff aware of what is going on.

3. You can **request an appeal** by calling the 229-9791 phone number. Your request for an appeal is then referred to a cluster director outside of your cluster. This person acts as the Board of Education's hearing officer. A hearing will then be held where you may bring in witnesses or documents that support your case. You have the right to bring in an attorney or advocate with you at the hearing and to cross-examine witnesses. This hearing is tape recorded. The tape, documentation, and the hearing officer's recommendation are then given to the members of the Board of Education for a ruling. The Board, at a public meeting, will rule on your appeal, and they can do several things:

- agree with the suspension (or expulsion);
- overturn the suspension or expulsion and let you return to school and have the matter removed from your records; or
- shorten the time or the terms of the suspension or expulsion.

If the Board decided that you should have been suspended, you can appeal further to the common pleas court. I'm not going to go into that process here; but, if you are faced with this situation, call our Project offices.

If you appealed your suspension, you cannot return to school even though you are appealing. Most likely, you will have served your suspension time by the time the appeal is heard by the hear-

ing officer and ruled on by the Board. So, what good does an appeal do? Well, if the Board decided that your suspension was illegal, your suspension is taken off your records. This is an *expungement*. This may be of help to you in the future. Having a suspension on your records could work against you in future employment, in juvenile court, or future suspensions. So, if your suspension is overturned, make sure that you and your parents check your school records to make sure that the record of the suspension is removed.

Expulsion in Cleveland Public Schools only affects a very few number of students. Last year, only 11 students were expelled, and they were expelled for very serious offenses. Cleveland Public Schools only recommend expulsion if a student brings a weapon to school (or on school property—RTA bus, school bus, school bus stop), during school hours or if a student commits an act at school that is a felony in the State of Ohio. If you are recommended for expulsion, call our Project offices.

The best way to avoid suspension or expulsion is to know your school rules, obey them and make the school staff responsible for following the Cleveland Board of Education's own rules. If you feel that you are on the principal's hit list (you get suspended for breathing), ask your parents to come in for a meeting with the principal; call your cluster director; call an agency that is involved with the schools; use your grievance procedure. Make the schools responsive to you!

An Open Letter to My Fellow Students:

WELCOME is now working on a project called Fair Play. Fair Play for Cleveland students is a project formed and carried out by students to get a full sports program in OUR schools. As you know we are not being treated equally to students in the suburbs. They get first class treatment and we get second class.

Active students will organize other students to press for a Spring sports program consisting of baseball, tennis, track, and softball. Right now plans only call for track.

I know some of you are asking yourself, "Why should I be involved?" You should be involved because if we do not say anything about it the situation will not change. We want to be treated equally in sports and in all our education. It's OUR sports program which has been reduced.

Students are not often heard. If enough of us get together and stand together we will accomplish something. **WE WILL BE HEARD!** It's our choice whether we will remain quiet or work together for a change.

Come to the rally on February 3 at the Old Stone Church after school. Bring a friend. Call Fair Play at 281-4212 if you want to help.

Carla Coleman
School of Science
Chair, WELCOME Leadership
Institute Executive Board

Cleveland student calls for equal school sports programs



NEWS/ANALYSIS

With proper care, Community Relations Committees can work

by Chuck Hoven

On January 19, at Blessed Sacrament Church auditorium on Fulton Rd., city officials held a public meeting to describe the concept of District Community Relations Committees to residents of the Second Police District.

The District Community Relations Committee concept has great potential for making significant policy changes in police department activities and procedures. It also is an opportunity to formalize a decentralized form of decision-making. However, the success of this proposal depends a great deal upon the persons elected to serve on the committee.

The Second Police District has 10 police patrol zones, and residents of each zone have been asked to decide how and when they are going to elect a representative to the District Community Relations Committee.

This proposed system, based upon choosing representatives from geographical areas, may result in significant population groups not being represented.

If elected representatives do not include those who can properly voice the concerns of the Hispanic community, elderly residents, youths, renters, homeowners, public housing tenants and other groups, provisions should be made so that the concerns of these segments of the community can be addressed.

Although residents have been assured that existing community groups will still have access to meetings with the police department, it is important that those residents selected to speak for the community speak for all segments of the community.

It is important that community residents come to the initial meetings (see box), to assure that their interests are represented and that people knowledgeable about their area and its problems will be selected to serve on the committee.

One hopes that such efforts will result in a mutual problem-solving effort with police and citizens working together toward safer city neighborhoods.

ZONE MEETINGS

Zone	North	East	West	South	Time	Place
211	Lake Erie	Cuyahoga River	W. 44th	Lorain Ave.	6:30 p.m. February 10th	West Side Community House 3000 Bridge Ave.
212	Lake Erie	W. 44th	W. 65th	Clark Ave.	7:30 p.m. February 9th	St. Paul's Community Church 4427 Franklin Ave.
213	Lorain Ave.	Fulton Ave.	W. 65th	Clark Ave.	7:30 p.m. February 16th	Blessed Sacrament Church 3381 Fulton Ave.
214	Clark Ave.	Fulton Ave.	W. 65th to Ridge Rd.	Big Creek	7:30 p.m. February 2nd	Sauer Funeral Home 5303 Storer Ave.
223	Lorain Ave.	Scranton Ave.	Fulton Ave.	Clark Ave.	7:30 p.m. February 2nd	Redeemer Lutheran Church 2970 W. 30th St.
221	Cuyahoga River	Cuyahoga River	Scranton Ave.	Clark Ave.	7:30 p.m. February 2nd	Tremont Opportunity Center 2158 Professor Ave.
222	Clark Ave.	Cuyahoga River	Fulton Ave.	I-71	7:30 p.m. February 16th	Blessed Sacrament Church 3381 Fulton Ave.
231	I-71	Cuyahoga River	Fulton Ave.	Big Creek Brookside Park	N.A.	N.A.
232	Big Creek Brookside Park	City Limits	State Road	Brookpark Road	7:30 p.m. February 16th	Blessed Sacrament Church 3381 Fulton Ave.
233	Big Creek Brookside Park	State Road	Ridge Rd. City Limits	Brookpark Road	7:30 p.m. January 26th	Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church 5801 Memphis Ave.

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Habjan said, "Barriers which exist between citizens and police officers are based upon a lack of communication. This leads to a lack of understanding by both the citizens and the police officers of their roles and responsibilities.

Habjan feels the committees will increase the opportunity for mutual cooperation between residents and police in solving problems. Although unsure of what will result from the program, he believes that "whatever happens will be positive."

For more information call Chuck Habjan at 664-3444.

Workshop to examine budget cut effects on women & minorities

Social programs for women, minorities and children have been hit especially hard by the Reagan budget cuts. To study the problem a coalition of local groups is sponsoring a workshop on "Women and Minorities and the Federal Budget," Saturday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Moot Courtroom of CSU's College of Law.

In the morning, Betsy Sweet, program director from the Philadelphia headquarters of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), and Jane Midgley, WILPF's legislative director in Washington, will analyze the budget process, national priorities, the realities of the fiscal year 1983 budget proposals and their possible effects of women and minorities.

During lunch, Marjorie Hall-Ellis, director of the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department, will present an overview of the effects of the federal budget on county programs. Afternoon workshops will cover community services, education, the elderly, health care, housing and the workforce.

Registration deadline is January 30. Call WomenSpace at 696-3100 for more information.

Announcing an Important Regional Meeting To Present...

The 1982-83 Block Grant Plan

Cleveland's Community Development Staff is ready to present recommendations for Block Grant-funded improvements for this region in 1982-83.

(The proposed activities are based upon suggestions made by local residents at the recent Regional Planning Workshop.)

Region VII

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
West Side Multi-Purpose Center
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Stanley Tolliver to speak

Come hear newly-elected Cleveland Board of Education member Stanley Tolliver speak on the future of Cleveland schools. This WELCOME Forum will be at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 27, at the YWCA, 3201 Euclid Ave.

Thanks, Plain Press

Letter to the editor:

I want to thank *the Plain Press* for writing the articles on PCB's in our neighborhood. No one on the West Side would be aware of the dangers of PCB's on the CEI utility poles if it hadn't been for those articles.

I am writing this to you because last month I was able to use the information. There is a PCB pole right in front of my house, and one day, a neighbor noticed that fluid was leaking from a capacitor and called me. Having previously found out that it was a CEI utility pole, I called them to come out and take down the capacitors. At first the person at CEI denied that it was their pole, but I knew otherwise. I then called some of my Orchard Ave. neighbors who had also read *the Plain Press* articles and they too called CEI to demand actions.

Twenty minutes later a crew came from CEI, checked out the problem and later returned and replaced the capacitors with ones that do not contain PCB's!

So that's why I'm thanking *the Plain Press*—we were able to take the information, get together, and use people power!

Thelma Chambers
Near West Side

L.I.P.T. thanks merchants

Low Income People Together would like to thank the following Near West Side merchants for their help for our Christmas party last December:

Shirley—manager of the Money Exchange, 1905 W. 25th St.

Dukes Lounge—1806 W. 25th St.

West Side Community House—3000 Bridge Ave.

Caribe Bakery—2906 Fulton Rd.

Record Center—1895 W. 25th St.

Gordon Brothers Carpet Shop—1917 W. 25th St.

La Favorita Grocery Store—2900 Fulton Rd.

Liberty Restaurant—1901 W. 25th St.

LaMia Grocery Store—W. 25th St.

Franklin Super Market—4710 Franklin Blvd.

Noble Florist—1825 W. 25th St.

D & Kids Stores—1898 W. 25th St.

Town hall for youth

To give West Side residents a chance to help determine the kinds of programs available to young people in the area the West Side Youth Coalition has organized "Town Hall: All About Youth" meetings at 7 p.m., February 11, at the West Side YMCA (W. 32 St. and Franklin) and April 15 at the Spanish-American Committee. Come talk about issues related to your kids.

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5715 Woodland Avenue
- Cleveland American Indian Center
4907 Lorain Avenue
- Collinwood Community Service Center
813 East 152nd Street
(Clients should call Center before coming to the Center)
- Community Development Office of
City of East Cleveland, 1827 Noble Rd.
- Consumer Protection Association
3134 Euclid Avenue
- Glenville Neighborhood
Opportunities Center
1073 East 105th Street
- Greater Cleveland Welfare Rights
Organization
1360 West Ninth Street
- Hough Multi Service Center
8555 Hough Avenue
- Hough Rainey Outreach
1523 East 55th Street
- Kinsman Multi Service Center
3202 East 93rd Street

- Lutheran Housing Corporation
12002 Miles Avenue
(Residents of Union-Miles,
Garfield Heights and
Maple Heights)
- Murtis H. Taylor Center
13422 Kinsman Road
- North Broadway Neighborhood Center
3240 East 55th Street
- Spanish-American Committee
4407 Lorain Avenue
- Tremont Neighborhood
Opportunities Center
2358 Professor Avenue
- University Settlement
7310 Fleet Avenue
- West Side Multi Service Center
4115 Bridge Avenue

SUBURBS

- City of Cleveland Heights
Housing Preservation Office
2969 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Hts.
- City of Maple Heights Senior Citizens
5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights
- Lakewood Office on Aging
12712 Madison Ave., Lakewood
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Application forms also are available at city halls, public libraries and East Ohio Gas Company offices.



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The Sunshine People

Q: When is a plum a prune?

A: When the Mad Dogs are on the loose!

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have received numerous inquiries about a mysterious West Side group called the Clinton Mad Dogs Bicycle Club, a group which in recent weeks has conducted a campaign against The Plain Dealer's "Cleveland is a Plum" campaign. Who are these Mad Dogs? And why don't they like plums? Following is a statement that the Mad Dogs have made available exclusively to the Plain Press.

Late December, 1981. Gray snow covers the city. Unemployment is on the rise, and morale is low as Cleveland settles into the post-season blues.

But everywhere we Clevelanders look we are encouraged to be optimistic and adopt the "Plum" as an upbeat nickname arbitrarily selected for the city. A plum? An underdeveloped prune?

Logic takes a vacation as we are compared to New York's Big Apple. Clevelanders sense that something is wrong. The city is otherwise the same — the Plum seems to be just another attempt at trendy sloganizing by the media. The Plum seems ripe for de-pitting.

Somewhere on the Near West Side a group of citizens gathers. They are growling and prowling. They are tough and mean business. They are the Clinton Avenue Mad Dogs Bicycle Club.



They set a date for action. Gruff orders are barked out. As zero-hour approaches each team member gets his or her assignment. The "Slum Campaign" begins.

January 2, 1982: Final fitness testing is completed — days of scaling bridges, climbing billboards, training to sneak around PD newspaper boxes. Dog collars are handed out. The Mad Dogs are ready for action.

January 4: The offensive. The early morning hours Mad Dog teams plaster strategic downtown locations with bumper stickers saying: "Cleveland's a slum, and this silly plum campaign isn't doing a thing for it," and "If Cleveland's a plum, no wonder the PD's the pits." They issue statements to the media. Then they assume their workaday identities and wait.

Soon a TV-3 News reporter is on the case, searching for the Mad Dogs in all the wrong places, such as the Clinton Bar. On the evening news he can be seen in a trenchcoat walking up Clinton Ave. and asking, "Who are these Mad Dogs?" Nobody knows. The group has gone underground.

January 5: A near-media event. Mad Dog spokesperson Daisy Aspen and fellow Mad Dogs hold an exclusive TV interview at the Bookstore on W. 25th St. They say they are the vanguard of the "Greater Cleveland Shrinkage

Association," which is their alternative to the Growth Association. They challenge anyone to find something concrete and positive that the costly Plum campaign has done for the city.

They say, "Cleveland's a Plum all right — for advertising agencies who manufacture slick slogans instead of people's products, newspaper editors who promote wheeler dealers rather than the plain truth, busy executives who say their



This is a rare photograph of authentic Clinton Avenue Mad Dogs caught in the act of growling and prowling and mocking the Greater Cleveland Growth Association.

Hazardous waste; (cont. from p. 1)

Last November Nied wrote a letter to Captain Robert Pavlik of the Cleveland Fire Prevention Bureau to warn him of the stockpile and the potential fire hazard it represented. Because of the kinds of chemicals there (including pesticides, halogenated hydrocarbons and flammable materials), he wrote that "the resultant toxic fumes from a fire would be disastrous" and would force an evacuation of surrounding residential areas.

Nied said that, with regard to the possibility of toxic fumes from a fire, the Northway sight may be more hazardous than the waste dump owned by the Plain Dealer Publishing Company and operated by Chemical and Minerals Reclamation Inc. on Crescent Ave. That dump caught fire in July 1980, and might have forced the evacuation of the West Side if fortunate winds had not blown the smoke out over the lake.

The Fire Department is also worried about the Northway site accord-

ing to Pavlik of the Fire Prevention Bureau. He said that Northway never got a certificate of occupancy for the property so that the Fire Department could have made sure that fire codes were being followed.

A Northway salesman, Clark Raby, who happened to be at the site January 22 to use the phone in the guard trailer outside the fenced-in yard full of drums, said that his company had done nothing illegal.

But he also agreed that flammable wastes probably should not have been stored so near to residential areas. Raby, who is losing his job because Northway has been forced to close its storage areas, said that many other companies in the Flats create products and waste that potentially are more dangerous than anything Northway was storing.

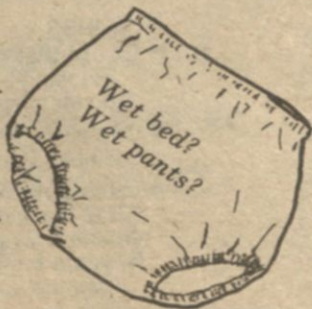
He looked out the window of the trailer and pointed to other firms in the area. "There's solvents here, gasoline in huge tanks over there..." he said.

Unfortunately, he's right. The Near West Side is surrounded by chemical hazards.

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