

A circus freak he is not. Robin Barnier, 10, simply climbed on shoulders of Fraser Thompson to get a better view of the

## action at Woodlands Secondary School track meet Saturday.

### TOWN STAFF HOLDS KEY

# Hope swells for school swap solution

BY JOHN KERNAGHAN The Allan A. Martin-St. Paul's school swap quandary could be solved amicably for all sides if 'Mississauga parks and recreation staff feel another area school can converted into recreation and senior

Mayor Chic Murray said

recreation staff look at plans for Neil C. Mathieson Public School and if the facility can be refurbished he will recommend to council that the school be purchased.

The proposal fits perfectly Save Allan A. Martin Committee recommendation

that Mathieson be sold or

leased to make use of vacant million Martin for St. Pauls, classrooms in the Lakeview community. The Peel County Board of

Education has proposed that Martin be traded for St. Pauls Separate School to help use up some of the 28 empty rooms in the area.

Residents have opposed the trade of the 25 room, \$1.5

dividuals and government

layers which approve or

criticize his department are enough to cause migraines.

planning is coming now, as I

think it should," says Edmunds. "But it creates

even more pressures in my

And his philosophy of

planning grates against many Mississauga residents

who oppose high-density

life is that people want to live

in cities - that's where the

"I don't think a city can be

overpopulated. It's all

relative. If you go to Hong

Kong you might say it's

overpopulated. But looking

at Metro Toronto with its

densities, there is no way it's

to come to the city, we've got

to attempt to accommodate

them," says Edmunds. He says Mississauga will

not be a major city, but

Toronto for cultural and job

should have a large central

park near the city centre

that could function as a

mixing place for town-

speople.
"People should be able to

put up soapboxes like they do

in England," he says. "It's

very entertaining to watch."
Developer Bruce

McLaughlin is required by

his agreement with the town

to provide a small 75-acre

central park near city centre

dependent

says Mississauga

With the desire of people

overpopulated.

rather

opportunities.

"One inescapable fact of

development.

action is.

People participation in

# Planning hot-seat places big load on acting boss

BY FRANK TOUBY Russ Edmunds says some of his friends tell him he has aged a bit in the last two temporarily) has taken over hot-seat vacated (perhaps temporarily) by planning director Harry Petschar.

'A couple of people have told me I look like I've aged a bit recently," he said. "But when you're working from early in the morning until late at night. I suppose it's got to show somewhere. The pressures of the job

which pushed Petschar into three-month "leave of are showing on absence' Edmunds. Still a dapper and modish dresser, Edmunds is looking frayed and much of his once-fiery attitude has simmered.

Petschar's leave and the recent resignation of another top-level planning official have left the department short-staffed of executives. over-worked the building department, planning staff find theminundated with responsibilities while they are under-staffed.

and planning staffs must



RUSS EDMUNDS

cope with the building boom which is making Mississauga one of the growing fastest municipalities in North America. Yet both essentially hampered by low budgets that lag behind the growth they are charged with over-seeing.

Edmunds is athletically inclined and his fervent love of tennis, squash and physical fitness still easily hides his 46 years.

The multiplicity of in-

Both building department

Glenforest students facing drug charges Three Glenforest Secondary Charles Glugosh, 18 of 1577

School students were arrested last Wednesday night at 1557 Otterby Rd. and charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Police raided the home at 9:55 p.m. A quantity of - about a pound and drug paraphenalia including scales were seized. Charged are Danial

Otterby Rd., Stanley John Dziedzina, 18 of 1573 Wavell Cres., and Michael James Mellan, 19 of 1794 Kirkwall Cres.

Glugosh played for the development. "McLaughlin often says he wants to do something for Memorial Cup winning Toronto Malboros of the the town which has done so OHA Junior A hockey league this year, although his much for him," Edmunds "A bigger central park playing time was limited by would be a nice gesture. injuries.

detached proposal.

PORT CREDIT — Town officials here told Carlton The firm purchased the 27-Holdings Ltd. in February that they would make it acre Humberbank high-rise apartment site for the courts Jan. 3. Lawyer Allan Blott difficult for the firm to build said his group wanted to feel semi-detached homes on land zoned for high-density out town staff on various from semi-detached homes In an interview following

housing.

Monday's public meeting to stacked townhouses. At that time they were told that they would "have a very stacked townhouse issue, the lawyers rough time" in obtaining an revealed that they had first Official Town Plan amendapproached Port Credit in ment that would permit things."

forms of housing ranging

available municipality has ever benefitted from those

built in Port Credit. Instead they were informed that higher density forms of development preferred. were

The story was confirmed later by a municipal source who insisted that he not be quoted. He claimed semidetached housing is viewed as the lowest class of housing

weeks ago that resulted from Carlton's proposed 685-suite condominium stacked townhouse suggestion for the property at the west end of town impressed the com-

pany, according to Blott. As a result of the protest session Carlton devised a scheme to calm public The plan was tempers. revealed at Monday's public meeting of 200 residents.

An ad-hoc committee consisting

Port Credit snubbed low-density and school board will be formed to consider alternative development plans.

Although viewed by some as nothing more than public relations move, Blott said the recommendations of the committee will be taken seriously by the developer.

Town solicitor Jack Ried told the crowd that no stacked townhouse project is

the ratepayers, planning only thing that has been board, council, accomplished so far is an agreement for \$850 per suite levies - nothing more.

stacked townhouse concept new residents into the town but he forcefully told the

He spelled out how the 1969 Official Town Plan called for high density on the site; that the existing high density zoning by-law was approved by the O.M.B. in 1969; and that the original Humberbank agreement provided for levies of only

Blott said his firm first approached the town Feb. 2 in a closed session to clear up the "confusion" surrounding the levy situation. The town's last confirmed levy by-law called for \$650 levies on each suite.

"We reached an \$850 levy

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Legislation for regional planned Highway 407. government in Peel will be virtually identical to the plan proposed in January, local officials agreed Monday after an announcement by

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Treasurer John White.
The province's chief 'the regional municipality of Peel will closely follow our tier structure with three local municipalities"

The decision would hasten the disappearance of from North Peel. Streetsville and Port Credit

expanded Mississauga. per cent White released no detail on powers. the Peel plan but South Peel MP Doug Kennedy felt internal boundaries would be identical to the January except Mississauga's northern boundary would follow the

He said the legislation would be introduced to government caucus tomorrow and tabled in the legislature Friday or

Kennedy expects that the planner told the legislature representation formula will be the same as proposed with a total of 21 members on a original proposal for a two-regional council. Ten would come from Mississauga — Port Credit-Streetsville, six from Central Peel and five

Monday.

The formula would give as autonomous towns. They would amalgamate in an cent of the population, 45.5 per cent of regional voting

that councils. They northern represent an average 20,000

Under the two-tier set-up Mississauga councillors would serve both on municipal and regional would

until

classrooms were utilized.

Monday

petition opposing the deal

said Kindergart

school and Grade 6 pupils to

Martin. The move would use

up a total of 24 classrooms.

from the presidents of the

Mathieson and Ogden home

and school associations

indicating they would ap-

retained and improved;

are retained; and the

grants for an extension .

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'MUSCLE CARS'

IRK RESIDENTS

"Muscle cars" are upsetting Bridgewood Drive residents.

have been incidents of traffic

exceeding the legal speed

limit on that street between

Bloor Street and Ponytrail

Drive," said Fleetwood Village Homeowners

Association president M.K.

McCutcheon in a letter to

"The major offenders are

drivers of the so-called

'muscle' cars," he said.

council.

commission.

"It appears that there

special education

enrolments.

works

board

he added.

reasonable in geographical, economic and the planning senses. "This isn't an overnight thing; we've been looking at it for seven years'. Reaction by municipal

representatives ranged from an elated Mississauga Mayor Chic Murray to combative Streetsville council that sat for four hours in special session Monday night to discuss "You know the only thing I

can be is happy" said

Murray from a tri-level Kennedy said the plan is conference in Peterborough. "The plan is exactly the same as county council proposed and our council endorsed. "I think we are going to

find that this is a very workable plan in every way.

But Murray had a word of caution. "We have heard that Streetsville might consider taking this matter to the courts and this can do nothing but hurt their

He pointed out that council

has already called for a meeting with Streetsville and Port Credit to begin coordinating amalgamation. "We'll be talking about setting up wards, so Streetsville could lose by not

appearing." Following White's announcement in Streetsville legislature, Mayor Hazel McCallion charged that the plan had been hatched at Queen's Park and that Mississauga Reeve Lou Parsons had been the "office boy"

"This is not a repeal of the \$1,000 levy by-law of last November," Ried claimed. He explained later that the \$1,000 levy has still not been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board and that it stands no chance of winning that approval.

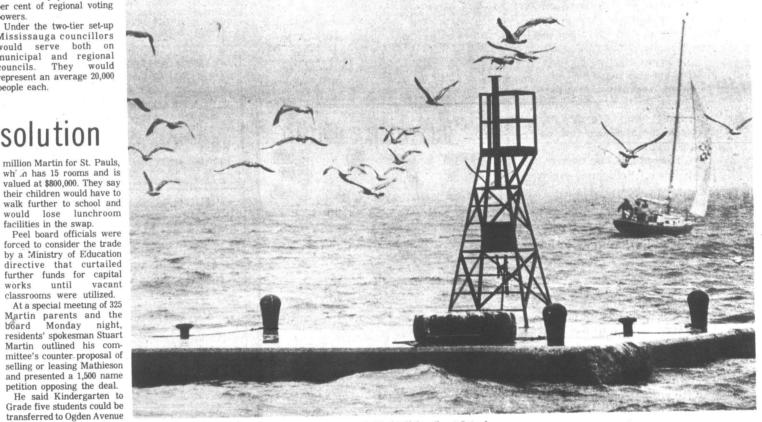
Blott did not defend the that would bring up to 2,500

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audience that there were (Continued on page 6) INSIDE... 'Ahhh's' for St. Bernard Page 7 Dressing up a downtown Page 5 55 sports champions Page 8 Fun-for-all in Streetsville Page 15 REGULARS... Editorials Letters..... 

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Fly past. Flock of gulls head for slate sky during Port Credit Yacht Club sailpast Saturday Ceremony was palled by rain and rough water. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

### INSPECTOR DENIES UNION CHARGES Martin said he had letters measures attacked

prove the idea if; present education programs are BY JOHN STEWART The quality of construction safety inspection Mississauga "leaves a lot to be desired," says a principals of both schools are representative of Local 1747, given time to integrate affiliated with the Carplanning for their combined penter's Union.

Norman Leblanc, If the move is approved on Mississauga resident who all sides and the classroom criticized local inspection space filled, the separate last summer, says things board, which wants Martin haven't improved since that for a expanding grades 9 and 10 program, could apply to the ministry for capital

"Walk into any of the big apartment buildings being built in Mississauga, "If anybody can tell says. me it looks safe . . "There are guys walking

around with no safety boots and no hard hats. There are stairways that aren't lit. These things are very, very common," he says.

Leblanc, who is in favour of the provincial Department of Labour taking over all inspections, claims Peel inspectors only visit union work sites and non-union jobs on which they have had complaints. With the amount of con-

struction in Peel, the county doesn't have enough inspectors, according to the union representative.

Councillors referred the Leblanc charges that with complaint to the police safety inspection in the hands of local

developers can also put pressure on inspectors. "If we're going to have a safety act, it should be enforced the same in each municipality," he says.

Legislation prepared after a brief was submitted in 1968 by the Construction Safety Association of Ontario (jointly representing management and labour) was held up because of complaints from local municipalities about loss of autonomy. The proposal would have made all inspection a responsibility. provincial

opposed legislation on the grounds

ection 4 of that act.

The request is that the province amend

the Trees Act to provide that any

municipality within a county be em-

powered to exert control over trees under

Peel County has had such enabling

legislation since 1961, according to Councillor Glenn Grice who made the

proposal, but the county has never used its

The Trees Act provides that counties can prohibit destruction of trees on private

lands exceeding two acres and which are

that it's own inspection work was excellent and the bill was aimed at smaller municipalities where spection could be more lax. The province announced

this week that it was amending legislation allow regional municipalities and those with more than 100,000 population to have their own inspectors. The province says municipalities who want to do their own inspection will have to meet provincial standards. Clive Ballentine, business representative of the

representative the Toronto Building Trades Council, says he

enforcement by the Department of Labour but would be happy if it can be demonstrated that local inspectors can meet the same standards.

He says that the same developer working in Toronto and in North York on similar projects may get two different levels of spection under the present system. Last week, Ballentine said

Mississauga is one of the worst offenders in terms of quality of its inspection.

"I was out with a survey team a couple of weeks ago, he relates," on a sewer and

## Tree control powers sought

in line for development. All lands in Mississauga council has voted to seek Mississauga are considered development provincial legislation enabling the town to lands protect trees on certain private lands.

Council will request that county council permit the town to act under its authority to control destruction of trees on privately owned lands until the town's legislation is passed.

The 8-member committee to be set up will include Grice as the representative of council, representatives of the town departments of engineering, planning and parks, and four citizens. SOTAS (Save Our Trees And Streams Society) has agreed to submit names of candidates for committee.

Branch to complain. "That's just an example," the business representative claims, "If you concentrated

Mississauga. Four men were

in a hole 11 feet deep without

hard hats. They scurried out

of the trench when they saw

Ballentine says he phoned

the Construction Safety

us, thinking we were in

spectors."

on that area, you could reveal a hell of a lot more." Stan Hamilton, Peel's

construction safety inspector refutes the union charges. 'Why don't they ever say these things to me?" he asks

'Why don't they ever make a report if things are so bad?" Hamilton says three staff inspectors, plus himself, are enough to cover the area

adequately despite the booming building industry in the county. "We visit all jobs and we don't just act on com-plaints," he points out emphatically. "We have no backlog of jobs and we are out all the time visiting sites.

We do some of the trench inspection but the municipalities also have their own trench in-

spectors."
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