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Fun on the Credit

Mark, 5, gets a helping hand from his mother, Eunice Ratcliffe, during a skating outing on the Credit River near Lakeshore Road. The long stretch of cold weather has made this one of the more popular skating sites in Mississauga this winter. Okay Mark, let's give it another try!

Police ask help in identifying man

Ontario Provincial Police are asking for help from the public in identifying a man found dead in a bush area near Orillia. Police say the body was found near the Severn River in October, 1975, and death may have occurred between May and August. "There is a possibility the victim was of Italian descent and lived or was visiting in the Toronto area during 1975 and has not been seen or heard from since," a spokesman said. Markings on some of the dead man's clothes indicated they were made in Italy. The victim is described as five feet eight to five feet nine inches, between 140 and 160 pounds, aged 24 to 26 years. He has black hair, neglected teeth, with the first premolar and second molar upper left extracted. His race may have been Caucasian or Indian. He was wearing a pale blue, long-sleeved shirt, heavy off-white underwear, pale green light-weight socks, a red, white and blue tie or headband, a yellow loose-knitted scarf or sweater, and black trousers with a pattern of small white polka dots. The man had brown leather clog-type shoes with Cuban heels, and possibly with open backs. Anyone with information which might assist in identifying the dead man is asked to contact The Director, Criminal Investigation Branch, Ontario Provincial Police, 90 Harbour St., Toronto.

Bob Lagerquist new chairman of Peel school board

By GREGORY SNOW
A school trustee who has 13 years of experience as chairman of the board shouldn't have too many worries about taking the job on again, but Bob Lagerquist isn't taking his experience for granted. This week Lagerquist was elected chairman of the Peel Board of Education, defeating his only rival, Margaret Marland, in a secret vote by the 23 trustees. Lagerquist is beginning his 25th year of consecutive service as a trustee, 16 years with the Brampton Public School Board, and 13 as its chairman before that board was amalgamated into the larger Peel County Board in 1969. But the Peel Board of Education and the old Brampton School Board are two different horses, and Lagerquist admits that the Peel board is going to be a lot harder to ride. "When I was chairman of the Brampton board there were eight trustees and one superintendent of schools to back us up, but things have changed now," Lagerquist says. Now there are 23 trustees and about a dozen superintendents in charge of the education of more than 80,000 students. In his first statement as chairman, Lagerquist said that salary negotiations with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation will be the most important issue in the coming year. "There appears to be a need for new and better ways of dealing with collective agreements and these should be examined as soon as possible," he said. One suggestion Lagerquist made was to replace the trustee head of the board's salary negotiations committee with a professional negotiator. "Trustees should always be present at negotiations, but under the present system we don't seem to be getting anywhere. Maybe a professional would help." Teacher negotiations have dragged on with little progress and considerable bitterness since last spring. The new chairman said that other business immediately and Peel has more than doubled. Taylor describes her new role as "helping people help themselves." "Too many Franco-Ontarians consider themselves second-class citizens," she says. "They're not as culturally oriented as their Quebec brethren. I want to say 'You're not a second-class citizen' to help them acknowledge their heritage and develop their potential as French-Canadians." Since 1971, the French-speaking population of Halton

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Sheridan appoints French co-ordinator

An Oakville woman has been appointed by Sheridan College to act as a Community development officer within the French-speaking community of Halton and Peel. Claire Taylor, a co-

ordinator of French for the Continuing Education Division of the college, will work with the 20,000 Francophones in the two regions to identify their needs and help them meet through the use of



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