

MISS INTERNATIONAL BIKINI

Fam D'Andres, 19, of 1497 Broadmoor Ave., Mississauga, won her title competing against 24 other girls last Sunday at Toronto's Centre Island. Fam, who came to Mississauga from Italy when she was 18 months old, would like to be a professional model. Her trim figure (34, 23, 36) has already won her an offer of a movie screen test in Rome. (Times Photo by Stan Harwood)

Lorne Gray, his wife and son found at last

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PORT CREDIT — The bodies of Lorne Gray, the 45-year-old former vice-president of the St. Lawrence Starch Co., his wife Judy, and their four-year-old son Gordon, missing in their light plane since last Aug. 29, have been found.

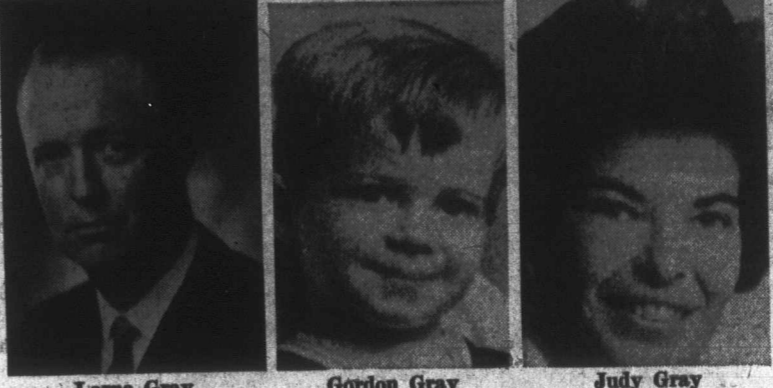
The wreckage of their Cessna 180, which had taken off from Soo, Michigan, headed for Kenora, was spotted from the air last week just 15 miles south of Wawa on the side of the area's tallest mountain. The crash site is located between Highway 17 and Lake Superior.

Police say a diamond engagement ring and gold wedding band with the inscriptions "Judy and Lorne" and a date provided positive identification of the bodies. The remains of all three were sent to Plummer Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie and released earlier this week, an OPP spokesman told the Times Monday.

"They have been absolutely positively identified," OPP said. "The plane's serial numbers and the wedding rings provided the proof."

GARGANTUA POINT

Police said Luff Johnson, a pilot employed by Great Lakes Power Co., was flying in a plane leased from the Airline Flying Service last Tuesday when he spotted what appeared to be wreckage near Gargantua Point on Lake Superior.



Lorne Gray Gordon Gray Judy Gray

The following day an OPP plane scouted the site and by Thursday a ground party reached the scene of the crash. The plane apparently had smashed into the side of the 1,600-foot mountain and burned.

The Gray's two-year-old daughter, Laura, was with relatives when the accident occurred.

During the first week after their disappearance hope ran high that Gray had been able to bring the pontoon-equipped plane down on one of the many lakes that dot the area. But poor weather and futile search and rescue attempts slowly led searchers to the conclusion the family had been killed.

A piece of aluminum, washed ashore near Paradise, Michigan, about 45 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, again raised hopes of finding the plane but examination by American authorities soon proved it a false lead.

The air search was suspended by the Canadian Forces Search and Rescue Division on Sept. 11 after sweeping more than 87,000 square miles of ground. It was started

again between Oct. 20 and Oct. 24 when the leaves had fallen from the trees cover but again the search proved fruitless.

The family left Mississauga Aug. 28 for a holiday, staying at Soo, Michigan overnight. They started off the next morning for a Labor Day weekend in Kenora, planning a number of stops along the way.

BROTHERS SEARCHED

Both of Gray's brothers, John and Douglas, took part in the search along with a number of private planes piloted by friends and planes from the Department of Lands and Forests.

Gray was vice-president of the St. Lawrence Starch Co. in Port Credit. His father, W. T. Gray, founded the company.

Lorne joined the firm in 1951 and became vice-president in 1960. Well known for his work in community affairs and as a campaign manager of the 1968 United Appeal, he is sorely missed by both community and friends.

He was a member of the Port Credit Rotary Club, the Toronto Board of Trade, the Mississauga Golf and Country Club, the Beaver Fishing Club and the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association.

Mrs. Gray was also active in community work and had been named a director of the South Peel Hospital in February of last year.

No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

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Bell Canada won't recognize town as unit: McKechnie

MISSISSAUGA — Bell Canada has failed to make a valid effort to recognize Mississauga as a single town and is completely behind the times, councillor Frank McKechnie charged at last week's general committee meeting.

Bell received a tax cut of approximately \$180,000 because of reassessment this year and is proposing an eight per cent rate increase across the province. But many parts of Mississauga still must pay long distance toll charges to call a fellow townsman, McKechnie said.

"Mississaugans are paying enough right now," added Mrs. Caye Killaby, councillor for Ward 3.

A Bell representative, V. M. White, head of the Western Ontario area, appeared before council in early February regarding a single Mississauga exchange and agreed that one calling area in the town was technically feasible but the change would force Bell to lose \$962,000 each year in toll charges. Council recommended at that time that Bell be requested to institute a single calling area system, particularly in view of the \$180,000 drop in taxation.

"Every other organization has made a valid effort to become part of Mississauga except for Bell," McKechnie said. "Bell is behind the times." Councillor McKechnie insisted that a Bell top executive be called in to explain company policy.

Mayor Speck objected that it would accomplish nothing to go over White's head and any such move would only serve to insult the man. "You can't get anybody higher," Speck added.

A letter from White dated June 23 rejected council's reasoning about the tax

savings claiming "this is a separate and distinct issue." He explained that last September the Canadian Transport Commission refused an expanded local calling area.

White assured council that Bell would re-apply for an expanded local calling plan "that would give Mississauga residents, not only calling with each other, but with many other communities in the greater Toronto region."

General committee received the letter but decided to take no action on it.

Taxi jam-in postponed

MISSISSAUGA — A jam-in by Metro taxi drivers at Malton Airport yesterday (Tuesday) was called off earlier in the week by Allan Sadoff, militant director of the Metro Taxicab Conference.

About 500 cab drivers had originally planned to meet at the Coliseum in the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds at 1 p.m., then travel in convoy to the airport. It was expected that the drive-in would completely snarl all ground transportation entering or leaving the air terminal.

Sadoff called off the drive-in last Friday when a spokesman for Transport Minister Don Jamieson invited him to Ottawa for talks July 23.

The jam-in was to have been a protest against the government's policy of prohibiting Metro taxis from picking up fares at the airport unless they are specifically called.

Several weeks ago Sadoff warned that Metro cabbies might resort to "violence, drive-ins and tie-ups" if the exclusive airport limousine franchise now held by Air Terminal Transport Ltd. of Malton was renewed.

The company is still serving the airport on an extension of its contract which expired June 30.

Mississauga taxis as well as Metro cabs are fighting for the right to "cruise" the airport for fares.

OMB decision West Erindale wins victory

MISSISSAUGA — An application to allow construction of a three-storey town house project on Southdown Road was rejected by the Ontario Municipal Board last week.

The move came in support of the town's earlier decision to reject lawyer John Pallett's rezoning application. The land is presently zoned for single family dwellings and the change to RMTD3 would have allowed apartments with a density of up to 46 suites per acre.

Acting OMB chairman A. H. A. Arrell based his decision on the fact that the development could not adequately be served by Southdown Road. The town solicitor, Ian Stewart, opposed any "abrupt change" in zoning from single family dwelling to the RMTD3.

George Powell, president of the 413-family West Erindale Homeowners Association, had fought Pallett's proposed development arguing that any zoning change would be "hodge podge, after the fact" planning.

He and Stewart questioned the reversal of the town's planning board and council, which rejected the application. Schools and parks were cited as inadequate to take the added population load.

Harry Petschar, town planning director, appeared before the OMB hearing and supported Pallett's application. He claimed the townhouse development would only go three storeys high and was consistent with good planning principles.

Stewart suggested Petschar should "translate some of these planning principles into people principles," and try and maintain the single family character of the area.

Pallett told the hearing "this is an election year" and it should be considered when examining the town council's earlier refusal.

The board also turned down the development because of the total community opposition to the rezoning. The OMB reasoned why should they go against the wishes of so many of the area citizens when there was so much other more suitable land in the town.

Town may build 30,000-seat stadium

MISSISSAUGA — A 30,000-seat stadium may be built by the town on 200 acres of school board owned property at Britannia Road and Highway 10 just south of Highway 401.

The move could be a deciding factor in the competition against Ottawa, London, Hamilton and Kitchener to hold the 1973 Canada Games.

Dean Henderson, town manager, and Bill Hare, head of parks and recreation, appeared before the board's capital expenditure and building committee last week to request the sale of the full 200 acres or a portion of it for the construction of the 30,000-seat stadium.

The committee gave its support in principle to the plan but questions as to how

the land will be handled remain unanswered.

The board feels such a stadium would be great for night time secondary school football games and larger track and field meets that must now be held in Toronto stadiums.

Henderson promised the stadium would be built in time for the 1973 Canada Summer Games if the combined Peel-Halton effort to get the Games is successful.

The Britannia Road farm has been owned by successive local school boards since 1864, when William Thompson, James McGrath and Joseph Gardner donated the land to the Township of Toronto's School Section No. 12.

The town has been trying to lease the land for the past five years and turn it

into a general recreation park, according to Hare. Last year the board decided to lease the land to the town for \$1 a year.

The stadium will cost upwards of \$1,300,000 with Mississauga putting up a full \$1 million towards its construction. The town decided on June 23, as part of its contribution towards the bid for the Games, to put up the \$1 million and take advantage of federal grants for Canada Games facilities.

Hare told the Times the grants could reach \$300,000 if the Games were held in Peel-Halton but the town would have to cover 100 per cent of the cost if it lost its bid.

Mississauga's long range development plans call for construction of the stadium within four to five years if the Games are held elsewhere, but the announcement of the stadium construction now could prove

a major factor in swinging the Canada Games Committee.

Hare said the exact size and characteristics of the stadium have not yet been determined but a minimum seating capacity of 10,000 will be required. Hare expects it will be built with seating for about 10,000 persons with an additional 20,000 temporary seats for the Games.

"The board's Britannia farm is the logical location for the stadium because of parking and access," Hare said. "We are interested in buying all of the 200 acres but we need only about 40 acres for the actual stadium."

Hare indicated the town would prefer to buy the land rather than lease it on a long term basis from the Board. "The board lists the property as an asset and I think they would be glad to accept an offer for it."

Southdown truck ban 'ridiculous': Speck

MISSISSAUGA — "It's utterly ridiculous," was Mayor Bob Speck's reaction to a letter asking for the banning of trucks from Southdown Road south of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

The Committee for Better Living, a group of Southdown Road area residents, sent the letter protesting the high noise levels and pollution for trucks passing 24 hours a day.

The group proposed a ban between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. because they claimed the peak of truck operation is during the night. They also encouraged council to require police to take decibel level readings and lay charges against offending truckers.

A pollution count in the area was also taken as a requirement to prove their point. The letter further requested a complete en-

forcement of a Sunday ban on all trucks. "I cannot see why petroleum products should be hauled on Sundays — are they perishable?"

"Please consider these matters carefully. They might not affect your lives, but they do ours. They have lived almost unbearably along Southdown Road," the letter concludes.

"You don't build a four-lane highway and then say you're going to ban trucks on it," Speck said Monday. "We built Southdown to take the truck load off Mississauga Road in the first place."

Despite the mayor's rejection of the rate-payers' demand, council decided to draft a reply to the letter for general committee's approval.

180 heroin addicts here claims Day Glow report

MISSISSAUGA — There are approximately 180 heroin addicts and at least 300 "speed freaks" in Mississauga and as the summer wears on the numbers may rise dramatically according to the first Day-Glow crisis intervention centre's operational report.

Mike Harding, the new 22-year-old director of Day-Glow, made his first report on the local drug situation and the projected summer program at Greyscher House in Clarkson last Thursday.

Harding says the main purpose of Day-Glow this summer will be to reduce drug

abuse as much as possible over the "next few months of summer boredom."

"We offer them a sanctuary, a place in which they will have noise, peace, each other, and silence, each being as important as the other."

But, Harding notes, the supply of speed (methamphetamine and methedrine) which is relatively inexpensive to produce, is gradually being cut back "so as to allow the early introduction of 'smack' (heroin) because of its greater profit margin."

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Pool breeds 300 toads

MISSISSAUGA — A Bloor Street apartment swimming pool containing up to 200 toads was closed Friday by the Peel County Board of Health.

The pool, at Bridgeway Place Apartments, 1887 Bloor Street, was the subject of complaints from Paul Thompson, director of the Atlantic Swimming Institute. His company places life guards and swimming instructors in various apartment pools across Mississauga and Etobicoke.

Thompson appeared before town council Monday and appealed for help to put the pool back in usable condition. Mayor Bob Speck said he admired the 20-year-old youth's efforts to do something about the problem but said a little "friendly persuasion" was about all council could legally do.

Thompson explained how the pool had not been properly cared for by the owners. Algae had developed on the pool walls and the patio was overrun with grass. He said no attempt had been made to add the proper chemicals to the water to keep it sanitary.

The pool and patio area became a breeding ground for 300 toads, Thompson told council. Finally, complaints from apartment tenants and from Thompson, led to the closing last Friday by the Board of Health.

Thompson, who just completed his grade 13 at Applewood Heights Secondary School, was praised by Councillor Caye Killaby. "This group of young people should be commended because they are doing something constructive," she said.

All new schools may get pools

MISSISSAUGA — From now on the architects' plans for all new secondary schools and secondary school additions should include provision for a swimming pool, general committee of Mississauga council decided last week.

The committee also recommended that the same plans should show consideration for combination public and school libraries. The board of education will be asked to provide a list of upcoming new schools where this might be accomplished.

"Who are we building the pools for?" asked Mayor Bob Speck. "It's for the kids and what better place than the schools."

"Every new school should have swimming pool capability."

The inclusion of a pool in the design would not necessarily mean one would be built but it does mean one could be built, either during the original construction or later.

Speck explained the town would have to be willing to pay the additional architectural fees because Mississauga couldn't expect the rest of the county to subsidize the south.

Westwood Secondary School in Malton has an addition planned by the board of education for 1971 with sketch plans ready for this fall. With this point in mind Frank McKechnie, councillor for Ward 5, proposed that a pool be included in the plans.

There are six pools in Mississauga at present, each serving a population of about 25,000.



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

It's not every child who enjoys the sandy beaches and sunny weather of a Muskoka cottage each summer. These two youngsters have their own playground, on the rooftops of shops and houses that line Lakeshore Rd. in Port Credit. (Times Photo by Rick Turban)