

# Santa won't help decide who's naughty or nice

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Local politicians won't be participating in the Santa Claus parade this fall and the parade's organizer is just as glad they aren't.

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11, which is Remembrance Day and also happens to be exactly two days before the municipal election.

Mayor Ron Searle told The Times he doesn't want any councillors involved in the parade for that reason. "Whether or not it would be in the minds of the councillors, their participation could properly be construed as a political act."

Because of the sensitivity of the subject, Searle says the city won't even have a float in the parade but will enter its Knowmobile, the city's travelling information bus.

Parade founder Tom Blanchard says he received complaints from politicians about last year's parade, the city's first. Frank McKechnie didn't feel politicians should be involved while councillor Hazel McCallion argued against the city paying money for a float in a "Rose-Bowl" type of function when funds were short for other more "worthy" projects.

"I'm doing this for my children and the other children of Mississauga and not for

city council," Blanchard said. He said the organizing committee offered to allow the city one float in 1978, on which all politicians would have had to ride together. Last year councillors rode separately in antique cars.

Some politicians were upset that Blanchard, who owned a sign company, wanted to charge them \$30 apiece for the signs on the sides of their vehicles identifying them last year.

Two councillors objected to a letter from Blanchard, which they discussed last week.

They weren't aware during the discussion that Mayor Searle had already in-

formed Blanchard no politicians would be participating because of the additional exposure it might give to incumbents two days prior to polling day.

Councillor McCallion said in an interview there aren't any politicians in Toronto's parade and she doesn't see why there should be any in Mississauga's, whether it's an election year or not. "The kids want to see floats which are descriptive of Christmas and Santa Claus, not politicians. I don't think we would add anything to the parade."

In any event, she said, the issue "isn't very important."

Ward 7 councillor Terry Butt also doesn't think it matters much whether politicians participate. He feels he'll likely be out campaigning two days before the election but if the parade committee requests the council's participation he thinks they should co-operate. If the committee doesn't specifically ask elected members to go, they shouldn't. Butt said he "froze" but was very happy about participating in the event last year, which he termed a tremendous success.

The parade will start from the Erin Mills Auto Centre at 12:30 p.m. in order to avoid conflicting with Remembrance

Day services. It will move east along Dundas Street to Erin Mills Parkway where it will turn south to Sheridan Mall, this year's sponsor.

There will be almost 70 entries in 1978, compared to 54 last year. Included are 10 floats financed by local businesses and built by local high school students. Port Credit Harbor is offering a \$300 prize to the best float in this category, which must be built for less than \$500.

An upcoming car raffle should make the Santa Claus project entirely self-sufficient for 1978, explains Blanchard.

The theme of this year's parade is Christmas around-the-world and fantasy.



City's junk yard is an illegal dumping spot for many

## One man's garbage is another's treasure

By JIM ADAIR  
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Garbage was piled high last week at the city's disposal sites on Mavis Road and Williams St., and local officials are not sure what to do about it.

"It was positively disgraceful," said Councillor Hazel McCallion. "I went down to the Williams St. site after receiving a complaint from a citizen, and there was as much out of the bins as in."

Times photographers visited the Mavis Rd. site twice last week — just after the long weekend, and again on Saturday. On both occasions, the bins were overflowing and people were pitching their garbage on the ground, while some others scrounged around for something valuable. Both acts are illegal under city bylaws and offenders are liable to face a \$1,000 fine.

But Max Boyd of the city's work department thinks there was more room in the bins, if people

had just looked for it. He said that some people get discouraged if they can't get to the bins because other cars are parked there, and they just dump garbage on the ground.

City officials say long weekends are the worst time for the garbage sites, because the bins don't get emptied. Normally the bins are emptied Saturday and Monday, but it isn't done Monday on the long weekends.

The time of the year is also blamed for last week's overflow, since many people are doing their spring cleaning.

Councillor Fred Hooper of Ward 6, in which the Mavis Rd. site is located, said he has received very few complaints about the garbage piling up.

"I have had the odd complaint that rats have been seen in the area," he said. "But they could have come from the brick yard or anywhere."

Hooper said that adding extra bins would perhaps help the problem of garbage on the ground, but added that even then, some people will still dump on the ground. He said he has seen people doing this, "especially women," who don't feel strong enough to hoist the garbage into the bin.

Bylaw enforcement officer Matt Brown said no charges or warnings have been handed out, and his office has received no complaints about the mess.

McCallion said that too many people use the sites as disposal areas for their regular garbage, when they should wait for the weekly pickup. She said the areas were designed for emergency use only.

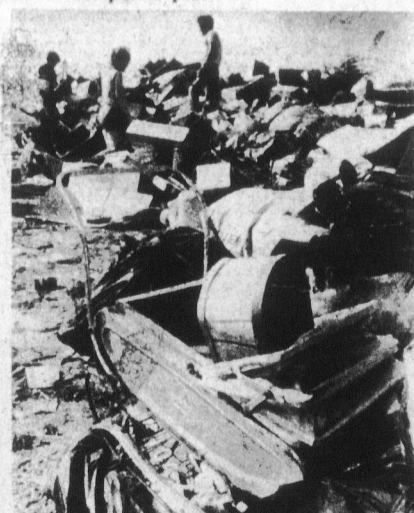
"It's when it's misused that the complaints pour

in," she said. I really don't know how to control it, but I guess you could have more bins."

But Boyd noted that the city only has a certain number of bins contracted, and they are all presently in use.

He said all the works department can do at present is "empty the bins as often as we have to."

And the garbage keeps piling higher and higher



A boon for scavengers, too

## No love-all at Whiteoaks tennis club

By JOHN STEWART  
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Most residents along Birchwood Dr. think they got a hard backhand smash last Wednesday when city councillors decided to allow construction of a tennis clubhouse in Whiteoaks Park.

The neighborhood and club membership are split on the construction of the 800-square-foot facility behind six existing tennis courts. Conflicting surveys by opponents and proponents of the clubhouse didn't help councillors make a decision.

About 30 angry residents, mostly club

members living directly adjacent to the park, complained that washrooms wouldn't necessarily be available for park users. That was made a condition. The city's recreation and parks department will also undertake a survey of the club's 590 families to see if the majority favor the clubhouse.

Charles Caty of Birchwood Dr., who acted as spokesman for the opponents, said the majority of club members probably favor the project but he rejects the opinions of the many members living outside the immediate area, some from as far away as Malton.

"The local neighborhood will have no say in what will happen," says Caty, "but the public at large will have a say."

Of families with club memberships in the immediate area, 109 are against, claimed Caty, and 99 in favor. "The calls I've got indicate that the 99 figure is going down," he says. "People are agreeing with us when we explain that we don't think the park was established for this reason."

Ward councillor Mary Helen Spence supported the recommendation to proceed made by the city's recreation department. She said

her experience showed that residents living around a park never concur with active recreational development. She also noted that although Whiteoaks is defined as a neighborhood park, in which clubhouse facilities shouldn't be built, it is almost the size of a district park.

Caty said yesterday that one of the reasons the neighbors are upset is because the Whiteoaks Club is "being taken over by a clique of competitive players to the detriment of the people who just want to go over sometimes and play tennis."

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## Coroner probes drowning in city's man-made lake

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A 15-year-old Mississauga youth drowned in Lake Aquitaine Sunday while trying to save his younger sister, who fell into the water accidentally.

Archibald Campana, of Montevideo Rd., jumped into the water after his 12-year-old sister Mildred slipped on a rock and tumbled into the lake. Described as a poor swimmer by his parents, he began floundering in 10 feet of water.

Robert Jones, an Aquitaine Ave. resident, heard the cries for help and jumped into the water, pulling Mildred to safety. But by the time he returned to help Archibald, the boy was not in sight.

Police said Jones dove down 10 feet and found the lad on the bottom of the lake. He brought him to shore and immediately applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but to no avail. An inquest will be held.

Lake Aquitaine is a man-made lake located in Meadowvale near the southeast corner of Glen Erin Dr. and Aquitaine Ave.

Acting Inspector Ray Young of the Peel Regional Police said 10 children were playing near the lake with a ring buoy-type life preserver when Mildred slipped.

A third member of the Campana family, an 11-year-old boy, tried to push the life preserver toward his brother, but was unable to do so.

The lake bottom has a steep slope in the area where the drowning took place. The police scuba unit was called in to investigate, and they

reported that visibility in the lake at the time of the accident was one foot at the top and two feet at the bottom. The temperature was 72 degrees F. at the top and 60 degrees F. at the bottom.

An inquest will be held, according to coroner Dr. John Dodds, "to publicly find out what happened and to protect others from it happening again."

Dr. Dodds said the purpose of the inquest is not to find blame with anyone, but simply to protect the public. He said the inquest will be held as soon as possible.

Lyle Love, commissioner of the city's Recreation and Parks Dept., said that swimming is not allowed in the lake because of the water quality. Meadowvale residents had requested that swimming be allowed, but since the water is run-off from storm drains, it was decided it was not clean enough for swimming.

As a result, "no swimming" signs are posted all around the water. It can be used for canoes, rowboats, or small sailboats.

Love said that testing of the water for its quality will continue, and if it is found that it is safe for swimming, a supervised beach area could be set up.

But he refused to speculate on the possibility of this happening, stating that it is something that would have to be monitored all summer.

The lake has been turned over to the city by the developers, Markborough Properties. A gala grand opening for the lake and surrounding park is planned for June 24.

## Specifications in French

# Anglo engineer cries foul

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A Mississauga businessman claims his construction company has been discriminated against in its bid for a federal overseas foreign aid project because the technical specifications were available only in French.

Streetsville resident Colin Davis is vice-president of Pro-Eng

Buildings Ltd., a firm that specializes in the engineering and construction of steel structures. The prime contractor for the Canadian International Telecommunication project had invited Pro-Eng to bid for a sub-contract to build 72 steel shelters for electronic equipment.

All the tender documents were in

English, Davis told The Times; however, all the technical specifications were written in French. Davis has pursued the matter through every level of government involved but there seems little that can be done. The list of letters and phone calls stretches to two pages.

"I'm pretty upset about this," Davis said. "The prime contractor, the SNC Group in Montreal, told

me that the CIDA terms of reference called for French-only specifications. Officials at CIDA told me the African countries involved were French-speaking and wanted the specifications in that language. He also said it would be too expensive for the contractor to work in two languages."

"I'm pro-bilingual," Davis said. "You can't compromise a government bilingual policy on the grounds of economics. Besides, if the working language of the country receiving Canadian aid is Chinese, does that mean we would be issued specifications in Chinese?"

He did receive that phone call, Davis confirms, except it was simply an unofficial "highlights" description that condensed 11 pages of detailed specifications into one and a half pages. "At the end of the verbal description the SNC Group representative told my secretary 'Don't quote me on this.'"

A short time later a three-foot-long Telex "addendum" to the specifications was received by Davis. It was in French.

Davis contacted Mississauga MP Tony Abbott's Small Business Centre in Ottawa for help on the matter but "their help added up to the square root of zero." Abbott is the Minister of State for Small Business.

## Rapist convicted of 18 sex crimes

By JIM ADAIR  
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A man who pleaded guilty to three charges of rape and 15 other sex offences committed in a 12-month span in Mississauga and Toronto was to be sentenced this morning in Ontario Supreme Court.

Barry John Payne, 22, of Toronto, was arrested and charged last July 17. He pleaded not guilty to a 19th charge of possessing a weapon for the purpose of committing an indecent assault.

Evidence presented in court this week stated that Payne presented himself to his victims nude, with his underwear or a t-shirt covering his face. Usually he was armed with a rifle or handgun.

Detective Roddy Piukkala of the Peel Regional Police told the court Payne would usually tell the women to "be quiet and they wouldn't get hurt." On some occasions, he fled when another person came upon the scene.

Two of the Mississauga incidents took place May 16, 1977, when Payne approached two girls on Roche Court, the evidence stated. Payne was naked, and

the girls made such a noise that he fled.

But later that night, a woman was raped in an underground parking garage across the street from the scene of the first incident.

Payne pleaded guilty to two other indecent assaults in Mississauga, plus another weapons charge. All of the incidents occurred in the Clarkson area near the QEW and Southdown Rd.

Psychiatrist Hans Jochin Arndt told the court yesterday that Payne told him he committed almost 100 rapes. He said in his opinion, Payne was very frustrated and angry because he was not accepted by his parents or by his fiancée's parents.

In his summation, defence lawyer Dennis Morris said Payne was remorseful and had been a "model prisoner" since his arrest. He said Payne was eager to have treatment and begin rehabilitation, and requested a light sentence.

But crown attorney M. G. Morten argued that Payne was in control of himself when he committed the crimes, and was dangerous to women. He asked for the maximum life sentence.

After appealing the SNC Group situation the SNC Group gave Pro-Eng an eight-day extension on the bid to allow the firm time to translate the technical documents. The president of CIDA, Michel Dupuy, State for Small Business.

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