

# Year end review

**APRIL 7**  
John Graham's years of conflict with the law, ended with the decision by Mr. Justice Edson Haines to declare the Mississauga man a dangerous sex offender.



January: Violent crime on the increase.

Graham stood silently as the judge told him, "You are a dangerous criminal psychopath." The 26-year-old will be kept in custody in the Oak Ridges maximum security division of the Ontario mental hospital at Penetanguishene.

Graham was arrested Feb. 1, 1975, eight days after his parole from Kingston Penitentiary and charged with rape and armed robbery. He had been released after serving two years and three months of a three-year, four-month sentence for unlawful confinement and the indecent assault on a 13-year-old girl.

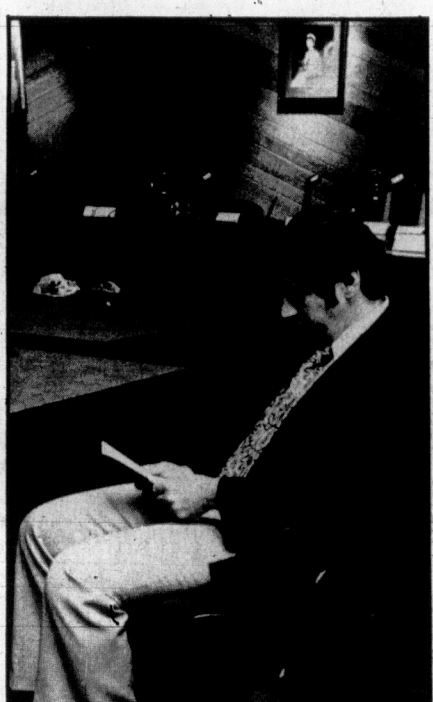
David Busby was acclaimed as the NDP's candidate for the new provincial riding of Mississauga North in the next Ontario election. Busby had lost narrowly to Progressive Conservative Terry Jones in the preceding election.

Mayor Martin Dobkin confidently announced that he would seek re-election in the December municipal election this year. "The developers are going to spend a tremendous amount of money trying to make sure I'm not re-elected," he said.

The Peel Board of Education removed a substantial number of fluorescent lights from all of its schools and initiated a program of lowering thermostats to cut energy costs. The moves could save the board up to \$400,000 a year.

The \$14.8 million Peel regional police budget will allow the hiring of only 25 of a requested 75 new officers that experts claim are needed to maintain the present standard of service.

Garnet McGill, chief of the Mississauga and Toronto Township police forces for 25



February: Judicial inquiry and suits.

years, died suddenly in hospital on Tuesday. Peel council reversed its earlier decision and will now go ahead with a summer-long \$60,000 spraying program to kill mosquito larvae and reduce the risk of an encephalitis outbreak.

Julie Sheldon, the 18-year-old English girl who survived a vicious attack in 1974 by a convicted murder-rapist, Henry Williams, began training last week as a cadet with the Peel police.

A 17-year-old girl, charged with shoplifting and failing to appear in court, spent a month in jail awaiting trial, a longer period of incarceration than would normally be given for the crime itself. Judge Kenneth Langdon blamed the overburdened facilities at Peel provincial court house for the situation.

Peel police arrested two 14-year-old boys and one 15-year-old boy who vandalized Woodlands school, causing an estimated \$17,000 in damage. The boys kicked out a rear window to get in last Nov. 22 and then sprayed a fire extinguisher in the hallway. In the cafeteria, cartons of milk were thrown against the walls. The worst damage was done to the gymnasium floor — a fire hose was used to flood it.

The Variety Club's bikeathon of 20 miles on Sunday raised \$67,000 for Variety Village's handicapped young children. An estimated 5,000 cyclists took part.

Peel Board of Education's budget and finance committee set a top limit on the 1976 budget of \$119 million and gave the board's staff the job of finding a way to cut back from \$120.5 million.

City council has voted to reduce garbage collection for those living in single-family and semi-detached homes from twice to once a week, saving \$400,000 in 1976.

Mississauga North MPP Terry Jones revealed the contents of his report on young people and drinking. It called for raising the minimum drinking age from 18 to 19. The recommendations were

the result of 60 public meetings and consultations. Ward 6 Councillor David Culham threw his hat into the mayoralty ring to become the fourth man seeking the mayor's seat of council in 1977.

Residents turned out in the hundreds at a regional council meeting Thursday night to protest the possible development of a regional garbage dump in either central Mississauga or on the border with Halton. The majority present was from the new community of Meadowdale. They made it clear that a proposed shared Peel-Halton dump on the Ninth Line, south of Highway 401, would be completely unacceptable.

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Thomas Hadley, the Mississauga fire department captain forced to retire at age 60, has won back his job and will receive a year's retroactive pay. The city had dismissed Hadley in accordance with a policy of retiring firefighters at age 60. He appealed and the Ontario Human Rights Commission ruled in his favor that

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Immigrants living in Mississauga have no facilities where they can get assistance, according to an 80-page report partly funded by Peel Community Services. "The fact that right now there is not one place or centre devoted to ethnic indicates something is missing," the author of the report said.

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A Mississauga Transit bus driver has been suspended for one day without pay for being "discourteous to the public." Driver Robert Holmes was angered by the ruling and decided to picket city hall on Tuesday to protest.

A new city bylaw that would ban the riding of bicycles on sidewalks has caused a storm of protest by the public. In debate at city council, it was suggested that certain smaller children's bikes should be allowed on sidewalks. The city solicitor was told to work these concerns into the draft bylaw.

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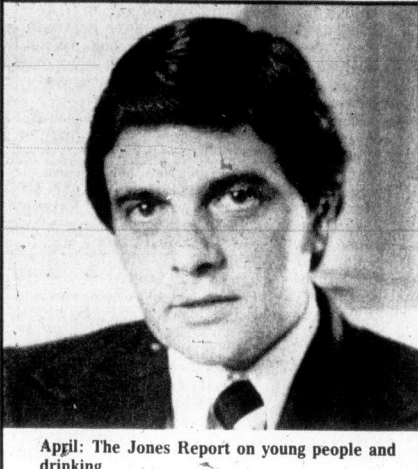
The one-week strike by local public health nurses ended Friday, but the Peel Health Unit's lockout of nurses continued. The Ontario Nurses Association responded Monday by laying charges of unfair labor practices and discrimination against the unit.

Despite the Ontario government's criticism of some municipalities and regions for waiting too long to start a mosquito-spraying program, Peel's \$60,000 spraying program has proceeded on schedule for the last month and a half. The Peel medical officer of health, Dr. Robert Appleford, said that the "flap" over the slow start in some areas did not apply in Peel. The spraying program is designed to reduce the risk of an encephalitis outbreak this summer.

James Arthur Camp was sentenced to six months in jail for the attempted rape of a 20-year-old woman. He was also sentenced to an additional indefinite six months. He was found not guilty of another rape charge.

A Peel police officer rescued two sleeping boys from a fire in their Malton home Thursday night after a neighbor saw smoke coming from the kitchen. Richard and Donald Nawak were sleeping in the house on Monica Drive

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April: The Jones Report on young people and drinking.

with her. On a second charge, he was found not guilty of rape of a 30-year-old mother of one.

Mississauga MP Tony Abbott yesterday voted in support of the Liberal government's plan to replace hanging for killers of prison guards and police officers with a mandatory minimum 25-year-term in prison for first-degree murder. "I im-

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