

A visit by Big Bird

Big Bird of Sesame Street fame was on hand to amuse the children when Erindale United Church held its Centennial Summer Celebration on Saturday. Many of the participants wore period costumes and events included a pie-and-bread baking contest, pony rides, horseshoe-

throwing competition, singing, dancing and a barbecue. Pastor Charles Miller played Big Bird and the children are (from left) Robin Buriak, Jill Buriak and Brenda Kelly.

Motor-bike crackdown set

The city will crackdown on illegal use of its parks by mini-bikes and trail bikes, the recreation and parks committee declared Monday.

After hearing explanations from Peel Regional Police Staff Inspector William Snarr about problems policing parks, the committee seemed even more determined than ever to try to curb the problem

Snarr explained that the statistics Snarr produced police department cannot to show the extent of consider patrol of parks a arrests made and warnings

high priority in view of other duties which they tice, especially for must perform. But he juveniles. noted that where there are problems, a yellow patrol car is sent into parks. This

Despite Snarr's es, some comis often followed up by a detachment of the "old mittee members were critical of the way police clothes" squad, who are often fail to pursue dressed as ordinary offenders on bikes. citizens and sometimes William Schofield of provide much more effec-

Malton said he had seen officers sit in their cars while bikes were being ridden illegally in

Wildwood Park. Councillor Fred Hooper added that an officer call-

issued in parks. Drinking ed to Burnbrae Crescent in parks is a common prac- had refused to chase offenders on public iformed bylaw enforce-property within his view. iformed officers to be sworn Snarr said the officers

> tend to immediately. In a report, the city's director of building standards, Keith Cowan, proposed three options to improve enforcement of this "complex" problem. One option calls for a twoman team of uniformed parks personnel to be sworn in as peace officers.

employee, who then in turn -placed the child in The second option is for two-man team of unprocedure.

on parks problems.

building division and regional police are to study the three proposals and bring reports back to the next meeting on July

The recreation and

parks commissioner, Ed

developed. This is general-

ly on the former sanitary

landfill site, just north of

Dundas Street, where a

baseball field and

lacrosses box now stand. They will be relocated.

will be from Dundas,

where a road will wind

around the fringe of the

park and four parking lots

for 450 cars will be

The natural area to the

north is to remain virtually

untouched, although hik-

ing trails will be added.

Dr. Paul Maycock,

botanist at Erindale,

questioned the proposals to put three pedestrian crossings over the river to

allow access to the cam-

through Mississauga was

Khojajian explained that

under the province's En-

vironmental Assessment Act different aspects of

the highway projects - ex-

pected to take a total of

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five years to complete

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available.

The primary entrance

Viking's Kingston home. Immediately following the Thursday decision, Peel's social services department started work on the appeal Only recently did the Ontario Supreme Court rule that provincial judges like Durham did not have

dealing with Peel Children's Aid Society. Judge Warren Durham

ordered that a 15-year-old

girl be placed in the

custody of a Viking Homes

the right to send children The city's recreation directly to group homes department, the city's and then order the local municipality to pay cost. Until that ruling. Durham had made extensive use of the federal Juvenile Delinquent Act (JDA) to do just that, a situation that cost Peel •taxpayers almost a \$1 million last year. They paid \$37 a day for the

group home.

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upkeep of each child in a

Judge Durham could have elected to award custody of the children to Peel Children's Aid Socie-

the

Nude rapist strikes again midnight when they were confronted by a nude man blocked off the area, but in the underground park the man slipped through ing lot of a Roche Cour ing lot of a Roche Court wearing a balaclava. He their dragnet.

apartment building. Metropolitan Toronto On May 16, a woman Police are investigating 17 was confronted by a nude similar attacks on women man wearing a balaclava over the past few months. and armed with a handgun Inspector Robert Midin the underground parking lot of an apartment building at 2360 Bonner daugh said that a team of eight detectives are working on the case, and police Road. As she ran toward the door, her attacker grabbed her by the head, patrols have been stepped up but he was scared off by a noise. Three days earlier, a

The suspect is described as white, in his mid-20s, about six feet tall, with a muscular build, dark hair woman was attacked by a

the parking lot. Police man wearing a blue T-shirt and fair skin.



Where to send troubled children

was armed with a

handgun. The two women

fled through a nearby door

Ten minutes later, a 28-

year-old woman called

police, reporting she had

just been sexually

assaulted by the man in

the underground parking

After the attack, the man

allowed her to leave

through the back door of

lot at 2200 Roche Court.

and called police.

By JAMES BAILEY

again in the Sheridan Mall

police were responding to

a report of an indecent ex-

posure in a nearby

their early 20s were walk-

ing toward the door of the

underground parking lot at

2111 Roche Court after

Police said two sisters in

building.

assaulting a woman

Family court decision sparks Peel appeal

loophole, Judge Durham By SID RODAWAY Peel Region has launch-awarded custody of the 15-ed an appeal against a year-old girl last week to family court legal-loophole the Viking Homes decision last week that has employee, who in turn placed the child in the once again seemingly given the court the right to group home in Kingston. The hearing was attendsend troubled children directly to group homes at local expense without

Parsons and Brampton **Regional Councillor Terry** Miller. At a Thursday com-mittee meeting, Miller pointed the finger at Judge Durham when he said that he was glad "we're finally

problem The conflict between Judge Durham and the Peel CAS has never been fully explained. According to Peel's social services

Councillor Frank Leavers indicated Monday

that it might be a good

idea to offer a five-year

lease so that the authority

and the city could study possible uses well before

making any decision. "We

could get a bunch of hip-

pies in there if we try to

lease it month by month,

The LACAC committee

hopes to get some input on

proposed uses of the land

once the CVCA makes

specific proposals

Leavers said.

Beer garden suggested for Adamson property

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cerned that a tenant be

found to prevent vandalism.

head faces

ed to Aug. 28.

woman in Toronto.

migration case.

By JOHN STEWART which he received for his land to the Ontario Land Anthony Adamson has a Compensation Board. suggestion as to how his Adamson has been living property, expropriated by the Credit Valley Conserin the house on a lease vation Authority, could basis since the expropriabest be used by the public. tion but is moving out in

After years of watching most of the people who visit his former property 'come there to drink beer," Professor Adamson November. Public has concluded that "the drinking of beer is wanted authorities are most con-

in parks. He has therefore suggested that the beautiful estate on Lake Ontario just east of Port Credit be used as parkland, including a beer garden. "Restaurants in parks are very successful in High Park and all throughout Europe," Adamson said. Monday at meeting of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

had sold in a Mississauga condominium complex. The subject of the has been sentenced to six former Toronto Township months in jail. reeve's land was brought up by Ward 2 Councillon

the Order of Canada

Earlier, Adamson,

former head of the Univer-

sity of Toronto's architec-

tural school, proposed to

The CVCA, which ex-

Adamson, meantime,

winner's opinions.

Larry Woodruff, 36, of Mary Helen Spence who said she was interested in Trade board

jail sentence A real estate salesman, Etobicoke pleaded guilty who broke into homes he to charges of breaking and entering, possession of stolen property, persona tion and attempted fraud during his trial in Peel County Court.

Woodruff, a salesman for Michael Taylor Real Estate, was charged after police began an investiga tion into a series of breakins and thefts at 1631 bigamy count Williamsport Dr., a condominium complex in the The president of the Dixie-Bloor area. Mississauga City Board of Trade appeared in provin-On Dec. 22, 1975, an apartment in the complex cial court yesterday chargwas entered with a master ed with bigamy. Stan Heather, 53, of 2170 key and several pieces of expensive camera equip-Sherobee Rd. was remandment were stolen Woodruff later gave the Police allege that equipment to his girlfriend as a Christmas present. Heather was married to a woman for 16 years, but r, another Two days lat recently married a second apartment in the Williamsport complex/was entered A spokesman said the with a master key. Idencharge is related to an im-

After reviewing 10 requests for grants Monday night and turning down all every application to come before it this year, the but one, recreation and parks committee members were told grants should be

completely phased out. Ward 7 Councillor Terry Butt made the statemer

budgeted. have hit The cu

tive enforcement.

Members of the com-

mittee were impressed by

Phase out grant system: Butt iewing 10 re-grants Monday deferred by the group for a grants. That is what we did in Port Credit and it work-and the payers have never really had a chance to say," After reviewing virtually ed fine. We cut out grants Leavers felt.

funds

The Port Credit councompletely and to my knowledge all of the cillor felt "seeding" ing a policy on grants committee has allocated groups who were grants, to help which will be brought back organizations get started to the committee to aid

Halliday, noted that his department will be preparoperating today, without might be the only them in their deliberations legitimate use of public next year.

Erindale prof,

councillor clash

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ment officers to be sworn in and work closely with should have pursued the regional police. The third youths, unless they had calls for the police to es-more urgent matters to atregional police. The third tablish a special parks detail of at least two officers to work exclusively

after the committee refused nine requests for funds from the Streetsville Cadet Centre, Mississauga Air Cadets, the Boy Scouts, the Volunteer Centre for Peel Peel Family Services, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Canadian Cancer Society, Lakeview pletely Anglers and Hunters and the Credit Valley

Philatelic Society. A request by the Block groups," he added. "I think we should make Parent Committee was not approved, but was known our intent to end

P. Credit teen admits starting big Cobalt fire

A 16-year-old Port Credit youth has ad-mitted starting the fire which burned down half of the town of Cobalt last month, The Times has learned.

Prov. Const. Barry Binkley of the OPP's Haileybury detachment and an official of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office in Haileybury arrived in Mississauga by train last week to interview the youth.

The 16-year-old gave a statement to the ficers in which he admitted tossing a /lit cigarette butt into a pile of paint cans. He was

in Cobalt working on a painting job. The fire spread throughout the older section of the town, destroying dozens of buildings and leaving many families homeless.

A police spokesman of the OPP Halleybury detachment said no charges will be laid in conection with the fire.

Although damage in the blaze is estimated the millions of dollars, no one was killed or in the mi njured.

Councillor Frank Bean sports, social service, cultural and other service took objection to Butt's groups. The committee remarks, terming them "a nice motherhood statehas made its intent to have such groups become selfment I can't support. There are certain sufficient quite clear. Butt urged the city "to cultural groups who will take a long, hard look at never be self-sufficient," phasing out grants com-"I cannot support taxnavers' money being used to subsidize many

port.

By JOHN STEWART argued Bean. "I believe we have a certain cultural An Erindale College responsibility which we professor and the recreation and parks committee must recognize. Some groups can never charge chairman, Councillor Fred Hooper, got into an arguenough admission to be Monday night over self-sustaining. We as a the effect of the developcity owe our constituents ment proposals for the Erindale Flats Park. some co-operation to make sure/the se things are

The landscape architects still available for the city hired by the city to prepare the master plan rather than losing them because of lack of supthe park adjacent to Erindale College on the

Councillor Frank Credit River presented Leavers concurred with Butt. He wants the recreatheir proposals. Residents from the area had been intion department to include vited to hear the presentain its next public questiontion and give their views. naire an item asking people if people want their tax The plan prepared by Johnson, Weinstein and money spent on grants. "We've assumed that "We've' assumed that some cultural endeavors are supported, but the tax-

Environment-study pledge called 'joke

1962," says a councillor. By JOHN STEWART An appearance by epresentatives of the On-Mary Helen Spence told general committee that tario Ministry of Transpor the pledge by Barry Khoja-jian of the ministry that tation and Communications (MTC) before separate environmental councillors to discuss the impact studies will be Highway 403 route was done on various sections of academic because the decision was made back in the 12.5-mile highway ty (CAS). If they, in turn, had sent the children to group homes the provincial government would have borne 80 per cent of the daily upkeep cost. The situation threatened

Erindale College that the land be used as a con-ference centre. The reto create a major financial crisis for Peel, but after two years of pressure the quest was turned down by provincial government gave in and this spring an-Erindale Mrs Spence felt the use would have been excellent for the land. nounced a short-term subsidy of 50 per cent for all Juvenile Delinquent Act propriated the land for the

court orders. The JDA also provides appraised value of \$600,000, is doing a that a judge can award the feasibility study to deterchild into the custody of a mine possible uses. foster home or a probation has appealed the value

officer. Using this

\$200,000 scheme

Skateboard setup proposed agent, questioned whether

A proposal for a \$200,000 skateboard facility to be vestigating possible placed in a city park has skateboard clubs, which been made to the recreation and parks United States. A proposal

parks commissioner, Ed Halliday, revealed Monday night that a private in-dividual has proposed the scheme. The city would lease an area in a park to the person who would build the facility.

Halliday said many details still had to be work-ed out, including the location of the park, the length of the lease and the question of ownership of the facility after the lease expires.

proposals by a group known as the Free Spirits The city has been into put skateboard clubs in are common now in the to use city arenas in the summer has been rejected city.

Mississauga on private land. Pickell felt this was a better alternative for the because of the high capital In a report to the com-mittee, the recreation

department also proposed teresting course for riders. lifting the ban o'n The recreation and skateboards in parks. Ofparks committee discussed ficials admitted that up the question Monday night until a little while/ago, and eventually deferred they did not realize the ban had been imposed consideration until Halliday can report back with

when a bylaw was passed last fall. Several committee

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proposal. Cameron Pickell, a members objected to the former Toronto Township change. Councillor councillor, told the committee that there are now Frank Bean, an insurance

further details on the

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the city would not be in creasing its liability exposure by condoning kateboards in parks. The city could be sued if any child were injured.

Recreation officials said the bylaw is not being enforced anyway, and children are using city parks for skateboardin

Councillor Terry Butt wondered whether there was any point in keeping unenforc eable legislation on the books.

The committee also deferred the issue of the skateboard ban to its next session July 11.

department. The recreation and cost of providing "moun-ding" to present an in-