

That was the year that was in Mississauga

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calibre rifle from its case. Brent Todd Lloyd died in Mississauga Hospital 30 minutes after being hit in the chest. Robert Leybourne, 32, of Ellengale Dr. was charged with dangerous use of a firearm, as well as indecent assault on a male, gross indecency and buggery. The sexual offences were not related to the dead boy.

FEB. 27

The owner of the Pink Panther Health Club has been charged with keeping a common bawdy house after members of the Peel Regional Police raided premises on Golden Ridge Rd.

A plane which took off from Toronto International Airport Sunday night turned around near Owen Sound and returned after a passenger suggested there might be a bomb on board. William Nicol, 31, of Montreal, was charged with mischief by unlawful interference and interruption of lawful use of property.

Abortion on demand was taking place at Mississauga Hospital in 1973, according to Dr. Reg Bannister. He claimed the hospital's abortion committee has virtually rubber-stamped requests to terminate pregnancies. There were 252 abortions done at the hospital in 1973.

March

MARCH 6

The Mississauga Hospital women's auxiliary lobby against anti-abortionists should be ashamed, said Dr. Reg Bannister. He said their stand at the annual meeting of hospital members amounted to backing abortion-on-demand at the hospital. The 200 anti-abortion members of the hospital lost in an attempt to have two members elected to the hospital board.

An Erindale College student probably saved Laren Pollard's life when he intervened as a man struck the woman with a rock and then choked her into unconsciousness. The woman was walking along a hallway with a male Erindale College student when he suddenly attacked her with the rock. Police credit Kenneth Turner with saving the woman from serious injury.

MARCH 13

There may be as many as 75,000 disturbed people in Mississauga, 43,000 of them sufficiently distressed to need counselling, according to Peel Family Services director Leonard Wengle.

Four streakers were on hand at Cycle '74 Show at the International Centre in Malton. The publicity stunt was staged just before Joe Einhorn's record-breaking indoor motorcycle jump over 11 cars.

The province halved the \$14.1 million Peel school board request for 1974 construction funds. As a result, there will probably be a heavy reliance on portables for the start of school in September.

MARCH 20

A pregnant Mississauga Post Office sorter, who pleaded guilty to fraud, theft from the mails, possession of hashish and failure to appear in court, was sentenced to four months in jail.

Don Blenkarn, Mississauga MP, said travel-agency operators such as the ones who failed to produce after taking the money of 23 Mississauga high school students for a trip to Italy should go to jail. Cardinal Tours of Toronto failed to pay for the air fares and filed for bankruptcy.

Ten pounds of cocaine, valued at \$1 million, were seized at Toronto International Airport from the false bottoms of two suitcases. A 52-year-old Mexican man was charged with importing a narcotic.

MARCH 27

Peel Regional Police discovered the body of a Polish seaman, Stanislaw Orzechowski, in a ravine behind a Mattawa Ave. industrial plant. The man had been missing for three years.

A small metal fabricating plant on Royal Windsor Dr.

was gutted by fire. Demys Metal Industries had the contents of its storage building destroyed.

Ephraim Barnes, 21, of Baltimore, Maryland was sentenced to two years in prison for the Feb. 10 holdup of B.P. Gas Bar at Dixie and Dundas. Co-accused Euel West of Toronto was granted a new trial after his lawyer said his client hadn't been present for the first day of his trial.

April

APRIL 3

Provincial officials presented \$1 million scheme to improve the Southdown Rd.-QEW traffic circle, but councillors and the public weren't impressed. Councillor Mary Helen Spence said she was disappointed at the proposal and called on the province to join Southdown and Erin Mills Parkway with a bridge over QEW.

City council in an unanimous vote, gave staff a 10 per cent wage hike.

Budget estimates for the Peel Board of Education were a whopping \$82.9 million, up \$12.8 million from 1973. Despite the increase, education officials termed it a stability without much money set aside for new programs.

A streaker confessed in an interview with The Times that he had a couple of beers before making a dash through Sheridan Mall. The unidentified streaker said the cold was part of the challenge to the stunt, but admitted he wouldn't do it again, except on a large bet.

APRIL 10

Rock singer Ronnie Hawkins' Mississauga Rd. home was raided by police. He was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, and conspiracy to traffic in marijuana. Hawkins' home was raided at 9:15 a.m. by 10 Peel regional policemen.



Ontario's Housing Action Program.

Rock singer Ronnie Hawkins was charged with an additional count of unlawful possession of a firearm by Peel regional police.

APRIL 24

A two-year-old child was rushed to hospital suffering from a drug overdose after eating several tablets of PCP which were hidden in a toy giraffe. Two persons were charged with criminal negligence.

The record \$81 million operating budget of Peel Board of Education meant an increase in taxes on the average city home of \$25.

Several Mississauga councillors indicated at a special meeting they would like to see the city centre moved from its present location. Councillor Mary Helen Spence called the present city hall "mediocre" and councillor Hazel McCallion said the intersection of Highways 5 and 10 was the real heart of the community.

Don Blenkarn Mississauga MP announced he was seeking re-election while David Busby was nominated for the second consecutive time as the candidate for the New Democratic Party.

May

MAY 1

The Avion Motor Hotel in Malton has housed up to 4,000 illegal immigrants in the last nine months, feeding them steaks and roast beef and supplying cable TV in their rooms, it has been revealed. The accommodations were apparently arranged with the blessing of the federal immigration department.

A baby was born in the back seat of a car on Dundas St. near confederation Parkway as the father frantically drove toward the hospital. Mother said Mona Dahab: "I really don't know what happened myself. It was all

irrelevant.

MAY 15

The Peel animal shelter came to the rescue of a dog who wouldn't be accepted for jurisdictional reasons by other dog pounds in the Metro Toronto area. When an animal is in trouble, Peel never refuses," said a local worker.

Despite a negotiated agreement, 850 Canadian Admiral workers walked off the job in Lakeview. A negotiating committee had finally come to an agreement with management, but the contract was overwhelmingly rejected by the membership.

A gallery owner in Sheridan Mall decided not to go ahead with an exhibition where a nude model was to have her portrait painted when he was told by police he would be charged. Ara Run of Tonara Art Gallery was advised by mall managers and police to forget the idea. The model wore a bikini.

MAY 22

It was the worst rain storm in Mississauga memory backing up countless sewers, flooding hundreds of basements and causing an estimated \$1 million damage. The city's fire department had over 212 calls in a three-hour period. At one point, a car was seen floating down the Cooksville Creek. Hardest hit areas were Streetsville, Lakeview and Port Credit.

A streaker at a school assembly was suspended for two weeks by the principal. About 300 students walked out of class to protest the suspension, but all returned to class one day later.

The city planning commissioner, responding to a charge by developer Bruce McLaughlin that there was a communication gap between the city and McLaughlin Group, said any deficiency was caused by problems in McLaughlin's staff.

MAY 29

Prime Minister Pierre

of "legalized lynching." He wondered how people who don't live in this country could make such judgements on the trial.

Dr. Wyman Harrison of Erindale College told Mississauga planning committee that at least five homes in the Credit Woodlands and an undetermined number of cluster homes in Meadowvale were in danger of sliding into the Credit River ravine. The committee recommended adopting Dr. Harrison's Valley Rim Line for hazardous slopes as city policy.

JUNE 12

A city tax hike of \$60 or \$70 a home (or about 10 per cent) was predicted as the result of Mississauga's proposed \$17.3 million budget.

A major industrial study released by the city's planning department warned that a shortage of labor, poor public transportation and a lack of affordable homes could seriously slow Mississauga's industrial growth.

Proposed provincial riding boundaries would give Mississauga three seats rather than its current one and a half. Neither Douglas Kennedy nor Premier William Davis, area representatives, were particularly happy with the recommendations which will see them each lose most of their ridings.

Progressive Conservative leader Robert Stanfield was to make his first appearance in Mississauga at the Square One shopping plaza.

JUNE 19

Two Mississauga firms near Dixie Rd. were listed among the top five lead-pollution sources in Ontario in a report tabled in the Ontario legislature. Tonelli Co. and ESB Canada caused lead concentrations in nearby soil reaching 1,900 times the level considered excessive by health authorities, the report stated.

school in September. The ministry of education had not indicated if it would supply further funds.

The chief engineer of a vessel docked at Lakeview Generating Station had his right arm torn off in an industrial accident. The Midland man was working in the hold of a ship when an unloading machine jammed.

July

JULY 3

Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau told a noon-hour audience of 1,500 people at Square One that "gimmicky solutions and overnight magic" are not the answers to Canada's inflationary problems. Trudeau was introduced to Mississauga candidate, now MP Tony Abbott, calling Mississauga a "great constituency."

Mississauga jockey Sandy Hawley missed out on a royal handshake at the 115th running of the Queen's Plate. Hawley, aboard Native Aid,



Mayor Martin Dobkin changes sign as Mississauga becomes a city with the advent of Peel regional government Jan. 1, 1974

displayed their naked posteriors before two plainclothes police officers. The two were arrested but were granted conditional discharges later in provincial court by an amused Judge Gerry Young.

JULY 17

Police chief Doug Burrows said organized crime is alive, but not very well in Peel. "Our citizens can rest assured that the situation is under control," Burrows said, adding he felt the Toronto media had taken police comments on organized crime out of context and blown them out of proportion. However, Burrows admitted "there are groups similar in philosophy to the Mafia and La Cosa Nostra operating in Ontario, some in Peel Region."

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church in Port Credit for Patricia and Richard Heys, who were killed while on a honeymoon in Calgary. A gas leak from a faulty swimming pool was

lice bites and bruises were discovered on the bodies of Michael and Shelly Martin in a near-drowning in Port Credit. Edino Guidino, 37, was charged with two counts of assault causing bodily harm.

JULY 31

Bobby Nichols captured the Canadian Open championship held at Mississauga Golf and Country Club, picking up \$40,000 in prize money and the Peter Jackson Trophy. Home-town favorite Ben Kern finished 17 strokes behind the leader in a tie for 69th place with Ras Allen of Dallas. The odds-on favorite was Jack Nicklaus. He lost his chance to win the only big tournament he has never captured, by gambling on the par-five 12th hole and landing his shot in the Credit River.

In a radical departure from established planning policy in Ontario, Mississauga's planning committee voted to move to rezone property in Erindale without the owner's consent. On a motion from councillor

with in the closed-door sessions.

AUG. 21

Henry Robert Williams of Streetsville was arrested and charged with the attempted murder of Julie Sheldon, as well as the murders of Neda Novak and Constance Dickey. Williams was charged with beating the girl who was visiting Canada from England, and stabbing her in the back in a field north of Winston Churchill Blvd. and Dundas Highway. The arrest of Williams culminated a year-long investigation following the rape-murder of Constance Ann Dickey of Prescott, Ont., who was found tied to a tree in a heavily-wooded area of Erindale campus on Sept. 16, 1973. Less than a month later, Neda Novak of Sheridan Homelands was reported missing. Her body was found in May by a fisherman in a pile of lumber near the Streetsville Cemetery.

Remy Guillemette, 9, of Port Credit was killed when he was struck by a train while crossing a railway trestle near Mississauga Rd. and Front St. in Port Credit.

AUG. 28

Mississauga council has set a record \$17.5 million budget for 1974. A 20 per cent increase in municipal mill rates indicated taxes on an average home assessed at \$30,000 would climb \$105.60 from \$513.60 to \$619.20. Keeping the rise to 15 per cent meant a reduction in the increase to about \$80. Regional council was to meet in September to complete its budget.

Mississauga's 210 firefighters narrowly ratified a \$13,660-a-year wage offer, a 15 per cent hike that left them \$400 behind their Toronto counterparts.

Jose Ignacio and Elvin Rojas, soccer players from the Dominican Republic, charged with stealing \$16.01 worth of clothing from the K-Mart store in Mississauga, were granted absolute discharges in provincial court.

September

SEPT. 4

A family of six narrowly escaped death when they were rescued from their blazing Nigel Dr. home by Mississauga firefighters. Richard Sergeant was treated in Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for smoke inhalation, while his wife Sally, was taken to Wellesley Hospital in Toronto for second-degree burns to 50 per cent of her body.

Picket lines of office and development protesters, many of Peel's 76,000 public and high school students as they returned to classes. The 360 members of Local 1628 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees walked off their jobs at the Peel Board of Education offices, demanding a 15 per cent wage increase and extra benefits.

Woodlands high school student Ann Bryan soared to her best-ever distance of 19 feet 7 3/4 inches to capture the women's long jump title at the Canadian senior championships in Edmonton.

SEPT. 11

The wait for Mississauga's 1974 municipal tax rate has ended, with owners of homes assessed at \$30,000 being taxed \$601, up 16.88 per cent over 1973.

The 360 striking office and clerical workers at the Peel Board of Education returned to work after voting to accept a board offer of 10 per cent wage increase — which they had rejected one week earlier.

About 215,000 residents celebrated Mississauga's first birthday at the highly successful City Day which featured parades, fireworks, cross-country road and bicycle races, water-ski and gymnastic displays and rock concerts.

SEPT. 18

The Environmental Advisory Board recommended to the city's planning committee that a tree bylaw be established in

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August

AUG. 7

Eight Israeli sub-machineguns were seized by police at Toronto International Airport after an Air Canada employee spotted an ammunition magazine sticking out of a cardboard box in the Cargo building.

Residents voiced opposition to a proposed development of apartment towers on the Adamson estate property by Lake Ontario just east of Port Credit. John Alexander said the application was "a travesty of the use of the land which just shouldn't be allowed to happen." He said residents would oppose the plan at an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing later in the month.

Danny Adams, 17, of Mississauga was sentenced to three months in jail for the accidental shooting death of his friend Robert Scott. Adams had pleaded guilty to the charge of criminal negligence causing death.

AUG. 14

Police reported that a man, walking north on Dixie Rd., south of Bloor, spotted a UFO — an unidentified flying object — "travelling rapidly across the sky in a westerly direction." He described the object as an "oval-shaped, white fluorescent disc." Peel radio room received numerous calls from Erindale residents at about the same time complaining of loud explosions. Cause and location of the explosion was unknown.

A \$33,000 report, approved by council, recommended ending the present system of five standing committees and replacing them with four policy advisory committees. These would consist of five councillors and would meet in private sessions. The report, by consultant firm of Stevenson and Kellogg, suggested policy creation and achievement review as subjects which could be dealt

Peter Demeter

believed the cause of death, filling the room of a house where the couple was staying with friends.

JULY 24

Mississauga lawyer Hugh McColl Harrison, who was missing for three weeks aboard his yacht, was found dead, floating in his lifejacket in waters two miles off Tobermory, Ont. Harrison, 55, had been the subject of an intensive air and sea search by police and armed forces aircraft.

Damage claims by Mississauga residents as a result of the May 16 flood were estimated at over \$1-million by city clerk David Turcotte.

Aftermath of big storm that struck Mississauga May 16 and caused widespread flooding.

A woman living in a home on North Service Rd. asked city council to rezone her property because it was impossible to live with QEW traffic noise. Said Mrs. M. Chapman said in a letter: "I feel there should be a stop light in my bedroom."

Councillor Ron Searle won his lengthy battle to prevent council from approving recommendations it had made on the same day they were introduced.

MAY 8

A fisherman, who overturned a wooden skid on the east side of the Credit River near Streetsville, found the decomposed body of 18-year-old Neda Novak who had been missing since Oct. 5, 1973. The Erindale Secondary School student had been killed by multiple stab wounds.

Credit Valley Golf Club entered into an agreement to sell 14 acres of its land near Old Carriage Rd. in spite of an apparent promise in 1972 never to sell any more club land. A ratepayer spokesman, Mrs. Diane Francis, called the action "in terribly bad faith." Golf club spokesmen said they had always intended to sell the Old Carriage land.

Dr. Frank Rigler of Port Credit told the Credit Valley Conservation Authority that its environmental impact study for the Mississauga Waterfront Plan "isn't worth the paper it's written on." Dr. Rigler called the report superficial and largely

so fast I couldn't believe it." She just relaxed and decided to "let it all go" — and the baby was born.

Under terms of a new agreement, Peel elementary school teachers could earn up to \$18,865 a year. The agreement provides for a 7.8 per cent wage hike.

Figures released by regional engineer William Andeson show were 4.2 inches fell in Erindale May 16 than during Hurricane Hazel in 1954. The Erindale rain recording was the highest in the province and exceeded the once-in-a-century storm that sewers are designed to take.

Mississauga put up \$5,000 as the start of a disaster-relief fund following storm.

June

JUNE 5

In a tension-filled and packed Peel county courtroom, Judge Barry Shapiro gave Paul Smithers a six-month sentence in the manslaughter of fellow hockey player Barrie Cobby last year. In his sentencing, Shapiro said he felt sorry for Smithers and his family. The judge criticized those who had characterized the trial as "racist" and a case

A Mississauga man, originally sentenced to a prison term of two years less a day, had his sentence increased to eight years in penitentiary by Ontario Court of Appeal. Edward Garfield Robinson received the extra term after the appeal court ruled Peel County Court Judge Barry Shapiro had rendered inadequate terms and made an error in principle in sentencing.

The crown attorney's office asked for permission to appeal the three-month jail sentence given to a Toronto man for abducting a five-year-old Mississauga girl.

JUNE 26

The Times revealed that Peel regional police were investigating seven attempted murders at the Texaco plant in Port Credit. Police said a "mentally deranged person" put poison in the tea made by the men. The arsenic placed in the tea was largely absorbed by the men. The men might have died had they made coffee. Two of the men were hospitalized for a week. Police had no suspect in the case.

Two 16-year-old Mississauga youths "mooned" out of the window of a car, imitating a scene from the movie American Graffiti at Square One. Unfortunately, they