



### Unidentified flying plate

12-year-old Kim Wydja gazes at an unidentified flying object at Burnhamthorpe Library. The UFO was made during the library's craft day last Saturday. It wasn't an early April Fool's joke.

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## Local couple's Caribbean cruise goes up in flame

By CONNIE RAE  
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A Meadowvale West couple will never forget their first Caribbean cruise. Their cruise ship burned.

They even have pictures of the burning ship for their photo album. Bob and Dorothy McGuffin of Salerno Crescent were among 50 Canadians who returned to Toronto International Airport Sunday wearing nothing but shorts, T-shirts and sandals. They were carrying nothing but a shopping bag and camera, filled with color pictures of the ill-fated Angelina Lauro, which caught fire and sunk in St. Thomas Harbor in the Virgin Islands last week. The ship was scuttled to avoid setting fire to dockside fuel tanks.

McGuffin said it was the couple's

first cruise, but they didn't have any regrets since the cruise was almost over when the ship caught fire early Friday afternoon, apparently after a propane stove exploded.

The McGuffins were shopping in Charlotte Amalie when the fire broke out. When they returned at about 4 p.m. they watched the fire and took pictures.

Later that evening Sunflight Tours arranged passage to Puerto Rico aboard the Sun Princess and they were given accommodation and \$100 to cover immediate expenses.

All their belongings sank to the bottom of the harbor with the ship.

The McGuffins lost evening gowns and suits and even their house keys.

They had to get back into their home by breaking a window.

## Big Brothers veto unauthorized draw

The board of directors of Big Brothers of Peel is refunding money to people who bought tickets for a draw which used the Big Brothers' name without permission.

After a special meeting this week, the board decided to purchase newspaper advertisements to explain the problem and apologize to the community.

About 337 \$1 tickets were sold for a draw for a week's holiday at Disneyworld. The tickets stated that the draw was "in aid of Big Brothers Hockey."

Application for a lottery licence was

made by a member of the Peel Big Brother hockey team, which has no official connection with the Big Brothers organization although the players are all Peel Big Brothers.

The applicant has since resigned from the organization.

The board has recovered all of the tickets it is aware of and is refunding money from its general revenues. The draw was not intended to raise money for a hockey tournament of Big Brothers teams this weekend at Port Credit Arena. Board chairman Dennis Hobbs says he has no idea what the funds were to be used for.

## Liberals scramble to find enumerators

By JOHN STEWART  
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The last-second federal election call has caused serious problems for riding returning officers, but the worst problems seem to be over

"We were very short of enumerators for a while," says Mississauga North returning officer Keith Shaw, "but we've got good lists now."

The scramble for enumerators resulted because of the late confirmation of the election date. Technically, returning officers were to have confirmed lists of enumerators by last Wednesday at noon, but the deadline was extended in both the North and South ridings.

Shaw finally finished giving enumerators instructions late Monday

night, the first day the enumeration started.

Shaw refused comment on rumors that the North Liberals were far short of the 359 enumerators they are entitled to. Under the Elections Act, the two parties with the highest number of seats in the previous parliament are entitled to name one enumerator per poll.

Asked early Monday how short of enumerators he was, Shaw replied "that's like asking how much water goes over Niagara Falls." A plea for help on a Toronto radio station produced a number.

Eva Upper, the Mississauga South returning officer says she "didn't have one name before 6 p.m. Thursday," but she gave classes to 250 enumerators on Friday.

## Marriage of services favored

By JO ANN STEVENSON  
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Can a marriage between the legal and the counselling services in Peel help keep custody, support and separation cases out of the courts?

A conference held at the Ramada Inn last weekend aimed to play cupid between these varied disciplines.

The consensus of the 100 people in attendance was that a marriage between the two would be a good one.

Jack Spence, executive director of Peel Family Services, says lawyers lack skills in human relations and counsellors lack expertise with the client's legal rights. If the two could work together, he says, people in conflict could resolve their differences out of court.

A planning group will evaluate the conference in a few weeks.

### ELECTION '79

## Local poll shows 31% undecided

Applewood Heights Secondary School teacher Alf Cowling assigned his grade 12 economics students to poll 100 residents each week on the upcoming federal election. Last week Wayne Monk and Mark Trachuk polled people at Square One, Applewood Plaza and on a door-to-door survey.

The Times will publish a running tally of the poll each week.

Question: If the election were today, which party would you vote for?

Progressive Conservatives	28
Liberals	27
New Democratic Party	13
Communist Party	1
Social Credit	0
Undecided	31

## Stuck valve creates 'emergency' at Gulf

By CONNIE RAE  
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If you smelled sulphur Friday afternoon it wasn't your imagination. It was Gulf Oil Canada Ltd. with a sticky valve.

Over 13 Park Royal and east Oakville residents complained Friday to the Ministry of Environment about an odor, described by Audrey Burgess of Sandgate Crescent as "really stinky" and "something fierce."

When confronted with the situation described by Ministry spokesman

John Steele as an "emergency situation in the sulphur plant" due to "equipment failure" Gulf agreed to discuss the matter.

According to John Moysiuk, Gulf refinery manager, the problem arose about 2 p.m. Friday in the new lubricating equipment.

Moysiuk said that a control valve shut down in one of the high pressure separating tanks processing oil and hydrogen. This resulted in oil passing into the sulphur unit, which is

equipped to handle only vapors and gases.

This necessitated shutting down the carbon monoxide steam boiler, leaving the incinerator and flare valve as the only alternative routes for emitting the hydrogen sulphide.

When the valve to the incinerator stuck, the company then vented the hydrogen sulphide through the flare valve emitting the nauseous odor.

The company was alerted to the danger by an alarm and workmen then following contingency plans manually turned off valves preventing further flow of the oil and hydrogen mixture, Moysiuk said.

"We try to be good corporate citizens, but you just can't guarantee that further situations don't arise," Moysiuk said, adding that the company was installing a second sulphur plant as an extra backup measure.

Andy Adler of the Ministry's Oakville office told The Times that he didn't think the emissions were enough to cause "any real damage to health."

Hydrogen sulphide has an extremely low odor threshold and the smell would be detected at even very low levels, he said. At higher levels, it would cause irritation to the eyes and at even higher levels would cause irritation of the upper respiratory tract.

He added that none of the complainants had cited these factors.

"If anyone is experiencing them, they should not hesitate to contact their doctors," he added.

No charges have been laid.

## Valleys day care centre gets region approval

By JOHN CHALLINOR  
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Mississauga Valleys residents will finally get the day care centre they've needed since 1973.

The centre was to have been deleted from the Peel region budget this year as part of an over-all \$409,000 budget cut but regional councillors voted to keep it alive last week.

"I think the councillors realized that it really was time we opened the centre," said Mississauga Councillor Larry Taylor. "The centre will now be open in September to nearly 60 children, including some handicapped children."

The day care centre has been on

and off the budget since the inception of regional government in 1974.

The construction of the building was approved in 1977, but Taylor has been fighting to get the necessary equipment for the centre. The regional budget will result in a tax rise to \$253 on the average Mississauga home. Last year it was \$244.

Regional councillors were successful in cutting \$384,000 from the budget.

Council decided not to cut \$9,000 out of programs for senior citizens at Sheridan Villa and Peel Manor.

Cuts of \$11,000 in the systems developments plan and \$14,000 in social services grants were also not made.