

# Cat burglar on the prowl

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Residents of a Mississauga neighborhood were warned by Peel police to keep their inside doors locked after a string of cat burglaries last week.

The thief or thieves gained entrance to houses by cutting through a screen door and opening the latch. Owners were keeping the inside door open to allow the night breezes to ventilate the house as they slept.

The cat burglar, described by Peel police inspector Lew Lawson as someone who is quiet, agile, stealthy and nervy, broke into eight houses last week. In most cases, he lifted anything of value within the immediate area of the screen door, but in one case crept into a bedroom and removed a wallet

from a pair of pants as the residents slept.

Police say the burglar made off with \$300 cash from one home on the Bannerhill Avenue - Glenrutley Circle neighborhood and a camera and pair of binoculars from other homes. Cash was taken in most instances.

Lawson said cat burglars tend to appear about once a year in the Mississauga area. Most thieves involved in break and enter operations are fairly certain residents are not occupying their homes when they gain entrance, while cat burglars rely on their ability to sneak in and out without being detected.

Metro police are looking for a man who recently used the same method of operation in the Etobicoke area.

# Ward 2 politician may be out of a job

Electors in ward 2 face the possibility of having their representation on the separate and public school boards cut in half next year.

There are two ward 2 trustees each from the ward on the Dufferin-Peel Separate Board and the Peel Board of Education. But a review of the number of members to be elected to the boards is conducted every four years, and it appears ward 2 may be entitled to only one trustee based on shifting assessment factors.

An assessment has been

made on the number of members to be elected to the Dufferin-Peel Board. Rather than 12 of the 16 members being from Mississauga, the assessment says the city is entitled to only 11 members. Brampton will elect four rather than three members and one member will be elected to represent Caledon, Orangeville, Shelburne, Amaranth, East Garafraxa and Mono.

The nine Mississauga wards will each elect one separate board trustee, and the two most populated wards will elect a

second member. The largest wards are ward 3, with 40,269 people and ward 1, with 36,150. Ward 2 has 35,894 people, so it would lose one member.

Regional clerk Larry Button has not yet made the determination for the Nov. 10 public school board election.

But it is possible Mississauga could also lose one member on the public school board and Brampton may gain one.

Button is required to inform the public school board and the city of the number of members to be elected before Sept. 1.

# Parsons is on the GO

Former Peel Regional Chairman Lou Parsons was inaugurated as chairman of the Toronto Area Transit Authority (TATO) in a ceremony last week at Union Station.

Parsons was appointed to the post June 27 by Ontario Premier William Davis.

Parsons takes the gavel from A.T.C. McNab, chairman of the authority since its formation in 1974.

TATO is the provincial organization responsible for commuter rail traffic to Toronto from Peel, Halton, York and Hamilton-Wentworth Regions. Parsons will be directly responsible to the Minister of Transport, James Snow.

Parsons, 46, was born in Port Credit and entered municipal politics as a councillor for the Town of Mississauga in 1967.

In 1971 he was elected Warden of Peel County, making him the youngest man ever to serve as a warden. He was re-elected to that post in 1972, making him the first in 100 years to serve two consecutive terms as Peel warden.

In 1972 he was elected Reeve of Mississauga and in 1973 was appointed as the region's first chairman. He held that post from the beginning of regional government in 1974 until his resignation in 1979.

Parsons re-entered the business world in 1979 devoting all his time to his post as president of Traders Associates. The TATO chairmanship is a part-time position.



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