

Mayor says to look for possible booby-traps

Parents urged to check playgrounds

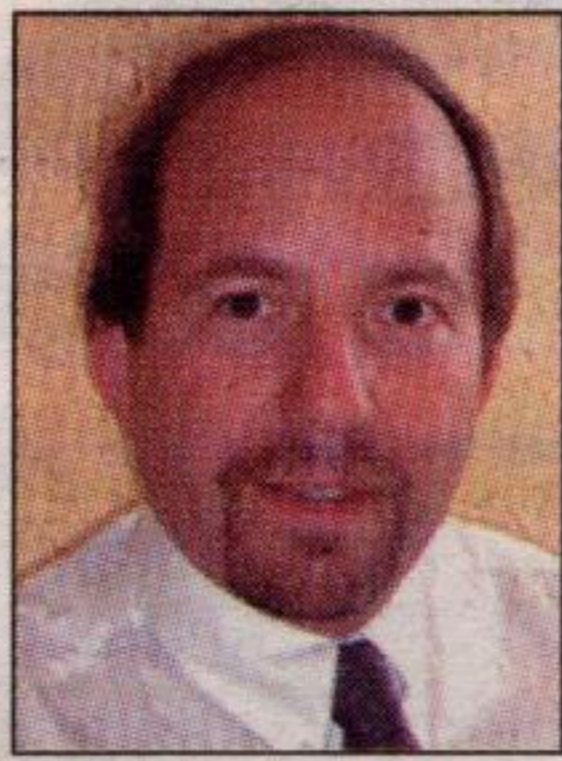
Parents are being urged to check playground equipment in area parks before allowing their children to play after a slide and monkey bars in Burlington were booby-trapped with broken glass.

The glass was stuck on the equipment in Desjardines Park with a silicone/glue compound and discovered by a parent Sunday before anyone was injured.

Halton Police charged a Burlington teen with mischief in connection with the incident after two teens came into the police station with their parents Wednesday night. Police are still investigating.

"Our park and school playground equipment is inspected regularly as outlined in the CSA guidelines," said Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. "But we encourage all parents to be especially cautious given this recent incident in Halton Region."

He said parents should inspect equipment before allowing their chil-



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dren to play on it.

"In fact, as part of the Town's summer camp protocol, summer leaders are required to inspect playgrounds prior to any campers using the playground equipment," said Bonnette.

He added tampering with playground slides and safety rails in playground equipment is the most common and potentially dangerous hazard.

Town playground has been inspected by staff, but anyone discovering evidence of playground tampering is asked to contact the Town's Recreation and Parks department at 905-873-2601 ext. 2274.

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