

No deal

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fair, not a multi-million dollar shotgun put to our head," she said.

A union press release states the board's offer would result in up to 69 teaching positions being cut and give more than \$5 million in concessions to the board in 1997-98.

But Burlington Trustee Robb McLeod, co-chair of the board's salary committee, disputed the figures. He said the final offer involved "less" job losses and dollar savings to the board, though he wouldn't be specific.

"Over the summer months we are prepared to meet with the teachers to find an equitable solution for both sides," he said in a later press release.

Earlier, Mr. McLeod took a shot at the secondary teachers' chief negotiator, Mr. McQueen, indicating the presence of an "outsider" wasn't aiding talks.

"He's not a Halton person," said Mr. McLeod. "He's never been to any of the negotiation or mediation sessions. He's their spin doctor from Toronto."

Ms Carroll took exception to Mr. McLeod's criticism, saying Mr. McQueen plays an important role. "There will be a made-in-Halton resolution," she stressed. "The ultimate decision will be made by Halton teachers. What Jim McQueen provides us with is vast experience in bargaining."

A family fun weekend show

The City Parent Family Show returns to Ontario Place next weekend (July 5-6) from 10:30 a.m. through 6 p.m.

One of Canada's favorite children's entertainers, Lenny Graf, will perform both days.

In addition, dozens of booths will feature information on food, health, toys, leisure, education, financial planning, entertainment, hobbies and more.

There is plenty for parents, who can meet the author of How to Raise Amazing Kids, take rowing lessons or learn how to recycle disposable diapers.

The first day of the show coincides with the Grand Finale of the Benson and Hedges Symphony of Fire.

The normal \$9.95 admission gets you into the park, where you can visit the show and enjoy many free attractions, while a \$19.95 admission gets a full day's use of all rides and attractions.

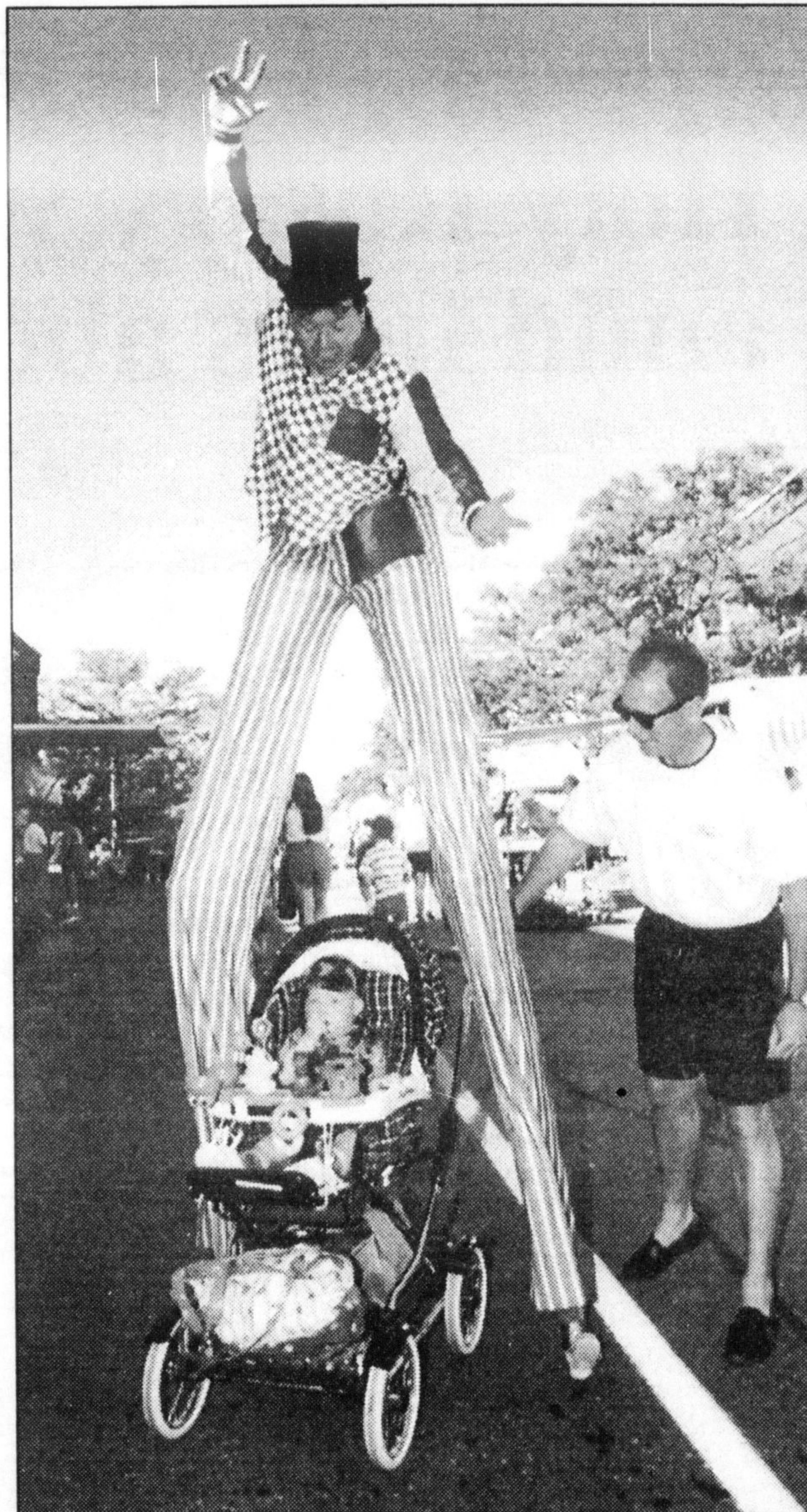


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That's a stretch

Stilt walker 'Daddy Long Legs' enthralled many youngsters — although apparently not this one — Saturday morning at the downtown Farmers Market as part of its 25th anniversary celebrations.

Cops stage crackdown

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If an improvement in proper registration isn't apparent in the region, police will continue with the crackdown, he said.

"In most cases they're oversights," the inspector said. "But we're taking this very seriously and encouraging anyone who owns a restricted firearm to ensure that it is appropriately registered."

Proper registration enables police to keep track of the whereabouts of such weapons in the region, he said.

People wishing to update their records should contact Halton police's firearms registration section at 878-5511.

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