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Fall breaks girl's arm at Kelso

A 10-year-old girl who fell 15 feet into a ravine at Kelso Conservation Area Tuesday wasn't seriously injured.

The Mississauga day camp participant was walking across a log suspended between two cliffs at about 2 p.m. when she lost her footing and fell to the ground.

The girl was unconscious for a short time, said firefighter Mark Cross, who took part in the Milton Fire Department's two-hour rescue.

"She was in a very difficult location as far as a rescue was concerned," he said. "We had to go more than a kilometre into the bush to get to her."

The department's high angle rescue team carried the girl out in a basket, which had to be hoisted up a rock face to reach level ground.

The victim, who suffered a broken arm and facial injuries, was taken by ambulance to Milton District Hospital.

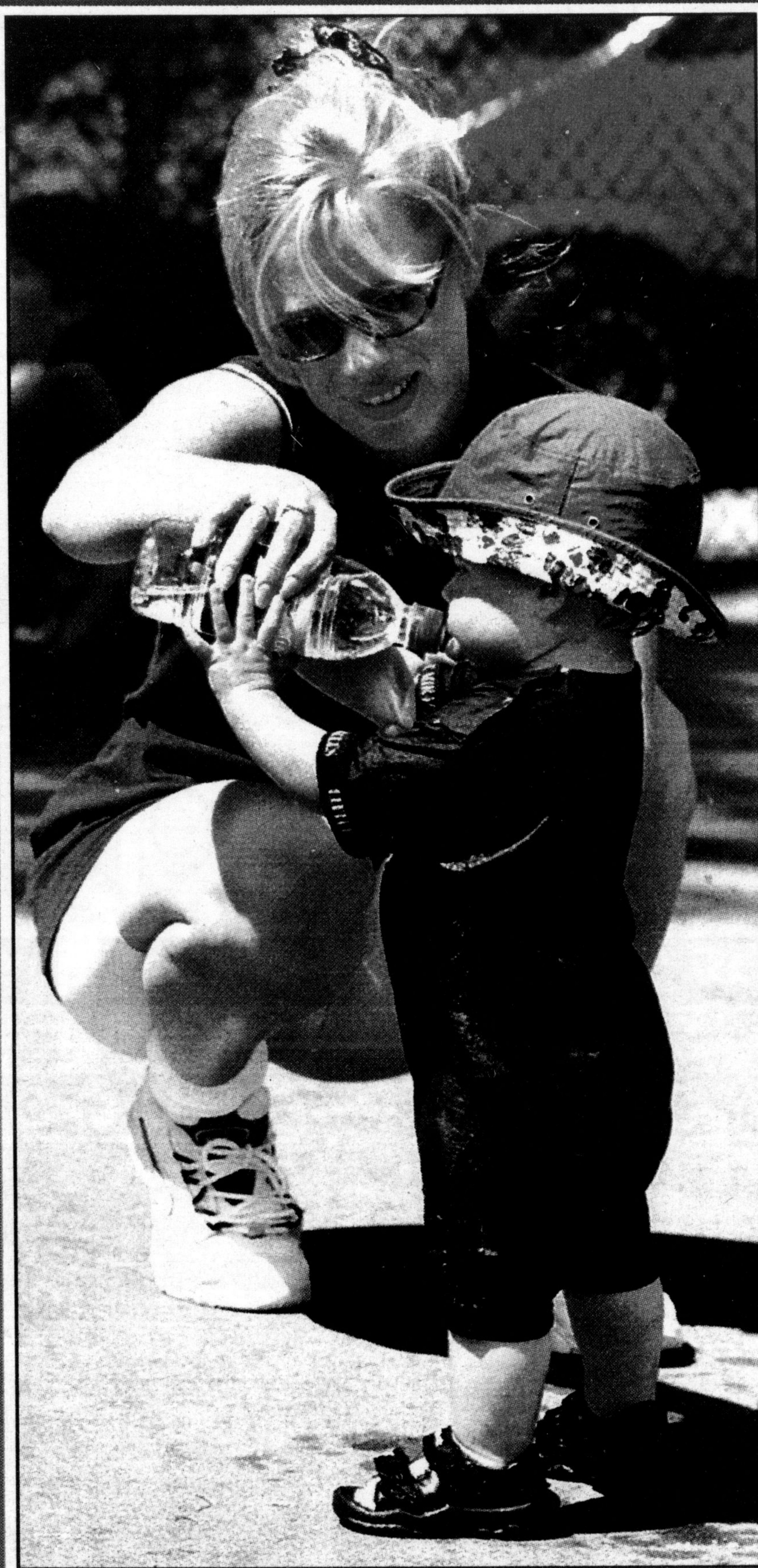


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Time for a refill

With help from mother Tracey Vautour, toddler Tristan enjoys a cool drink of water during an afternoon of leisure at Rotary Park.

Management to look at offer by HASS union

By TIM WHITNELL

Special to The Champion

The executive director of Halton Adolescent Support Services said the striking union's contract counter-proposal contains an interesting idea, but it may not be enough to end the impasse.

Ugo Filice said Thursday 10 of HASS's 13 board of director members would meet that evening to discuss the offer made by Local 262 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

He said a vote would be taken and a result conveyed to union representatives as soon as possible.

The union rep for Local 262, Darrell Baudoux, could not be reached for comment at press time.

HASS's 55 striking members, many of them part-timers, have been on the picket line since rejecting a management contract offer July 16.

The unionized workers have been working without a contract since December 31, 1996.

HASS provides counselling and treatment to more than 750 troubled youths and their families annually.

Mr. Filice said the latest union proposal, which was delivered via provincial mediator Dana Firth, would have unionized workers and management, but not administrators, donate half of one percent of their bi-weekly pay to HASS.

"I don't know if that's gross or net pay or why administrators aren't included," Mr. Filice

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Cruiser damaged in highway chase

About \$2,000 damage was caused to a Halton Regional Police cruiser in a high-speed pursuit on Hwy. 401 Thursday night.

The chase began at 8 p.m. when a 1992 Buick parked on the shoulder of Martin Street north of Steeles Avenue fled upon the arrival of a police officer.

Police said the officer was stopping to help with what he thought was a disabled vehicle when the Buick suddenly drove into reverse and sped away northbound in the southbound lanes.

The Buick turned around and drove onto the eastbound Hwy. 401, refusing to stop for police.

Two cruisers chased the car with speeds reaching 125 km/h, police said.

The fleeing car finally came to a stop after attempting to change lanes. It struck one of the cruisers, went out of control and came to a rest on the south shoulder of the highway.

No one was injured. The Buick sustained \$1,000 damage.

A 49-year-old Ajax man faces two Criminal Code charges of dangerous driving and one each of resisting arrest and breach of recognizance. He's also charged under the Highway Traffic Act with failing to stop for police.

He was held for a bail hearing in Ontario Court (provincial division) in Milton.

NEWSLINES

Pond work delayed

Weed harvesting in the Mill Pond will be delayed until August 5 to allow Milton's full town council the opportunity to approve the measure.

Initial approval for the plan came from the community services standing committee.

Approval is expected at the next meeting of council scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4 at Town Hall.

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