

Trustees worried ...

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Ms Flook said data should be collected about how schools provide a welcome for new students.

But at Oakville Trustee Peter Petrusich's suggestion, the board agreed the committee should not convene until the new year.

"I believe right now we're strapped to the gills with all the work we have to do on the accommodation management committee (school closure reviews)," he said. "I don't know who'd have the time to meet."

Debbie Marklew questioned if hazing would be covered under board codes of conduct for students.

Executive director Dusty Papke said this could be done but Ms Flook may want to establish board-wide parameters for

schools.

But Burlington Trustee David Bird argued it is a board issue.

"We have to have a policy in effect to stop these acts from happening in the future," he said.

The new committee will be comprised of a senior administrator, a secondary school principal, the board's student representative Georgia Simms and at least one trustee.

Nelson students recently collected more than 600 signatures in support of Gummer Days.

The school's advisory council recommended that organized, structured orientation activities continue for Grade 9 students.

Christmas at the lake beckoning

Crawford Lake invites you to discover the beauty and magic of the winter season.

On Saturdays and Sundays until December 20, visitors of the local conservation site can purchase unique holiday gifts and try their hand at snow shoeing.

A trip to the reconstructed 15th century Iroquois Village are also available at 1 and 3 p.m.

Crawford Lake is located on Steeles Avenue and Guelph Line, five kilometres south of Hwy. 401.

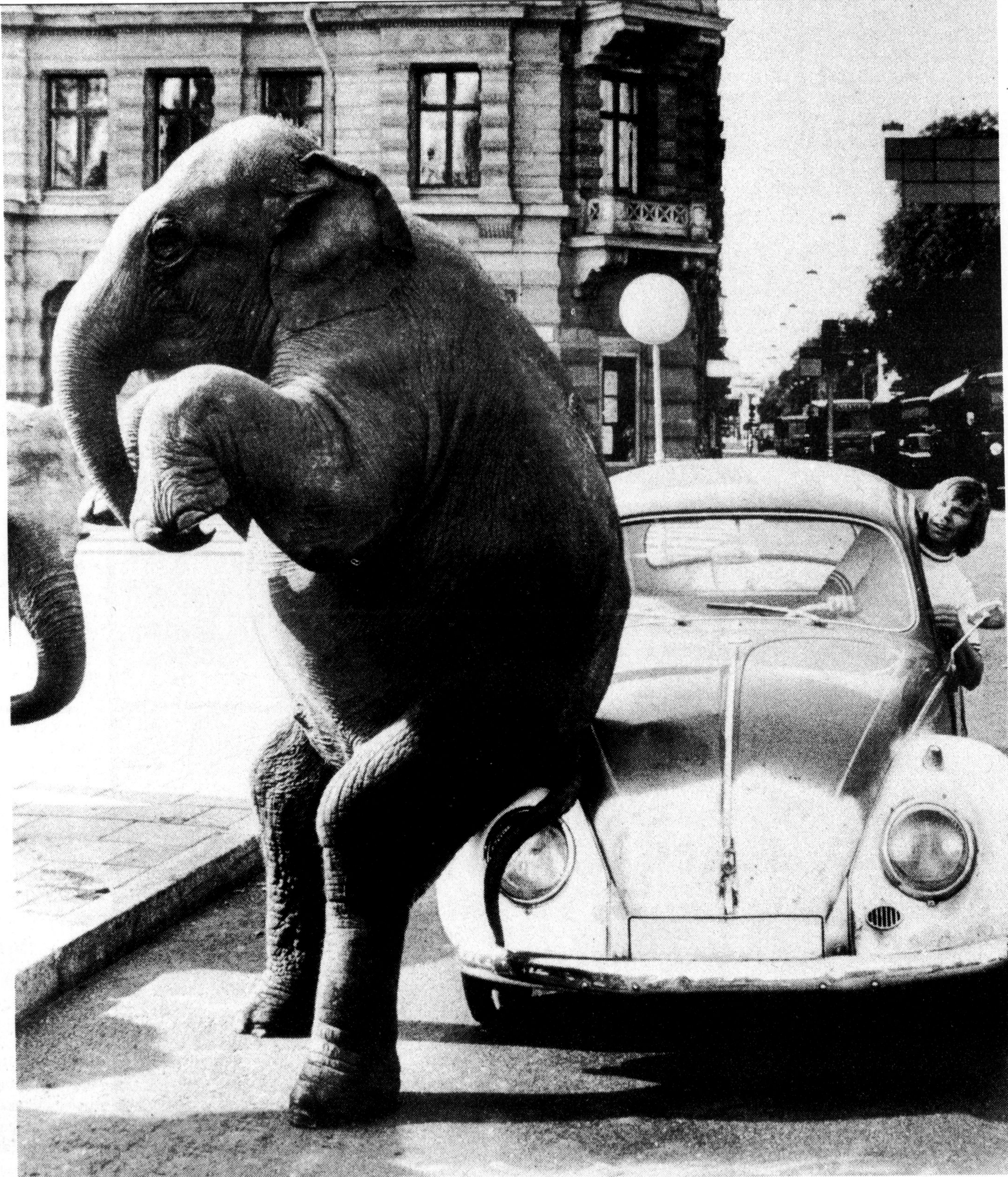
Owl prowls the bookstores

A great horned owl will be making personal appearances at area book stores this Friday to promote Halton: Rising, Wild and Beckoning.


The local conservation authority mascot and accompanying naturalists from Mountsberg will help launch the new publication — which will be used to raise funds for renovation and expansion of the facility's visitors centre.

The book — which retails for \$39.95 — features 160 spectacular photographs that show the natural landscapes that interface Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills are other communities along the picturesque watershed.

Smith Books in Milton Mall will welcome the owl and his friends from 5 to 6 p.m. Anyone purchasing a book at this time will receive a free poster of the Iroquois Longhouse located at Crawford Lake Conservation Area.



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