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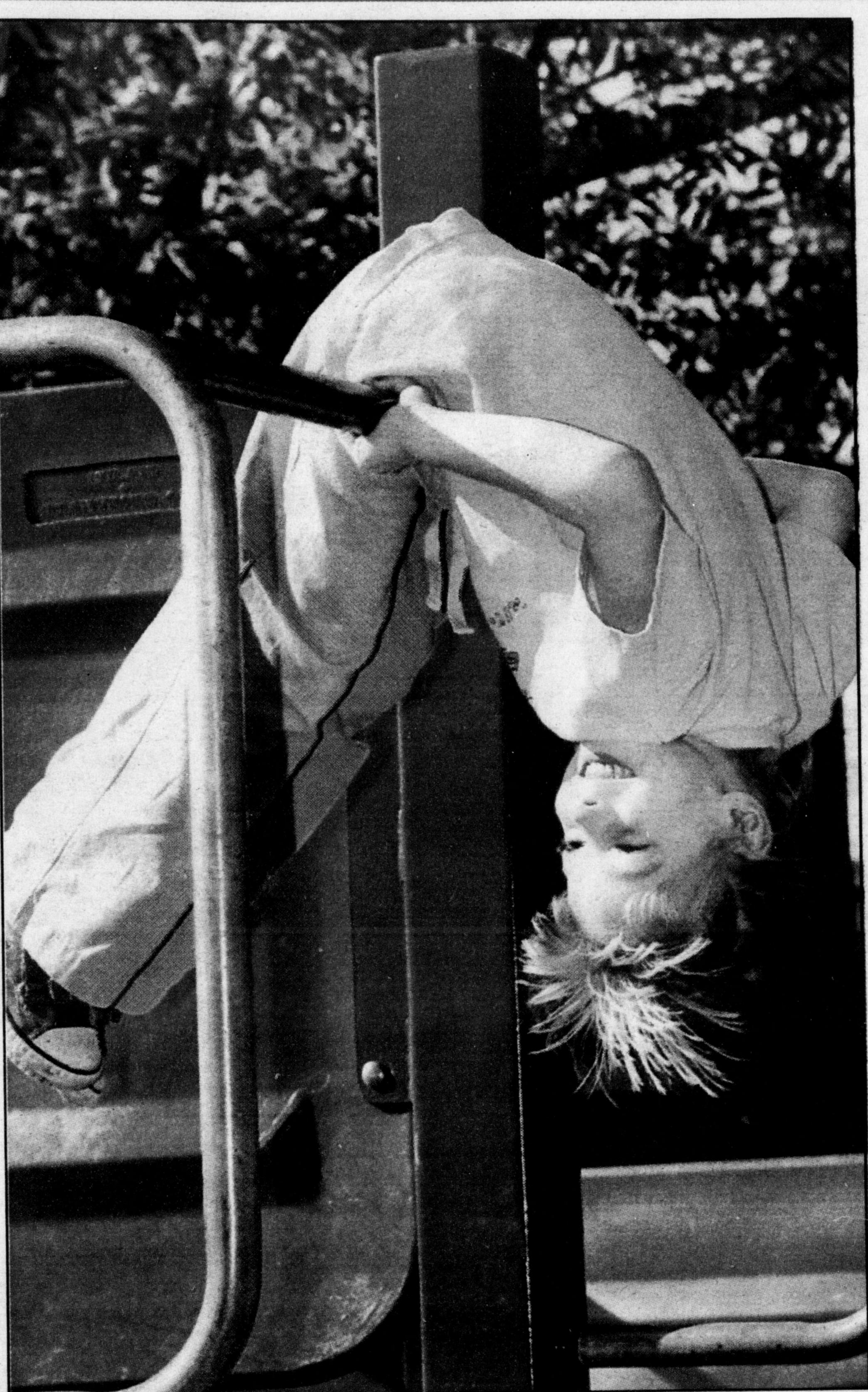


Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Hanging onto summer

Sydney Thring, 5, hangs upside down on the playground at Victoria Park Saturday — enjoying the unseasonably warm weekend weather that was certainly welcomed by the young trick-or-treaters.

# Controversial NE development bid on hold until Y2K

Company says restructuring has put environmental land dispute on ice

#### By IRENE GENTLE

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A controversial hearing over 179 hectares of protected land abutting the Niagara Escarpment has been put on the back burner until February 14, 2000.

The joint board hearing was scheduled to take place in November. But in a surprise move, one of four landowners hoping to pluck their lands out of the restrictive Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) filed a request to defer the hearing until early next year instead.

Jannock Properties Inc. requested the delay, which was granted last week.

Other applications have been made by John Grant, Central Milton Holdings and the numbered company 825927 Ontario Inc. Their combined properties are bordered by Bronte Road to the east, Tremaine Road to the west, and Main

## Plant error causes more brown water

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A spate of brown water in Milton was the result of an error at the pumping plant, said Halton's manager of plant operations Tony Smith.

Murky water poured into Milton homes and businesses late last week after two pumps launched into action at almost identical times created a surge in the system

"It was really quite a coincidence how it happened," said Mr. Smith.

The mix-up began when a valve on a primary water pump was accidentally • see MURKY on page 9

"The issue is one of corporate direction. It is a change of ownership and direction."

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Street to the south. They then veer north toward Milton Heights on the CPR line.

The joint board hearing is meant to determine if the landowners can develop on the protected land, a move that has been bitterly opposed by environmentalists.

Internal restructuring provoked
• see JANNOCK on page 2

## MEWSILIMES

### Halloween quiet

This year, even the mischief-makers were scared away on Halloween and Devil's Night, police report.

"It doesn't look like anything significant happened," said Det. Keith Woudstra of Halton Regional Police. "It was pretty quiet."

This year, the holiday hooliganism was limited to the setting of a few small fires in town.

"Years ago, it seemed there was a lot more going on than now," he noted.

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### TIP OF THE MONTH

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