

Outside to feature bike paths, play huts, bird houses

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the children were instead taken outside with clipboards to draw what they saw happening.

"It really picks up on the children's interests," Williamson noted. "I think parents will be impressed with the type of work their kids are capable of doing (under Reggio Amalia)."

Another aspect of the teaching approach is giving children real materials to use in their work, she said, such as clay and pine cones for their art projects.

"Their work is important, so we need to give them good quality products," she said.

And while it's commonly thought parents have to put their children in the public school system for kindergarten, Williamson said that's an old wives' tale.

She explained the child care centre will be run like a school, complete with a full curriculum and report cards.

The building itself features lots of unique touches designed with children in mind, such as ground-level sinks for water play and shelves specifically for drying artwork. Youngsters who attend the centre will also be able to eat meals in their own dining room.

"We've tried to think of everything," Williamson said.

The calming paint colours and laminate flooring were chosen to give the building that home-away-from-home feel.

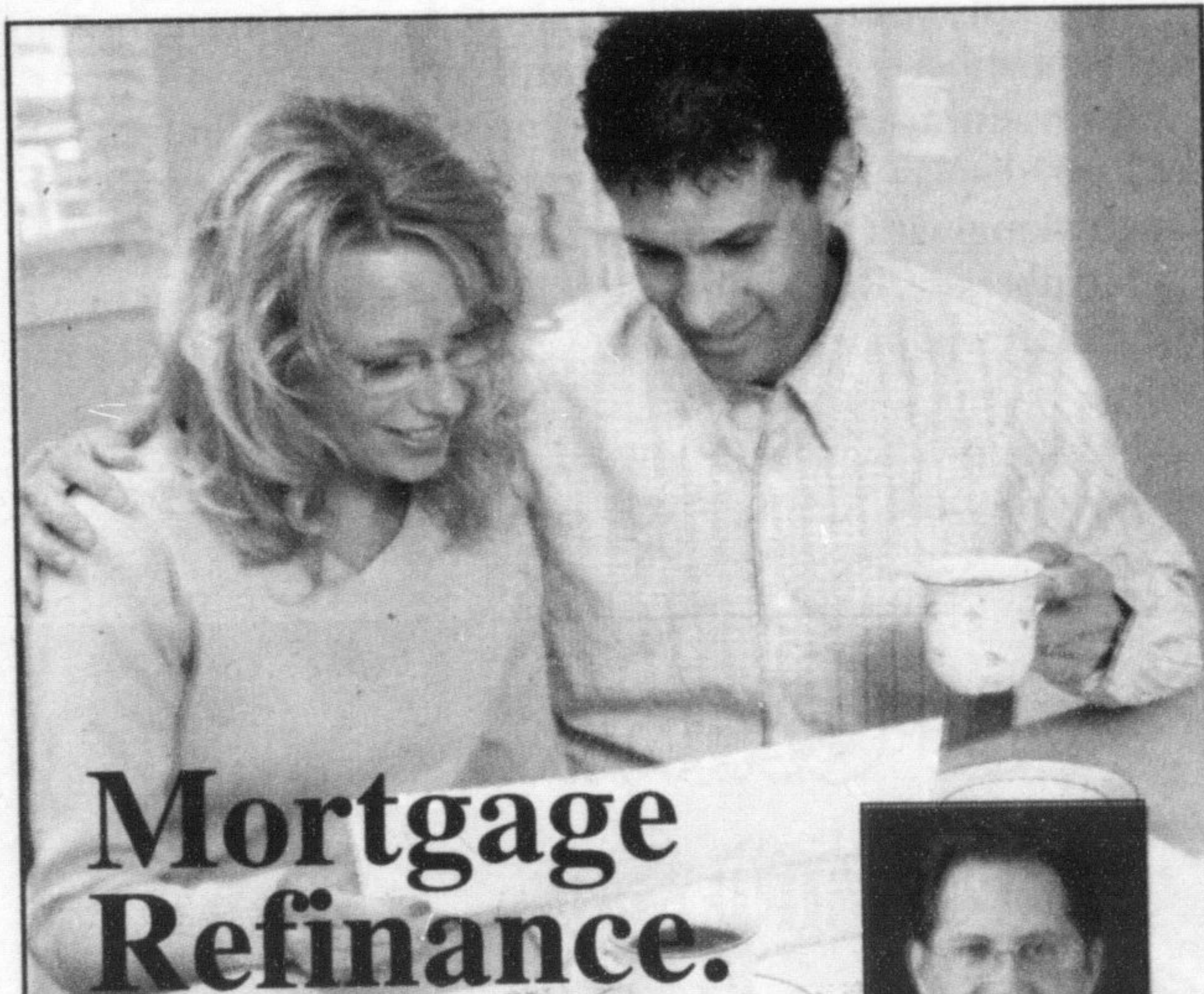
Outside, a traditional playground is replaced by a nature-focused Playscape, which will include things like bike paths, play huts, a bird viewing hut, bird houses and a community garden.

The MCRC provides a variety of other programs and services for local residents including the Ontario Early Years Centre, a nursery school, Halton Child Care Registry and a parent resource library.

There are still a few spaces available at the Bronte Street School Child Care Centre. To register call (905) 876-1244, ext. 20

For more information visit www.mcrc.on.ca.

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The Ontario Trails Council is looking for local residents' help in breaking a world record for the largest number of participants in a simultaneous one kilometre walk.

The event is set to take place September 30 at noon, with volunteers and participants needed from communities across the province to make the bid successful.

"Our goal is to attempt to break the world record by having over 78,000 people walk/hike simultaneously on a series of one-kilometre trails across Ontario," said Patrick Connor, executive director of the Ontario Trails Council. "The last record for the most participants in a simultaneous

walk/hike was set in Singapore in 2000 with 77,500 participants, and we think we can beat that number."

Anyone interested in taking part or volunteering to organize the walks can pre-register on-line at www.ontariotrails.on.ca or sign up on event day at participating trails.

The record-breaking walk is organized in collaboration with the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion, Parks and Recreation Ontario and the Ontario Trails Council as part of Active2010, the Province's new strategy to increase physical activity and sport participation. It aims to have at least 55 per cent of Ontarians physically active by 2010.

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