



ALL DOLLED UP: Dora Lee Bugeja, holds a Crissy doll that is visiting Windsor as it tours the world. The doll is on loan from its owner, Beth Colvin of Atlanta. Bugeja has more than 500 dolls of her own, which fill her South Windsor home. She made the outfit that the doll is wearing for her visit to Canada. *Star photo: Rob Gurdebeke*

Hello dolly, city says

Travelling Crissy pays a visit to ailing local woman

BY EMILY BELLAVY
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The bright-eyed, auburn-haired beauty may be made out of plastic, but Crissy's beaming smile lifted the spirits of a multiple sclerosis patient in hospital.

When Ashlee Bugeja's mother, Dora Lee, was receiving treatment for MS, she knew her mother would appreciate a 1969 Crissy doll manufactured by the Ideal Toy Company more than a bouquet of flowers.

So when Ashlee logged on to a Crissy chat room and discovered that a U.S.-based collector was looking for families to host a No. 1 Crissy on a world tour, she asked if the preteen could visit Canada.

Dora Lee said she was overwhelmed by her daughter's gesture.

"Oh, God, it brought tears to my eyes," said Dora Lee, who has been collecting Crissy dolls since 2000 and esti-

mates her collection includes more than 500 dolls.

After two years of travelling throughout the U.S. and Australia, Crissy arrived at Dora Lee's Windsor home in March with a swinging 1960s hot pink suitcase, pyjamas, a fleece sleeping bag and a chic wardrobe collection.

Hits tourist spots

Crissy also travels with her spiral journal that documents her travels and includes photographs at notable tourist attractions, such as Shirley Temple's hand and foot imprints at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis and the National Gallery of Australia.

Dora Lee kicked off Crissy's welcome wagon with stops at Tim Hortons, Dieppe Gardens, Casino Windsor and the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Windsor-Essex County.

Crissy accompanied Dora Lee's husband to a Brentwood charity hockey game outfitted in a hand-sewn Detroit Red Wings jersey. Dora Lee said she plans to take Crissy to test drive a GM vehicle at Thrasher automotive.

The Vacationing Crissy project was initiated by Beth Colvin of Atlanta, a leading authority on Ideal toys and vintage Mattel toys as well as an antique doll collector.

"It occurred to me that there was a group of people who loved this doll and these collectors had never met. The project was a unifying factor," Colvin said.

Travelling Crissy has evoked childhood memories in Dora Lee when she received the "stunning" doll.

"It's heartwarming to hear this and it's all because of a little chunk of vinyl," Colvin said.

Sadly, Crissy must soon leave for her next adventure, visiting a woman in Hamilton.

Park p anger in Lea

'Leave us alone

BY SHARON HILL
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An angry crowd interrupted a consultant's presentation repeatedly Wednesday night as they pushed to hear a recommendation for east Leamington which includes buying 932 hectares of land and 316 homes to create a link between Point Pelee National Park and Hillman Marsh.

"Take away your home and see you like it," one woman yelled.

'Sand comes and goes'

"The sand comes and goes, just as alone," said John Tatomin, a generation farmer who lives in the proposed natural link, where land costs for \$10,000 an acre.

More than 300 people packed the Leamington Club to hear the recommendation of the consultant, Peter Zucchi of WE Baird and Associates Coastal Engineers.

Many attendees wore stickers that read "My home is not for sale."

Attempte probed by

AMHERSTBURG

Amherstburg police are on the hunt for two men who tried to abduct a year-old girl by forcing her into a car.

"We don't get this kind of thing often," said Const. Tom McWhorter. "It's like that in most small towns, people know everybody, or have at least them around. This is a rarity to us."

He said the girl was walking King and Simcoe streets area around 7 p.m. Tuesday when two men rolled a black two-door car with silver

Ice Track lawyer still expects deal

BY GARY RENNIE
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have been met.

One of those conditions is that the town and Project Ice Track would finalize a complicated swan and purchase of

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