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Hope Crocker was all smiles yesterday when a playground made especially for her was officially opened with a celebration ceremony at Churchill Park. Equipped with ramps to about 90 per cent of the structure, the city's first fully accessible playground also includes a rubberized surface and transfer stations for those who are in wheelchairs. Six-year-old Crocker suffers from cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair. Her mother, Marsha, told the Times that she hopes that more accessible playgrounds will be built in the city. The city's accessible playground development committee began work in 2006 to establish the playground. The total project cost about \$180,000. The park was designed to accommodate children with vision, speech, mobility, and developmental disabilities.