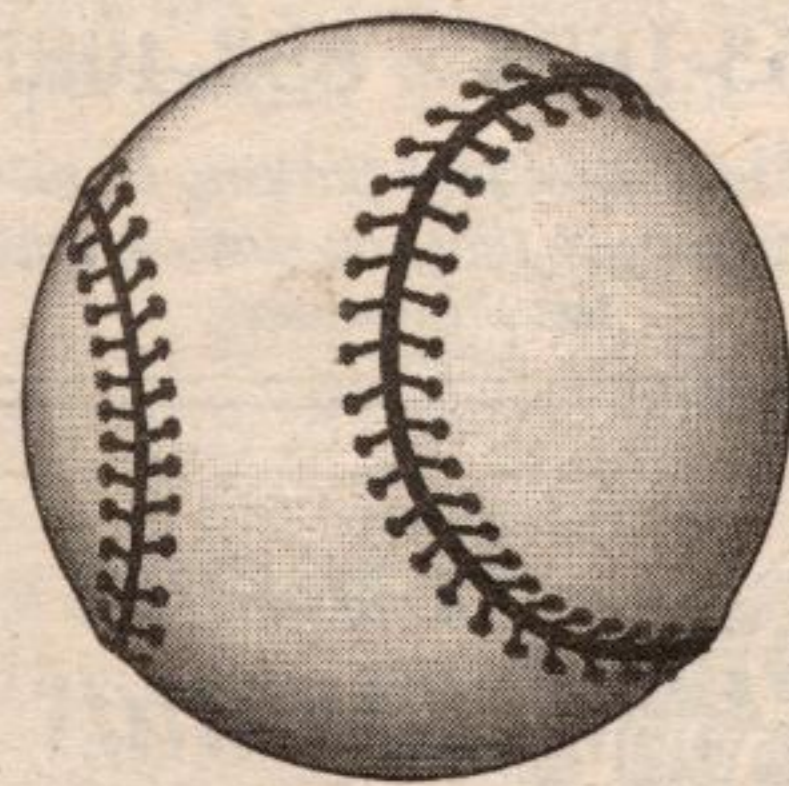


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# Attention child care providers

The Halton Region Children's Services, in co-operation with other community organizations, presents a spring workshop in Acton for home child care providers within Halton.

This workshop is titled "Sharing Games: A Make and Take Workshop." Care providers will learn about the games kids can play that do not promote rivalry and competition, but rather, sharing and co-operation.

The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm and will be held at the Acton Parent-Child Centre on 85 Wallace St. (Acton Band Hall).

To reserve a space at the workshop call 853-2574 or 853-0501, extension 7175.



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Planning for the future?

Acton Social Services and Information Centre's Seniors Advisory Committee has planned an information seminar to inform community members about wills, living wills, power of attorney and funeral arrangements.

This free seminar will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 2 to 3:30 pm at St. Alban's Anglican

Church, Acton.

Guest speakers include local lawyer Margaret Chapman, from MacKenzie and Chapman Law Practice, and Bruce Shoemaker of Shoemaker Funeral Home.

Regardless of age we should all be thinking and planning for the future. Find out about your options, get all the facts and become informed.

For more information call Acton Social Services and Information Centre at 853-3310 or visit us at 19 Willow St. N.

## Researching flight at M.Z. Bennett

### M.Z. BENNETT NEWS

BY LUCAS GREEN AND SHANNON ELLIS

This has been a very busy week at M.Z. Bennett. Mr. Shrubsole's class built a teepee in their classroom. Ms. Dunnett's class is doing balloon experiments.

Ms. Lawson's class is doing balloon and air experiments. Mrs. Bannerman's class is starting a unit on wind, balloons and kites. They are also doing balloon science experiments and the Grade 3s are doing research on aspects of flight.

Mrs. Spencer's class are becoming scientists. Working in partners, they are designing experiments for the whole class to use. They will have 12 centres. They are looking forward to a lot of fun and learning.

Everyone in Mr. Mashinter's class has sent a third pen-pal letter to Mr. Shier's class at Joseph Gibbons school in Georgetown.

Mr. Waitson's class's vermaculture kit has finally arrived. Half a kilogram of healthy red wiggler worms have taken up residence in room 10. They're munching their way through apple cores, banana skins, orange peels and other vegetable matter. In a few weeks we'll have a lovely compost to use on our classroom plants.

Mrs. Graham's class has started a unit on Canada. They will be learning about provinces, territories, land forms, water forms and the natural environment. They will also be dancing in gym.

Mrs. Graham was sure she heard everyone asking to do square dancing so she'll see what she can do (ha, ha!).

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## THE WRATH OF GRAPES

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### Ridiculous sign of the times

Now let me get this right. The people who speak French outside of Quebec have dropped from 4.3 per cent in 1991 to 3.2 per cent and this "language guy" Raymond Bisson says this is alarming and we all should be concerned. (Don't know about you folks, but I just can't sleep at night over this national disaster.) Raymond further states "the further we get from central Canada, the more alarming it is." He continues with "the numbers prove that we all must push for more French!"

For the life of me, I can't figure out why we must spend millions on signs in Ontario to help the 14 French guys who live in Mississauga, but if you put an English sign up in Quebec you could go to court. Talk about a double standard in this country! We really are a bunch of wimps in this country, especially when you consider that after English, the language most often spoken at home in Toronto is Chinese (175,000) and Italian (110,000). French accounts for 15,000 out of a population of about two million (roughly .007 per cent) and yet, Ontario is going to spend \$4 million on French signs to help the 15,000 French and not the Chinese or the Italian. You figure it out! They have me Buffaloed.

### Where's the justice?

The parents of Christopher Stephenson, the little boy who was murdered by Joe Fredericks, will have to wait to see if the government will help them out of their legal bills. The parents hired lawyers to see that justice was done in the courts and to ensure that nothing like this will ever happen to another child. Jim and Anna Stephenson were told this by the coroner at the inquest of the murder trial of their little hockey-playing son.

Here's the best part. If the sicko who killed Chris had come to trial for the murder, the government would have paid all his legal bills, which, in a sick way, means that Jim and Anna's tax dollars would have went toward protecting the creep who killed their son.

The murderer had been released by the parole board under mandatory supervision even though they knew he was a "repeated violent sex offender." The only good news was that somebody turned the lights out on this creep while he was in prison or we could not have been assured that he would not have been out to prey on our kids. The laws are there to protect the guilty and the public be DAMNED!

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