

# LETTERS

## Indecent proposal

To the Editor,  
 The Halton Board, once again is thinking of selling off part of the McKenzie-Smith Bennett school's playing field, for a pittance, of a few hundred thousand dollars, which I'm sure any developer would drool over. Many people in Acton want the town to grow and indeed it is and it will. We already have a number of folks from other communities using our soccer fields, etc.

If we destroy some of the present play area, what will happen when, because of increased population, we need to purchase more? We will likely pay many dollars for something that we already had and so ridiculously sold off, in a near-sighted frenzy.

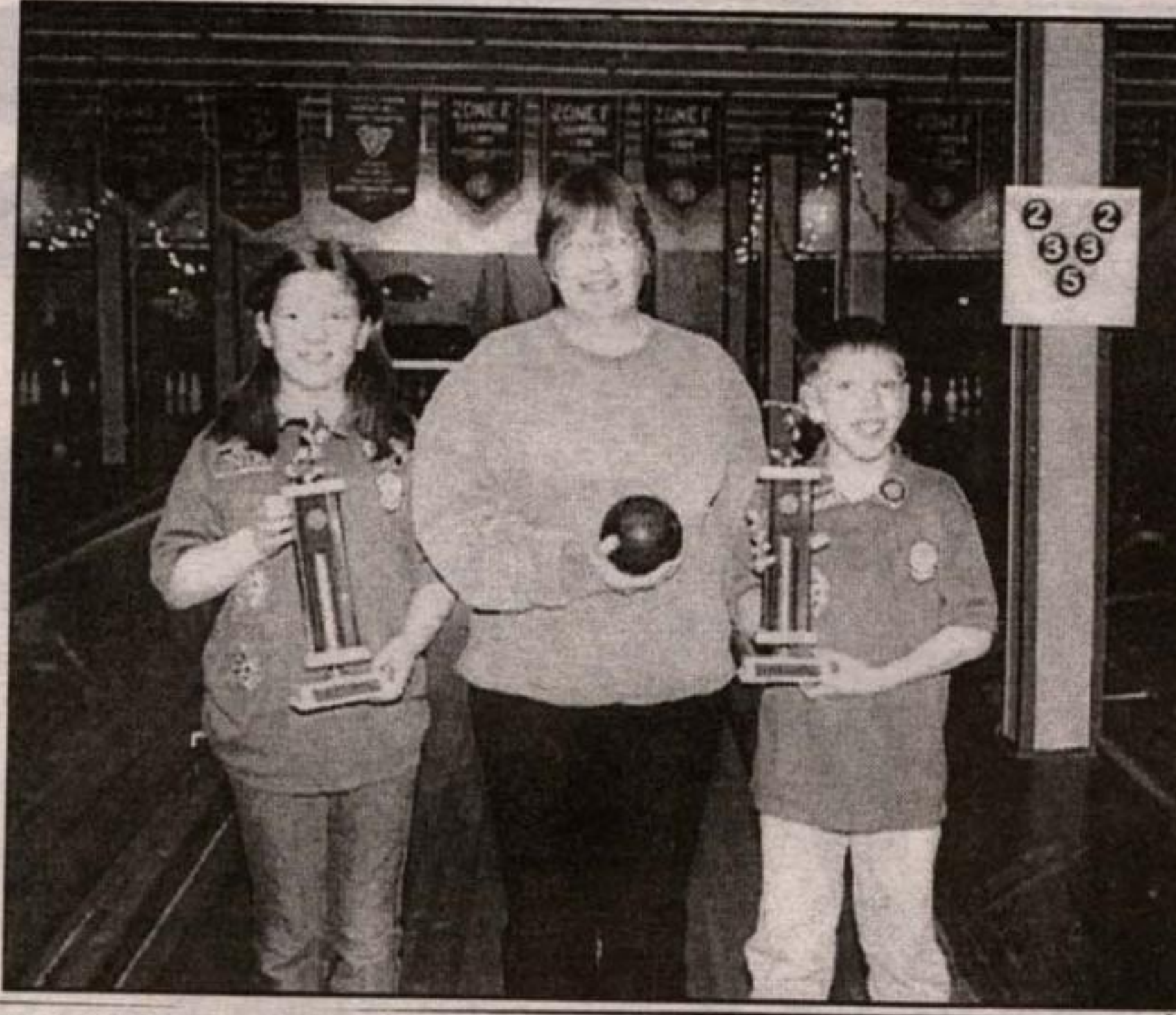
The Halton Board's plan to recoup a few hundred thousand dollars is a direct result of the province's unnecessary and insane practice of downloading. I shudder to think about the time, in the near future, that we will have to upgrade the downloaded Highway 25. We will pay for this from our own, collective Acton pockets.

You can dearly thank Mr. Chudleigh and his 'buddies', when your local taxes are cranked up.

Oh, by the way. What did you get with your enormous tax break? A lollipop? A sucker!

Sincerely,

John Hansen  
Acton



**MASTER, MASTER:** Master bowlers from the left, Rebecca Howe, Deb Mills and Mac Hunter are headed to the provincial round of the Master Bantam five-pin bowling championship on March 25 in Kitchener. They topped 17 other teams at the zone competition in Georgetown on March 5 with a +396. - Ellen Pihl photo

## Vandalism growing

To the Editor,

Anyone taking an early morning walk in downtown Acton, is aware of the growing problem we have with vandalism. The much known garbage alley, Willow South to Church Street is always a mess. Today as I walked I saw two phones broken, one torn right off the wall, the other with the glass all broken out. Also pizza holders all up and down the street, pop cans, you name it. It was on our streets.

I believe Acton needs to take the initiative to have one again, foot patrol officers, like so many other small communities have already done. We

need it especially in the later hours of the day. My husband and I have taken an evening walk and seen about 30 or so white vehicles there, while to Tim Horton's to find three white vehicles there, their drivers having coffee, while the damage is being done downtown.

I think it is a great idea that we are having a town meeting about the lake, but perhaps we need on to discuss the damage being done downtown in the wee hours when our police office is usually closed.

A concerned citizen,

E. Dunn

# Acton area skaters head to Synchronized championships

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

In a sport where timing is everything, world-calibre synchronized skaters Bronwyn Marshall of Acton and Rockwood's Jenn May are spending most all of their time practising with the Burlington-based Ice Image senior for the world championship next month in Minneapolis.

The two-time national silver medalists took the bronze medal at the spring Cup in Italy, and the team is confident it will be on the podium at the first International Skating Union-sanctioned world championship beginning April 5. The sanction allows synchronized - formerly called precision - skating to be demonstration sport at the 2002 Olympics and possibly a full-fledged event in 2006. The 20-member synchronized skating teams perform long and short choreographed



**SYNCHRO SU-PREME:** Jenn May of Rockwood (left) and Acton's Bronwyn Marshall, members of the Burlington-based Ice Image synchronized skating team, proudly wear the silver medals they won at the recent Canadian championships.

routines to music with group maneuvers like S circles, lines, blocks and wheels, all while the skaters move in unison doing intricate footwork and arm and head movements.

Since winning the bronze in Italy, the team has revamped both programs to incorporate more of the highlighting tricks of the top European teams.

Marshall and May are not the only former Acton Figure Skating Club members whose skills have earned them berths on high-profile teams. Ashlea Masters, 11, of Acton, is a member of the Ice Image juvenile synchronized skating team competing at the Central Ontario championship in Woodstock this weekend.

Masters is also an amateur coach with the Acton Figure Skating Club and will perform in the club's carnival on April 1 at the Acton arena.

## The Rockwood

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## Full house St. Patrick's Day

Spring is officially here and we are starting to get feared up for the warmer weather here at EWAG Community Services.

Thanks to all those people who came out to our St. Patrick's Day Open House! Many folks from the community enjoyed our green theme with snacks and coffee for all. Prizes were won by John Hillidge (tulips), Debbie Tyers (Irish basket), Davida Ingleson (Diners Club luncheon), Betty Death and Melissa Hessiou (candy jars). Congratulations to all!

Happy Returns, our thrift shop, has all green items on half price until the end of March. In April we will be having a Draw-a-Discount Sale on all purchases over \$10. Come in and see what we have in store for the upcoming warmer months. Most of our summer and spring items are now out in the store so don't forget to see us for rubber boots and rain gear.

Attention all Childcare Providers and Seekers. EWAG has a childcare registry of all those who do childcare in the Eramosa area. EWAG does not screen the childcare providers but it does make the person looking for childcare a little easier. We take a minimum of information (name, address, telephone number, availability, full/part time, age preference and additional comments). We make it clear to parents it is their responsibility to call and ask any additional questions. EWAG also provides information packages for individuals interested in doing childcare and for parents seeking childcare. If you are interested in becoming part of our registry or have any questions, please contact Sue Lauch at 856-2114.

Upcoming Outings in con-

junction with the Seniors Day Program include a trip to the Elora Antique Market on March 24. Cost is \$4 (includes refreshment) and the bus leaves Squires Lodge at 1:30 p.m. On April 10, the van will be heading to Anna Mae's Bakery and Restaurant as well as a visit to the Millbank Cheese Factory. Cost is \$9 and the bus leaves Squires Lodge at 11:15 a.m. (Please

note the difference in time to Anna Mae's.) If you would like to go, please call Lynn at EWAG at 856-2114 to reserve a spot because space is limited.

EWAG Community Services is located at 126 Main St. S., Rockwood. Our phone number is 856-2114. The Food Bank is available on Wednesdays by appointment.

## Mark Twain revived

The legendary wit of Mark Twain joins with the legendary bounty of country suppers as Ebenezer United Church presents Dinner Theatre on Friday, March 24.

The evening features an Irish Stew Dinner and Sing-along beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by Tales of Mark Twain. Born Samuel Clemens, the program includes some of his most famous writings and comments on life under the nom-de-plume Mark Twain. Although Clemens died in 1910, his writings and comments on life live on. In the mid-sixties, American character actor Hal Holbrook brought many of these stories to the stage and television. Now Nassagaweya's own Michael Sutherland continues the tradition with his one-man show.

Friday's stage presentation is a compilation of tales including "A Lawyer's Introduction, The Newspaper Interview, Talked to death, Home From the Club and Mississippi Steamboat Pilot."

Sutherland is a retired Mechanical Engineer, former flyer with the RCAF, former executive with the bank of Nova Scotia and passionate skipper. He spends summers cruising waterways on his heavy ocean-going trawler yacht, the Scotia Blue, and

spends his winters labouring on his wife's farm in Moffat. Those who know Sutherland know he shares the curmudgeon humour of his mentors.

Ebenezer United Church is located at 12274 Guelph Line north of Brookville and is handicap accessible. Tickets for the Dinner Theatre are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students available at the door or phone (905) 854-2929.

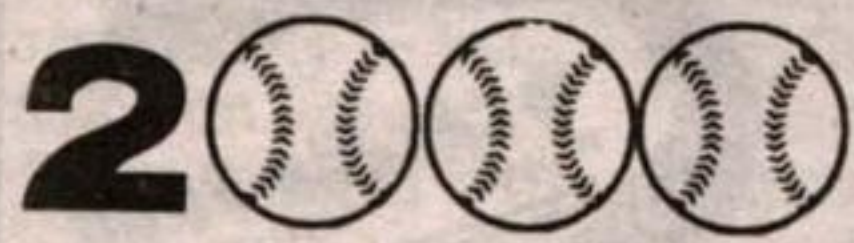
## Car flips

A Georgetown women faces a number of alcohol related charges after she flipped her car on Highway 7 south of Rockwood just after lunch on Tuesday, March 21.

The woman was west-bound around 1 p.m. when she attempted to pass another car, lost control, entered the north ditch and rolled.

The woman, who was slightly injured in the crash, has been charged with impaired driving, having open liquor in her vehicle, using plates not authorized to her vehicle and driving with over 80 mgs alcohol per 1000 ml blood. Her breathalyzer readings were almost triple the legal limit.

# ACTON MINOR BASEBALL SEASON



## FINAL

# REGISTRATION ACTON ARENA



For boys & Girls born between 1981 and 1996



Registration Tuesday March 28th 6.30 to 8.30pm



### LAST CHANCE