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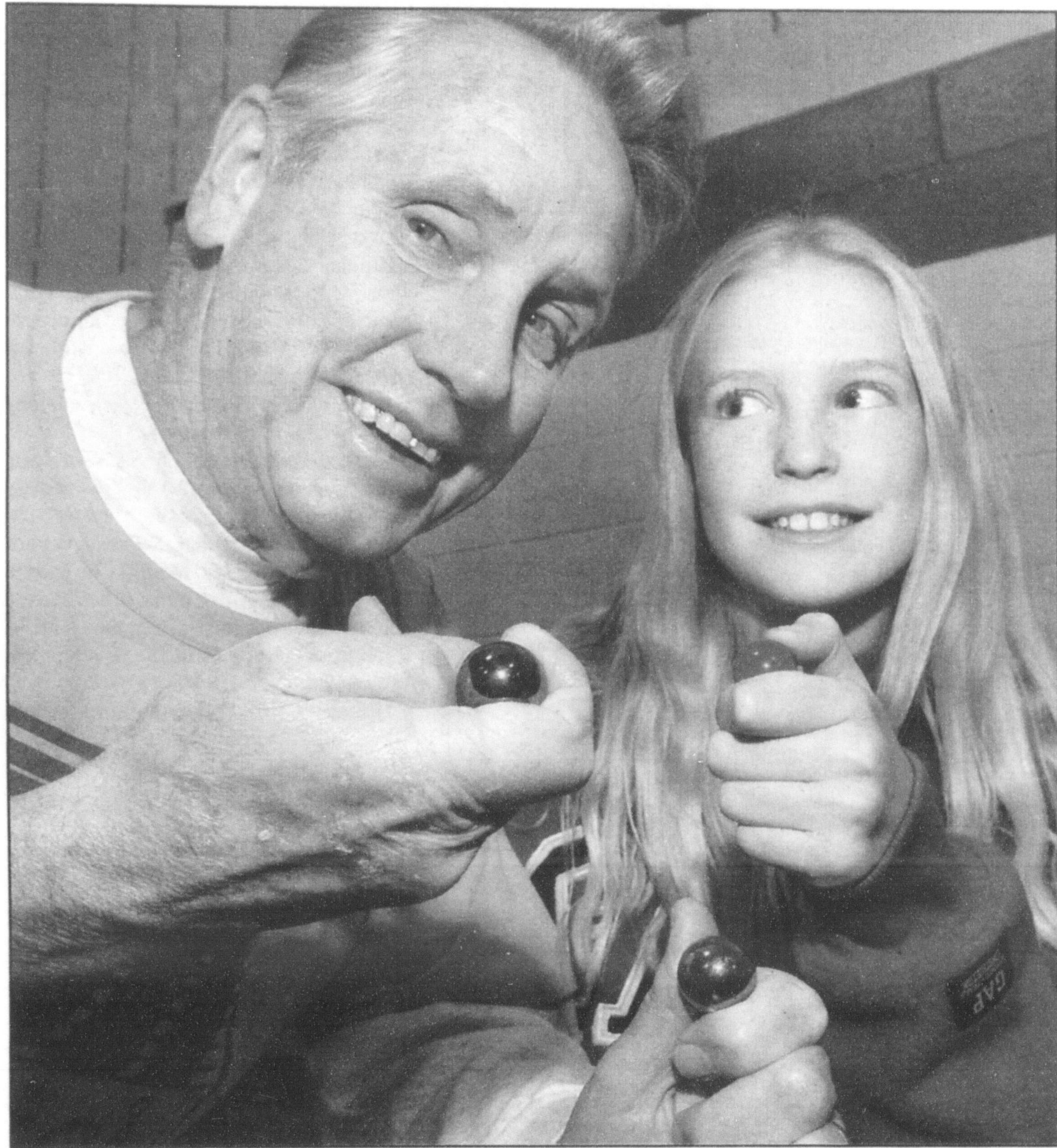


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## Hard work pays off



Grade 6 student Cadence Baker shows Mayor Gord Krantz a few tips on playing marbles at Sam Sherratt School last week. Students who were top fundraisers for a new piece of playground equipment called the 'climber' were treated to an ice cream party and marble game. The mayor was on hand to officially dedicate the equipment to the community. Sam Sherratt families have spent three years raising funds for the climber, which is designed for use by older children.

Photos by GRAHAM PAINE

## Oakville councillors concerned about destroying bridges

By ANGELA BLACKBURN  
Special to The Champion

At the risk of upsetting their Milton counterparts, Oakville councillors want to take a closer look at heritage issues before upgrading scenic Lower Base Line and its two one-lane bridges — even if it delays the project.

Staff members from both the towns of Oakville and Milton were scrambling after last week's community services committee meeting where councillors voted to refer the item to Heritage Oakville.

Oakville's Infrastructure Services Commissioner Ray Green said the issue could be brought to Heritage Oakville quickly.

It had received council approval in Milton earlier in the week.

Once Heritage Oakville studies the issue, it will go back before Oakville's community services committee before heading to town council for approval.

### Time of the essence

Councillor Chris Stoa, who sits on Heritage Oakville, voted to take another look even though he appeared hesitant to delay the project.

He suggested Heritage Oakville could hold a special meeting to advance the process.

Milton is leading the way on the project to upgrade Lower Base Line from Regional Road 25 to Trafalgar Road.

Oakville is consulting on the project as a portion of the road — from Regional Road 25 to Fourth Line and including the Henderson Park Bridge — is on the Oakville-Milton boundary.

The upgrade is to begin with replacement of two one-lane bridges — one

called Barnstable, which is near Sixth Line and technically in Milton.

The other is the Henderson Park bridge, which rests on the Oakville-Milton border.

Both bridges are deteriorating and are listed as high priorities for replacement.

According to a report by Bob Rook of engineering consultants McCormick Rankin, which were hired for the project, an environmental assessment study conducted in 2004 has gone through public review and has come up with a preferred option for the upgrade.

It's now ready to be filed as an environmental study report in order to allow for a 30-day public review before the project moves forward.

It was hoped the report would be filed in November.

The issue was at the Town of Oakville's committee level, headed to council seeking approval to move forward.

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