

No more lies: family

ELECTION '97

The Tribune is following the federal election through the eyes of four local groups of people who look to the federal government on varied issues. Today we introduce you to the Hargraves family. In upcoming issues we'll provide updates on how the voters decide which party they'll vote for.

JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

A stream of broken promises have left Glenn and Shelly Hargraves less than enthusiastic about the upcoming federal election.

"I'm sorry but I have to say this: politicians lie to us," said Shelly, 30. "I don't know what to make of what the parties are promising. Their word isn't worth much."

Still, the couple is following the campaign in the new riding of Oak Ridges and most definitely, they'll vote on June 2.

Glenn, 30, has already ruled out the Liberals. "As for the prime minister, none of the party leaders exactly inspire me. My least favorite is the Liberal. With Jean Chretien, there's just been too many broken promises," he said.

Shelly's not stuck on the New Democrats. "I didn't like what (former Ontario premier) Bob Rae did in the province so I can't go

along with the NDP for Ottawa," she said.

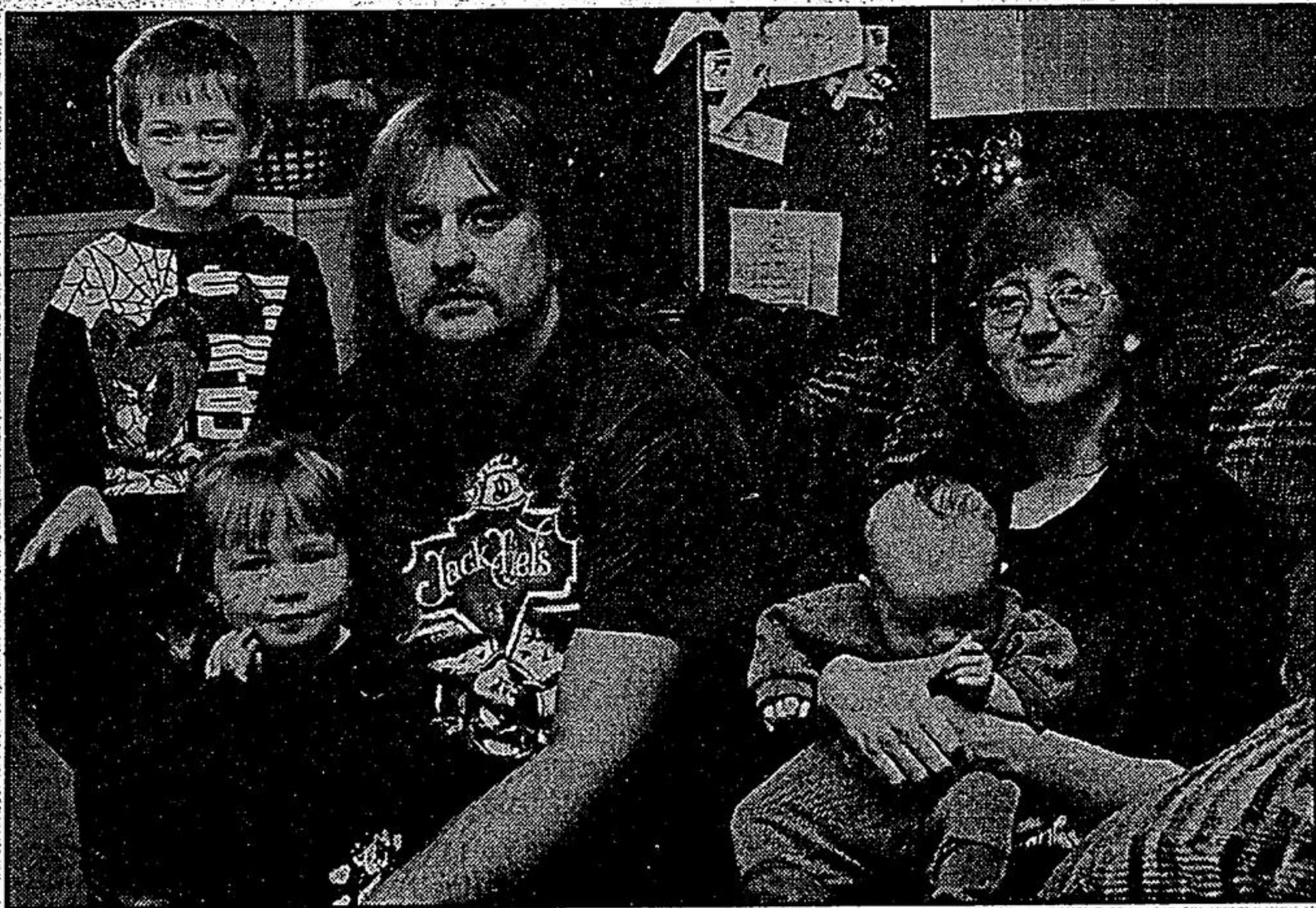
Like many Canadians, the Hargraves count their pennies, can't save much for a rainy day and wonder if things will ever change. They live in a small two-bedroom apartment located above a store on Main Street, Stouffville. Home ownership is out of reach and they think about their children's future. Rickie, 5, Jennifer, 2, and Megan, three months, run the risk of being caught on the poverty treadmill. If they can't get educated, the children could face unemployment or earn minimum wage.

"With tuition costs so high, the only way my children will make it beyond high school is through scholarships," said Shelly.

Hard work doesn't always cut it, Shelly pointed out. The couple has an impressive employment record. Glenn and Shelly both work at a Markham-based electrical company. Glenn, a shipper receiver, has been there eight years, while Shelly, a machine operator, has 10 years seniority. Between them, the Hargraves earn about \$23 an hour. "I will always work," said Shelly.

While the local candidates are now out hustling for votes, the Hargraves haven't, as yet, had a personal meeting.

"We don't know the candidates," said Glenn.



Oak Ridges voters Glenn and Shelly Hargraves with their children Rickie, 5, Jennifer, 2 and Megan, three months. Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

New complex pricetag rising

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without a public review meeting. I think the people should be able to say what they want if they want it at all."

Watson said he'll study the one-and-a-half inch thick report in detail over the weekend.

About 30 architects have shown an interest in the project, said Emmerson. "It will be narrowed down to about five. They'll give us proposals and let us know their price. At this stage, I don't know if it will cost \$3.4 million or \$1 million. We'll see if it's feasible to build it before we go on."

The complex price could inch up to hit the \$4-million mark, Ward 1 Councillor Ivanka Bradley is warning.

"With projects like this, there are always costs we underestimate," said Bradley.

While some have long maintained the municipality has outgrown the existing town hall, Bradley is not one of them.

"I don't understand why we're entertaining the remotest thought of a new town hall when we know damn well we won't be a municipality after three years. Besides, we're still in hard economic times. People are still losing their jobs," said Bradley.

Emmerson continues to hold the position that there will always be a Whitchurch-Stouffville. The municipality is not about to become part of a city in York Region, he stressed.

Mom's the world

After all is said and done, there is really only one and Mommy is her name.

The children at My First School Day care have their priorities straight. Mother's Day is Number One on the agenda.

The daycare centre's four-year-olds took a few minutes out of their busy day to let The Tribune know why Mommy is this special.

—Joan Ransberry



ADAM VAHAMAKI

Sydney Mann said, "Mommy makes me food. Mommy kisses me and she kisses Lawson but that's all. I made her a picture



SYDNEY MANN

Jesse Cook's mother's name is Cindy. "Mommy watches all of my brother. She doesn't want him to fall down and hurt himself. His name is Baby Ben. I'm getting a present for mommy. I've got lots of money."



JESSE COOK

Dylan Watson (pictured on page 1) said his mother Lucia has "always been a mommy." There will be presents handed out at the Watson house tomorrow. "My dad's giving me a present," said Dylan.



CLAIR McCUNE

Christopher Arsenau said his mother's name is "just Mommy." If Christopher had some cash, he'd do the Mother's Day shopping. "I'd buy her a real red truck," he said.



CHRISTOPHER ARSENEAU

Photos by Steve Somerville

Clients defrauded of thousands

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"It was a long and unusual case," said Vanderheyden.

Kissen was arrested outside a Toronto court about three years ago.

His unsuspecting clients came from both Toronto, York Region and Durham Region.

A man from Scarborough suffered the

biggest financial loss after paying Kissen more than \$40,000 in legal fees.

Toronto resident Enid Thorning was stung for \$4,000, while professional hockey player Justin Lund, 24, gave Kissen \$1,200 to handle a case, involving an injury sustained before he went to the hockey farm team, the International Hockey League in Houston, Texas.

Trout pond in works for Little Rouge

The Little Rouge River is getting a mini make-over today.

A section of the Little Rouge River near the corner of Stouffville and Kennedy Roads is being re-routed around a standing pond, which slows the movement of water and allows for nutrients and sediments to settle to the bottom of the pond, said Sue Sirrs, a project representative.

The plan is to create a channel around an existing pond, allowing the river to remain in motion.

"Hopefully we'll be able to create a trout stream," said Sirrs.

For now, at least, the new channel will have to empty into the Century Mill pond, where it will remain stagnant.

Sirrs is also sending a message to the community that they are eager to help out other landowners with river or pond concerns.

For more information call Sue Sirrs at (416) 284-0257.

Cookie results

The Tribune and the Heritage Ice Cream Parlour & Deli are predicting the winner of the election, using cookie sales as a voter barometer.

The NDP is in the lead with 111 sold, followed closely by the PCs at 98. Next is the Liberals with 43 then the Reformers with 38.

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