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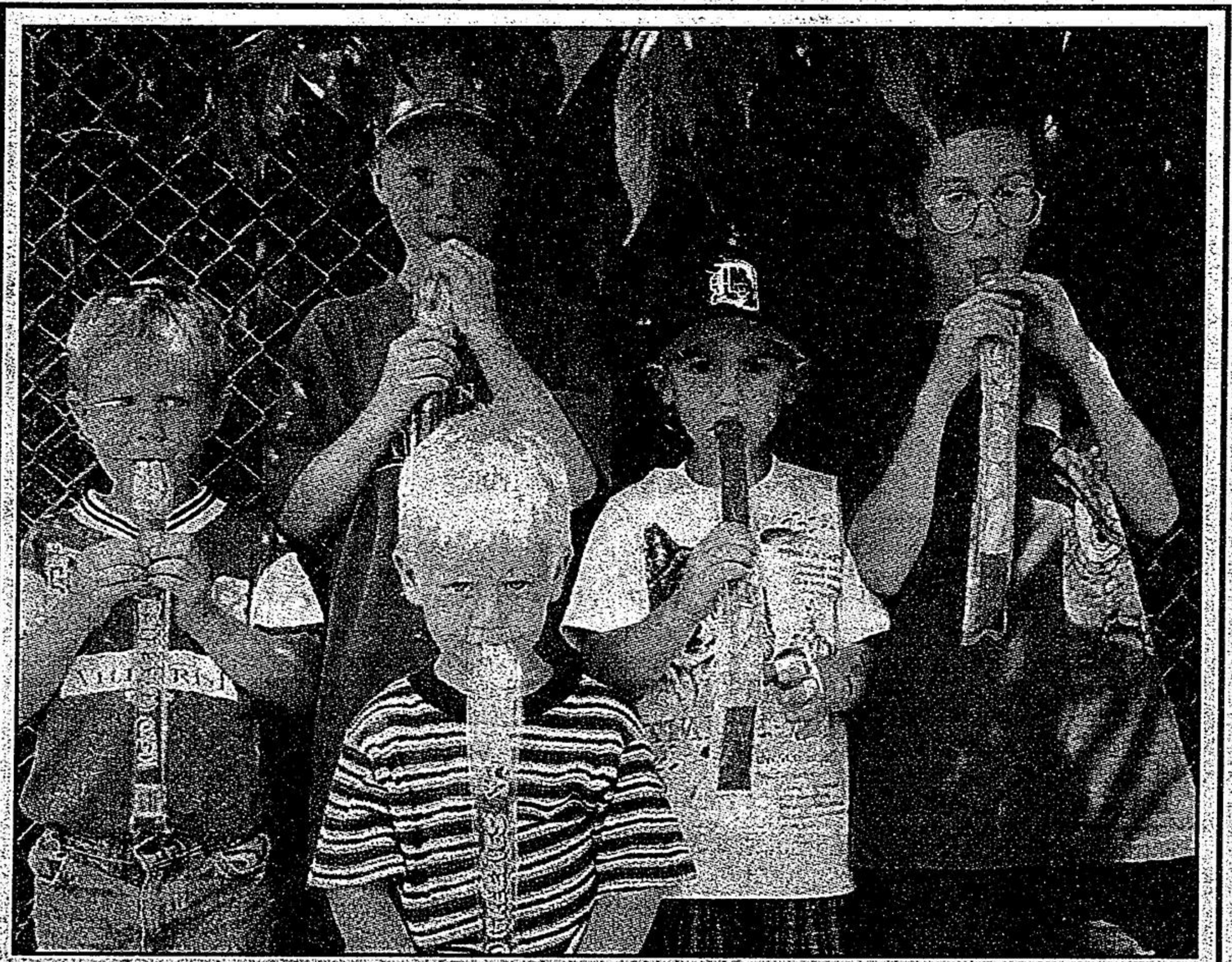
Contract talks bogged down

MIKE RUTA
Correspondent

Catholic teachers in York Region have reached an impasse in contract talks with the separate school board. York Catholic Teachers have been told a provincial factfinder will hear arguments from both sides on Aug. 28. Ihor Baczynsky, chief negotiator for the teachers said Friday. Baczynsky said he announced during a negotiating session last Friday that the teachers would ask for a fact-finding. "We were moving farther

apart," he said this week. Spokespersons for the board were unavailable, but a recorded message said the impasse "was perplexing to the board's negotiating team," because issues remain to be discussed. "The timing of this announcement by the teachers is especially confusing," the message added, since further talks had been scheduled in July and August. Baczynsky said the teachers, who met the board several times last month, were "fairly optimistic" things could move

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FROZEN OUT: A group of friends cool off on the weekend with a variety of Freezies in Stouffville. They are Mark Valenti, Michael Malenti, Justin Lawrence, Brandon Hailey and Bradley Hailey. Photo by CHERYL JOHNSON

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News you can use

■ **AWARD OF MERIT:** Stouffville's Schleese Saddlery won another prestigious award. The saddlery won an award of merit from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. "It's kind of overwhelming," said Earl Rothery, the saddlery's general manager. Earlier this year Jochen Schleese won the Whitechurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur of the Year award. The company, which makes saddles for horses, has also been included in the Ontario Business Journal's top 100

entrepreneurs for 1995 and 1996. The local chamber of commerce entered the saddlery in the provincial contest. "Every year we nominate who we think is most deserving of this award," said Barbara St. John, of Stouffville's chamber of commerce. "They have to be really outstanding to get this because there were a lot of people nominated." The award will be presented Sept. 9 during an awards banquet.

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Bingo hall coming to town

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A 400-seat charity bingo hall is coming to the Stouffville Country Market Aug. 2. People will be yelling out 'bingo' every night, as the bingo hall will run seven days a week, with one session every evening. An afternoon session is scheduled on Sundays, during the Stouffville Flea Market. Originally slated to open in July, the official papers just

came through last week. "It's been over three years, we're glad it finally came to fruition," said Rob Shannon, manager of the Stouffville Country Market. Bingo players will pay between \$8 to \$30 for the night, depending on how many bingo cards are purchased. According to Shannon, eight charities will benefit from the bingo hall. These charities include Whitechurch-Stouffville's girls hockey, minor hockey and skating clubs,

Whitechurch-Stouffville mobility transit, The Ontario March of Dimes, The Jennifer Ashley Foundation and St. John Ambulance. "The evening games will be associated with Super Star Bingo," said Shannon. Super Star Bingo is a joint venture between about 200 bingo halls and the Ontario Lottery Corporation, allowing participating halls to pool prize money, making for huge winning potentials, starting at

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