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## Stouffville escapes storm

### Mini-twister rips through Bradford

BY RICK VANDERLINDE AND KATHLEEN GRIFFIN  
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A mini-twister ripped through 13 greenhouses north of Bradford Tuesday, tossing 500-pound metal tanks in the air as if they were tin-foil plates.

The twister touched down at about 2 p.m. at Bradford Greenhouses, a popular garden centre on Hwy. 11.

But the Markham and Stouffville areas seem to have escaped without major damage.

In the 20 minutes the severe weather lasted, streets flooded as sewers backed up, winds gusted up to 100 kilometres per hour, and lightning, thunder and a short period of hail made for an exciting show.

Buttonville's flight services specialist Gerry Dulyk said airport staff tracked the storm, recording winds up to 55 knots, as it moved east.

The airport in Oshawa reported sighting a funnel cloud and least one plane blew over, damaging a wing.

York Regional Police report that while driving was hazardous, there were no major accidents attributed to the storm.

Meanwhile, garden centre employees in Bradford watched the twister as it approached from the west, lifting debris and dust into the air as it crossed Hwy. 11.

Minutes after the twister tore up the greenhouses, a thundershower passed overhead.

Environment Canada has not confirmed that a twister touched down in the area.

Severe weather was also reported near Orillia, where a house trailer was crushed by a tree, and in Oshawa, where a plane was flipped over by high winds.

## EDUCATION: Student trustee wants in on teacher, board contract negotiations

# 'Stakeholders' want say

BY JENNIFER BROWN  
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He may not have a vote at the board table, but student Trustee David Major wants to be part of the team that gets a deal with York Region's 1,900 public high school teachers.

The 17-year-old student called on the board to allow students to participate in negotiations, as

they are the key stakeholders poised to lose the most if teachers walk out this fall.

"I want people to be able to know what's going on. As student trustee, I should know what's going on, but I have no information for students," Major told The Tribune following his swearing-in as trustee Monday night.

"I would like to be involved in

negotiations and I think students can make a difference."

In his first address to the board, Major admonished both sides for failing to get a settlement.

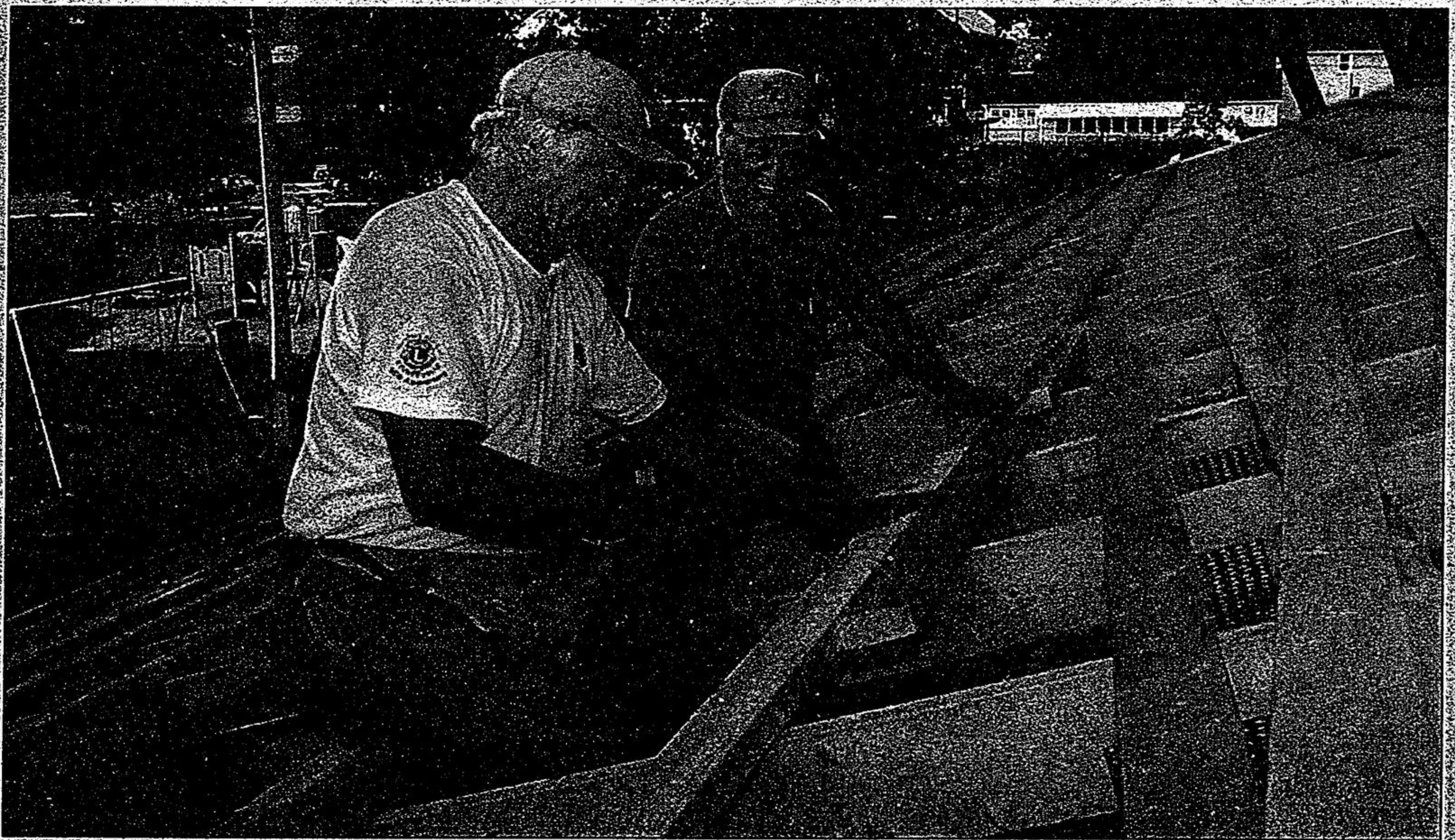
"I'm trying to understand why we're waiting for 11th-hour negotiations," Major said.

"I am often asked if I am on the teachers' side or the board's side.

To be honest, I'm on the side of the student. And after last year, I thought all of this was over with. We keep hearing this is all for the student, so then let students have a say."

Major also proposed his own solution to the problem — suggesting teachers' be scheduled

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## PUTTING A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS

Stouffville Lions Ted Welter (left) and Carl Johnston hammer nails Tuesday as they finish the roof of the new pavilion in the Stouffville Memorial Park. Burrows Landscaping has been contracted to finish the brick floor which will contain a chess board.

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