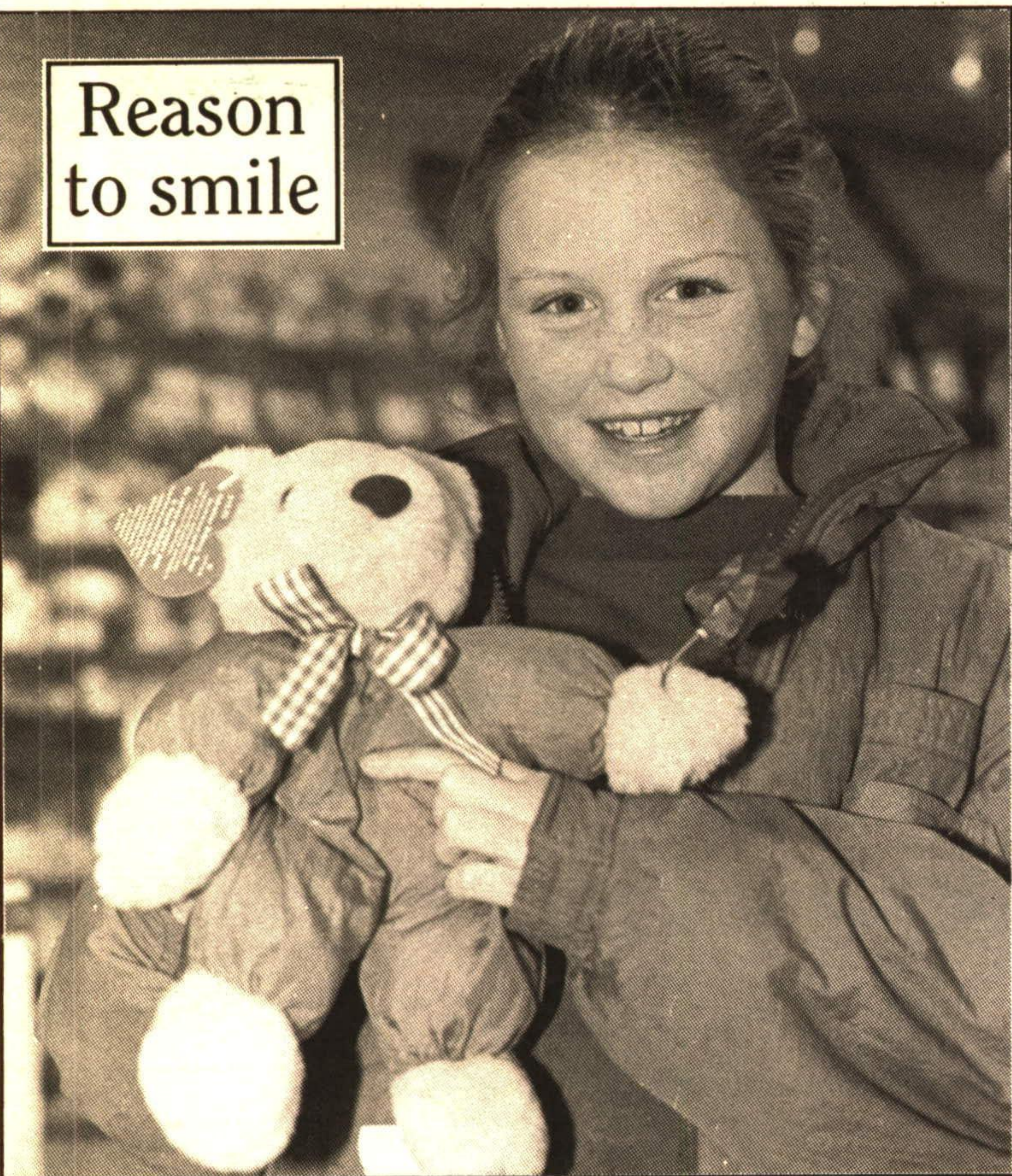


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Little Katie Chapell, 8, of Georgetown admired some of the fine stuffed animals at the Hallmark Store in Georgetown Marketplace Mall earlier this week, during the first "Sidewalk Sale" at the recently opened facility.

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Residents discuss budget

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Last year cuts were made in transportation and with computers in Halton Hills.

While some school trustees want to hold school taxes at a 0 per cent increase, Whiting stressed this would be very difficult to accomplish.

"You can't run the school system like a business because we're dealing with human beings. While it's appealing to have a 0 per cent increase, it's not responsible planning and eventually you have to spend some money."

One woman said she didn't want to see cuts to the support system for special needs groups and Whiting replied there are no plans to cut programs for special needs children in Halton.

Other residents were concerned about middle school programs such as physical education and music, stating they had heard rumors that discontinuing these programs were among cuts being recommended.

Whiting said these services are not expected to be cut and that they are essential courses for a well-rounded education.

"They are all important parts of the schooling process."

One service that has been cut at the high school level, Whiting explained, is the enrichment program for gifted students.

He also stated that the junior kindergarten issue will become provincial legislation and will be implemented in September 1994. This will cost \$8 million for the board, an additional 2.7 per cent increase on the budget. Halton was one of five school board in Ontario that was opposed to junior kindergarten.



DAVE WHITING

"You don't have to send your children to junior kindergarten, but we have to plan for you. If there are 50 junior kindergarten age children in Acton, we have to plan for all 50 to be there."

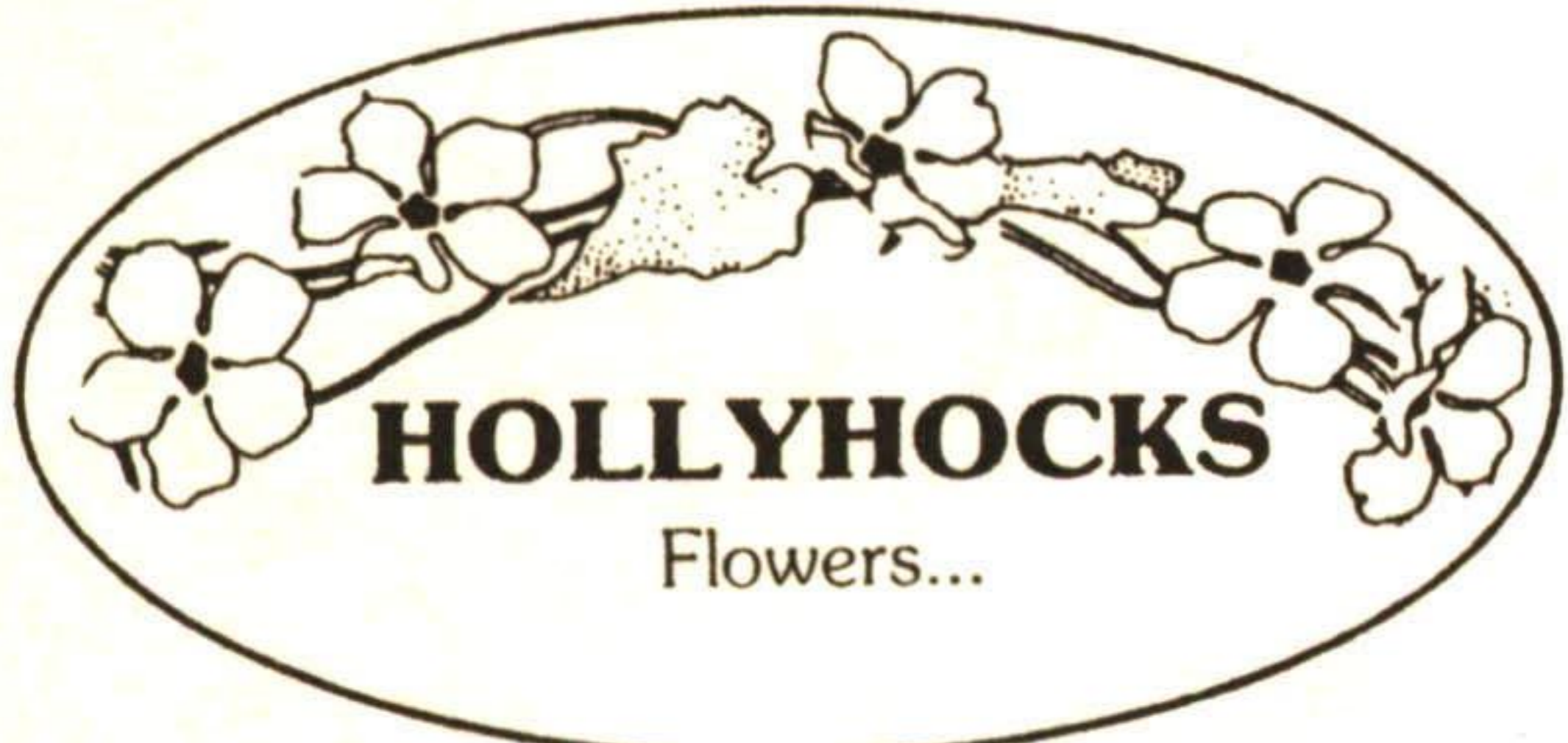
Whiting will be meeting with local parent groups in the coming weeks and expects more feedback from the public once the draft budget is presented.

"We're trying to maintain the status quo. I don't foresee any major changes and we'll be trying to get back on track with certain services like computers."

A second meeting on the budget process with trustees Dave Whiting and Dick Howitt will be held at Stewarttown School on Trafalgar Rd., Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.



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1. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

The mandate of this Committee is to consider applications for variances to the Town's Zoning By-law and other land use matters. One (1) member is needed to sit on this five (5) member Committee. Remuneration is received for serving on this Committee. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at the Civic Centre, up to three (3) times per month. Site visits are required prior to these meetings.

2. ACTIVAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Two (2) members are required to serve on this eight (8) member Committee. These are volunteer positions. Meetings are usually held one (1) Tuesday evening per month at the Civic Centre.

If you are interested, please submit a brief letter and/or resume outlining your interest and/or any related experience. The deadline for application is Tuesday, February 9, 1993, at 4:30 p.m. Note that a Committee of Council will interview applicants and make recommendations to Council.

If you require further information, and/or wish to submit an application, please contact:

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