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## Witnesses sought in fatal crash on Warden Ave.

By PAUL PIVATO and CHRIS SHANAHAN

One man was killed and three people seriously injured when a tractor trailer plowed into a pick-up truck Wednesday night on Warden Ave. in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

York Regional Police said the 1975 Ford pick-up was travelling southbound on Warden Ave. about 7:20 p.m. and drove through a stop sign at the Bloomington-Sideroad intersection.

The truck was hit broadside by a tractor trailer and torn apart. Police said pieces of the mangled pick-up could be found as far as 150 feet from the crash site.

Killed in the crash was Clifford Finger, 67, of Roches Point.

Another man was pinned in the cab of the truck, freed by Aurora firefighters and rushed to hospital. Two other passengers were thrown clear of the wreckage through a rear window in the truck.

John Wyeth, 33, and Elizabeth Zeek, 28, also of Roches Point, were transported to the intensive care unit of St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. They are listed in critical condition.

Zeek's three-year-old son, Jessie Lemasurier, was admitted to

York County Hospital with fractures.

The driver of the tractor trailer suffered minor injuries.

York Regional Police continue to investigate. Cst. Jim McHardy asks that anyone who witnessed the accident contact 19 Division in Newmarket.

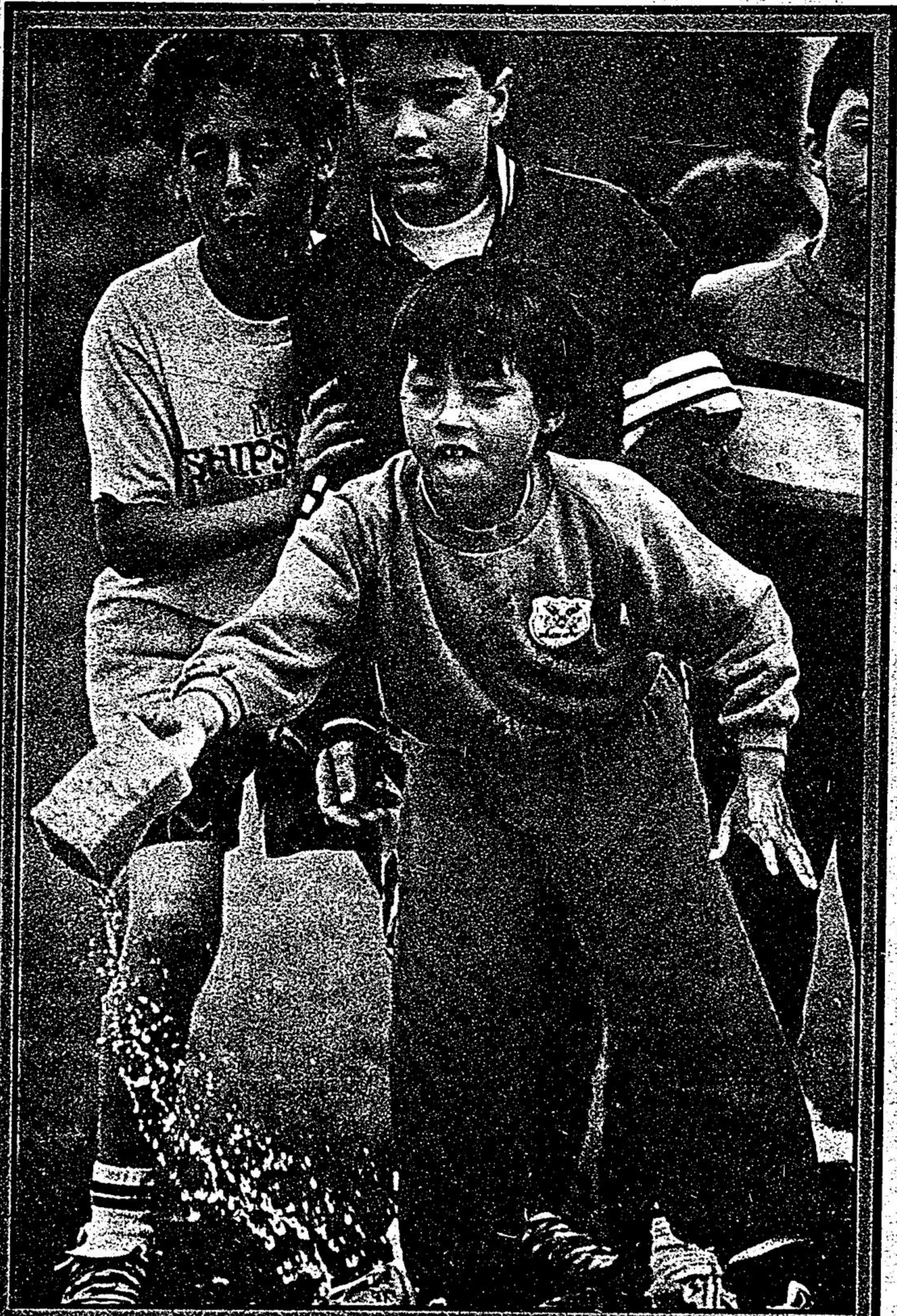
"We haven't made any decisions (on charges) yet because we still have to find out some more information," Cst. McHardy said Thursday.

Aurora Fire Department responded to the call as part of its contract to cover a portion of the municipality for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Emergency crews used Jaws of Life equipment to free Finger and Wyeth from the cab. Ambulances were called in from Stouffville, Bradford, Newmarket, and Aurora.

Aurora Fire Captain Brian Patrick was one of the first to arrive on the scene and described the carnage as some of the worst he has ever witnessed.

"I've seen severed vehicles before but I have never seen anything like that before in my life," he said. "I just couldn't believe my eyes when we pulled up. Stuff was scattered 200 feet in all directions."



### Sponge plunge

Caught at the moment of release, this wet sponge leaves a trail of water droplets as Jaymie Yoo aims to toss it through a hoop and take his team to victory during the annual playday at Unionville's John X. Smith Separate School. (From left)

teammates John Pannunzio, Adrian Sclarra and Robert Bond get in on the fun and cheer Jaymie on.

—Sjoerd Wiltaveen

## No airport traffic would fly over area

By CHRIS SHANAHAN

Stouffville will be clear of flight traffic patterns if an international airport is ever developed on federally-owned property in north Pickering.

"It leaves Stouffville really well out of it," claimed Ontario riding MP Scott Fennell, who recently announced that more than half of the existing Pickering airport property will be returned to private ownership.

The sell-back program (first reported in the Tribune Weekender of May 17, 1986) involves about 3,800 hectares of surplus land in southern Uxbridge Township (Altona and Glasgow), northern Markham and other areas on the perimeter of existing airport site.

Mr. Fennell explained the remainder of the Pickering property will be retained by Transport Canada for possible future development as an airport. But he claimed revised air traffic sound lines from the inner core of the site would fall "three or four miles" short of Stouffville.

The Tory MP doesn't foresee construction of a new airport until at least the year 2000. In the meantime, the balance of the properties will continue to be leased out for residential, agricultural or commercial purposes.

"We have the land — you never know what might happen in the future," Mr. Fennell said.

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