

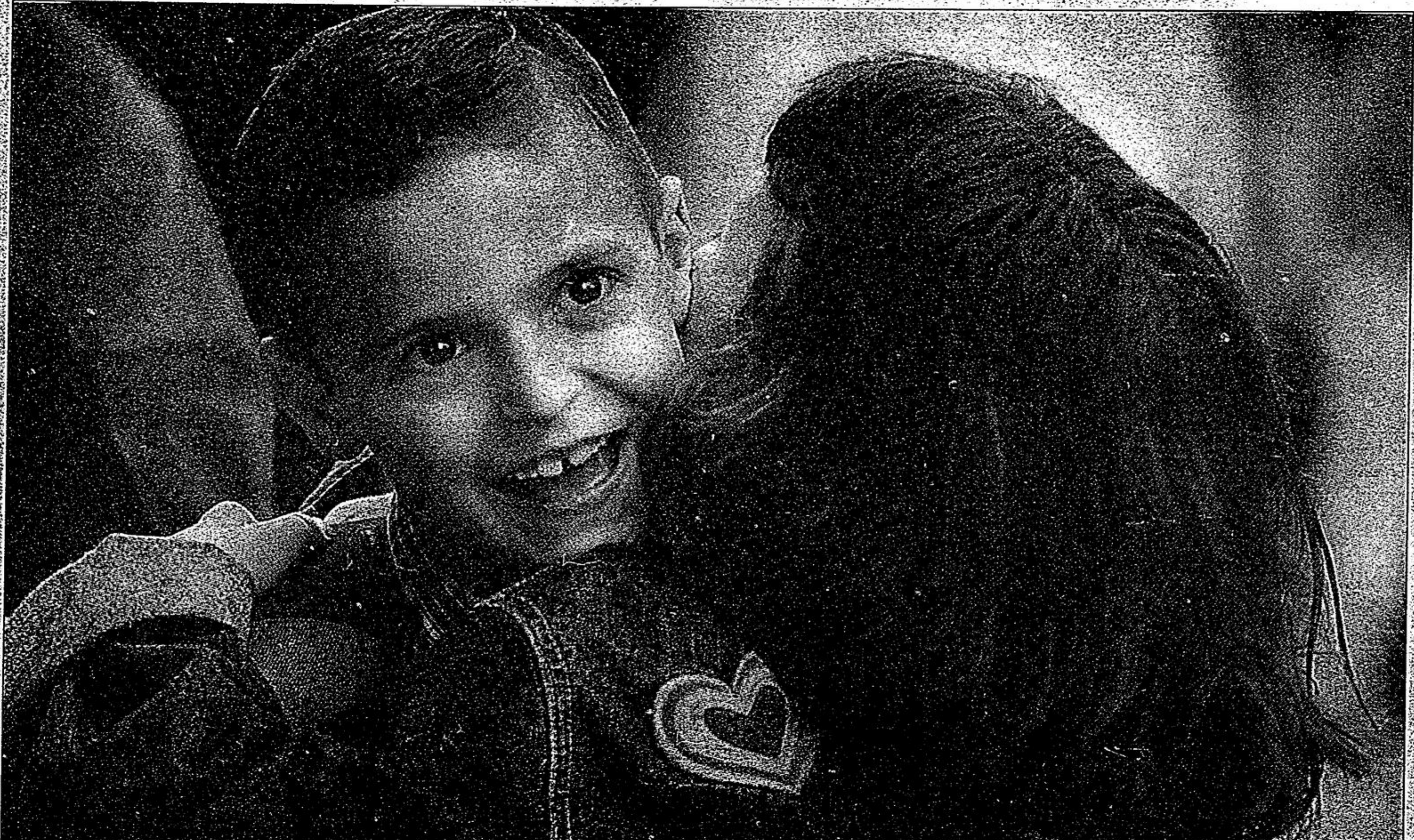


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Welcoming committee

Isabelle DeMelo, 8, welcomes Grade 3 classmate Elliott Moors, 8, back to Summitview Public School with a big hug Tuesday morning.

Renewed interest as Jr. A hockey team opens defence of titles

Town hopes Spirit willing again

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA
Staff Writer

It seems everybody loves a winner. In Stouffville, the exploits of the Stouffville Spirit during last spring's Provincial Junior A Hockey League season had the town abuzz. They captured the North Conference and North-West titles and lost the championship of the 36-team league to the Toronto St. Michael's Buzzers. And the buzz didn't end when the season was over. With the Spirit set to launch a new season Sunday when they play the Huntsville Muskoka Otters at the Stouffville Arena at 4:30 p.m., the reverberations of last season

Hockey club unveils banner, new roster against Huntsville Sunday/page 22

still linger. "People still talk about the run we had last year," Spirit co-owner Zeev Werek said. "It sure felt great to go that distance. There hasn't been a day that's gone by where people don't stop me to congratulate us on what the club did." Mr. Werek, a Stouffville-area resident who owns the club with David Laren, said the success has generated a terrific spinoff

for the new campaign. "Our advertising (support) has increased where we've got more rink board advertising and more advertising for our program. All of the money that we get will go back to the club to allow us to get more things like more ice time and equipment," he said. New volunteers have come out. "But we could always use more," he added. Heightened spectator interest has also been evident. The club has been receiving telephone calls almost daily during the off-season to see when the new season will

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ANDERSON HAULAGE MOVING TO GORMLEY

Second shopping centre coming

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

If you're an enthusiastic shopper, you'll soon have a second major shopping centre to visit in Stouffville area.

Construction of a large commercial and retail plaza on the Don Anderson Haulage Ltd. property, west of Tim Hortons on Main Street, is slated to begin next spring. It will include a junior department store and well-known big box stores, possibly a home building store and smaller retail shops, restaurants and services. Retail and commercial space will total about 330,000 square feet.

The 30-acre development will be the second one being built minutes from Stouffville's downtown core. A regional shopping centre anchored by Wal-Mart is under construction on Hwy. 48 south of Main Street.

Wal-Mart is expected to open this fall. No other retail outlets have been confirmed for the 460,000-square-foot centre across from Farmer Jack's.

Don Anderson Haulage Ltd., which began with just one truck in 1960, will move its operation to the Gormley industrial area next August, operation manager Bill Cornelius said.

The business will be able to

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