

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

Has the arrival of Wal-Mart changed your shopping habits?

—Asked in Stouffville

Garth GOOD



On the whole, their prices are no different from what I have seen. I have lived in Stouffville all my life and my living was made in town so I shop in town, where service is better.

Barbara BRECKLES



No, it hasn't. I am happy that it is here because I feel we needed something like that but I still like shopping on Main Street.

Kim WALK

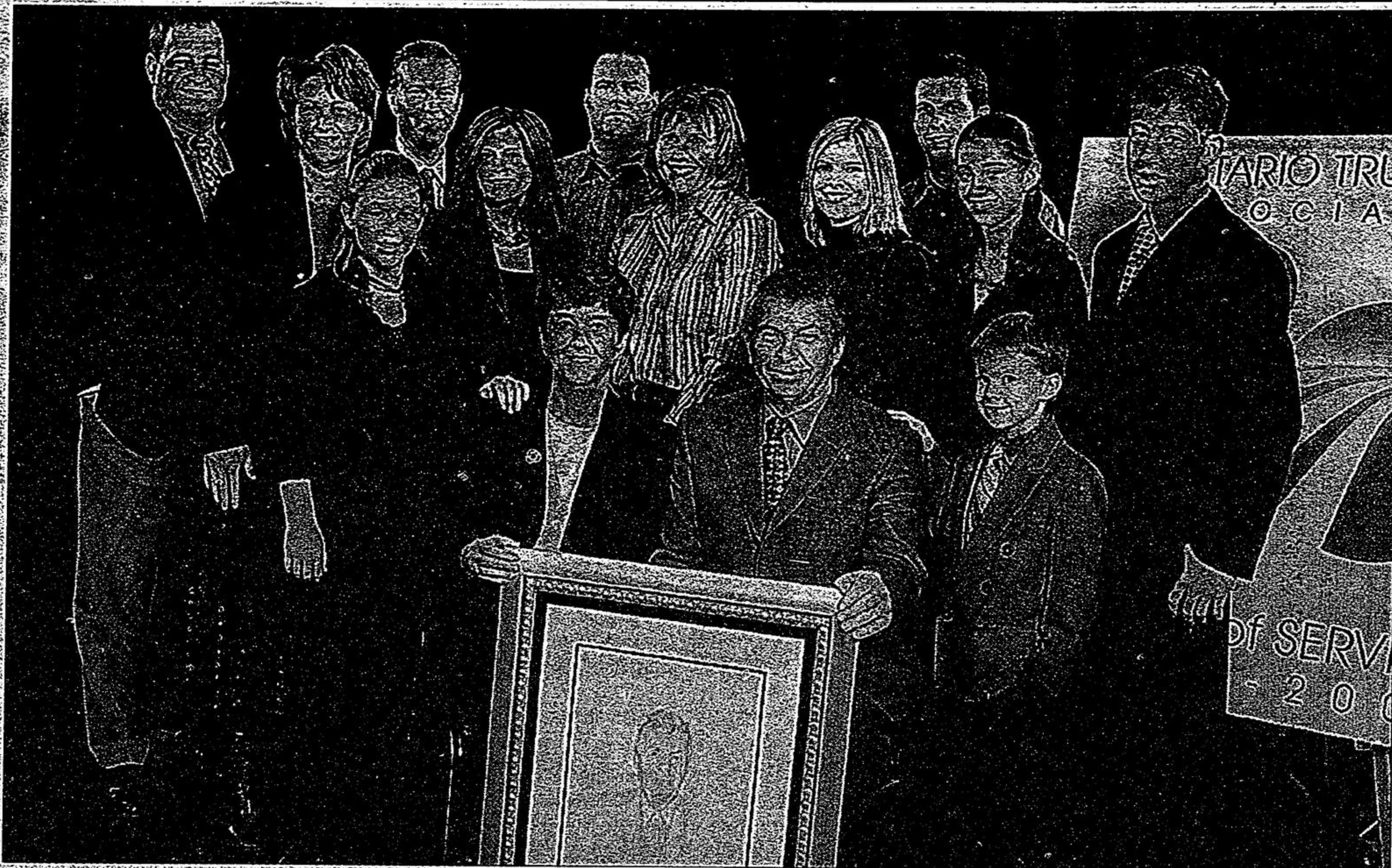


So far, it hasn't as I have not had a chance to go there yet. I will be checking it out, but I would also like to keep my business local as much as I can.

Audrey GOOD



We have not been there yet. I don't enjoy big stores and I don't enjoy crowds. I will probably go to Wal-Mart eventually, but not until the crowds die down.



Don Anderson, founder and president of Don Anderson Haulage Ltd. of Stouffville, was presented with the 2006 OTA-Trailmobile service to the industry award, the highest honour bestowed on an executive in the Ontario trucking industry Friday in Toronto. The Anderson family poses with Maris and Don Anderson with the portrait of Mr. Anderson. A third generation of the family has started working for the company.

Top award in Ontario industry to founder of innovative Stouffville firm

Don Anderson keeps on truckin'

BY JIM MASON
Staff Writer

A Whitchurch-Stouffville man has received the highest honour bestowed on an executive in the Ontario trucking industry.

Don Anderson, founder and president of Don Anderson Haulage Ltd. of Stouffville was presented with the 2006 Ontario Trucking Association-Trailmobile service to

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the industry award at the association's 80th annual convention in Toronto Friday.

The award honours an individual who, by his commitment, vision, leadership and unsinting service, has made an outstanding contribution to the development and success of the truck transportation industry in Ontario.

The selection was made by a

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panel of Mr. Anderson's peers, most of whom are previous winners. The award is an attractive charcoal portrait of the recipient.

Anderson Haulage specializes in the movement of over-dimensional loads in Ontario. Together with his wife and business partner Maris, Don has been an active supporter of OTA for more than 25 years, serving on the board of directors of the association and its heavy specialized carriers division for many of those years. Over the years, Don and Maris have been fixtures at the OTA convention and have participated in many study missions abroad. Mr. Anderson began his career in the trucking industry working for his father, from whom he purchased his first truck.

Things went very well for young "Donnie" and two years later he had four power units to his name. By 1965, the year he incorporated Don Anderson Haulage Ltd., he had opened a yard and shop at the east end of Stouffville to house his

expanding fleet.

Shortly thereafter, Don inked a deal with a ready mix concrete company that would give him a solid base for his growing fleet of gravel trucks. Later he added the movement of over dimensional loads to his company's offerings.

The thriving company soon out grew its quarters and, by 1979, construction began on a new facility which is its current location in west-end Stouffville.

The company is poised to begin construction on a new home in Gornley. Construction should be complete in 2007.

Mr. Anderson has always been considered an innovator in the industry and most currently in the large load business.

The company's big blue trucks are fixtures at work sites and on highways throughout Ontario.

When the opportunity for added growth in the specialized carrier division came around, he traveled to Germany where he purchased the first of what would be several multi-wheeled transporters. This equipment enabled the company to tackle even larger over dimensional moves.

As the jobs became larger and more complicated and the province increased demands and restrictions on the size of loads on the road, Mr. Anderson had the foresight to create a strategic alliance with a railway which resulted in the continued growth the company enjoys today.

Eighteen of Mr. Anderson's drivers have 20 years or more of service

The third generation is poised to begin its careers at the family-run business.

with the company and six of those have been with the company for more than 30 years.

The Andersons' four children Mike, Liz, Jane and Sue, have all worked for the company at one time or another.

Mike, the company's vice-president, was recently elected to the OTA board.

The third generation is poised to begin careers at the family-run business. The eldest of nine grandchildren, Kyle and Bailey, began working for the company last summer.

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