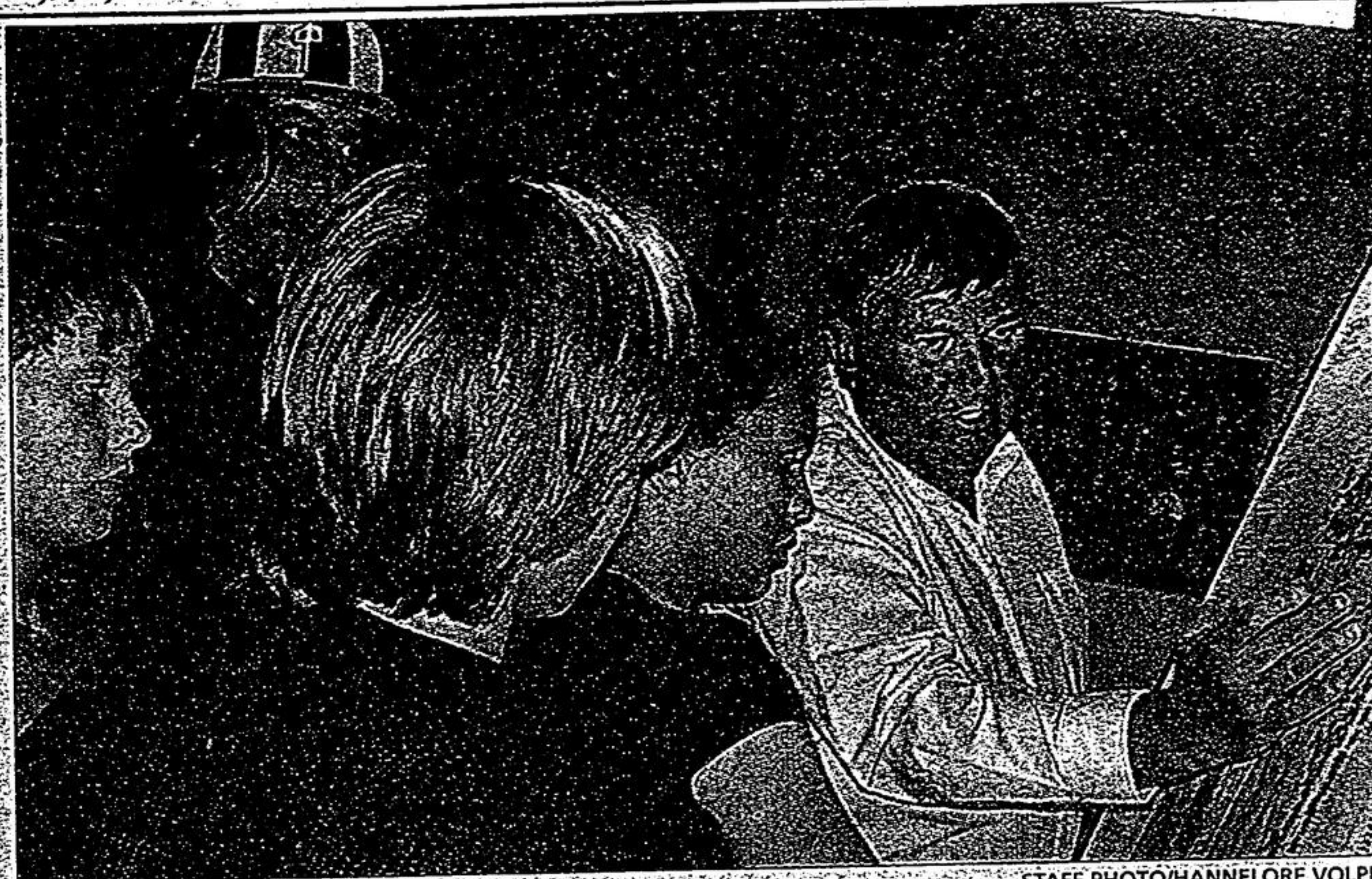


Mayor Wayne Emmerson reviews plans for Whitchurch-Stouffville with elementary school students at the municipal offices Tuesday. The town is building a twin-pad arena, buying the track at Stouffville District Secondary School and hopes to buy the school itself, he said.



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Town still hopes to buy high school, mayor tells students

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In mid-summer, the town should announce where the two new ice pads will be located, he said.

Mr. Emmerson is hoping construction of a new arena starts in early 2008, with the facility completed in 2009.

The town is in the process of buying the running track next to Stouffville District Secondary School.

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It would also be available for York Regional Police and other organizations.

"We won't know until

closer to the end of the year whether we can buy the old school," he said.

Liam Mitro, who is at the town's skate park two or three times a week, looks forward to a new, better-quality skate park similar to the one originally built in Thicketwood Park several years ago.

"I like what I see in the park plans," Grade 7 student Will Brown said.

However, the town could use another track, he said. There are many schools in York Region that hold their track meets in Stouffville and "it is hard for them to cram in 10 or 20 meets in one month's time," he added.

Jessica Ianuzziello, a Grade 7 student, is in favour of having more ice cream trucks in town and is looking forward to the beach volleyball area.

Ivanna Turco, also in Grade 7, hopes a go-kart track can be part of the improvements to parks.

All Whitchurch-Stouffville elementary schools were invited to take part. Summitview, Glad Park and Whitchurch Highlands public schools and St. Brigid and St. Mark Catholic schools sent representatives.

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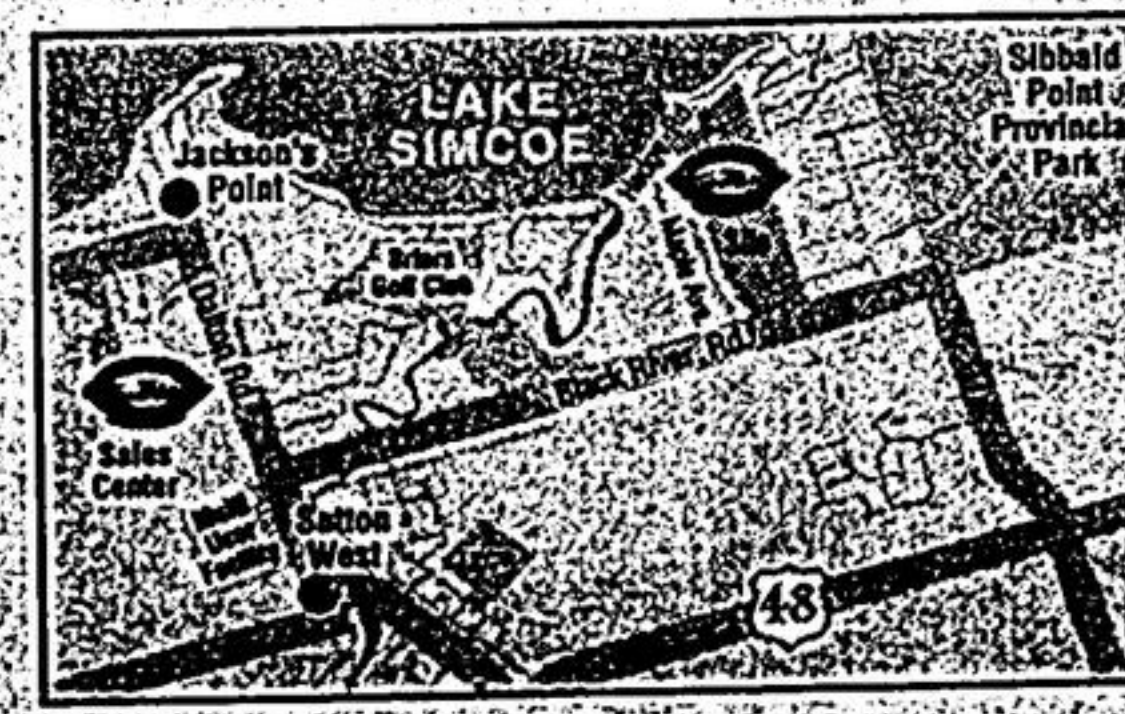


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Photo show at Latham

Lisa Klapstock's latest show of photographic works opens at the Latham Gallery today from 1 to 4 p.m. There is an artist talk at 2 p.m. The show continues until July 7. The gallery is at 6240 Main St. Call 905-640-8954.

Swinging into spring

The Bach to Blues Company presents its Swing into Spring concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Wideman Mennonite Church, 10530 Hwy. 48. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Call 905-640-5999.

WEEKEND PRIMER

Fun at school

A community fun fair is being held at St. Brigid Catholic School, 223 Millard St. in Stouffville today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will go to Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation.

Bargains at church

Christ Church Anglican, 254 Sunset Blvd. is holding a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Come to the rear parking lot for heritage plants, household and children's items and more.

Clippers selling plants

The Stouffville Clippers Bantam hockey team is raising funds for its trip to Austria and the Czech Republic with a plant sale at Canadian Tire this weekend.