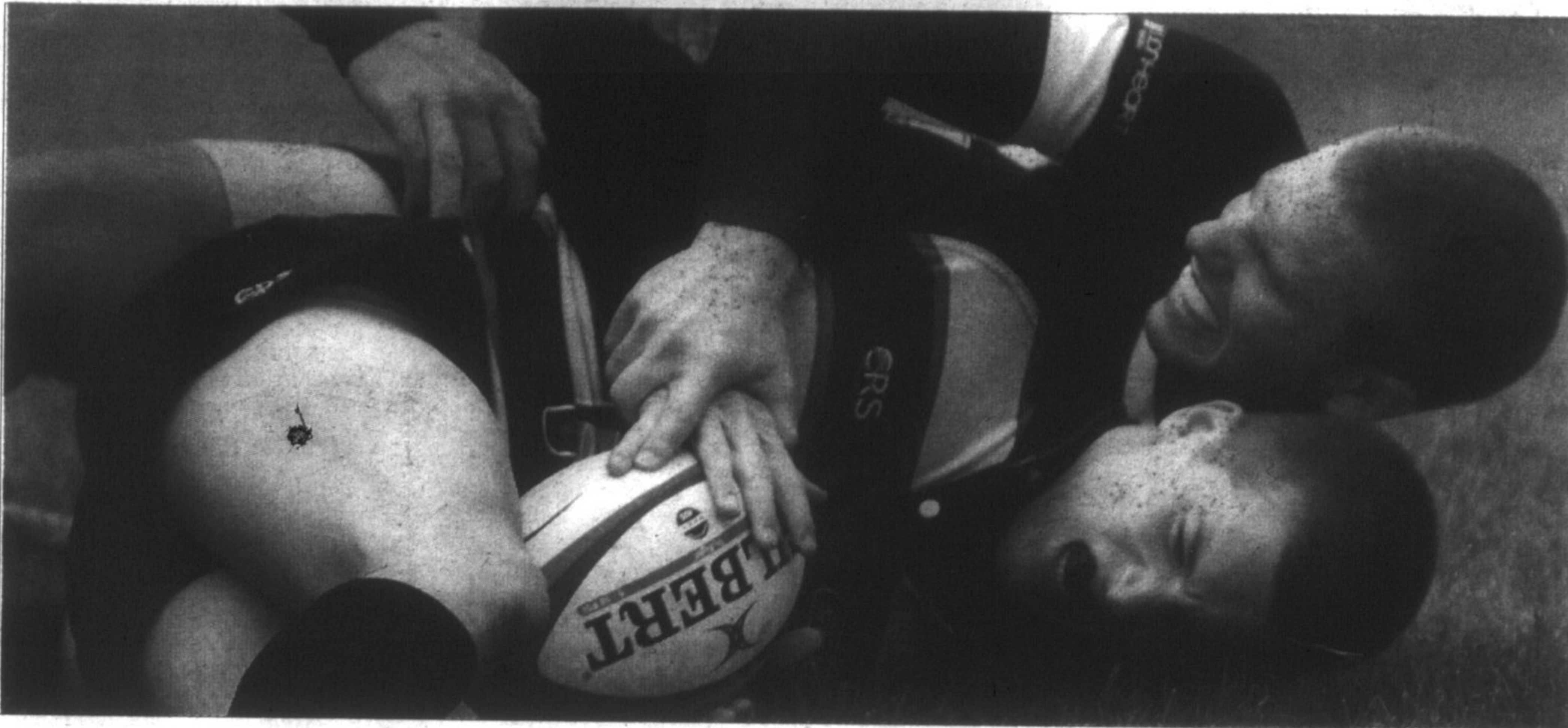


# SUN-TRIBUNE PEOPLE

## HEAD-TO-HEAD MEETING



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Stouffville Secondary's Dylan Stewart is tackled by G.W. Williams Wildcat Jamie Schaffer in Aurora Wednesday. Stouffville won 24-0.

## Elizabeth Taylor, Prince Philip made noise for soundman

BY MARILYNN MULKINS

So you think we seniors are passé?

Take a look at 85-year-old Nolan Roberts, still volunteering at Care & Share Shoppe on Main Street in Stouffville.

Nolan was born in 1922, in Liverpool, England, in Penny Lane (yes, the Beatles' Penny Lane).

He volunteered in the Royal Navy during the Second World War and served on an aircraft carrier. After the war, he worked with Pathe News as a recording engineer in England, Nigeria, South Africa and Egypt.

Nolan met famous people recording sound in news, documentaries and movies.

He worked on a film with Richard Burton and wife, Elizabeth Taylor. He found working with her to be difficult.

He also met the Vivien Leigh of "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn" fame.

In France, he was recording

▶ Go to [imdb.com/nolanroberts](http://imdb.com/nolanroberts) for more information on Mr. Roberts and the films he has worked on.

sound at LeMans 24-hour car race and was in the Jaguar pit when there was a terrible crash into the crowd killing many people.

On the Royal Yacht Britannia, Philip (who would later marry Queen Elizabeth) managed to trip over Nolan's cable and reamed him out over it.

Nolan was in one of the first research planes doing maneuvers, attempting to break the sound barrier.

He was recording the sound, enabling engineers to hear any pitch changes in the engine that would require modifications to the wings of the plane.

From England, Nolan took a brief contract with Canada's National Film Board for three months, but ended up staying five months.

Back in England, studios were

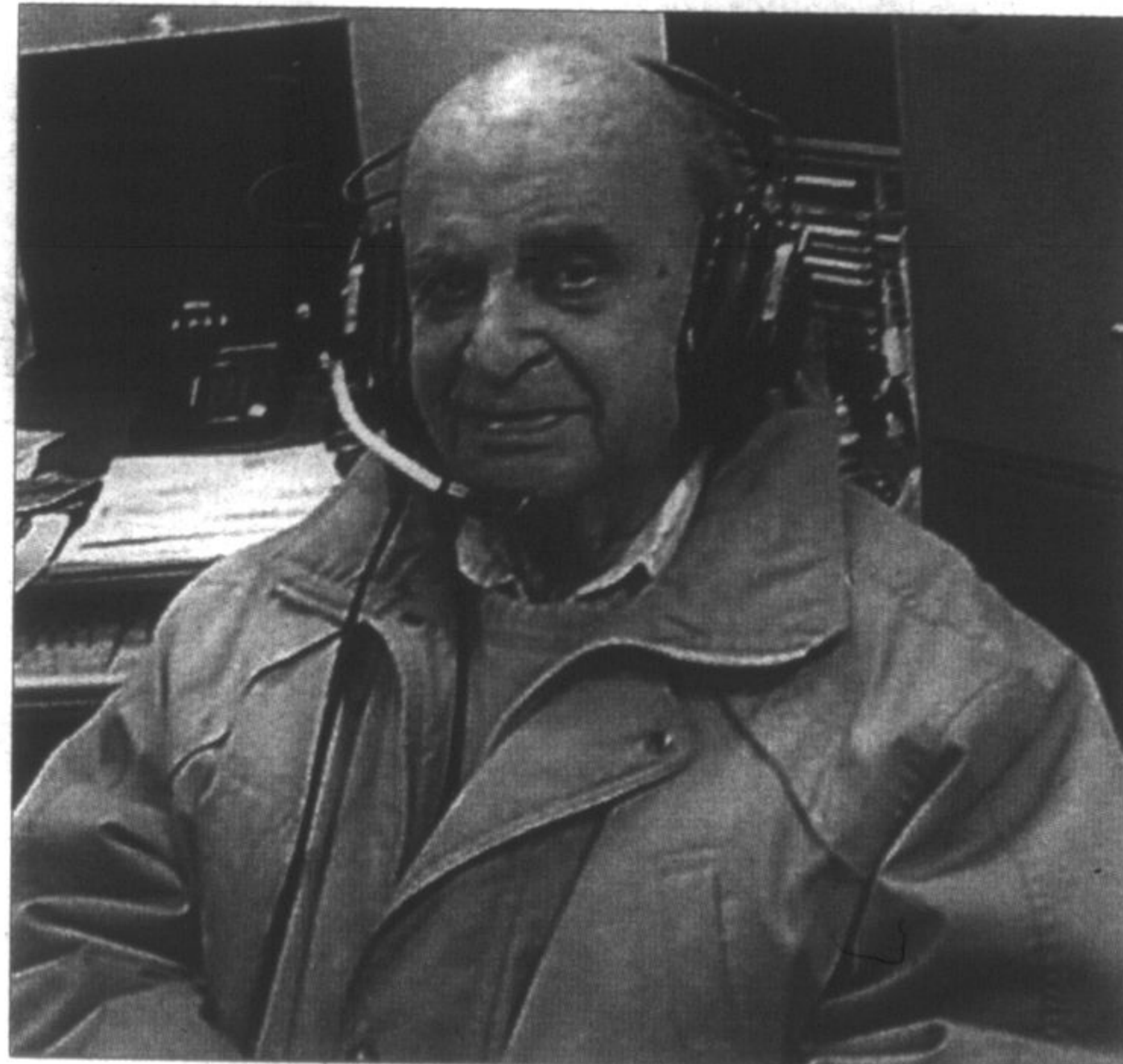
closing and a Toronto film company, Film House, urged him to come work in Toronto.

He, his wife and three sons immigrated to Canada.

Today, two sons live in Toronto

while the other moved to Scotland. Nolan's wife, Stella, died eight years ago.

In true British restraint, Nolan says, "Canada is a pretty reasonable sort of place to live."



Former movie recording engineer Nolan Roberts, 85, now lives in Stouffville and volunteers at the Main St. Care & Share Shoppe.

*He worked on a film with Richard Burton and wife Elizabeth Taylor, whom he found to be a difficult "star" to work with.*

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### Old school remains in town's sights

Whitchurch-Stouffville could still get its hands on the old Stouffville District Secondary School.

The Bramble Crescent facility, which closed last June, had been turned over to the Ontario Realty Corporation by the York Region District School Board.

But it's back in the board's hands, Whitchurch-Stouffville town council was told Tuesday.

"The school board knows we are very interested in it," Mayor Wayne Emmerson said.

The town and school board met two weeks ago.

"We will be looking carefully at it over the coming months," board spokesperson Ross Virgo said.

No possible uses have been announced.

### Looking for a hotspot?

Did you know the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is a wireless Internet hotspot?

It's one of five in Whitchurch-Stouffville listed on the York Region Media Group's website.

For more information, go to [yorkregion.com](http://yorkregion.com) and click on the wireless hotspots icon.

### Things to do on POP

Looking for something to do in the Whitchurch-Stouffville area this spring?

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The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Stouffville Strawberry Festival  
June 25<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup> & July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 \* Fireworks

Downtown Main Street & Memorial Park

All activities are FREE

