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## Arena security boosted

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Staff Reporter

If you get a call telling you your child is drunk, take it seriously. This is the message from Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

Drunken youths and a fight at the local arena last Friday have caused town officials to review security at town-owned facilities. Not only will security be tightened at the Recreation Complex, but staff is being directed to call parents if a youngster turns up

drunk. "If staff know who the (drunk) kids are, they'll call the parents, tell them their kids are drunk and ask them to come and get them," said Emmerson. As well, York Regional Police

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**WAY TO GO** The Stouffville Rotary Club donated a load of supplies to the Stouffville Food Bank this week. From left: executive member Judy Kennedy, club president John Pollard, and executive member Ken Prentice. The food bank reminds residents that the community Thanksgiving drive is gearing up. It starts Monday and lasts until Oct. 12. For the past few weeks, *The Tribune* has published food bank requests, and on a weekly basis, the community has come through with an abundance of the much-needed donations. "The actual items asked for have just poured in," food bank treasurer Joan Doble said. She added the community deserves a big thank you for its generosity from the food bank users and volunteers. But the giving doesn't stop, and supplies are needed on a year-round basis. In addition, monetary donations are most welcome, and cheques can be sent to the Stouffville Food Bank, Box 343, Stouffville, Ont., L4A 7Z6. Receipts will be sent out at the end of the year, Doble said.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

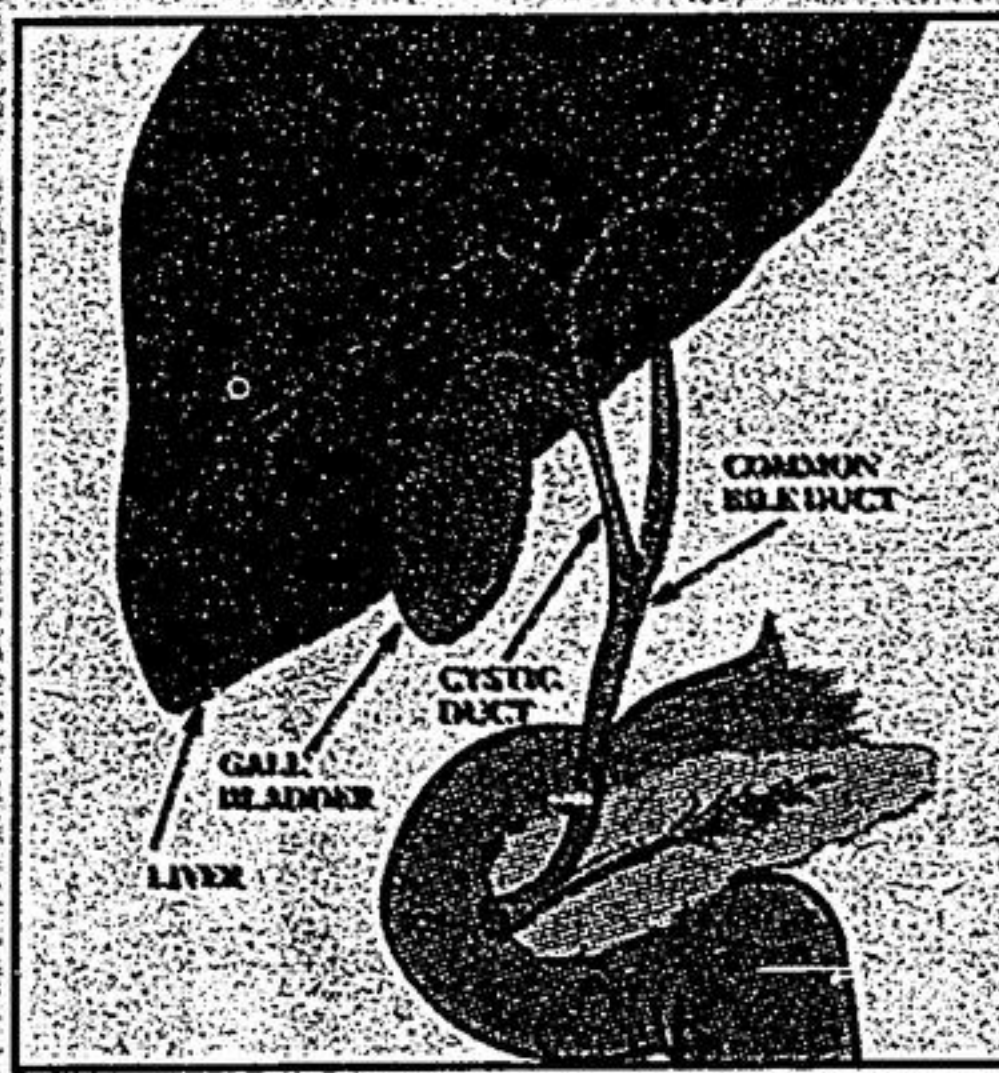
## Hospital slams surgical report

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Staff Reporter

The Markham Stouffville Hospital is considering legal action against the Toronto Star after a special report on Ontario hospitals alleged it has a higher than normal rate of bile duct injuries during routine gallbladder surgery. In fact, said acting president and CEO Dr. Jim MacLean, the Markham Stouffville Hospital had no bile duct injuries between 1990 and 1995, the time period quoted

in the Star. "The information was totally misinterpreted," he said. "Our true number is zero — zero bile duct injuries — in those five years and we have the data to back it up." The Star reported 24 such injuries between 1991 and 1995, 16 of those occurring in 1995. MacLean said the Star may have been confused by the codes Markham Stouffville uses to track patients — occurrences during surgery, complications and other

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The human biliary system



**AMAZING GRAZE** This peaceful scene was captured at James Sabiston's Longview Farms on Bloomington Road this week.

Photos by SJOERD WITTEVEN

## Mayor's race heats up as Watson declares

JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Reporter

In a surprise move yesterday, Ward 2 Councillor Mike Watson announced to *The Tribune* that he's running for mayor in the upcoming municipal election. Watson was elected in the Ballantrae Musselman's Lake ward in a by-election in January. While he announced three weeks ago that he was not seeking re-election in Ward 2, he left his other political options open. "I was frustrated as a councillor," said Watson. "I couldn't get



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done what I wanted to, and what's needed. As the mayor, I can accomplish much for this municipality. If we get the right people elected, we can do a great deal."

Watson, 32, told *The Tribune* he intended to visit the municipal office yesterday afternoon to file the appropriate papers, signalling

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