

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

A guide to what's happening in the York Region area

THEATRE

■ **NOV. 24 TO 27:** *I Believe in Christmas* at Newmarket Theatre. 953-5122.

■ **DEC. 1 TO 5:** Newmarket Stage Company's *Jack & The Beanstalk* at Newmarket Theatre. 953-5122.

■ **DEC. 1 TO 4:** *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket. 895-2385.

■ **TO NOV. 27:** Comic hypnotist the Incredible Boris at Comedywood in Thornhill. 761-0543.

■ **TO DEC. 4:** *Greetings* at Richmond Hill Curtain Club. 773-3434.

CONCERTS

■ **NOV. 26:** Kevin McMillan at Performing Arts York Region concert at Thornhill Presbyterian Church. 889-4359.

■ **NOV. 27:** CD release party for Dawn Caswell at Sgt. Peppers Pub, Markham. 471-9876.

■ **NOV. 28:** Apollo Chamber Ensemble in concert at St. John Chrysostom Church in Newmarket. 895-2118.

■ **NOV. 28:** CHATS Sing-Sational at Markham Theatre. 305-7469.

■ **DEC. 14:** Unionville High School's Winter Fantasia. 479-2787.

■ **DEC. 19:** Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short, St. Michael's Choir School, York Symphony Orchestra at Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Markham. 887-5896.

ROAD TRIPPING

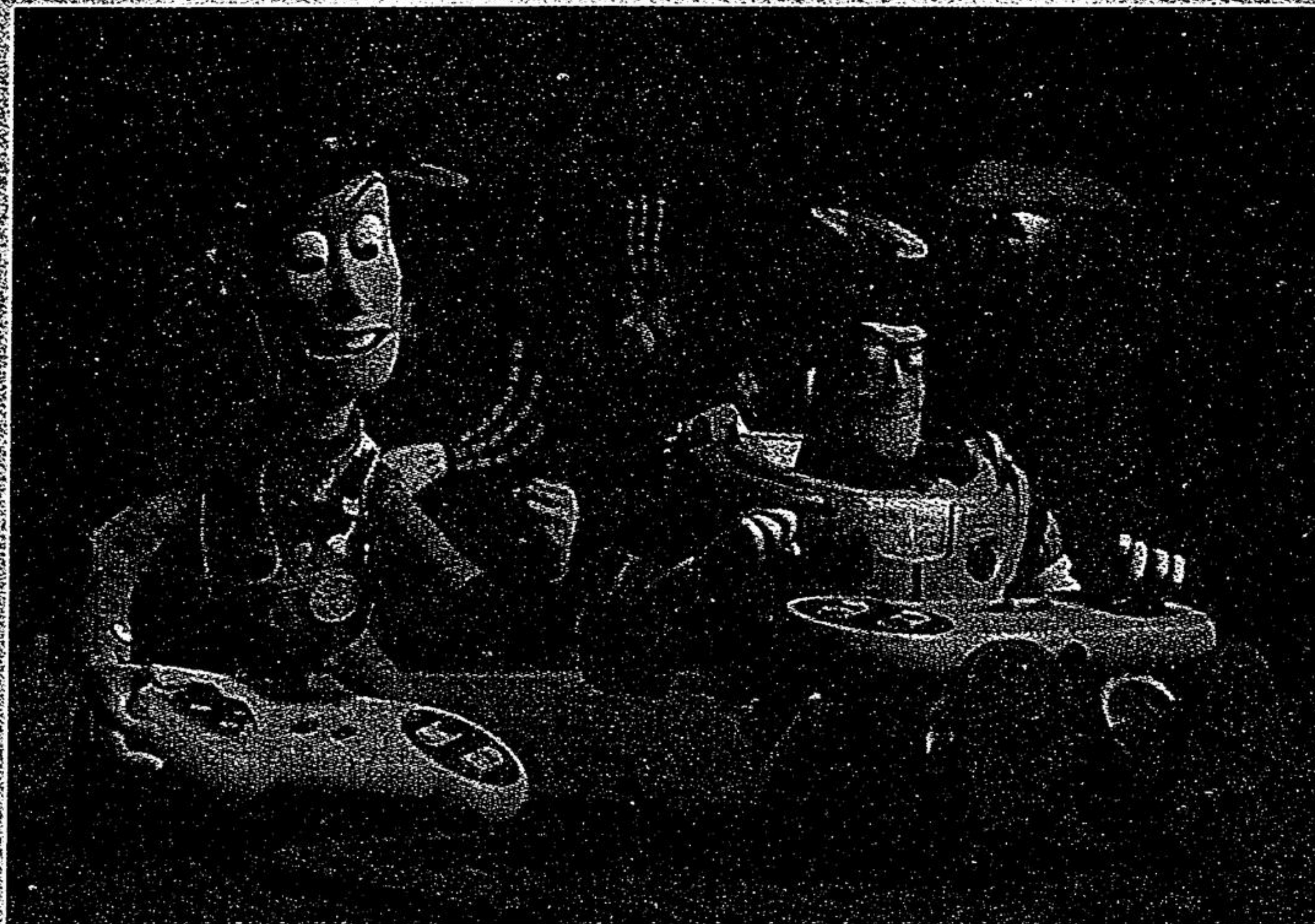
■ **NOV. 25 TO 28:** *Winfield Unbound* at Theatre Orangeville. (519) 943-3423.

■ **NOV. 26 TO 28:** *Great Big Sea* at Massey Hall. (416) 872-4255.

■ **NOV. 26:** *Cowboy Junkies* at Brampton Heritage Theatre. (905) 874-2800.

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Woody and Buzz Lightyear have to cope with a toynapper in *Toy Story 2*, opening tomorrow.

Toy Story 2
Opens tomorrow.

STARRING: Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, Kelsey Grammer, Don Rickles, Jim Varney and John Ratzenberger. Directed by John Lasseter.

BIG-MONEY TOY: The 1995 original grossed more than \$360 million worldwide and sold more than 22 million video cassettes in North America alone. It's the third highest grossing

feature-length cartoon, behind *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*.

THE STORY: This sequel to the computer-animated blockbuster sees an obsessive toy collector kidnap Woody, who is a highly valued collectible.

HELLO-O-O-NEWMAN: New characters are Joan Cusack's hyper cowgirl Jessie, prospector Stinky Pete, played by Kelsey Grammer, and the evil toy collector Al, played by Seinfeld's Wayne Knight.

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

This week's video releases, along with some abbreviated reviews:

The Iron Giant. "Animated film feels like a classic from some golden era. It gives viewers something new and refreshing, unlike anything they've seen on the big screen." (Star)

Entrapment with Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones. "High-tech heist flick with a bewildering script is a mindless thriller, partially redeemed by its human chemistry." (Star)

The Haunting with Liam Neeson and Catherine Zeta-Jones. "It's frightful all right. But only because it's as scary as a pajama party with Casper the friendly ghost." (Sun)

Also scheduled for release are *Limbo* with Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, *Splendor* with Jonathan Scheach, *New Rose Hotel* with Christopher Walken, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Calista Flockhart, *The Love Letter* with Kate Capshaw and *That Championship Season* with Paul Sorvino.

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

My house is so dry during the winter. What can I do to maintain a suitable moisture level?

Dry and damaged

Dry indoor air can suck enough moisture from floors and furniture, panelling and pianos to do permanent damage such as:

- Splits or cracks in woodwork or walls.
- Wooden doors that show gaps or that no longer fit tightly.
- Gaps between the boards in hardwood floors.
- Widening joints in cabinets or wooden panelling.
- Loose or wobbly chair legs and arms.

Blame it on shrinkage

What causes all this damage? Wood shrinkage.

The wood structure of a typical new 2,100-square-foot home contains 635 gallons of water.

As long as the indoor humidity level stays around 35 per cent, the moisture content of the wood remains pretty much constant.

Put moisture back

The best way to get the right humidity, all the time, is to use a humidifier with an automatic control system.

Humidifiers can actually monitor the outdoor temperature to maintain the optimum indoor humidity level for homes, furnishings and people.

Does government have you confused? I think my child is having problems at school? How do I get Meals on Wheels for my parents? If you're in the dark about an issue, bylaw or service, send us your query and we'll do our best to provide the information.

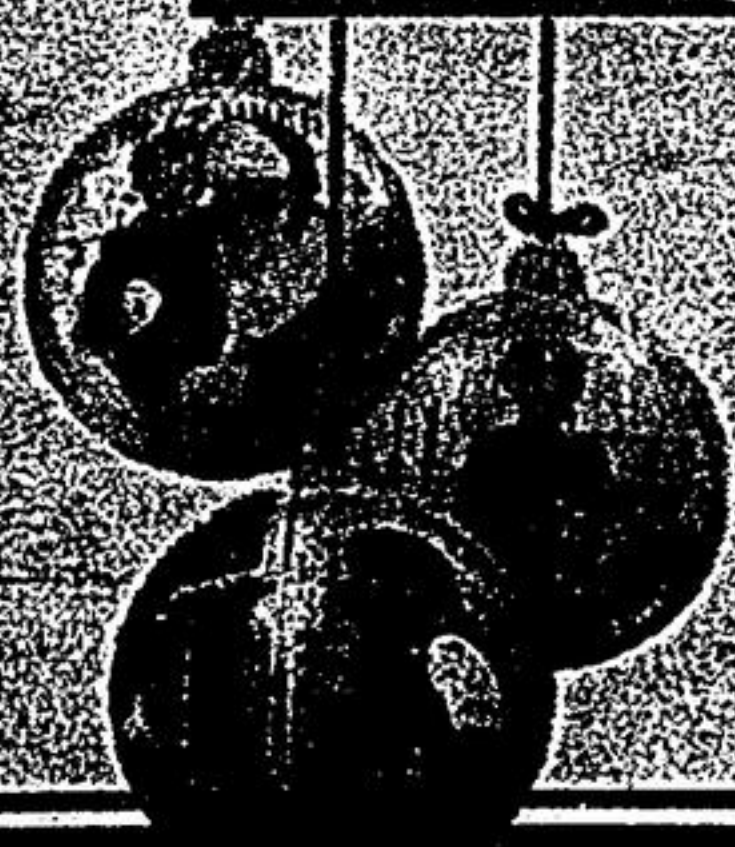
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