

The Economist & Sun/Tribune welcomes submissions of upcoming events from community organizations. While every effort is made to include all submissions, there is no guarantee of publication.

AUDITIONS

Audition for European Concert Tour (July 2001). Chorus Canadiana is a non-profit children's choir residing in York Region. This audition is opened to anyone ages 10-17 who has the desire to express themselves through vocal music. Please call 905-513-0955 or Linda at 416-315-6255.

The Millennium Youth Orchestra is looking for young musicians, all ages. String, Woodwinds, Brass, Guitar, Percussion. No participation fees! Qualified musicians will be remunerated. Send information via fax to 905-770-1198 or email: proyouthorchestra@yahoo.ca.

CLUBS

Euchre, every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. at Markham Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, 28 Franklin St. 12 games, prizes, 50/50 draw, tea and goodies. Call Frances at 294-0672 for info.

FOR CHILDREN

UNTIL DEC. 16

Early Years Program from birth to 5 years old with an adult at Milliken Mills Community Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No charge, no registration. Spend some fun time together and give your child a head start in acquiring those all important early learning skills. Program includes a circle time at 10:30 a.m. and a small snack. Call 905-940-8323 for more information.

EVENTS

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Canvassers are donating their time and efforts by going door-to-door in their communities across Canada to raise money to support people affected by diabetes.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

Victorian Tea & Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave. in hamlet of Vandorf from noon to 3:30 p.m. \$5 adults; \$2 for children under 10. Call 905-727-8954 for details.

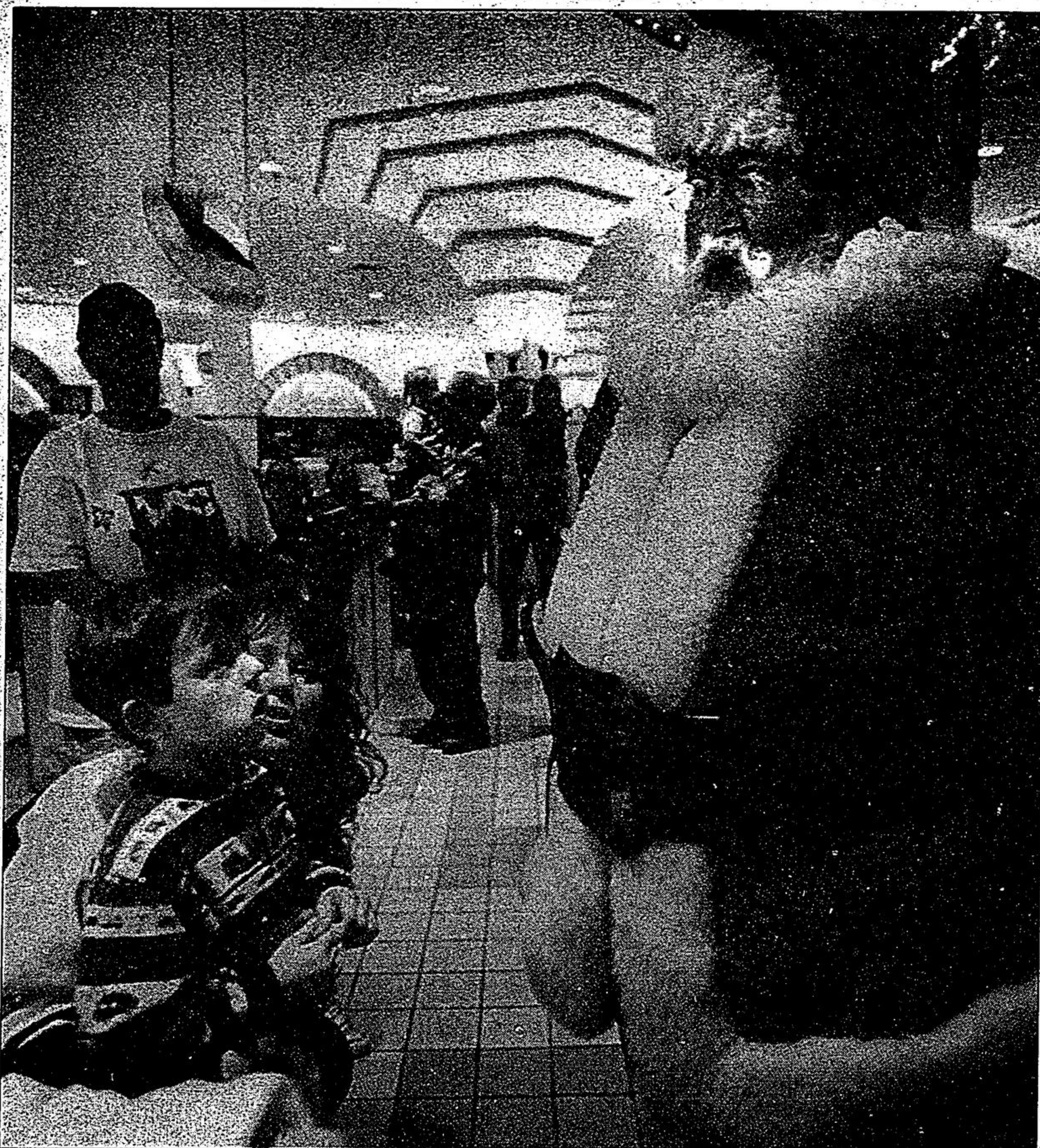
FRIDAY, DEC. 1

Christmas Concert with sing-along at St. James Presbyterian Church in Stouffville, hosted by Bach To Blues. \$8 plus food bank item. Free for 12 years and under. Proceeds going to Yellow Brick House. Call 640-5999 for details.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

Stouffville Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade at 2 p.m. The parade route is the same as in the past. We start at 10th line and cam fella and go across Main St. to the Novopharm parking lot. This year's theme is The First Christmas (of the new millennium). To help offset costs, a \$25 entry fee is requested from all businesses, no charge for non-profit organizations. To register a float, call 640-6769 or 640-5004.

Holiday Craft Show & Bake Sale at Walter Scott Public School, 500 Major Mackenzie Dr. E. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and see the many beautiful craft and gift ideas, including pottery, stained glass, gift baskets and much more.



PHOTO/JIM ROSS

Santa Claus made his first Markham appearance last weekend at Markville Shopping Centre, taking time out from his busy schedule to have breakfast with some of his admirers. Here, Austin Altobelli stands with mom, Kim Altobelli in awe of the big guy's presence. Children can see him again at the annual Markham Santa Claus parade, which takes place Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

"Northern Expression" at Markham Theatre at 3 p.m. performed by the York Symphony Orchestra. Sibelius' beautiful tone poem Finlandia will open the program, then Canadian composer Horwood's Intravariations for piano and orchestra will follow. Call 905-884-3787 or 416-410-0860 or fax 905-884-3787 for tickets. Single: \$20; \$15 seniors/students, and \$5 for 12 and under.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

4th Annual Holiday FUNdraiser. Silent Auction and luncheon featuring standup comedian Derek Edwards at LeParc Conference & Banquet Centre, Room 3, 8432 Leslie St. in Thornhill. Cost: \$70 (GST included) pp. Registration and silent auction begins 11:30 a.m. Advance registration and prepayment are required by Monday, Dec. 11. Call

905-841-442 or <http://www.yorktech.ca> for details.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

Village Voices choir presents its annual Christmas Concert at Central United Church, 131 Main Street in Markham, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 for adults (children 12 and under free) can be purchased at the door. For information, call 905-294-8687.

SEMINARS

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

"Everything You Wanted To Know To Be A Effective Advocate For Your Child", by the Learning Disabilities Association of York Region. This session will assist parents in

understanding their rights and responsibilities under the Education Act, help them to understand the IPRC process, understand the importance of strengths and needs statements and much more. This session will be held at the Resource Centre, 11181 Yonge St. (Loyal True Blue and Orange Home) from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 905-884-7933 for details.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

A Not So Jolly Christmas: Coping with the Holidays at St. Andrew's United Church. Dr. Bill Webster, Centre for the Grief Journey will share his own loss and suggest strategies for managing the holiday season. To register, call 905-472-5014.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

Recovering Our Spiritual Path - teachings from the Hasidic Tradition on developing a spiritual practise in Community. A lecture series

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Addiction Services for York Region runs a program for problem gamblers and their families. We offer assessment, seminars, and ongoing support groups and can make presentations to groups on demand. All services are free and confidential. Call 905-841-7007, ext. 322 or 1-800-263-2288, ext. 322 or ext. 328 for details.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

Markham Stouffville Hospital photo health card clinic to replace missing, damaged, expired and incorrect cards. By appointment only, call collect 434-3700 or 576-2870.

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DONATIONS

Cleaning Out? The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is looking for books for its 2001 book sale. Call M. Ferguson at 640-5639, ext. 223 for pick up or drop off donations at the library.

EXHIBITIONS

TO NOV. 27

Juned Art Show & Sale by Markham Group of Artists, 171 Town Centre Blvd., Unionville. Call 475-5509 for details.

MEETINGS

Free support group for Xtra large women. Join like-minded women who are making positive physical and emotional life changes. Group meets every Sunday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Markham. Call Sandi, 294-5786 for details.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

Markham Garden & Horticultural Society, 22 Water St. meeting at 8 p.m. There will be a bake sale. Non members \$2. This is the last meeting until February 2001 when we hold a pot-luck supper for members. Call 905-294-7273.

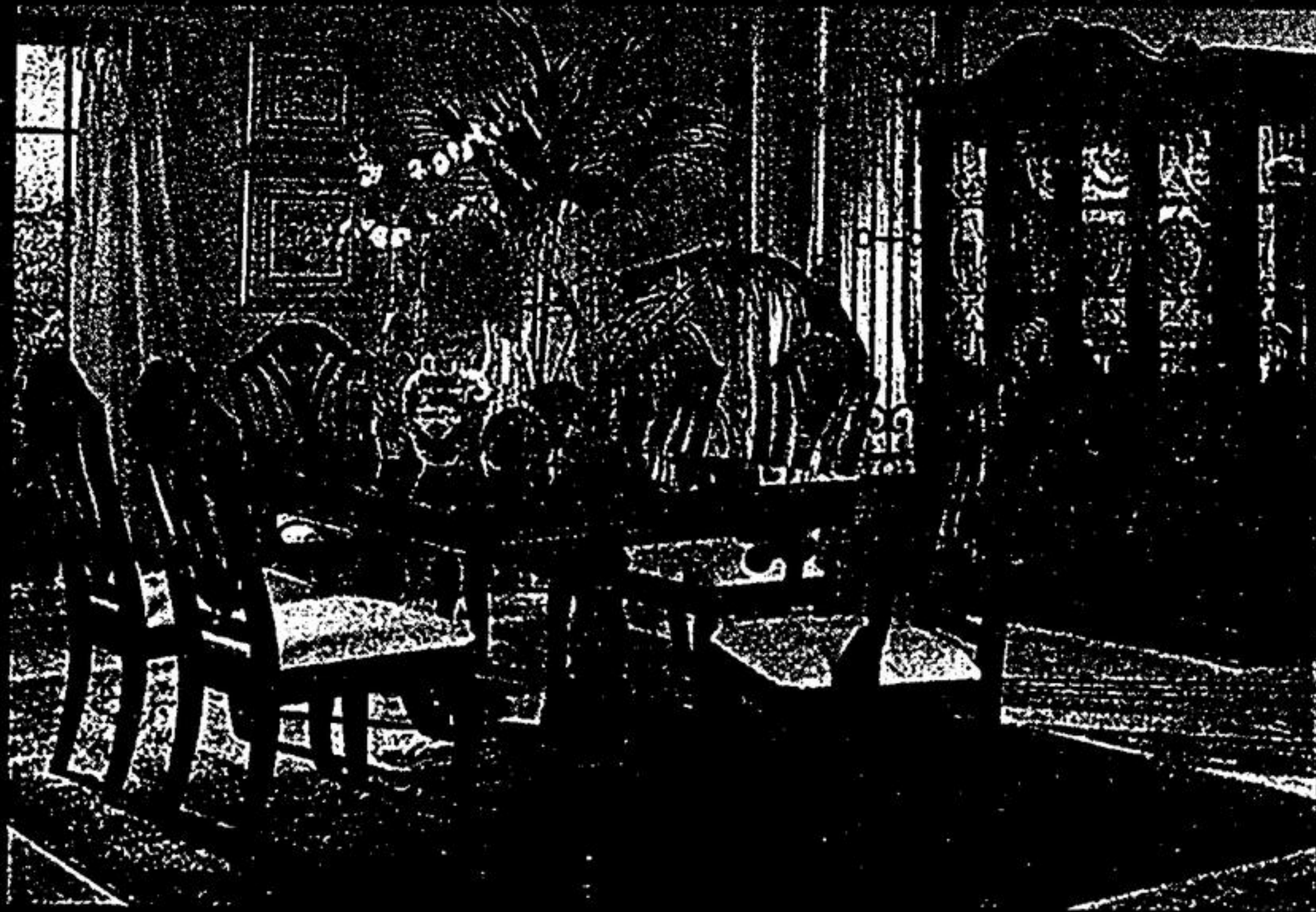
NOTICES

The Salvation Army Family Services, 50 Bullock Dr., Unit 6 in Markham is now taking applications for the Christmas Cheer Hamper Program. If you wish to register for assistance, please contact the office to set up an appointment at 472-3009. You are reminded to bring with you two pieces of identification for each family member, and proof of address and income. Please register early. The deadline for applications is November 30th.

Explorer Group of Canada Leaders wanted to work with girls aged 9-11. Call 905-640-6673 for details.

You Can Make A Difference. Be a friend to a new immigrant for two hours a week at your convenience. Provide support and information, learn about their culture and share their experiences. Call Fatemeh at 905-770-7040; ext. 226.

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