

Seniors club pounces on mouse phobia

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The fear of the mouse is being fought at the Silver Jubilee Club in Stouffville every Tuesday.

Local resident Clive Ross uses the innards of computers and concise instructions to help seniors become comfortable with using computers in his five-week courses.

"A lot of people are afraid something will blow up if they touch the computer," Mr. Ross said.

He is currently teaching his

second computer course at the seniors' club.

As seniors become more comfortable with computers, he will encourage them to type out their memories of life in Stouffville. He hopes these stories, along with photographs, can eventually be made into a book.

Four of the computers and a printer were donated from the town by Mayor Sue Sherban; another two were given to the club by Stan and Elva Newmarch.

Since the computers are

always at the club, seniors can come in whenever they want to practise what they have learned. The courses give seniors a chance to find out "what is happening in the high-tech world", Mrs. Sherban said.

She hopes the Silver Jubilee Club can become an after-school drop-in centre for the town's youth starting in the fall.

She is working on providing the club with Internet service that can be used by both groups of residents.



Clive Ross and Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Sue Sherban watch as Marjorie Bowes (foreground) and Marilyn Lee work the keyboards at the Silver Jubilee Club.

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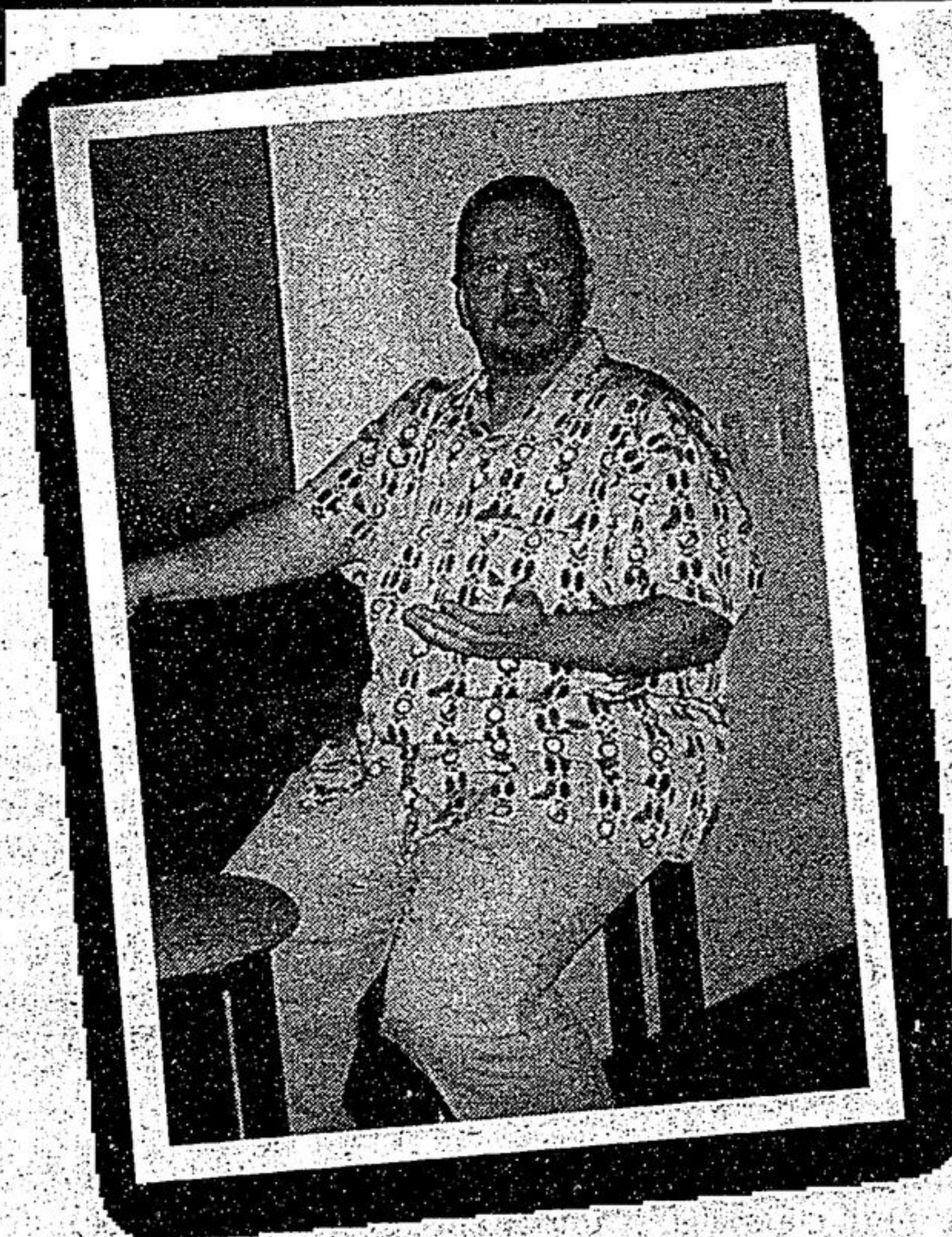
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