

# Editorial

## 1991 will prove a trying year

Amidst all the doom and gloom forecast for our brand new year of 1991, it would be very easy to adopt the 'Chicken Little' approach and simply proclaim, "The sky is falling, the sky is falling."

In reply we suggest to all the 'Chicken Little's' of the world, buy a helmet.

Canada will survive the recent troubling times and no doubt emerge even stronger as a nation because of the experience.

Adversity, ironically, can be a blessing not only to individuals, but to families and even nations. This phenomenon has been recognized and recorded not only by sociologists but by psychologists as well.

In hard times, individuals seem to find that inner strength, which previously had gone untapped, to not only persevere but to gain a new (or renewed) sense of self-worth which had previously been lacking.

Families, in the same sense, draw closer together when times are tough.

The petty squabbling among siblings is almost unconsciously put aside when it is truly realized that the family unit as a whole is indeed threatened.

Husbands and wives who had forgotten, or neglected, the true meaning of love in a relationship, realize the need for a partnership in the real sense of the word and strive to work together through the hard times and into the future.

Throughout history, a nation's real character and the caring of its citizens for the well-being and preservation of the nation, has come to the fore when adversity threatens - either through war or economic downturns.

There is no denying 1991 will be a year in which individuals, families and nations will undergo hardship - perhaps to an extent never imagined by the baby-boomer generation.

But it could also prove to be a time of renewal in terms of faith in mankind - something which appears to have been sadly lacking with our "show me" or "give me" attitude of the past number of years.

For those who wish to throw up their hands in despair and give up - good riddance.

For those who wish to get on with the job that needs to be done to make our planet a better and safer place in which to live and raise children and indeed, survive, let's roll up our sleeves, join hands and get on with the task at hand.

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## Community Forum

### Stouffville reunion planned

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Reunion '91 Committee for Stouffville District High School in Stouffville, Ontario, I am writing to inform you of plans for a high school reunion to take place June 28-29, 1991. For those who attended Stouffville District Secondary School who are interested in attending and renewing old acquaintances, and would like to receive an invitation to the festivities, please forward your name (women please include maiden name), current address, telephone number and years attended to: Reunion '91, c/o

Stouffville District Secondary School, 153 Edward Street, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1A0, or call (416) 640-2650 and leave a message on the machine.

Hope to see you there.

Janna de Boer  
Committee Member,  
Reunion '91.

### Letter of the week

#### The sounds of silence

Dear Editor:

I remember participating, last year, in more than one demonstration at Queen's Park in which environmental groups from east and west of Toronto were complaining about the institution of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) by the former government.

No Region in Ontario will easily accept Toronto's garbage, rather most Regions will argue that Toronto's garbage should stay Toronto. Enlarging the Toronto area to include Halton, Peel and Durham, may have been a way for the previous government to open new garbage dumps in these regions and maintain that Toronto's garbage is indeed staying within the town's limits. Hence the GTA was strongly opposed by the "out of Town" environmental

groups.

The NDP, at the time, was very supportive of the "NO WAY - GTA" cries of the demonstrators. MPP Ruth Greer was then opposed to the institution and to the mandate of the GTA. The same MPP, now Minister of the Environment, met with the regional chairmen of the GTA, but not with the opposing citizens' groups. She recently explained to the media that the SWISC committee of the GTA, established by the previous government, is going to decide the location of the "temporary" new dumps. I wonder why the citizens' groups are now silent. Has anything changed?

Sincerely,  
Giuseppe Gori,  
Executive Vice President  
Family Coalition Party  
of Ontario.

### Open Door says thanks

To the Open Door Youth Centre Supporters:

On December 5, 1990, the Open Door Youth Centre held a fundraising Pasta Supper at St. George's Anglican Church Hall. A hearty thankyou is extended to all the friends of the Open Door who supported us and enjoyed a plate of spaghetti.

Only with the cooperation of many volunteers can an event such as this run smoothly. The efforts of the Open Door participants, their families and the board members who worked so

diligently is very much appreciated.

Many merchants in Georgetown were very kind to us: the folks at Loblaws, A and P, Knechtels, John Vince Bulkfoods, Miller's Bakery, The Muddy Duck in Milton and St. George's Church all helped to ensure the success of our Pasta Night.

Thanks to all for your generous support.

Sincerely,  
Vanessa Bell-Smith  
Executive Director  
Open Door Youth Centre.

### Honest citizen

The Editor,

In the spirit of the season, on Sunday Dec. 2, I was in the back of my store, and did not hear a customer enter.

But I did hear her leave, so I hurried out to her car, and apologized for missing her, and asked could I help her with anything.

She then smiled and said she already had what she needed, and left a cheque on my cash register.

I would like to thank Linda Winterburn of Georgetown.

It's honest people like you that make doing business in Georgetown a real pleasure.

David Ogley,  
Steak Express.

### Berry's World



Jim Berry  
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