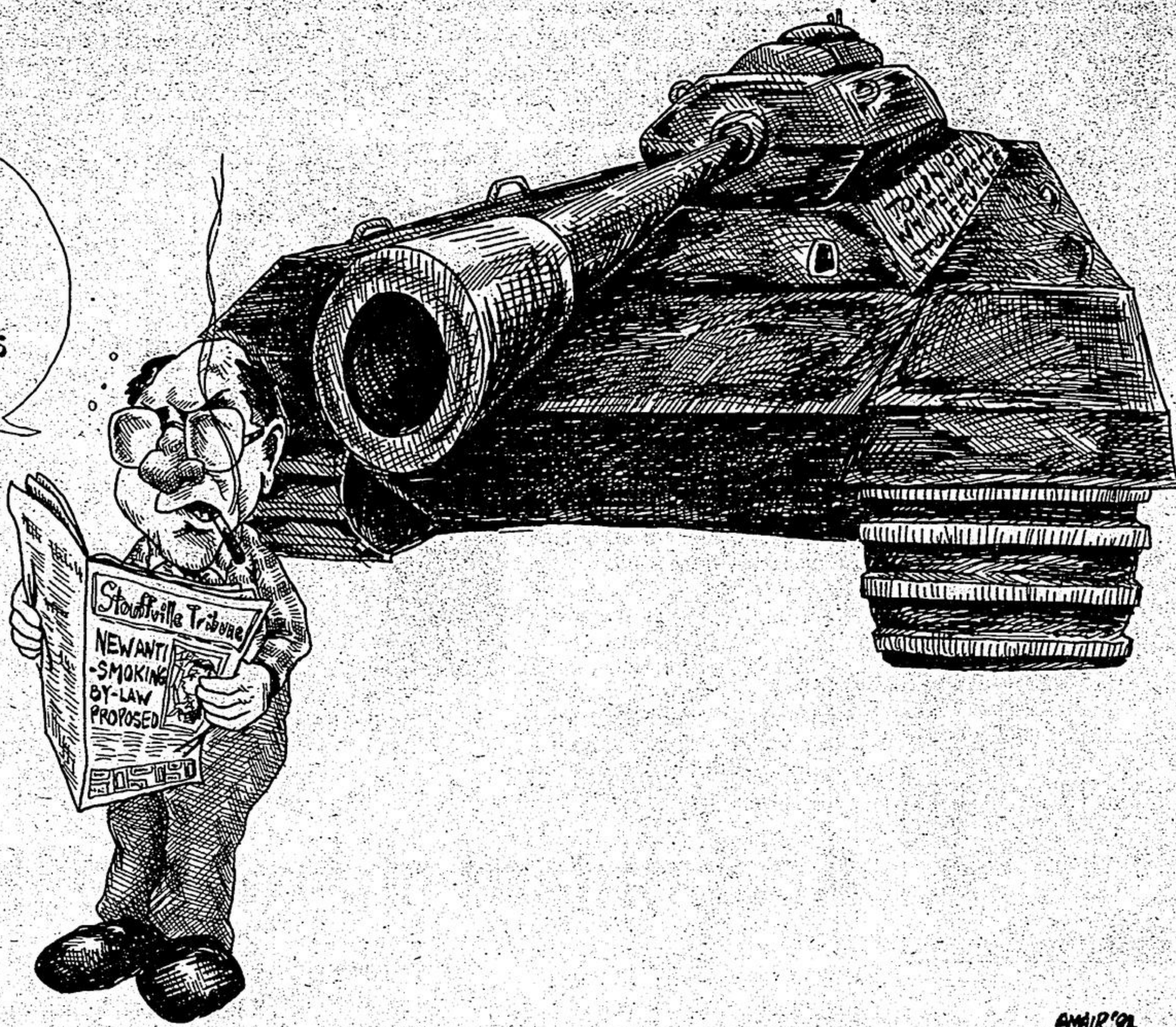


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THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN MAKE THIS STICK!



Tip of the hat to local employer

The beleaguered economy has reared its ugly head once again in Stouffville.

This time, Cable Tech, one of the town's primary employers is feeling the pinch. But the company deserves a tip of the hat from this community.

Instead of laying off workers or shutting the plant as other companies across the country have done, Cable Tech is opting to keep all the employees on for a four-day work week.

While the staff will only be paid for the four days they work, at least they are still employed. The company has no intentions of laying off employees.

Tough economic times make for depressing news, so it's nice to see a positive alternative to what could have been drastic measures.

It's nice to see there are still some employers who look at all of their options before they start to cut.

Farewell to Stouffville; it's been great

Maybe it was something I said. Every time I think about it, I still shake my head. Just one short week ago, I was editor of the Stouffville/Uxbridge Tribune; as I write this, I'm clearing my desk and moving to a sister newspaper in Oshawa.

The experience I've had in Stouffville is invaluable. I've learned how the community works, and have also learned to appreciate the people who live in this town. Dealing with them - average citizens, business people, and politicians - always made it interesting. You're real people, who live in a caring community.

Over the past two years, they are the one constant that has remained in an ever-changing world.

Leaving the Tribune newspapers in Stouffville and Uxbridge wasn't an easy decision, but one I had to



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make. Not many editors I know would pass up the chance of moving to a city of 130,000 souls, to meet the new challenges that would bring.

After nearly two years of work here, however, there is one thing that will stay with me and that is this: for every call you get from an angry reader, there is one that makes your day.

Never was there a time when one could predict what could happen.

Day after day, we at the Tribune did our best to carry on the fine tradition of being a community

newspaper for the past 103 years. We must, however, realize that the times, they a-change.

I've been part of the change here at the Tribune, and I'm proud of it. Learning, coping and making mistakes was all a part of that process.

Life lessons, I suppose. People often disagreed with the changes we made. But like the song says, you can't please all the people all of the time.

Really, I tried. Even now, in these tough economic times, the Tribune will prevail. Again, a long tradition provides a firm foundation for all of us.

Virtually every modern event in Canada and around the world has

occurred as the Tribune published its community news and events every week for the people in Stouffville.

And that will continue. I thank the people who have encouraged and supported me. I had a huge pair of shoes to fill

when I arrived here in 1989, which is no secret, and I have endeavored to do so. But, if I can steal a quote from Frank Sinatra, I did it my way.

Let me leave you with this: If I could do it again in Stouffville, I would. And I wouldn't change a thing.

Needy aided by publicity

Dear Editor, Stouffville's Ecumenical Outreach Committee thanks you for your support during the past eight years.

We will be combining our efforts with the newly-formed Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank. In November, 1982, Joyce and Bill Nailor of Christ Church Anglican started a collection of food and clothing. In January, 1983, Stouffville United Church and St. Mark's Catholic Church joined the Anglican Church to form an Ecumenical Outreach Committee. St. James Presbyterian Church joined the committee in September, 1986.

With the wonderful co-operation of their congregations, the local I.G.A. and A&P stores, and Passifume's Fruit Farm, thousands of boxes of food and clothing were distributed to inner-city missions, Yellow Brick House and, more recently, the Markham Food Bank.

With the current recession we have great needs right here in Whitchurch-Stouffville. We urge those who are able to continue using the food boxes at local stores and churches to assist this newly-formed organization in its worthy efforts.

Thanks for the Tribune's publicity over the years. Sincerely, Marion Boadway, Publicity Chairperson

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Editor's mail

Stouffville community can help others with gift of clean water

Dear Editor, I wish to commend our Town Council and administrators for enclosing information about WaterCan in our water bills, and allowing community residents to make a contribution to water projects in the Third World when we pay our bills.

Our municipal leaders have their share of problems, especially during a recession, but I am glad that they have not

lost sight of the fact that some communities in other parts of the world are faced with far more urgent and life-threatening situations.

My husband and I were part of a group of volunteers from Hagerman Mennonite Church who went to Haiti for a week last December.

We find it difficult to describe what life is like in a country where only 20 per cent of the population has clean water to

drink, there is an 80 per cent illiteracy rate, and a per capita gross national product of about \$300 U.S.

I hope people in Stouffville will take the time to read the WaterCan leaflet, and that they will give something to help needy people in countries like Haiti.

Sincerely, Joanna Reesor-McDowell, Stouffville