

# stouffville comment

## Most won't miss 1992's uncertainty

Step aside, 1992, and make way for a brand new year.

Take your financial uncertainty with you.

Take your foodbanks, your unemployment and your high interest rates with you.

Take your never-ending tax hikes and your government wrangling with you, too.

Drop off, instead, some healthy job creation programs to get those people who lost their jobs, back in the work force.

Drop off some positive signs to ease the financial pain felt by so many during your long, 12-month stay.

And drop off a dose of optimism for all Canadians, who deserve a break from your incessant setbacks. Good-bye 1992.

Most are glad to see you go and welcome 1993 with hope for a healthy and prosperous new year.



## No more tree 'wights,' and no more 'Ho, ho'

The Christmas tree lights have been shut off for another year. The ornaments packed neatly away in their boxes; the stockings tucked away in the cupboard.

It seems kind of sad to have it all end - especially since my toddler cried as he witnessed Grandpa chopping down the great tree he came to adore during his first real Christmas.

"Wights, wights," he would demand each morning, pointing to the tree until mommy or daddy would go plug them in. Being oblivious to the spiralling costs of hydro and the need to conserve, my son just couldn't begin his busy day without the

tree lights on. Each time someone would come through the front door, Kody would point to his tree proudly, showing off the colorful "wights" for our guests.

But Monday it all came to an end. Grandpa hauled a big box into the livingroom and began sawing our tree down, branch by branch.

He stuffed our once glittering Christmas pine into the box, tied it with twine and carried it off.

"Bye, bye tee," Kody said, and all was forgotten for another year.

No more "Ho, Ho" (that's the man in the red suit,) and no more Christmas tree "balls" to

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bat around. Children have a way of making these moments especially sad and memorable.

For adults, the post-season clean-up is a dreaded job. Taking down the decorations, finding room for all the new-fangled appliances, sweaters and toys

seem an endless chore. Not to mention, that terrible thought of those January bills - the ones you ignored last month to make Christmas extra-special for the family.

But for kids, it can be quite a shock to see all the happy times pushed into a closet all in one afternoon. Children shouldn't have to think about the pressures and stresses of everyday life - that's what childhood is all about.

My son was one of the lucky ones. Showered with toys, clothes, books and trinkets, he will no doubt spend hours each

day discovering all of these wonderful gifts. He has no idea that some kids are less fortunate. Nor does he care. Innocence and ignorance are two of the pleasures of being a child.

I can't help feeling a little guilty, though, for the many children out there who are a lot less fortunate. With the recession looming over us like a dark cloud, I have but one hope for 1993.

I hope families across the country will find it easier in 1993 to make ends meet. Best wishes to all for a prosperous and happy new year.

## Works snow 'team' deserves pat

Dear Editor,

In my travels as a serviceman for a utility, I have the opportunity to visit many towns in York Region.

In comparison of the snow removal efforts of four major towns I worked in on Saturday, Dec. 12, Stouffville's "snow removal team" is to be commended in their proficiency. A job well done, folks!

Also, don't the wreaths installed on the light stan-

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dards in town add a nice touch to this festive season. I just wish the works dept. added a strand of lights on the wreaths.

Hold it, just wait a minute.

Stop the presses.

I think, no...yes!

There are lights on the wreaths.

I do see lights on the wreaths, hardly!

I wonder why?

S.J. Hume  
Stouffville

## Stouffville's volunteers praised

Dear Editor,

The start of the new year is an excellent time to take on new challenges and commitments. Stouffville has always had many dedicated volunteers helping in numerous different ways in our community. I hope that as you plan for the coming year

that you will consider volunteering and supporting your favorite charity or special interest.

There are many opportunities where your volunteer time would be appreciated.

Ginny Burrow,  
Stouffville

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