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Focus On Business

Ho, Ho, Ho

From an economic standpoint, we all received the best Christmas gift possible, the dreaded mergers were put to a halt. (At least for a year or so.) Congratulations to all the people who fought these from their inception, and to this politicians who for once had the courage and conviction to stand up to these mega powers and do what the vast majority of constituents wanted.

1999 FORECAST

Don't look for any major changes in '99. Interest rates should be relatively stable, with the usual swings up and down. The housing market should continue to rise at a three to four percent rate in most marketplaces. The most promising growth potential is the employment market. Look for a great number of new companies to spring up, and expansion from existing companies.

CREDIT

The credit granting system has implemented major changes over the past 18 months, and none to the benefit of the consumer.

The most dramatic change is in the scoring systems that almost all lenders now use. (All computer generated). The days of getting a commitment from one lender and then shopping that deal to other lenders to try and get a better interest rate or terms, are gone.

Under their scoring system, any more than three inquiries over a six-month period is the kiss of death. Any time you apply for credit, a Credit Bureau is run, and shows as an inquiry.

If that magic number of three is exceeded most

lenders systems will automatically decline the application, as it deems the applicant to be a credit seeker.

Did you know that mortgages or mortgage ratings do not appear on a credit report? This is a situation I have never understood in my 25 years, either as a lender or broker.

A person could pay their \$200,000 mortgage like clock work for years and years but God forbid they get one or two payments behind on a small credit card, because the system then declines on a poor credit history.

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IN CONCLUSION

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many loyal customers and friends from over the years. And to all our present and future clients

I would like to wish the very best health and prosperity for 1999.

Till next time

Glenn A. Campbell



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With three trucks on the road doing everything from in-house service calls to the toughest of central vacuum installations, the staff at Markham Vacuum are professionals who get the job done.

Hunwicks, who still does many of the installations, brings with him 20 years of installation experience. He said some vacuum stores use sub-contractors for installations who rush the job, but Markham Vacuum takes pride in providing top-notch service and very competitive prices.

Dan Ingram looks after the construction end of the operation, as Markham Vacuums rough-in specialist.

He works with some of Toronto's largest home builders and does rough-ins for central vac, intercom, cable television, alarm and telephone pre-wire.

The store has two levels catering to every vacuum need. Upstairs is a retail sales floor specializing in Eureka products.

Townson said, in his 14 years of experience in the vacuum business, he finds the Eureka product line has something for everyone including canisters, uprights, cordless, and bagless cyclonic cleaners.

They even have the hepa filter units for allergy



Staff from Markham Vacuum

sufferers. Eureka also makes a full line of commercial units for restaurants, hotels, and offices.

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