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Brian Uens (centre), owner of Bridon Motors in Stouffville, presents a cheque for \$2,900 to Markham Stouffville Hospital major gift officer Jan Black (left) and foundation president Gina Rosen. The funds represent the total donated by users of the sign during the year.

OMB challenge won't delay pool plans: mayor

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the OMB to explore the project. It's expected the OMB will wait until at least the end of February to let the parties know if a hearing will be held.

But the project is not on hold, Emmerson said.

"We held one open house in the summer and, at that time, said there would be another. We're moving forward. I hope the public comes out," he said.

At the open house, the project architects will get into more detail of the plans.

"It will be a brick building. We'll show the colours and see what the peo-

ple think," Emmerson said.

Library officials will give an overview of what's in store for future library services. The new library will measure 13,000 square feet. It will be large enough to look after the community's library needs to 2010, chief librarian Marilyn Ferguson stated. At the new complex, the library could be open seven days a week.

A design of the parking lot will be shown. "We'll show exactly where the parking is," Emmerson said.

"And, I'd like to remind the public that the pool was increased from four to six lanes on a request from the people," said the mayor.

"Also, the swimming pool will

include a ramp, giving handicapped easy access.

The facility will include a viewing gallery for the pool, a whirlpool, a larzan room, three change rooms and a water slide.

A total of 135 parking spots will be built along the border of the park.

The town plans to tap into an \$11-million reserve fund for project financing.

As well as moving the existing library to the park, it's been suggested that the town's lawn bowling facility, including the greens as well as the senior's centre, could move to the spot vacated by the existing library.

And, the Jubilee Club building could be put on the auction block to create revenue for the town.

About a year ago, a \$600,000 fundraiser was launched to help offset the cost of the new library, while a fundraising campaign is under way for the pool.

If all goes as planned, the new complex will open in 2001.

Christmas dinner to be served at Country Market

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Nobody needs to be lonely in Stouffville this Christmas.

Once again, the Stouffville Country Market will host Christmas dinner on Dec. 25.

About 500 people are expected to enjoy the food and festivities. Everything is free.

"For some, the dinner is becoming a tradition," said event co-ordinator David Knight. "This year, we are going to continue to provide meals for shut-ins in the area."

Entertainment at the 10th Line establishment will get underway at 11 a.m., while the children are sure to enjoy the craft table.

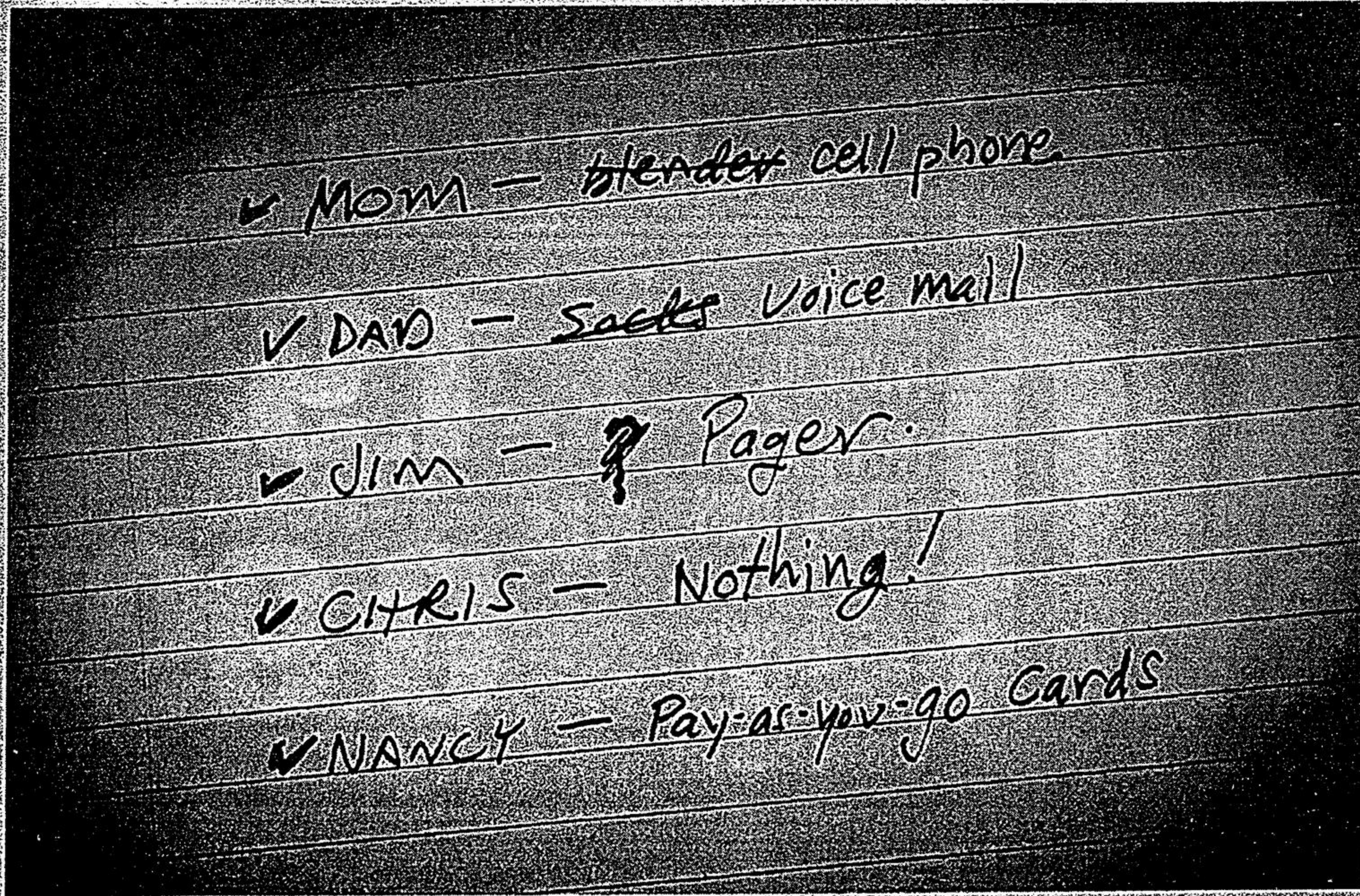
The buffet-style turkey dinner will begin at noon. Meanwhile, Santa Claus will arrive at 1 p.m. to do what he does best: hand out gifts.

"We welcome you to come and share this day with us," said Knight.

If needed, transportation to and from the market can be provided.

Volunteers and donations are welcome. "If you are interested in volunteering or wish to donate either a gift, bake goods or cash, don't hesitate," said Knight.

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