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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
EVENT: Third annual community worship service
WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 30, 10:30 a.m.
WHERE: Stouffville Country Market



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We'll cocoon even more in 2002 due to Sept. 11

More tofu, marriages predicted for new year

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If you want to keep up with the trends in 2002, you should invite friends and family to your yogurt city home for a healthy tofu dinner party, experts say.

While denim was the clothing of choice, scooters the preferred mode of transportation for youngsters and wireless services the most popular of communication technologies last year, 2002 is ushering in a period of unequivocal change.

As was the case several years ago, advances in digital media will alter the home entertainment industry.

Such advances are welcome, considering many people will be spending more time at home with loved ones in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, said retail consultant Richard Talbot.

"Because of 9/11, more people will be at home, appreciating their families," said Talbot, owner of Talbot Consultants International, a Unionville-based retail consulting company. "We'll continue with the cocooning effect — as aging baby-boomers are a big part of the market. There will be a shift in making life more comfortable."

In addition to reconnecting with family and friends, Talbot predicts many more couples will be rushing to the altar in the

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BEER STORE, SHOPPERS COULD JOIN LIQUOR STORE IN IGA PLAZA

STORES PLAY MUSICAL CHAIRS

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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When the A & P closes in the Stouffville Plaza, the Beer Store, liquor store, and Shoppers Drug Mart will likely join the Garden Market IGA across the road at the new \$13.5-million plaza, if Whitchurch-Stouffville council gives the go-ahead.

Whitchurch-Stouffville council

is hosting a public meeting on Jan. 22 at the municipal offices to review an application to rezone a five-acre parcel of land on Main Street across from the Stouffville Plaza. The first phase of the plan will include the new IGA grocery store expected to be open next summer, while the second phase will accommodate the beer store, liquor store and drug store.

Since the applicant, Michael Vong of Mainsville York Holdings Ltd., wants to expand the new plaza even more, a public meeting is required, said Tom Parry, Whitchurch-Stouffville's director of development services.

Construction of the first phase of the new plaza, made up of the grocery store, a bank and restaurant, got underway last month, said

Vong. All three buildings stand separate. The zoning for phase one was already in place, Parry explained.

"It's looking good. We're very pleased with the project so far," said Vong.

The public meeting for phase two, applies to five of the 10 acres at the site. It's required to rezone the land from residential to commer-

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THE BRIGHTEST IN STOUFFVILLE

Anna and Roy Bartell and their sons Roy Jr., 14, and Luke, 11, pose in front of their home at 6 Geoffrey Ct. in Stouffville. The home won the 12th annual Stouffville Christmas lights contest. The display uses 10,700 bulbs and took three months to construct. Second prize in the contest went to the Jeffries, 67 Geoffrey Ct. Third was won by Matt Busato, 11742 Tenth Line and fourth went to the Browns at 190 Lori Ave. The contest is sponsored by the Lions Club of Stouffville, Noma Cable Tech and the Stouffville Sun/Tribune.

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