

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

Are you aware of a shortage of family doctors in Whitchurch-Stouffville?

— Asked in Stouffville

Derra DUNSMOOR



Yes. I know people who are trying to change their doctors in Toronto, but can't find a physician to accept them here.

Pat IRESON



No. I still go to my doctor in Markham. One thing I have not found here is a walk-in clinic.

Helen MAZELOW

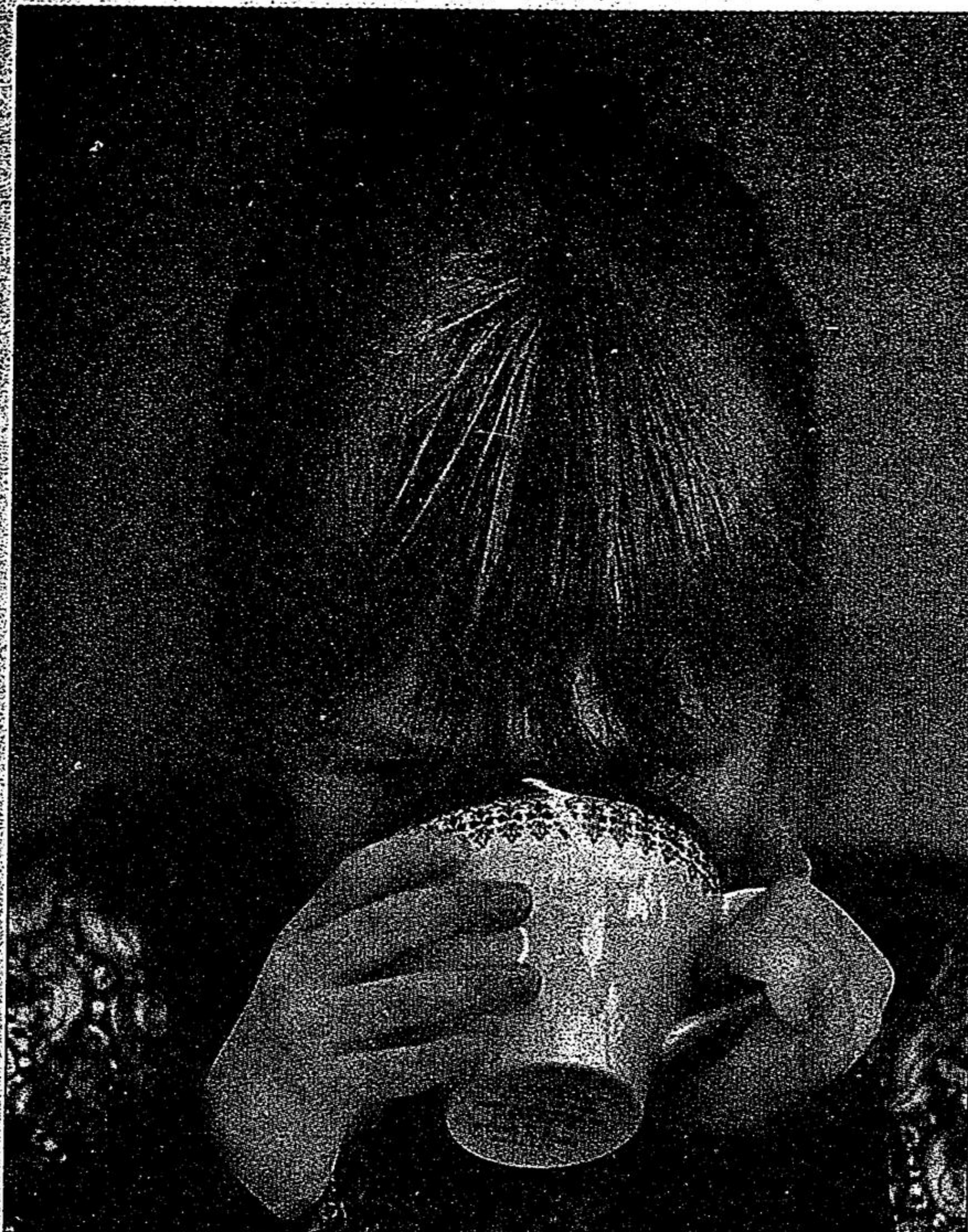


I wasn't aware of it. My doctor is in Unionville. Two years ago I walked into a doctor's office in Stouffville and they saw me immediately.

Gerry MORLOCK



I've been here 22 years and have a doctor in Richmond Hill. I have seen Stouffville doctors for emergencies and they saw me right away.



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Sipping on history

Five-year-old Katrina Seemann enjoys her beverage during annual Victorian tea at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in Vandorf Friday.

Briefly

Homeowner confronts Spring Street thief

York Regional Police are assuming a rash of residential break-ins on a quiet east-end Stouffville street are related, although no arrests have been made.

The three Spring Street incidents were reported within a few hours of each other Saturday night.

In one case, electronic equipment and jewelry were stolen.

But police say the homeowners in the two other incidents managed to foil the thief's plans, by either being home at the time or returning home during the break in. In both cases, once confronted, the thief fled empty-handed.

Police say one resident described the suspect as a white male in his 20s, approximately five-feet, eight-inches tall, 142 pounds, wearing a white turtleneck, beige coat and blue jeans.

"Only one of the victims gave a description, but I am assuming that three break-ins on the same street, on the same night, would be related," York Regional Police Const. Kim Killby said.

Lights contest open

Stouffville's 14th annual Outdoor Christmas Display Contest is seeking the town's most sparkling and creative outdoor seasonal displays.

Residents have until Dec. 13 to nominate homes. All residences east of Hwy. 48, south of Bloomington Road, west of the Uxbridge Line and north of 19th Avenue are eligible. These borders follow the boundaries of the Stouffville Lions Club.

Entries are being judged Dec. 15. There are \$325 in cash prizes.

The contest is sponsored by the Lions, Noma Cable Tech and the Stouffville Sun-Tribune.

Residents can nominate homes by e-mailing jmason@yrng.com. Entries can also be faxed to 905-640-8778 or dropped off at the Sun-Tribune office at 34 Civic Ave., Stouffville.

Last chance for parade entries

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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With Stouffville's annual Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade only two days away, there's still some furious painting and hammering going on as people put the finishing touches on their floats and entries.

In the meantime a small army of volunteers is getting ready to deploy on parade day — Saturday — to make sure everything goes off without a hitch. They include members of both the Kinsmen and Knette clubs, local girl guides and boy scouts and volunteers from Stouffville District Secondary School.

A Kid's Christmas is this year's theme. Paul Gribbon is parade chairperson. Last year his dad, Bruce Gribbon, chaired the parade.

Main Street Stouffville will be closed to non-parade traffic on Saturday from 2 p.m. between Ninth and Tenth lines until the final float, with Santa himself passes by.

The homegrown parade starts from Cam Fella Boulevard in the east end of town and heads west along Main Street,



Stouffville Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade Route

Parade starts on the 10th Line at Alfreo Drive, heads south to Main Street, and then travels along Main Street to Palmwood Gate.

PARADE FACTS

Parade start time: 2 p.m.
Date: Saturday, Dec. 6
Main Street is closed from Ninth to Tenth Line from 2 p.m. until parade ends
Length of parade route: 3.5 km
Number of entries: 90 and growing

ending at the Novopharm parking lot. Ninety entries already received include horses and wagons, fire trucks, schools, hockey teams, bands, service clubs and local businesses.

Staff from the A & P will col-

lect warm hats, mittens and gloves as they walk the parade route. Members of the Markham Stouffville Mennonite Youth Group will collect non-perishable food items for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Foodbank.

Judging by members of the Knette Club of Stouffville will take place before the parade starts. Five awards will be presented at a later date.

Santa is in the midst of fuelling up his sleigh for the trip to Stouffville. Paul Gribbon noted "We're hoping for everyone to come and also for nice weather this year," he added.

Quoteworthy

...the situation can only get worse!

Dr. Don Petrie, on the shortage of family doctors in

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