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## Election on horizon? That's a laugh

### Voters share lines for 'nasty' campaign

BY JOAN RANSBERRY AND LISA QUEEN

Have you heard the one about the nastiest Canadian election campaign on record being launched during the holiday season of peace on Earth and goodwill to all?

Comedian Larry Horowitz has.

"The opposition has introduced a non-confidence motion to bring down the government. Like we ever had confidence in the government," said the Bradford resident, director of Humber College's school of comedy.

"At the time we're thinking of the baby Jesus in the manger, the politicians are deciding to become mangier than ever before."

The Opposition's non-confidence motion is poised to bring down the government tomorrow, ushering in a holiday season campaign Canadians are sure to relish about as much as road slush spewed on the windshield.

The campaign is already gearing up as one of the most vile ever, with Conservative Leader Stephen Harper accusing Prime Minister Paul Martin's Liberals of being in cahoots with the Mafia.

"Can't you just see Paul Martin sitting there saying 'Make me an

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## Spirited celebration



STAFF PHOTO/BILL ROBERTS

Stouffville Spirit forward Joel Sheppard celebrates his second-period goal during his team's 7-3 win over the Vaughan Vipers in Provincial Jr. A Hockey League action at the Stouffville Arena Thursday. The Spirit plays in Ajax tomorrow. See page 17 for more information.

## No cash to make transit rapid

### Viva stalled without cash from federal, provincial governments

BY CAROLINE GRECH  
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Commuters with visions of getting to work quickly on a Viva bus may be out of luck if provincial and federal politicians don't ante up some cash.

While blue Viva buses have been on York Region roads since September, a crucial part of the rapid transit system is having separate lanes for buses to avoid congestion on regional roads.

"We want to provide a real alternative to the car. If Viva is stuck in traffic like a car, it's not a real alternative," Mary-Frances Turner, vice-president of the region's transit corporation, said.

That plan is on hold until the region sees some money.

"We've been after funding for a year from both the provincial and federal governments," Ms Turner explained, adding neither tier of government made an official commitment. "We have asked kindly for funding support."

Two of the major changes to the system planned in the \$1.6-billion second phase of the project are separate busways and an operations and maintenance centre in middle of the region. But \$7.3 million is needed from the provincial and federal governments to get the preliminary planning and engineering under way.

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