My big toe hurts a lot

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and the pain subsided somewhat.

think I have a high pain threshold. I once broke both my arms at the same time as a kid, and my parents didn't take me to the hospital for a couple days because I guess I didn't whine enough and they didn't think there was anything wrong.

Once, though, they stuck a needle up my nose in order to give me stitches, and that is pretty much the most pain I've ever felt.

Except for The Operation — you men know what I'm talking about. I don't think the freezing took and believe me I was in agony.

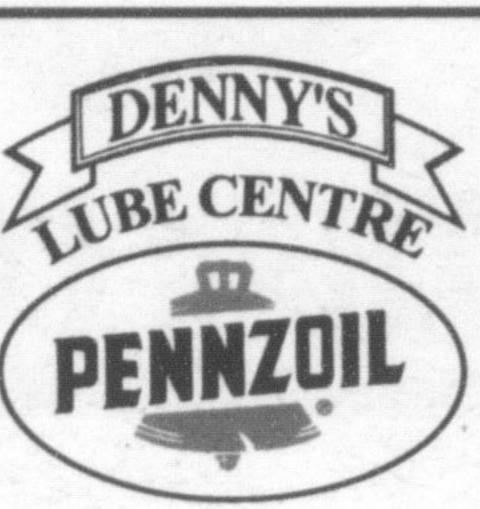
Months later, I was still in pain. When the doctor says, "Uh oh" and a five-minute operation stretches into two hours, you know you're in trouble. Anyway, back to my toe. The pain hasn't gone away and I've been limping around for a month. And now the rest of my foot has started to hurt, maybe because I've been compensating for the big toe.

But, now it's too late to do anything about it. You can't go to the emergency room for an accident that happened a month ago. My family doctor is the best in the world as far as I'm concerned, but all she can do is send me to the hospital for an

If they decide they have to put something on the toe, I'm in big trouble because then I wouldn't be able to get my shoe on and drive. I have to do a lot of driving in the next little while because I work at the Hockey Night in Canada studio in downtown Toronto during the first two rounds of the playoffs.

So, you see, I don't really know what to do about it. All I know is that my big toe hurts. My big toe hurts a lot.

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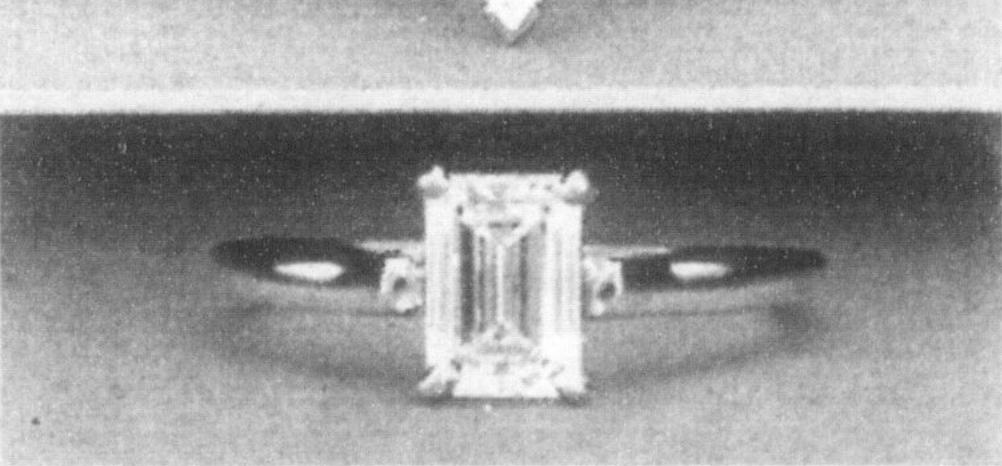
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