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Tribune needs news from sunny Caribbean

It's not that Stouffville doesn't take on a white, frosty charm all its own come winter time. And it is true, as Percy Bysshe Shelley said, that "If winter comes, can Spring be far behind!"

But I am forced to admit my ability to rationalize and make the best of what I'm given reaches an annual low about this time of year as winter, or what has come to pass for winter, takes hold.

Three months of crud followed by a month or two of uncertain weather at best.

Now I've tried to convince the good people at the Tribune and The Markham Economist and Sun that we should have a Caribbean correspondent, someone to keep track of what our friends and neighbors actually do when they fly off to the sun and sand and surf in January.

I would set up shop for a few weeks on the west coast of Barbados, portable typewriter under my arm, combing the white sand for locals. Then I would write fascinating feature stories about their daredevil attempts at wind-



FROM WHERE I LIVE
Bruce Stapley

surfing, para sailing, and fighting for dance floor space aboard the infamous Jolly Roger party boat.

Then it would be off to Puerto Vallarta, to research traffic patterns to determine whether or not our new interlocking brick sidewalks on Main Street will stand the test of time as well as the cobblestone roads of that now over-run Mexican fishing village in beautiful Banderas Bay.

Then off to Venezuela, in search of vendors of such items as leather shoes to come and peddle their wares at the flea market. What a service I would be providing for the community!

Island hopping in the Bahamas, I'd be sure to come

across some Stouffville or Markham politicians taking time in the sun to plan their inevitable autobiographies. And after a few pina colladas, I would surely be able to coax them into giving me a sample of the secret dirt they plan to include in such works, how they intend to implicate the Globe and Mail for writing stories favorable to developers in exchange for a better deal on the editors' houses.

And think of the scandal I could cause by publishing a complete list of Stouffvillites caught sunbathing on the nude beach of Dominican Republic's island of Samana!

From my vantage point aboard the SS Stouffville, a catamaran I'd lease for the season, I would be able to report on all those wild parties held by our town's people on the private yachts moored just off the coast of Florida.

I might even succeed in finding out just where Kokomo is situated.

I'd even submit famous island recipes for such items as flying fish, turtle stew, and curried goat for the folks back home to drool over.

How about a prize winning photograph of ousted mayorally candidate Wilf Morley lying in a hammock pondering the writing of his memoirs?

Guess I better check my anti-freeze. I hear it's going to be a long winter.

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The Markham Economist & Sun
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Attn: Debra Weller

Dear Debra,

Just wanted to drop you a line and express our sincere appreciation for the recent supplement and the support of the Economist and Sun for the fourth annual Festival of Lights.

During the past five years, the old village has been positively transformed into a vibrant, glamorous and upbeat setting for the annual winter Festival. What's amazing is that this has been achieved by preserving those traditional old fashioned values and the heritage atmosphere which represent the real heart of Markham, while at the same time maintaining a modern and sophisticated image so appealing to today's generation.

During CTV's excellent coverage of the event on the 11 p.m. news that night, I was struck by how far the BIA has come with the support and the participation of the newspaper. Those long ago plans are now coming to fruition and we can be jointly proud.

Please thank all who worked so hard on our behalf, Don, Joanne, Nancy, Sjoerd, Mark, Charlie, and of course yourself.

Personal best wishes are sent to you all for the holiday season,

Dayle Rasmussen
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