

Opinion

Holiday hospital stay not caused by 'Lucien's disease'

One of two possible scenarios is playing itself out as you read this:

The first is that I will be in Montego Bay today, that I will have just celebrated Christmas at my house for the first time and that for the next week I will be cruising the southern Caribbean, sipping pink and orange cocktails and breathing in warm tropical breezes.

The second, and the one I fear is becoming most likely, is not such a pleasant scene.

I am still in room 1243, still in Bed B, still in Markham Stouffville Hospital, still carting around an IV rack and still eating hospital grub.

Yes, as I write this, it is two days before Christmas and I am one day out of surgery.

Emergency surgery. Code red surgery that required a specialist to be brought in.

The crisis that sent me rushing to the hospital just two days ago?

A hang-nail. Unbelievable. Only to



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me, could this happen.

Sunday I get a hang-nail, Monday it gets red. By Tuesday, my finger looks like a ball-park frank on steroids; the pain in my hand would have nauseated the Inquisition and my knuckles could have played a supporting role in Laurence of Arabia.

Tuesday morning, the doctor tells me I may have pie-in-the-eye tendonitis or something like that.

He says the infection has spread to my tendon sheath. I will definitely have to see the hand spe-

cialist. I will definitely have to be admitted and before I know it, there's ample talk of cutting me open.

The hand specialist, a plastic surgeon named Wallman, tells me surgery is definite. Likely tomorrow.

I am admitted. Feeling terrible. Not from the finger, but at the prospect of spending Christmas Day watching the Queen's message in a hospital common room and toasting her with a cup of Cefazolin.

Dr. Wallman returns, his eyebrows go up his forehead as he determines that the germs that have moved into my hand for the holidays have invited all their relatives.

He moves the surgery up to 6 p.m. He comes

back half an hour later, looks at the germ highways under construction along the back of my hand and tells me to be ready in 45 minutes.

The next thing I remember, I am being strapped down and told that I am getting a little drowsy.

I wake up screaming in pain. The recovery room nurse has administered the legal limit of morphine, but I beg for the rest of the hospital's supply.

After I stop seeing little blue bunnies and big woolly spiders wearing rubber boots, I become aware of my hand, now heavily bandaged and just as sore as before the operation.

And so here I sit. And wait. I should know by tomorrow night whether I'll be home for

Christmas.

I'll also know if I can take my cruise. Friends and relations have been calling, many to find out if I had "Lucien's disease".

I don't.

If there is one positive aspect about this affair, it is that I have devel-

oped a keener sense of what is important in life.

Especially at this time of year. Family, friends and neighbors. That's what counts.

And it's what will help get me over this.

Good health to you in 1995. I'll send you a post-card.

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

The Parks and Recreation Department wishes to thank the volunteers who recently completed the Trail Maintenance at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Reservoir. Your interest, time and effort in our beautiful 'jewel' is very much appreciated.

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE
Sun. Jan. 1, 1995
12 noon - 6 p.m.
Entertainment by
The Yorkshire Lad
Food & Refreshments
Everyone Welcome

1995

Markham Stouffville Community Credit Union Limited

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1994

The Board of Directors of the Markham-Stouffville Community Credit Union Limited has called the First Annual Meeting of the Credit Union to be held at 6 p.m. Monday, January 9th, 1995, at the Firefighters Club, 44 Esna Park, Markham. This is the first official Annual Meeting subsequent to the merger of the IBM Employees' (Toronto) Credit Union Limited and the Markham-Stouffville Community Credit Union Limited in 1993.

Invitation to attend this Annual Meeting is extended to all members at IBM Markham, Celestica Don Mills, Unionville Community and Whitchurch-Stouffville branches of the Markham-Stouffville Community Credit Union Limited. The Agenda will include the following:

1. Report of the Board of Directors
2. The Reports of the Executive Officers.
3. The Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1994.
4. The Auditors Report.
5. Approval of the By-laws of the Credit Union.
6. The appointment of the Auditor for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1995.
7. Election of Directors.
8. New Business, if any. Consider any other matters as may be properly brought before the Meeting.
9. Adjournment.

The Annual Report for the year ending September 30th, 1994 will be distributed at the Meeting, subsequently available upon request.

This Annual Meeting was called by the Board of Directors on the 15th of December 1994. All members are urged to attend this Meeting, as the Board of Directors welcomes your democratic participation. Copies of the proposed By-laws (Item 5) are available at the credit union's Head Office, and will be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

WESTON PRODUCE

SEASON'S GREETINGS COMMITTED TO CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Frozen Butterball Turkeys All Available Sizes Limit 2 please 1.49 lb. 3.28 kg	Maple Leaf Sausage Meat 1.49 ea.	Product of Spain No. 1 Grade Sweet & Juicy Seedless Clementines Limit 2 please 3.99 each	Product of Ontario No. 1 Grade Apple Cider 1.99 2L Jug
Smoked Ready To Serve Ham Shank or Butt Portion 1.49 lb. 3.28 kg	Coke, Sprite, Canada Dry, Pepsi, 7up or Crush Soft Drinks 24 x 355 ml. Case, Regular or Diet, Assorted Flavours Limit 2 please 4.99	Product of P.E.I. Assorted Potatoes 10 lb. Bag Limit 2 Please 1.49 ea.	Product of U.S.A. No. 1 Grade Yams 69¢ lb. 1.52 kg.
Cut from Canada Grade 'A' Beef Chef Style Prime Rib Roasts 3.99 lb. 8.80 kg	Humpy Dumpty Potato Chips Assorted Flavours 180 g. Bag 99¢	Brights Cheese Bars Mild, Medium, Old, Marble or Mozzarella 600 g. Bar 4.99	Product of U.S.A. No. 1 Grade Green Onions 3/99¢
Cut from Canada Grade 'A' Beef Boneless Top Sirloin Steaks 3.99 lb. 8.80 kg	Very Special Ice Cream Assorted Flavours 2L Tub 1.99	Green Giant Frozen Vegetables Select Varieties 750/1 Kg. Bag 1.99	Product of U.S.A. No. 1 Grade Bunch Spinach 99¢ each
Town Club Peameal Pork Back Bacon 3.99 lb. 8.80 kg	Beatrice Sour Cream Reg. or Light 500 ml. Tub 99¢	Primo Pasta Assorted Regular Cuts 900 g. Bag or Pasta Sauce Original, Hot 'n' Spicy or Romano Cheese and Basil 680 ml. Tin 99¢	Product of U.S.A. No. 1 Grade "Sunkist" Lemons 6/99¢
Northern King. Thaw and Serve Shrimp Ring 40 Shrimp Approximately 7.99 ea. 298 g.	Kellogg's Frozen Eggo Waffles Assorted Flavours 312 g. Pkg. 99¢	Regina Frozen Ravioli or Tortellini Meat or Cheese filled Assorted Varieties 454 g. Pkg. 99¢	Product of U.S.A. No. 1 Grade "Sunkist" Oranges Size 72's 79¢ lb. 1.74 kg.
Shopsy's Deli Trim Bacon 500 g. pkg. 1.99 ea.	Perrier Mineral Water Regular, Lemon or Lime 750 ml. Bottle 99¢	Viva Holiday Towels 80 sheet count, 2 ply or Scott Family Holiday Napkins 100's 2/99¢	Product of U.S.A. No. 1 Grade Bosc Pears 79¢ lb. 1.74 kg.
Fresh Chicken Legs Back Attached 59¢ lb. 1.30 kg	Beatrice 100% Pure from Concentrate Orange Juice 1.89 L Carton 99¢	Beatrice Egg Nog 1 L Carton 99¢	
Deli Sliced Black Forest Ham 3.99 lb. 8.80 kg	Mild Havarti Cheese 4.99 lb. 11.00 kg	Freshly Baked Pastries 69¢ each	Freshly Baked Cheese Pies Cherry or Blueberry 3.99 8 inch

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CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tue 27 9-9 OPEN
Wed 28 9-9
Thu 29 9-9
Fri 30 9-9
Sat 31 8-6
Sun 1 Closed