

# Thank goodness our mayors know how to behave

Mel, Mel, Mel. What can I say. I'm just glad Wayne's my mayor in Whitchurch-Stouffville, while Markham has Don, King has Margaret, Newmarket has Tom, Aurora has Tim, Richmond Hill has Bill and East Gwillimbury has James. Then again, we don't follow every word of the mayors in York Region.



Joan Ransberry

The mayor of Toronto is at it again. Public relations blunder number 72 zillion.

A few days ago, Mel had a choice: Mayor Mel Lastman could have stayed home where it was quiet and safe or he could have sauntered down to the Holiday Inn in downtown Toronto and rubbed shoulders with a bunch of outlaws.

Mel made his choice: He stepped onto the public stage to shake the hands of a few members of the notorious Hells Angels.

His reason was simple: to keep the streets of Toronto safe.

At first, I was willing to give Mayor Mel the benefit of the doubt. I thought the mayor of the largest city in Canada knew something the rest of us didn't.

I figured something bloody awful was brewing and Mel came to the rescue. I figured Mel the Brave One stuck his head out and was willing to risk all.

He was showing leadership at its best by putting the fire out before the city burned to the ground. Of course, we found out later, that this was not the case. Mel was just being Mel. Again.

Mel now says he didn't know the Hells Angels are bad guys. A day or two after the handshake with the bad angels, Mayor Mel had a little talk with Toronto Police Chief Julian Fantino.

York Region's former

head cop outlined the well-earned reputation of the angels from hell. Mel was flabbergasted, to say the least.

It was reported in a national newspaper that Mel didn't know the Hells Angels make money from illegal drugs when he shook the hand of a gang member.

"These guys are in drugs. This is drug money. I didn't know that. Phooey. I heard the stories.

But, yes, the chief explained it to me. We've gone over it," the mayor told reporters after a morning spent trying to contain the damage.

Toronto's Mel is, indeed, the king of gaffes.

I'll remind everyone that a few short months ago, Mayor Mel was about to go to a city in Africa.

Instead of keeping quiet, he babbled about having an image of being boiled in a pot with natives dancing around.

His comments upset the entire world. Mel Lastman does nothing in half measure.

And, then there's his family. Like everyone, Mel has trouble with his kids. Except with him, it's a little different.

Mayor Mel has 45-and-48-year-old boys demanding child support.

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## WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

From our Entrée kitchen this week we have a variety of boneless, skinless air-chilled chicken breasts. We poach these, slice them and serve them up in either a fresh orange & pine nut sauce, a porcini mushroom sauce, a pesto sauce or a lemon sauce. One container should serve 2 hungry people, or 3 of a moderate appetite.

They're available in our entrée freezer - just heat and serve. Reg. \$14.95 ea.

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## EXTRA-LARGE CANTALOUPE

I had the occasion this week to visit my friend, Stan Mintsoulis, at Travel Lovers, who firstly accused me of foul play at hockey (not true) and then of selling cantaloupes that were disappointing in flavour.

I explained that during this period of the year, despite our best efforts, melons are not of the flavour that they are during April to July - and since they're not in full season, the quantity is less and the price is higher - doesn't always make sense.

I explained that I had just that day bought a shipment of cantaloupes which have great flavour - and that they'd be on sale this week. "But are they size 6?" he asked. Yes. They are the largest size you can buy - and the price - it's at our cost this week! So come in and get one (or two) before Stan gets them all!

'Size 6'

**2.49 ea.**

## OUR EXTRA-LEAN HAM KOLBASSA

Kolbassa is very much a common item nowadays - it's available almost anywhere and usually on special - so why buy ours?

A few reasons. Kolbassa is made of two parts - there's the leaner part and there's the "background" meat, usually bologna with a slightly stronger seasoning. When we make ours, the "lean" part is cubes of ham, totally trimmed, and lots of it. For the "background" meat we use our low-fat bologna with a ratio of 4 parts ham to 1 part bologna - unlike any others on the market. Add to this the traditional kolbassa taste (with lots of garlic), and a slow smoke over oak and there you have it, the meatiest, leanest and tastiest kolbassa you could imagine.

Reg. \$1.29 / 100 g

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## BEEF BARLEY SOUP

Our feature soup is Beef Barley. I love the heartiness of this soup - its got great flavour, lots of beef (brisket point) and it's filling.

Reg. \$4.99 ea.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENIN' IN THE BAKERY?

We've organized a tropical selection of items for this week - it's a good cure for the winter blues, we think!

We'll have .....

\* CHEESE CAKES in either MARGARITA, PINA COLADA or STRAWBERRY DAIQUIRI flavour, regularly \$12.95 & \$20.95

\* PINA COLADA or LIME MOUSSE JELLY ROLLS, regularly \$10.95 ea.

\* PINEAPPLE-CHERRY CUSTARD CAKES, regularly \$12.95 & \$18.95 ea.

\* BANANA-COCONUT CREAM PIES, 9" overflowing size, regular \$10.95 ea.

\* SCONES in either PINA COLADA or STRAWBERRY-KIWI, Regular \$1.29 ea.

\* PINEAPPLE-STRAWBERRY KIWI FLANS, in two sizes regular \$8.95 & \$18.95.

— and to add to the excitement, we've put all these on sale at

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— Get your bikini out!

## TEXAN SAUSAGES

Contrary to myth, Texans eat things other than beef. These sausages are an example. They're made with pork. Like most things from Texas, they are bigger, they're a bit sparky, and they're Bar-B-Que flavoured.

Lasso yourself a few this week and have yourself an old-fashioned cook-out.

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## WINTER BLUES?

We've got them! Fresh-picked blueberries from Chile. They'll perk up a fruit bowl, a bowl of cereal or a dish of Vanilla ice-cream just fine.

It's my little girl's dessert of choice!

1/2 pints.

P.S. - I escorted a couple of West Coast grocers on a mini tour of stores on Tuesday and I noticed the price of these from \$3.99 to \$4.99 each.

**1.99 ea.**

## CITRUS UPDATE!

The Clementine deal has run its course - foul weather in Spain and Morocco has hurt the late varieties. What is good? The Florida Orange, Grapefruit and Tangerine crops. The latter have seeds but eat very well. Also some new crop California Minneola Oranges - juicy and rather sweet. California Oranges are still good - but it hasn't been their best year.

## SMOKED DUCKS!

If you missed getting a Smoked Duck last week, (and many of you did because they sold out instantly) the feedback on them was amazing. We plan to make another batch of these in the first week of February. For next week, we'll be making some of our Smoked Trout - get your Chardonnay in the fridge now!

## PILE O' BONES

This week we have a good supply of our Teriyaki-marinated prime rib bones. Forget about your barbecue this time - they're really good just oven-roasted. We pack them in a pack of 3 lb. or more and it serves 3 or 4 people. It's a good meal and a good deal.

Come early.

When they're gone, they're gone!

**2.99 lb.**

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Sat: 9:00-6:00 - Sun: 10:00-5:00

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