

Ill judge bails out of case

More than 300 complaints from workers at York Region's courthouse

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A judge who was to decide whether or not the Newmarket courthouse is a health risk has removed himself from the case because of a health problem.

Mr. Justice Vibert Lampkin said Tuesday he has developed an ear infection.

This puts Justice Lampkin in a conflict of interest, he said, because some evidence in the motion for a change of venue includes more than 300 health-related complaints from people who work in the courthouse — which serves all of York Region — including cases of ear infection.

"I can't say it's attributable to the building; I can't say it isn't," he said. "But I can't go on with (the hearing). I could have kept my mouth shut and no one would know, but I couldn't live with myself."

Just a week ago, an ear infection caused Mr. Justice Barry MacDougall to drop out of a murder trial.

Defence lawyer Morris Manning is requesting a preliminary hearing in an income tax evasion case be moved from the courthouse. Mr. Manning represents Riccardo DiGiuseppe, the former owner of the Major

Mack Hotel in Richmond Hill, who faces three charges of income tax evasion, three charges under the Excise Tax Act and one charge of fraud.

Justice Lampkin said if he continued with the case, he could be seen as being in a conflict, no matter what decision he rendered.

If he ruled in favour of changing the venue, the Crown could argue he had been influenced by his ear infection. If he refused a change of venue, the defence could argue he had leaned too far the other way.

"I can't win," he said. "I can't, in fairness, give a judgment on the application."

Although the Crown suggested another judge could be assigned to continue the case, Mr. Manning argued if Justice Lampkin steps down, the hearing has to begin all over.

He said if another judge comes in, he'll file another application to have the hearing moved to another venue.

"The judiciary and the people who support the judiciary are getting sick," Mr. Manning said.

The lawyers will be back in court Nov. 21 to find out what happens next.

"We don't know where it's at right now," Mr. Manning said.

Tips for trick-or-treaters

Trick-or-treating kids should stay on the sidewalks and not run across lawns or driveways tonight, advises the central Ontario office of the Canadian Automobile Association.

Children need to see and be seen, the association advises in a media release. Children should wear make-up instead of masks and light-coloured costumes with reflective tape. Carrying a flashlight is also a good idea.

Walk facing traffic and cross only at street corners. Plan your route before going out, and stay in neighbourhoods that are familiar. An adult should accompany any children younger than 12, and should carry a flashlight.

Adults should also take precautions for Halloween. Drive slowly, at least five kilometres per hour less than the posted limit. Be aware of children crossing the street.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? OUR CORNED BEEF

This week we'll have our amazing Beef Stroganoff on sale in our entree freezer. We use finely cut sirloin steaks to make this!

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I was at a convention over the weekend, and one of the high points was listening to an address by Rex Murphy, the C.B.C. guy who does political comments from time to time and cross-country check-up. He was relating that while growing up in Newfoundland, they sold corned beef from the garage — and cabbage to go with it. I chuckled a bit because that's what we do all these years (and miles) later.

Our corned beef is a slice of old-fashioned heaven — we use centre-cut (important) brisket points, cure them in a savoury brine with an edge of nutmeg and allspice, and pack them ready to go rather than fish for them in the barrel.

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When they're gone, they're gone!

HOLLY AT OUR BAKERY!

We have some gorgeous Holly Plants this week. These are winter hardy and can be planted now — or — they can be planted in an urn and adorn your front step over the winter.

Kate (from Kate's Garden) explains that you must first line your urn with 'Bubble Pack' and then plant as you normally would — and she was kind enough to plant a couple of examples which are on display at our front door (at the store).

— also, you may know that Holly comes in both male and female plants — the females won't be adorned with those beautiful berries unless there is a male plant somewhere in the vicinity.

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Our sausage feature for this week will be our Bratwurst. What I like about these sausages is that they have a stand-up to anything taste, especially to beer. Can't be surprising though, because beer is one of the ingredients.

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* Doreen's mother-in-law's date squares, in both individual size and a family size pack — \$1.99 & \$4.99

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OOPS!
So sorry that we sold out of our fresh raspberries early last week. We'll rerun that feature this week — same price (\$1.99 pack). So it's Raspberries from California — Driscoll Brand!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHOPHOUSE?

Starting this week, Mondays will be Oyster night (Malepeque of course) with fabulous Martini specials — as well as our great steaks. Another nuance is that the Chophouse is open for lunch, Monday to Friday, reservations are recommended. call 905-480-0094

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.

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OUR CROUTONS

I'm the guy who used to pick croutons out of salads because I didn't think they belonged and certainly didn't think they added anything except an incongruous bite.

— that was until Cathy started making these a few years ago. I now eat them first, and then the salad. **25% OFF THIS WEEK**
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SO WHO WON THE BIG PUMPKIN?

The big winner was Miss Natalie Lapointe who was out by only 1/2 lb. — the actual weight was 784-1/2 lb. — Natalie's guess was 785 lb. Three others guessed 780 lb. They were Miss Lauren Drader, Miss Bailey Baldwin and last, but certainly not least, Miss Fiona Richards. Over the years I've come to realize that pumpkin weight guessing is a girls' thing — it's been a young lady who has won the pumpkin for 7 of the last 8 times! Enjoy all the pumpkins, girls, and may they be really scary!

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