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# Overwhelmed by readers' support

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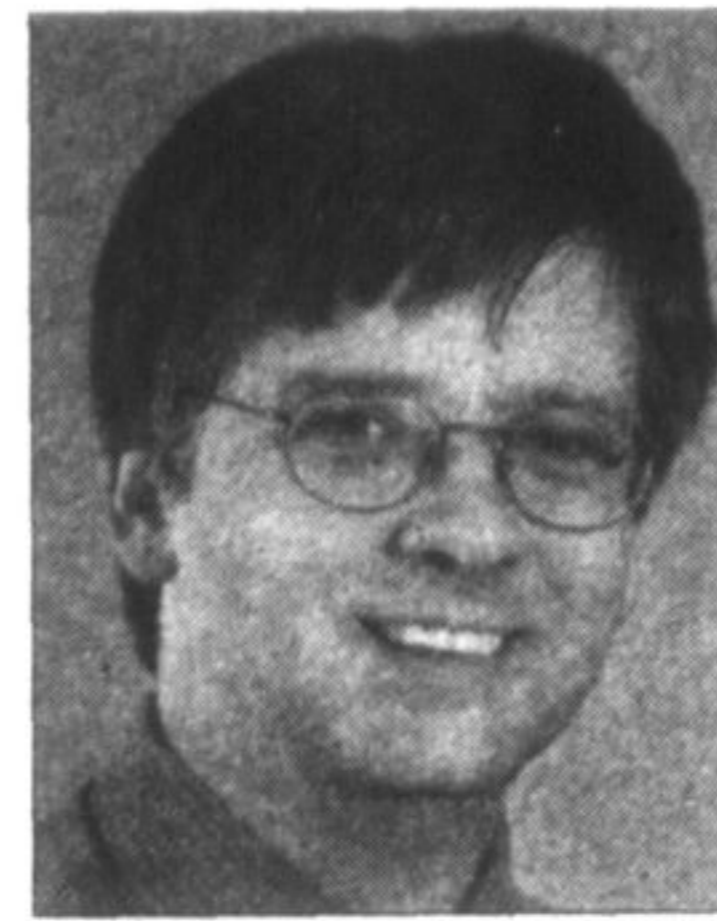
I haven't been writing columns or available for meetings for the past few months because I have cancer and my doctors have advised me to stay home.

It started in February when I went to the hospital with a pain everyone was sure was in my gall bladder.

It turned out I had a cancerous tumour in my liver.

I spent nearly two weeks at Southlake Regional Health Centre, where they did many tests and found the disease had spread to other parts of my body.

After many weeks of pathology review failed to reach a conclusion about exactly what kind of cancer I have, my oncologist went with the first impression, which is that I have primary



Dave Teetzel

to take chemotherapy.

It is my hope and expectation that, sooner or later, I will be back at my desk in Markham healed, whole and ready to cause politicians and bureaucrats some serious aggravation.

My doctors aren't so optimistic, but I believe God put me here for a purpose – a purpose I have not yet achieved.

So, I'm not giving up on anything. Many people around York Region have heard about my condition and have overwhelmed me with their support, cards, calls and prayers.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate it.

I look forward to the day I'm back on my feet and in your newspaper.

*Dave Teetzel is a senior editor and columnist with the York Region Media Group.*

liver cancer.

I am now in my second week of treatments using a new drug that controls the disease. If it doesn't work, I will have

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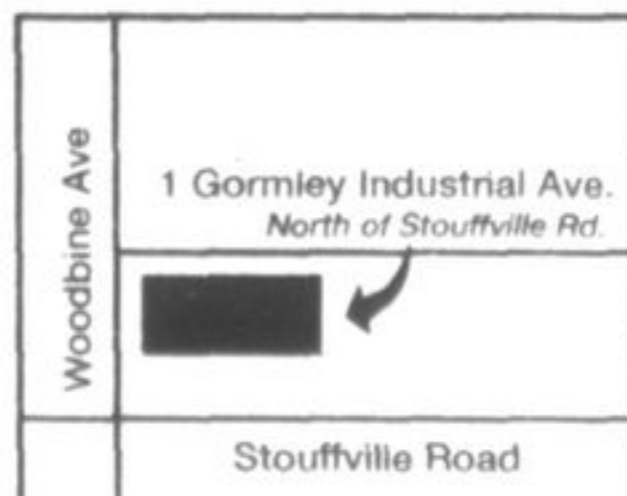


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