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My son, Ari, has lost complete use of his legs. An operation is scheduled for the end of this month in the hopes he will regain some of his mobility. But it's a tricky procedure. All we can do is be as optimistic as possible.

It would be best if we could get him back here to Rhode Island but with his two children shuttling back and forth between him and his ex-wife in D.C.; he can't move here without losing access to them. I give him a lot of credit for his very positive attitude he has had throughout his continuing ordeal.

My PSA is extremely high. My urologist put me on an anti-biotic for a month and if that doesn't bring my PSA way down, I'll have to start hormone treatment and/or radiation for prostate cancer.

I've had assemblies at over 70 of my Leadership Schools so far this year. The student response and enthusiasm has been heartwarming. One principal broke down in tears when I gave her a \$5000.00 check for her school needs. Many students are sending me their good deeds to report my weekend TV show, 'Our Great Kids'.

I spend an hour or so every Saturday and Sunday at Roger Williams Carousel Village – all our Jr. Scholars can ride the Carousel free along with free popcorn and face painting there, too. Roy Bye, the manager, treats us like royalty.

Without the Carousel Village and my school visitations, I'd likely turn into a couch potato. I can see how easily senior adults can quickly fade if they don't have motivation and strong interests.

My wife Pat has been having problems with her hip. We'll just have to wait and see where that goes.... Right now, our main concern is Ari.

I'm not happy with our financial brokers' performances, Leerink/Swan in particular. So I'm starting a new brokerage account for the Foundation with ZPR, a relatively new investment manager company with a sterling record. I'll let you know how they do!

Have a wonderful holiday.... Sincerely, Alan Shawn Feinstein