

VIEWPOINT

Post-election predictions

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Herald columnist

Well it appears that the Tories are in which has prompted my predictions for Joe Who.

Within a few short months no one will ever refer to Joe Clark as Joe Who - everyone will know "who".

Hard times are ahead and Canadians will learn very quickly the difference between promises that can be kept and promises that were never intended to be kept in the first place.

I predict an early election, and the hardest winter for Canadians in the past 10 years. I predict that Joe Clark's own words "once Canadians get to know me better; they'll learn to like me" will be permanently engraved in the minds of the thousands who believe "any change" is a change for the better.

BOUR GRAPES?
Sour grapes? Not on your life just an awareness of the facts, the hard facts of reality against 100 years of history. You can mail me this column and I'll eat my words with salt and pepper if proven otherwise.

Wesley La Rosa, 58, and his wife Helen of the same age were the first hot tub fatalities in the latest craze to sweep the North American continent. Hot tubs are selling like crazy, these approximately five feet deep round wooden tubs filled to the top with bubbling warm water are said to relax and invigorate. There's no doubt about the relaxing for Wesley and his wife fell asleep then into a coma as they slowly cooked to death. The medical term is hyperpyrexia similar to the cause of death in sunstroke. Hot tubs can prove very dangerous and require constant supervision around little ones.

Here's an interesting item from New York where one doctor in five agrees that "erotic contact" with female patients is very useful. Erotic

contact is everything from kissing to fondling and sexual intercourse. The survey was conducted by the University of California Professor Sheldon Kardener and Ivan Menah and showed that 19 per cent of the 460 doctors interviewed believed "erotic contact was useful to their patients." To which I can't help adding that I bet it was pretty useful to those high minded medical professionals too. "For medicinal purposes only my dear of course."

New York is under attack by "super rats". Super rats are not a figment of a Grade B horror movie but a reality of genetics. Identified as Norway or brown rats the super rodents are bigger and more resistant to poison, according to Dr. Alan Beck director of the health departments animal affairs.

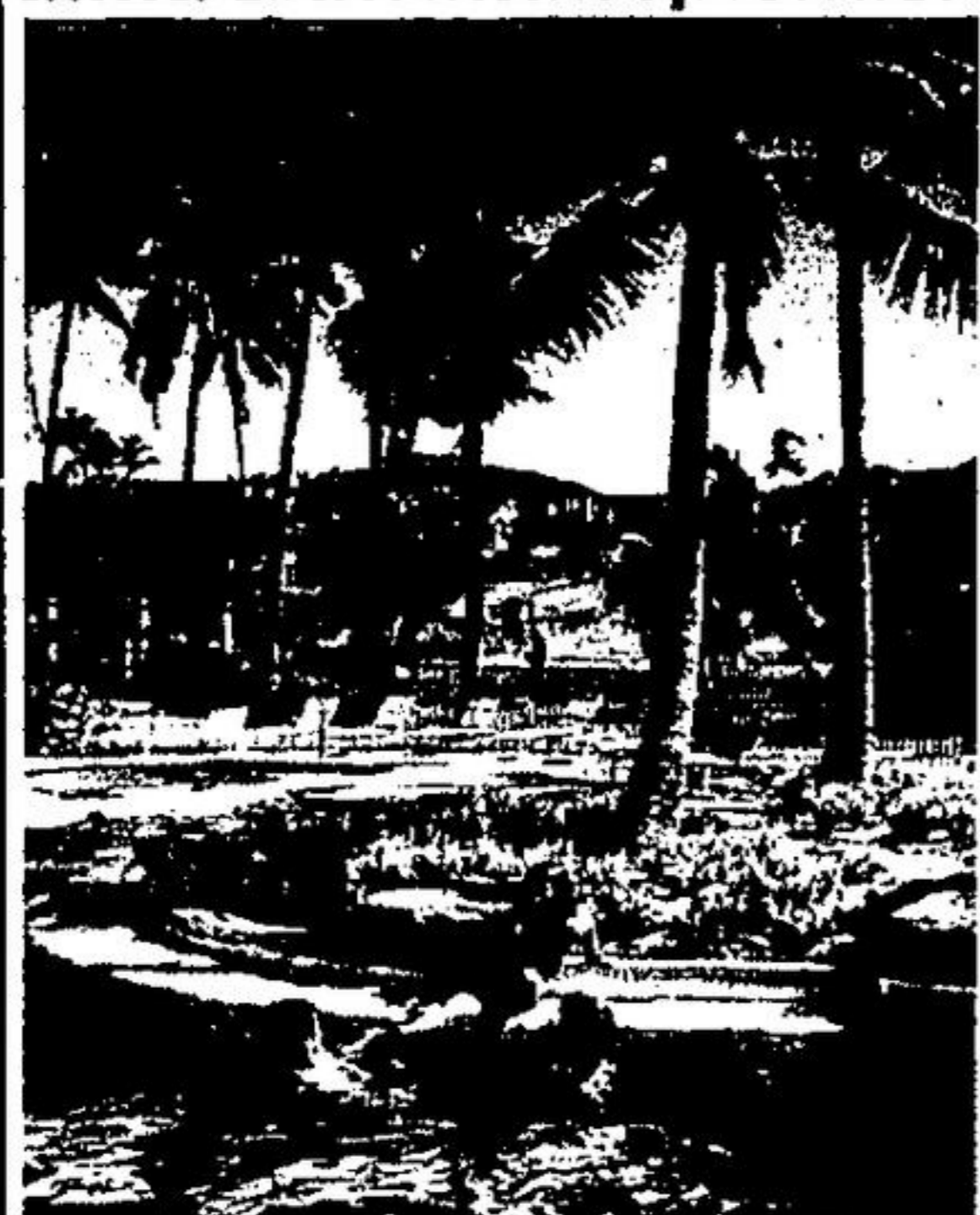
Two weeks ago a woman was helped by a bystander as the rats attacked her and were beat off from nibbling her legs as she screamed in hysterics. I find the idea of super rats very frightening from an environmental point of view. Even though we are constantly being reassured regarding the dangers of pollution and radiation nature has very quick and strange ways of compensating. Super rats that are immune to deadly poisons are a case in point.

Regarding radiation one of the latest scares comes from Dr. Harold Johns of the U of Toronto and associates who are aware that faulty x-ray machines are the cause of 20 cases of leukemia a year. Dr. Johns said there has been no cover-up but felt that scare publicly causing people to refuse x-rays would cause more deaths than the danger from cancer.

I often get the feeling with so many changes occurring so rapidly in our environment and society in general that we roll like a snowball downhill on a collision course and pessimistic or not that collision is getting closer and closer.

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