



Down the aisle

Dr. and Mrs. David Vanderbent were married on July 8th, 1989 at Knox College Chapel University of Toronto. The reception and dinner were held at the Hilton International Toronto. The happy couple toured Europe on their wedding trip. Dr. Vanderbent will continue his medical practice in Acton.

# Oh, what a week!

Garth Turner  
MP  
Halton Peel



There's a saying that a week in politics is a very long time - which is something I'm learning with a vengeance.

Last week, for example, there was the appointment of a new Governor-General, the long-awaited announcement on VIA rail's future, more controversy over the Goods and Services Tax and then all the things which happened around the committee room table. That all-party House of Commons committee which I chair has finalized plans to probe Canada Post - with likely emphasis on two areas: The quality and future of rural service, and the potential sale of the post office.

Those in favor of privatizing Canada Post argue it would be more efficient as a private corporation - operating like Air Canada does now in a competitive environment, and being responsible to its shareholders. They also point out that selling off the operation could give the feds a lot of money - cash for the deficit which could maybe stall future tax hikes.

The critics (and there are lots of them) argue that the post office

was never meant to make money; that postal rates will soar and service fall, if the corporation ends up in the private sector.

The debate will likely be intense, and I know it will be interesting when we begin hearings Oct. 24 in Ottawa. Later this year I'll be taking the committee on a cross-Canada series of meetings - travelling to regional centres to hear what Canadians want the future of Canada Post to be.

Well, on to those VIA cuts. The House of Commons chamber echoed over the past few days as the opposition attacked and the government defended. The feds are going to sack about half of the rail service, and that's gone down badly with people who feel their communities will be affected.

Why did the government do this? Isn't the train a national symbol in this country?

Believe me, talking to Transport Minister Benoit Bouchard in the days leading up to the announcement, you could sense the strain he was under. The decision was not taken lightly. Governing like this - taking something away, when politicians normally just dish money out - is tough.

But there wasn't much of a choice. In the Town Hall meetings across the riding this past summer people told me over and over again that the government has to cut its spending.

Cutting spending means doing things like saving \$1 billion over the next five years on VIA rail. Used by just three per cent of the population, the rail service this year will suck off \$640 million in tax dollars. Every time somebody

gets on a train, it costs taxpayers between \$100 and \$470 in subsidies.

And let's get this straight: What happened to VIA is just the start. Ottawa faces a shortfall of \$30 billion a year. Obviously the government can't just rely on higher taxes to close the gap (that message comes through loud and clear), so that means spending has to plunge.

I have a meeting this week with Mike Wilson and the deputy prime minister to help identify other areas where we can save money - and my list is already a long one. I'm convinced most Canadians would put up with less government, fewer services and reduced handouts if they could be assured taxes would be fair and the deficit trashed.

As always, I'm open to suggestions. If you'd like to be part of this process, then please drop me a line with your hit list for government spending cuts.

Finally, we have the next meeting of the Halton-Peel Environment-Committee this Friday, and I'm looking forward to a good session. This is a terrific bunch of people - volunteers who have come forward to work on projects for the good of us all. It's an honor to work with them; and I extend an open invitation to anyone who'd like to get involved.

The get-together takes place in our renovated, environmentally-friendly riding office, at 27 Main Street South, in Georgetown (beside the Canada Trust building), this Friday, 7:30 p.m. Bring your ideas and your idealism.

## Norval News

### Join protest

By KAY WILSON  
Norval Correspondent  
NORVAL P.O.W.E.R. - Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources - in the Region of Halton, along with P.A.C.T. Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together in the Region of Durham - find the G.T.A.'s (Greater Toronto Area) proposal for waste management to be dangerously flawed. If enacted, it would have a very detrimental effect on our communities, our environment, and especially on our precious water supplies. It is not only "our own backyards being threatened, but it's everyone's backyard."

Plans are under way to present this proclamation to Ontario Premier David Peterson, on Saturday, Oct. 14. The demonstration will begin at 11 a.m. to be followed by a formal press conference at 12:30 p.m.

Unfortunately, this is short notice, but the government through the G.T.A. is moving fast, to orchestrate a garbage crisis, to justify environmentally damaging shortcuts. POWER says. Prompt action is essential, the two groups say. How sad it is that we are forced to demonstrate to protect the environment along with our precious water supply.

If you or your group are able to participate in this demonstration, phone Marjorie Kirkwood in Acton at 853-0039; Barb Halsall, Georgetown at 873-0344; or Rita Landry, Milton, 878-7817. Buses will be leaving Zellers at Georgetown, or the Acton High School on Oct. 14 at 9 a.m. They plan to be back at 2 p.m. A large banner to display your group or yourself would be useful for the demonstration.

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If you or your group have a few hours this Saturday, ride the bus to Queen's Park. Don't leave this to someone else. POWER and PACT need your support in this serious problem.

### Get well

NORVAL-Get well wishes to Edna Kerr of Brampton, formerly of RR2 Norval, who is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

### Couple wed

NORVAL-Keith and Ethel Webb attended the wedding reception to celebrate the marriage of Laurie and Ken Westover on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Muddy Duck in Milton. Laurie is their granddaughter, daughter of Ina and Jack Reed of Georgetown. The wedding had taken place on Aug. 26, at the family summer home in Cavendish, Prince Edward Island.

Guests at the reception included Keith and Ethel's daughter Louise and her husband Harry Lowther of Charlottetown, P.E.I., sons Ernie and Kathy Webb of Pickering, Glen and Marion Webb of Norval, daughter Gwen and husband John Pawlikoski of Guelph, also granddaughters Karen Lowther of Ottawa and Heather Reed from Calgary, Alberta.

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## Rev. Sang Chul Lee to visit



St. John's United Church of Georgetown and Glen Williams  
The congregation of St. John's United Church of Georgetown and Glen Williams is excited that their moderator, the Right Reverend Sang Chul Lee and his wife will be with them in the Georgetown sanctuary on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Dr. Lee is coming at the invitation of the Stewardship committee. His topic will be "The Whole World is Your Parish".

Dr. Lee was elected as the 32nd Moderator of the United Church of Canada in August 1988. At that time Dr. Lee said he was surprised by his election. "I just didn't think the church was ready to elect an ethnic person". But the church was ready and Dr. Lee was warmly welcomed by the General Commissioners.

Dr. Sang Chul Lee was born in

Siberia, Feb. 29, 1924, a son of Korean immigrants. When he was seven years old, he moved to Manchuria. His conversion to the Christian faith occurred while he was attending a school operated by the Canadian Mission Board in Manchuria. He moved to South Korea after World War 2 and received his theological education in Korea, Switzerland and Vancouver, Canada. His ordination was in the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, a partner church of the United Church. Dr. Lee came to Canada in 1961. At one time he served a three point charge composed of English, Japanese and Korean-speaking congregations in the Vancouver area. He preached three sermons every Sunday in three

different languages. He came to the Toronto conference in 1969.

Dr. Lee has served as an Executive Committee member of the General Council, Toronto Area Presbytery and the Division of World Outreach. He was the Chairperson of the National Ethnic Committee and Toronto Ethnic Committee. He is past president of Toronto Conference and currently serves on the International Affairs Committee of Conference. He has an active commitment in Justice and human rights issues in the church and community.

Dr. Lee retired June 30, 1989, after serving for two decades as the pastor of the Korean (Toronto) United Church. He has three daughters.

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