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Got my Go Joe going for election

In a Federal election which is quickly becoming the battle of the motormouths, watch for the quiet guy in the back to come up from behind.

You read it here first. With a nod to the World Series, Old Joe Clark is stealing home.

If he makes it, it'll be because nary a soul can bring themselves to vote for Prime Minister Jean Chretien in the November 27 election.

And those who think enough Ontarians will hold their nose and vote Canadian Alliance have vastly overrated the wood-chopping appeal of its leader Stockwell Day.

But in the first tender week of the election no one asked for, the race seems to be between which leader can hop across Canada fastest with his foot in his mouth.

This week alone, Day has been caught taking credit for policies he didn't put in place.

And he proved directionally challenged in determining which way the mighty Lake Erie and a certain company's brain drain flowed.

The Liberal party sent a fax out reminding us media folks of this. That seems a bit rich, what with their leader's aversion to flub-free speech.

Chretien's stumbles are too well-known and numerous to catalogue, but just consider the election call itself.

To quote another guy who seems unable to keep his mouth shut, who wanted this election? Nooobody!



Gentle persuasion
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Chretien reminds me a lot of a man I worked for far back in my sweet youth, who had very cunningly managed to achieve incoherency in four different languages.

Both men seem prone to do and say the darndest things, then explain it away in a language unknown to man.

And both appear perilously unsuited to their chosen professions. My former boss was a colourblind electrical engineer. And Chretien ... well, he runs a country, doesn't he?

That Day's goofs are less blackly entertaining is largely due to his having hired a vocal pinch-hitter on the sly.

He thinks we haven't noticed yet, but about half the time the Canadian Alliance is asked to comment on something, it's Day's campaign co-chair Jason Kenney who does the yapping.

The unfortunate is effect is to see Day as a slick-looking puppet jerking this way and that as the man behind the curtain dances about, twiddling his levers.

This may be an appropriate time to insert

the Gentle reminder that no one elected Kenney to play chief of the Canadian Alliance. If the western MP wanted to play chief, he might have considered running for the position.

The Liberals haven't said much about this, probably because they're pissed they didn't come up with the idea first. If they had, Chretien could spend the next month hauling his likable old self with his craggy good-natured face all over creation while a dubbed in voice tosses sensitive, five dollar words about like rose petals.

But the Liberals didn't think of it, and Day still manages to slip up each time Kenney darts off to the loo. So who's left but that old stalwart Clark?

He's the man who, once reviled for having lost his mitts, recently replaced them with boxing gloves when he asked Stock to make his Day.

Since then he's been aiming punches at Chretien, who could be hurt if he fails to remember that Clark and his moribund party still exist.

People are mad that Chretien has called yet another premature election. They're concerned Day means to skate by the next four years on rollerblades and Kenney's words.

If that anger and concern continues to mount, voters may just opt to hold their nose and vote PC.

And if I turn out to be wrong, well, you should've heard what I said about the NY Mets.



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Spend an afternoon in the cozy 19th century farmhouse at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre and learn how to make wreaths.

On November 18 from noon to 4 p.m., participants will learn wreath-making techniques using natural items gathered at the centre or from people's own garden.

The \$30 cost includes materials, instruction and light refreshments. People must bring their own glue gun.

"This is a perfect chance to get away from the commercial hustle and bustle of the season," remarked Susan O'Neil, marketing coordinator for Conservation Halton.

"Handmade wreaths make thoughtful holiday gifts, special hostess gifts or set the holiday spirit for your family and friends when displayed on your front door."

To register for the workshop call 854-2276.



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Grads get scholarships

Nearly 100 Halton graduates have received scholarships for earning top marks at their high schools.

The Aiming for the Top tuition scholarships have been awarded by the Halton District School Board to recognize its highest-achieving students.

"These hard-working students have earned top marks and they deserve special recognition and support for their achievement," said Education Director Dusty Papke.

These scholarships were established by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. They recognize students' achievements and help cover the cost of post secondary tuition.

The value of the scholarships is up to \$3,500 per year and students who maintain high averages can receive the award for up to four years. Eligibility for these awards is based on the information students provide on their Ontario Student Assistance Program application forms.