

# By-election results sending Chretien a clear message

Our cold, un-springlike weather fits Jean Chretien's needs.

The prime minister of Canada should get up early tomorrow morning, pull on his woollies and take a Trudeauesque walk in the snow.

The results of Monday's seven federal by-elections suggest the prime minister has worn out his welcome. Perhaps not with the Liberal Party of Canada, but with the people of Canada.

Joe Clark's Progressive Conservatives stunned everyone by capturing a longtime Liberal seat in Newfoundland. The riding has been a Grit stronghold since the "Rock" joined confederation in 1949. That's 53 long years.

The New Democratic Party (NDP) swept the Windsor seat held by Liberal Herb Gray for 39 years. Mr. Gray was both a well respected and a very skilled politician.

When his constituents elected the NDP, it wasn't an anti-Gray vote. Rather, it was an "enough is enough" message directed at Mr. Chretien.

As was expected, newly-selected Canadian Alliance leader Stephen Harper won easily in Calgary.

Mr. Harper becomes the eighth party leader to sit across the Commons from Chretien since the Grits came to power in 1993.

When a federal or provincial party leader runs, Canadians are usually gracious.

They do the right thing, giving the new leader a place to sit. Stephen can now join Joe and Jean to complete the three wise-men pack.

Pierre, Marc and Gerard were on the same Liberal team during the early 1970s. It's too soon to suggest how this trio will compare.

The Liberals did manage to win in the other four by-elections. The Grits aren't surprised at the losses.

They know the people of Canada were a wee bit annoyed when Auditor General Sheila Fraser stated that the government kinda, sorta failed to protect the



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public interest in giving its pals \$1.6 million in returns for apparently worthless reports.

The best the government can hope for is people won't be able to figure out what this Mrs. Fraser is going on about.

Let's look at the overall picture. After three majority election victories, Jean Chretien remains the undisputed master of the northern universe.

Up until about a year ago, the reason he was in the driver's seat was simple. Jean Chretien was the best. Jean Chretien was far better than the rest.

Things have a tendency to change. Things did change.

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As a Liberal, it saddens me to admit that it is the lack of a credible opposition that keeps Jean Chretien and the Liberals in power.

A year ago, there was no clear alternative in the political arena.

The PCs were asleep at the switch. The Tories weren't rebuilding anywhere near fast enough.

The Canadian Alliance was busy eating its young. For reasons unknown, the NDP left planet Earth.

While the other federal political parties were making jackasses of themselves, the Liberals weren't far behind.

Human nature, being what it is, the power-hungry Grits put a great deal of energy into becoming authors of their own misfortunes.

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The situation is such that it is time for the prime minister to admit he's held too much power for too long.

Jean Chretien needs to take the trek in the snow and call it a day.

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We've made some smoked ducks this week, if you feel adventuresome.

They're trimmed, cured and then slow-smoked over oak. ~ Limited Supply ~

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## YOU COULD WIN!

Get your raffle tickets. You could win a number of great prizes, one of which is a year's shopping in our store. All the money goes to Markham-Stouffville Hospital (\$45,000 last year). Tickets are \$10.00 and they're available from any of the members of the Unionville Slo-Pitch league, or at our store.

## WHAT'S HAPPENIN' IN THE BAKERY?

... not too much this week, as they're basically recovering from last week. Jaana did notice that I bought some beautiful first of the season fresh apricots - and proceeded to create a number of items with these. So visit our pastry counter for a taste of apricot in a number of different creations, all at .....

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## LEEK & POTATO ~ SOUP ~

We start with potatoes and leeks which are cooked in stock, seasoned with pernod and white wine, and then pureed.

It's great served either warm or cool and, as a twist, you could crumble a bit of Stilton into it.

Reg. \$5.49 ea.  
Serves 3 - 4

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## WHAT'S HAPPENIN' ON THE SIDEWALK?

In fact, where did the sidewalk go? What we've got for this week are .....

**DIPODENA** - in hanging baskets and in individual pots. These are very sun hardy and fairly draught-resistant. It's a good flower if you're away on weekends.

**PATIO POTS** - Pots of colour for sun or shade as far as the eye can see. We get huge praise for these.

**GERANIUMS** - We've got a great supply of hangers and medium-sized mothers - and some ivy geranium hangers, too.

**CAPE DAISIES** - These are full-sun hardy with a great show. We have them in decorative pots at \$5.95 or in 4" size at \$2.39 ea. Nice for area planters or baskets.

**COCONUT MIXED BASKETS** - These hangers are either large or extra large and look great.

- and on Friday, with any luck, we'll have hibiscus standards and bushes of assorted colours, and maybe our mandevilla vines.

**SMALL STUFF** - You can mix or match to construct your own basket or window box. We'll be happy to plant any special arrangement for you in your containers or ours. There is a \$7.50 fee for smaller and a \$10.00 fee for larger creations. We've found that portable container gardening provides a nice decorative touch - you can move them to the front and centre to show them off as they reach their peak (or vice versa) - and don't forget that for any pot you buy at our store you'll get a **KATE'S BUCK** that you can spend in her store on great garden accents.

*P.S. we have great (and very fresh) cut flowers as well!*

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