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ELECTION 2011

Town also has NDP MP — in Quebec

Student, 22, didn't expect to win seat

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Stouffville's Mylene Freeman finished her exams at McGill University during the first week of the federal election campaign and planned on returning home to start a new job and begin work on a master's degree at the University of Toronto.

But that all changed Monday night when the political theory graduate and NDP candidate was elected MP of Quebec's Argen-teuil-Papineau-Mirabel riding. "That plan is definitely off the table now. Not that I'm too upset. This is going to be an amazing opportunity. I'm very excited," Ms Freeman, 22, said from Quebec.

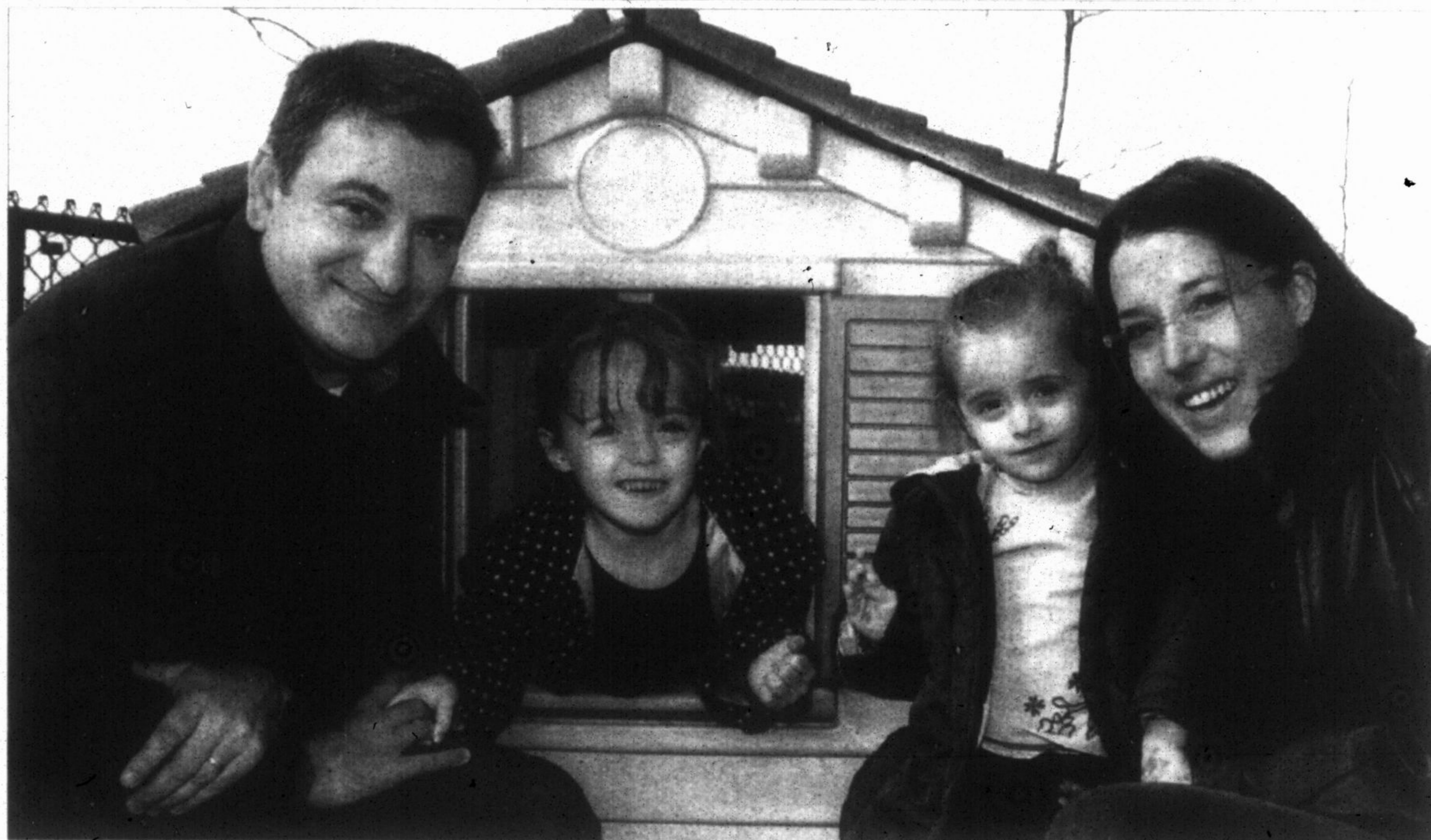
Ms Freeman didn't think she had a chance to win her riding as she was up against incumbent and Bloc Quebecois powerhouse Mario Laframboise. She also did not live in the riding, although she has family who do, nor did she do any campaigning in it.

Instead, she spent the campaign volunteering for Outremont NDP MP Thomas Mulcair.

"Even up until the day of the election we didn't trust the polls," she said.

During the last two weeks of

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Re-elected MP Paul Calandra takes time out with daughters, Natalie, 5, Olivia, 2, and wife Melanie at Harry Bowes Public School yesterday.

MUSEUM ADDITION, NATIONAL PARK ON CALANDRA'S TO-DO LIST

Back to work for Stouffville MP

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Getting the Economic Action Plan projects completed on time and turning his party's campaign promise to create a Rouge national park into a reality are what newly re-elected Oak Ridges-Markham MP Paul Calandra will focus his immediate attention on.

One of those projects being partially funded by the Economic

Action Plan is the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum visitor and community centre.

"It looks like they'll be on time for October. But you know what, I'm going to make sure. ... It's a hard deadline, so it's going to get done," the south Stouffville resident told The Sun-Tribune less than 24 hours after his victory.

On Monday night, about 300 of his friends, family and supporters filled Stouffville's Boston Pizza,

where Mr. Calandra held his victory party.

When Mr. Calandra arrived at the restaurant around 11 p.m. he was greeted by the crowd chanting: "Paul, Paul, Paul." Along with shaking hands with everyone crowding around him, he also got a hug or too from his fans.

Among those in the crowd was Mayor Wayne Emmerson, who once sought the Liberal nomination in the riding.

He told town council Tuesday night: "it's a good thing for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, it continues on."

The victory party was a lively celebration as beer and wine flowed and more than 44 pounds of wings and 30 large pizzas were served up.

At about 12:30 a.m., both Liberal candidate Lui Temelkovski and NDP candidate Janice

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