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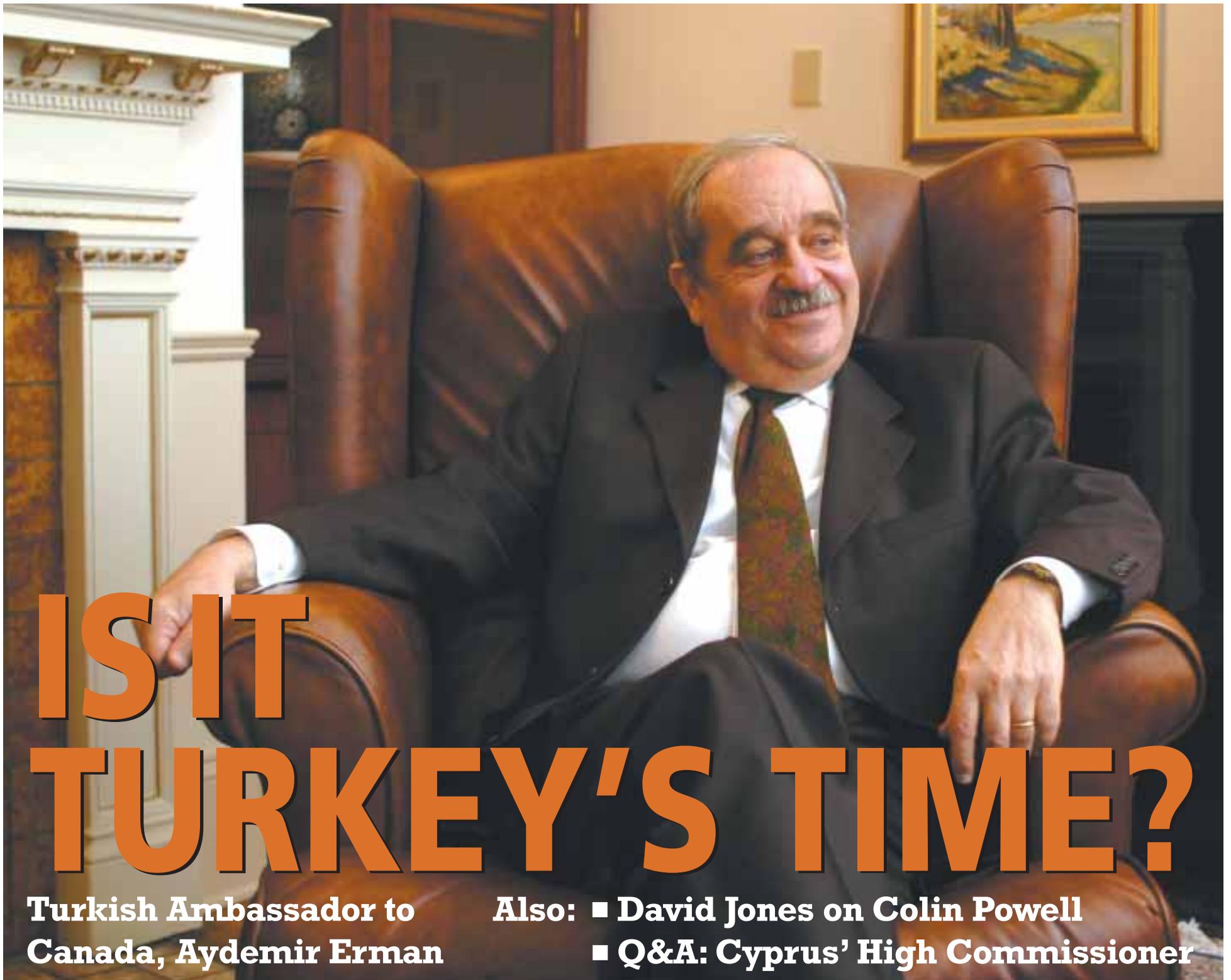


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# IS IT TURKEY'S TIME?

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## Talking Points

### On The Cover

As Turkey awaits a decision on Dec. 17 by the 25 members of the European Union on whether to allow it to commence negotiations for membership, Ambassador **Aydemir Erman** met with *Embassy* to discuss the road ahead. Photographed on location at the Turkish embassy in Ottawa on Nov. 22, 2004 by *Embassy's* presidential paparazzo Tom Hillman. The story is on page 8.

### U.S. Visit



PHOTOGRAPH BY TOM HILLMAN, EMBASSY

U.S. President **George W. Bush** used his first working visit to Canada to highlight unity, rather than dwell on differences. Speaking to reporters during the day's only public exchange, he underlined a mutual commitment to spreading democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan, and supporting reconstruction in those nations. During the media opportunity at the Pearson Building, Prime Minister **Paul Martin** announced a bilateral "work plan" that will suggest ways to enhance security, achieve greater prosperity, and boost quality of life across North America. While the initial announcement was short on specifics, the PM said Foreign Affairs Minister **Pierre Pettigrew** and Deputy Prime Minister **Anne McLellan** will put an initial framework on his desk by June, 2005. Outside, protestors reminded the leaders of their dissent on a number of issues, from participating in missile defence to invading Iraq. Mr. Bush was to arrive in Halifax Dec. 1 to honour Atlantic Canadians for helping out in the aftermath of September 11. See page 15 for more photos of the visit.

### Private Concerns

The *National Post* printed an apology Nov. 24, after publishing a column earlier in the week quoting an unnamed source that Governor General **Adrienne Clarkson** had a "close relationship" with Icelandic Ambassador **Gudmundur Eiriksson**. Author **Gillian Cosgrove** noted mutual "attraction" between Her Excellency and the ambassador during a recent Rideau Hall dinner unattended by the GG's husband, **John Ralston Saul**. The Page A2 apology said the story contained "fundamental errors and intentional misrepresentations."

### India-Canada Connection



PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH MCGREGOR, EMBASSY

The absence of significant science and technology links between India and Canada has been a popular topic of study, with the latest government report recommending ways to promote a bilateral connection released on Nov. 24. Speaking to *Embassy* at the Press Club launch of the *Canada/India S&T Mapping Study*, National Science Advisor **Arthur Carty** called on the government to act quickly on some of the report's recommendations "We have to get beyond the point of studying it and get something going," says Mr. Carty. "We have to take advantage of that... and leverage resources." He suggested the establishment of \$1 million, multi-year "science fund" before the close of the fiscal year in March. He said the money could be used to create a steering committee that would make plans to launch a pilot project between Canada and India. The experiment could then be launched on a much larger scale, and in other emerging markets such as India and Brazil, he says.

### UN Reform Approaches

On Nov. 17, at the Foreign Affairs Parliamentary Committee, D-G of the International Organizations Bureau, **Ferry de Kerckhove**, highlighted one possible proposal of the UN report (see above) that could be inconsistent with Canadian policy. A recommendation for rebalancing Security Council seats could be contentious. "Canada's own position is that we do not think increasing the number of permanent seats on the [Security] Council will increase its effectiveness... There is also no place for more vetoes. In fact, there are already five too many vetoes, from our perspective," he said. Secretary General **Kofi Annan** hopes a reform package will be adopted during a General Assembly meeting in September 2005.

### On the Edge of Peace?

The UN will study a five-point peace plan submitted by the Ethiopian government that is aimed at ending a border dispute with Eritrea. Foreign Affairs Minister **Pierre Pettigrew** called the announcement "a very positive development." He supported the full implementation of a 2002 Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission decision on border demarcation. Top Eritrean political advisor, **Yemane Gebreab** was in Ottawa earlier this year warning government officials the war could erupt if the situation wasn't soon solved. Former Foreign Affairs Minister **Lloyd Axworthy** is the UN Special Envoy for the region.

### Darfur Solutions

The Sudanese government's \$20 billion external debt should be used as a powerful incentive for peace, according to a motion passed on Nov. 25 by the Parliamentary sub-committee on human rights and international development. The all-party committee agreed that Canada should use its clout at the G20, IMF, and World Bank to push international creditors to offer debt relief, but only if Sudan promotes disarmament of the Janjaweed militia and the implementation of a peace agreement. The motion, influenced in large part by University of Ottawa Professor **Errol Mendes**, who testified before the committee, also asks the Canadian government to consider a travel ban against Sudanese rule-breakers. In addition, the committee suggested a freeze on Sudanese assets to "pressure the government to comply with international law and peace agreements."

### Caribbean Advisers

Prime Minister **Paul Martin** has appointed two Liberal MPs as envoys to deal with separate humanitarian crises in the Caribbean. **Denis Coderre** will serve as a special adviser for Haiti, and **Jean Augustine** will take on the same role in Grenada. The job description for both regions involves overseeing reconstruction and relief efforts in the embattled countries.

### UN Threat Report

The **UN Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change** didn't encourage submissions from individual nations during its year-long study of UN reform. Nevertheless, Canada put forward two papers: one document details the merits of global intervention if states fail to protect their citizens. This idea is based on a 2001 report spearheaded by Canada, called *The Responsibility to Protect*. The other document provides clear ways to strengthen UN effectiveness in areas such as health crises and terrorist threats. The panel is reportedly set to release its final recommendations on Dec. 2, and Canada says it has reason to believe they will be in sync with the government's views.

### Canadian Peace Broker

Côte d'Ivoire's Ambassador, **D. Kaba Camara**, held a press conference on Parliament Hill Nov. 25, the eve of La Francophonie Summit in Burkina Faso, to solicit Canada's help in bringing peace to her West African country. Ms. Camara aired two short videos: the first showed damage to buildings and military aircraft as a result of a defensive strike by French troops in response to the killing of nine French soldiers by rebels, an act Ms. Camara described as accidental. The second video showed a panicked crowd of Ivorians dashing from the sound of gunfire, followed by scenes of bloodied victims with missing limbs or taking their last breaths. Ms. Camara says French troops opened fire on demonstrators who gathered nearby President **Laurent Gbagbo's** residence, fearing that French troops would try to overthrow the leader. She reported 64 dead and 1,300 wounded in the assault. "I have confidence in the diplomacy of Canada," says Ms. Camara, noting that applying economic sanctions would not advance the peace process.

### Talking Points Special: Ukraine Update



*Embassy* reached Liberal MP **Borys Wrzesnewskyj** by telephone on Nov. 30. Speaking from an apartment in central Kiev, he provided his analysis of a volatile and

dangerous situation that appeared to be deteriorating. This is what he had to say:

"This situation is very fluid, and not getting any better. There was a break in Parliament today — there's some strange negotiating taking place on the floor. It appears that the government is buying votes from the communist faction in Parliament, in a bid to overturn Saturday's decision to reject the election results. The number of people in the streets is massive; at least 500,000 here in Kiev, and millions overall throughout the country. A small group of protesters has broken through the barricades and entered the Parliament. There are at least 10 different factions at work in Parliament. The presidency has been discredited, as has the prime minister and cabinet. Keep in mind that there isn't a lot of hope for the Supreme Court. They come from a Soviet tradition, although here and there you see glimmers of hope that they are showing some independence. There are unsubstantiated rumours circulating today that the price of a vote on the Supreme Court is \$3 million US per judge, although that's not confirmed. Up until now, there has been a certain festiveness and a feeling of optimism among the people in the streets that they have made a decision that will be fulfilled. This isn't a revolution, it is an uprising. Under Leonid Kuchma, things have become worse in recent years — he's robbed the country blind. Five million Ukrainians have left the country in the last seven years. There's a feeling that Kuchma has stolen the wealth of the country, and is now stealing the will of the people. There have been a number of threats to the people in the streets: first, Yanukovich sent in miners from Eastern Ukraine to 'teach the students a lesson' through intimidation. The problem is, most of the miners switched sides and joined the protesters. Then, there was the threat that 'order would be restored to the streets'.

Problem is, most of the police have switched sides. An even more serious scenario has been confirmed. On Sunday evening, 18,000 interim troops were called out at 10:30 p.m. Two battalions were issued live ammunition. The final order to clear the streets was not given, and at midnight, they were ordered back to barracks. Only two battalions were issued live ammunition; the government can't count on the entire army to carry out orders. The final threat, ultimately, is civil war. There's a map of Ukraine being circulated by the Presidential administration showing the country divided into different regions. This is an increasingly dangerous threat.

"Russian President Putin has been involved in the situation from the start. We're talking about the possibility of whole divisions of troops, or the re-uniforming of Russian troops in Ukrainian uniforms. There's evidence that this is happening here already. The whole situation has become very, very dangerous."

### C O R R E C T I O N

Several errors appeared in "Talking Points" on page 2 in print copies of the Nov. 24 edition

of *Embassy*, due to a technical problem. The correct version is available online.

# A Mid-East NAFTA?

Some skepticism greets new trade mission



PHOTOGRAPH BY SARAH MCGREGOR, EMBASSY

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade, Mark Eyking.

By Sarah McGregor

A free trade agreement between the nations of the Middle East could smooth political hostility and bring lasting prosperity to the region, according to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade.

That is the message Mark Eyking will bring to political leaders of Arab countries when he embarks on a large trade mission alongside Conservative MP Deepak Obhrai, Dec. 6-15. "It's both diplomatic and to drum up business," says Mr. Eyking, of the three-city tour with stops in Qatar, Yemen, and Egypt. Mr. Eyking may also visit Syria on government business.

Mr. Eyking says he will also use the long-haul flight to persuade Canadian business leaders hoping to forge commercial links, and university officials aiming to boost post-secondary exchanges, to engage in "diplomatic door-opening." Mr. Eyking says this means the promotion of a Middle East trade bloc, citing the success of NAFTA as a model for the region to adopt.

"We can explain that we were nervous going into NAFTA and it worked for us. We could share some of our Canadian values. I personally think that would give countries like Yemen some help," he says. Yemen, the least developed country of a largely oil-wealthy part of the world, ranked 149<sup>th</sup> out of 177 countries in the 2002 Human Development Report. "It could [do for Yemen] similar to what NAFTA did for Mexico," says the Minister. "I'm going to encourage that."

Mr. Eyking notes that Arab nations agreeing to standardize trade rules would boost global investor confidence. It would also make it easier for Canadian business get a foothold in a region where cultural differences already pose huge challenges. "We would all like to see more stable trade there," he says. "If you're bringing products from Canada it's one zone."

However, an expert in Middle East policy says the suggestion will be met with amuse-

ment by political figures in the region. "It's absolutely a non-starter," says Martin Rudner, Professor of International Affairs and a Middle East expert at Carleton University. "There is minimal trade between countries of the Arab world and the Middle East. Countries like Syria have said they don't intend to have open trade relations with others, whether it's Israel or Egypt."

Prof. Rudner says it is difficult to apply the Canadian experience in NAFTA to the situation of the Middle East. "The issue is not about tariffs, and not what we would say is trade policy. The issue is their concept of state as something that is autocratic. The economy is an instrument of political power and control," he says.

The Canadian-Arab Business Council, a non-profit representing private sector interests, has been planning the trade mission for over a year. Director General Richard Mann says having political leadership on board will open doors to the Middle East. He notes the Gulf Cooperation Council, which includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, already promotes economic integration in the region. "Free trade is an idea that has been around for awhile. They are gradually progressing and they are certainly moving in that direction. The business council would support anything that improves and expands our access to the markets of the Middle East," he says. The bulk of the mission will be comprised of presentations from petroleum industry representatives of Canadian technologies that facilitate the exploration of oil and gas in complex conditions, says Mr. Eyking.

The last Canadian trade mission to the region was led by then-Secretary of State (Central and Eastern Europe and Middle East) Gar Knutson in October 2002. Bilateral trade between Canada and the Middle East was approximately \$2 billion in 1999, according to government figures.

GWYNNE DYER

# The Orange Revolution

"There will be fraud, but the scenario of victory by the government through fraud is utopian; it won't happen," said Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko just before the vote was held on 21 November. He may well be right, but we probably won't know for another week or so. These non-violent democratic revolutions generally take two or three weeks.

That's how long it took for the "Rose Revolution" in Georgia to overthrow the band of cronies and crooks around former president Eduard Shevardnadze almost exactly a year ago. By the end of the first week it was clear to everybody that the demonstrators protesting a rigged election were not going to lose interest and wander off, and that Shevardnadze had only two choices: to open fire on his fellow Georgians, or to yield power to the real election victors.

The outgoing Ukrainian president, Leonid Kuchma, now faces the same unhappy choice. The electoral abuses that transformed a 54-43 percent victory for Yushchenko in the exit polls into a 49-46 percent win for his rival and Kuchma's chosen successor, Viktor Yanukovich, in the final count, were so blatant that the European Parliament's chief observer compared the process to a North Korean election.

The national turn-out was 76 percent, but in Yanukovich's personal fiefdom, Donetsk, there was allegedly a 96 percent turn-out — with 96 percent of the votes going to Yanukovich. The rigging was so shameless that Yushchenko's supporters came out on the streets of Kiev and other Ukrainian cities in the hundreds of thousands — and having come out, stayed out. Once they had demonstrated their willingness to stay out on the streets day after day, regardless of the freezing weather, Kuchma had no options left except shooting or surrender.

There will now be a pause while the old regime and its Russian backers contemplate these options, and the Ukrainian Supreme Court considers an opposition demand to cancel the Central Electoral Commission's final report declaring Yanukovich the victor on the grounds of gross fraud. But the Supreme Court's last-minute agreement to rule on the opposition's petition may just be an attempt to legitimise that report, for most of its members were appointed during the long reign of the gangster-capitalists who have dominated Ukraine since independence 13 years ago.

A court ruling that sets the crooked vote count aside and requires a new election would give the old regime a chance to surrender power gracefully if it decides not to fight on in the face of such strong popular outrage. As in Georgia last year, the leading regime members would probably be able to negotiate some sort of amnesty for their crimes. But if the Supreme Court should rule in favour of the existing regime, the crisis will

not end: it is not that widely trusted.

In the end, the decision really does lie with Yanukovich, Kuchma, and their Russian sponsor, President Vladimir Putin. If they permit a new election under international supervision, then the oligarchs who control the heavy industry of the Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine lose their power, and Russia loses its bid to bring Ukraine's 50 million people back into a Moscow-led common market that would effectively recreate the old Soviet Union. But if they decide to hang on, then

they will have to clear the streets by force, and that could trigger a civil war.

This is the way non-violence works. Its practitioners are not naive about the possibility of violence; on the contrary, they dare the regime to resort to force and accept the certainty of international condemnation and the risk of civil war that comes with it. If the regime does not use force in these circumstances, it is usually finished, but in a surprisingly large number of cases even deeply corrupt regimes will relinquish power rather than start

killing. Even crooks can be patriots — and of course they can't be sure that the police and army would obey an order to open fire on peaceful protesters anyway.

The situation in Ukraine is complicated by the Russian dimension of the crisis. Putin has backed Yanukovich very strongly, visiting Ukraine twice during the election campaign to appeal to Russian-speaking voters on his behalf and telephoning Yanukovich to offer him premature congratulations on his "victory" when the suspect vote totals were first released. But Putin could not support the use of force against Ukrainian citizens without gravely damaging his ties with the European Union and the United States, and he is unlikely to risk that.

The odds are, therefore, that Yushchenko and the Ukrainian democrats will not be driven from the streets by force. They have nationalism on their side, and Ukrainian nationalists dominate the capital and the west of the country whereas the Russian speaking minority is concentrated in the heavily industrialized east, where many of their forebears arrived as immigrants during Stalin's forced industrialization of the Donbas region in the 1930s. Besides, not all Russian-speakers put ethnic solidarity ahead of democracy.

The outcome is still uncertain, and the stakes in Ukraine are so high that one false move could trigger violence. But the chances are good that for the third time in four years, after Serbia in 2000 and Georgia in 2003, an ex-Communist criminal oligarchy is going to be overthrown by non-violent democratic protest. The "Orange Revolution" (the opposition's supporters favour orange flags and scarves) looks like it is going to win.

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# A different path for Canada

When he passed through Ottawa in October, Jeremy Rifkin tried to alert Canadians to the fact that America was continuing to live out a philosophical and religious past that creates a deepening divide between it and Canada. America, he said, was stuck in Protestant Reformation and Enlightenment individualism while Canada was moving toward a European communitarianism. The outcome of the U.S. presidential elections appeared to confirm Mr. Rifkin's thesis.

Now another voice, Sr. Joan Chichester elaborates on an similar theme:

*Two factors, seldom mentioned outright in modern history but often eerily present commonly covering around the edges of public conversation, nevertheless, constitute an undercurrent in U.S. history.*

*One of our historical ailments is Puritanism; the other is Isolationism. One exaggerates personal piety as a sign of spiritual integrity. The other makes us a world unto ourselves, the largest island in the world, unassailable and unassailable, safe from intrusion and airily independent of the rest of the world with all its petty discontents, all its "entangling alliances." We are, isolationism implies, unique; we are impregnable.*

*Between the two of them, the U.S. teetered back and forth between the literalist's definitions of biblical morality and the politician's commitment to insularism or American disregard for the positions and problems of the rest of the world.*

*Puritanism, after all, was born intent on making all of England Puritan. As God's elect, the Puritans argued, they had the duty to direct national affairs according to God's will as they interpreted it as revealed in the Bible. Puritanism gave us censorship laws, Sunday closing laws and Sabbath regulations, the prohibition of some forms of secular entertainment and the rejection of drunkenness, a form of piety that drove the rise of Prohibition and the development of vagrancy laws against alcoholics.*

*Isolationism went even further. It assumed U.S. uniqueness, superiority, invulnerability and distance, not to mention disdain, for the affairs of the rest of the human community. We were a world unto ourselves, like no other, untouched by and uninterested in the concerns of other parts of the human community.*

*One of these issues or the other has routinely marked our development in the past and, if this era is proof of anything at all, they are with us still. In fact, this time it looks like both have raised their hoary heads at once.*

Sr. Joan Chichester is a Benedictine nun and author. She is a columnist for the *National Catholic Reporter*. The above is from her column in last week's issue.

Each in their own way, both writers, Chichester and Rifkin, are deeply troubled about America's "Moral Values" — the very issue that appeared to define the presidential race. They both conclude that morality is sorely lacking in the broadstrokes of America's foreign policy. But they worry that today's morality seems only to have to do with gay partnership, abortion, TV censorship and stem-cell research. Chichester wonders, "Who deleted the rest of the 10 commandments?"

And Rifkin underscores the irony of a Europe that, having just penned an entirely secular constitution, is living out the Catholic teaching of the Common Good.

The last North American generation seemed to live in a world of moral ambiguity. Today's lives in a world of moral confusion. Inexplicably and perhaps happily, Canada seems to have taken a different path. This is not to imply some degree of moral superiority. There are still a vast number of compassionate, generous and wise Americans just as one can find any number of Canadians who exhibit the opposite qualities. But what is at stake is one national path that may lead more directly to a global common good than the other. Canada should not be ashamed to inquire how it got on such a path in the first place. And what it might do to continue in that direction.

— Jim Creskey

## Letters

# Smoke signals

One aspect of the culture in Bhutan that may be important in their decision to completely ban tobacco (Gwynne Dyer, "Bhutan Leads the Way," Nov. 24) is the fact that Tibetan Buddhism has a very strong anti-tobacco tradition. Looking at the dates of these teachings, it seems to me that they are actually referring to cannabis rather than tobacco — many of the Hindu siddhus (yogic practitioners) smoked cannabis, and this was considered by the Buddhists to be a hindrance to self-understanding and the awakening process. However, when tobacco became available in Tibet, it was considered by the spiritual leaders to be similarly damaging, and likewise covered by the warning against use. Generally, these anti-smoking teachings are not anything like legal restrictions involving punishments for infringement, but rather warnings explaining the ill effects of smoking.

That said, there is a tendency in modern Bhutan to impose legal restrictions which dictate adherence to ancient traditions, such as requirement to wear traditional garb and so on, which are not necessarily rooted in any

sort of Buddhist teachings, but perhaps grow from a fear of losing the ancient traditions which supported the Buddhist teachings, but which can be perceived as endangered by exposure to the vulgar cultures of the surrounding countries (accessible via satellite TV broadcasts etc.). In any case, it may be slightly misleading to generalize too much from the example of Bhutan.

Ed Cooke  
Tokyo, Japan

## Still smoking

Bravo to Bhutan for taking the correct and overdue step to ban the weapon of mass destruction we call tobacco. Unlike alcohol, tobacco is a drug that is addictive, defective and lethal (to the user and innocent people), when used as intended. Unlike alcohol and other drugs, tobacco products kill 5,000,000 users and hundreds of thousands of innocent people around the world every year.

Ban tobacco everywhere and ban it now!

Bill Thompson  
Toronto, ON

## RICHARD GWYN Reforming Ukraine

Ever since the election in Ukraine, reformers have won just about every tactical political or public relations battle. A key reason for this is paradoxical. The opposition presidential candidate, Viktor Yushchenko, and his advisers, knew full well that the election was going to be stolen from them. So they prepared themselves to fight back hard during the actual election campaign itself and through the post-election skirmishing and manoeuvring.

The governing elite headed by President Leonid Kuchma, who is retiring after 30 years in office, and his chosen successor, Viktor Yanukovych, were, of course, no less fully aware that the election was going to be stolen — by themselves. But a villain who is about to commit a crime can't summon up the same energy, passion or intellectual inventiveness as someone who knows he is going to become a victim of a political fraud.

Post-election, the reformers have done extraordinarily well. They have brought out huge crowds who have then brought all public business in the capital of Kiev and in much of the country to a halt. But they have done so peacefully, leaving the government no excuse to send in the police. Individual reformers have been cajoling and pressuring selected government officials, so that journalists on state television, mayors, police chiefs, army officers and even a general in the state security have come out to say they now support opposition leader Yushchenko.

These aren't just idealistic reformers, in other words. They are politically savvy reformers who, much as happened in the comparable popular uprising that recently changed the dictatorial government in the Caucasian nation-state of Georgia, have set out to master the political arts and then apply them systematically.

A second reason, one of lesser moment but still significant, explains why, ever since the election itself, political events in Ukraine have evolved so positively, although few observers predicted this would happen. It's quite normal for most governments in this region, almost all of them corrupt and repressive, to rig elections. This has worked in Byelorussia and in Russia itself, and with minor variants in Romania and in Bulgaria, as well

as in the Central Asian republics, such as Uzbekistan, that have been dubbed the "Stan" states. Ukraine is more liberal than most states of the former Soviet Union. Its supreme court, which is now considering charges of vote rigging, has a creditable record of independence.

This might well still not have been enough, had it not been that the outside world was watching. The first round of the presidential election, last month, was no less fraudulent. But no complaints were uttered then in Washington, London, Paris, Berlin or Ottawa.

What's happened is a new collective commitment to advancing democracy. Post-election, U.S. President George W. Bush keeps talking about "freedom," about how all peoples want it, and about how democratic states never go to war with each other. Whether Bush really means all this is beside the point. But to transform the mess that he's made in Iraq into an accomplishment that would serve him well in the history books, Bush now has to actually act as if he means what he's saying.

So the U.S., which initially said little about what's been going on in Ukraine — Washington's principal interest was in Ukraine's military contingent in Iraq, and Russia is an ally in the war against terror — has declared the election result "illegitimate" and threatened sanctions unless it is reversed, or a new election called.

The European Union and Canada are marching in democratic step with America. Perhaps they would have done this anyway. But, after all the divisiveness caused by the invasion of Iraq, Western unity now has a self-defining appeal.

The Ukrainian reformers couldn't have counted on the strength and unanimity of the U.S.-EU-Canadian reply. (Canada does matter in this confrontation because we have the largest number of ethnic Ukrainians — more than a million — in the West). But it has served to give them legitimacy and to discomfit the authorities, many of whom would be hurt by sanctions that would prevent them from travelling in the West.

The people of Ukraine will win freedom for themselves, by themselves. It's good, though, that the rest of us aren't just preaching about democracy but are actually helping them to achieve it.

# Saying Goodbye to the Secretary

## Will it be Powell vs. Clinton in 2006?



PHOTOGRAPH BY TOM HILLMAN, EMBASSY

Soon-to-depart U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell in Ottawa, Nov. 30

### By David Jones

Colin Powell is rather rare as a U.S. Secretary of State in that when he departs, he will leave with respect and even affection from State Department personnel — a notoriously hard to manage and even harder to impress bureaucracy. There will be wet eyes (and dry ones since Powell did not win every heart and mind), but Powell did far more than most Secretaries of State to modernize its infrastructure and keep it a “player” in foreign policy decision making. Both nationally and internationally, Powell is far more than a *Boondocks* comic strip caricature who will be missed because “who else could tell lies to the whole world with such dignity and integrity?”

At one point, the State Department was the seedbed of presidents. Many of America’s early presidents (Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Van Buren, and Buchanan) were diplomats and/or served as Secretary of State. But in the past generation, it has been more of a tombstone than a stepping stone for politico-professional careers. Hence one had pleasantly irrelevant men (William Rodgers, Warren Christopher); warmed-over politicians (Edmund Muskie); the ambitiously self-destructive (Al Haig); the cool professionals (Dean Rusk, Henry Kissinger, James Baker, Larry Eagleburger); the irrelevantly principled (Cy Vance who resigned because Carter gambled on military action to free our hostages in Iran); and the token female (Madeleine Albright) who demonstrated the limits of hectoring as diplomatic policy. None of these moved to higher—or indeed even equivalent—political position after leaving State. Indeed, other than Powell, only George Shultz, who righted the ship at State in the Reagan era after Haig was jettisoned, departed with any significant level of affection from department personnel.

When chosen as Secretary, Powell was obviously a different breed of cat. He was an illustration of President Bush’s willingness to reach out to selected individuals that some observers regarded as more intelligent, talented, popular, etc. than he was personally. But that did not bother Bush—nor apparently Powell—and Powell’s loyalty to Bush personally and his decisions in foreign policy has been real.

### The Powell Image

Most casual observers of Secretary Powell have focused on his “visible minority” image—the first African American to be Secretary of State. But while these commentators saw black,

I saw green—Army green. What molded Powell was less the color of his skin than his career as a professional army officer and his birth as the child of immigrants. Indeed, his Army career made his effect at State all the more dramatic.

For any army, the key is teamwork: combined arms task forces in coordinated operations, mutual support, closely knit communication, effective intelligence, and comprehensive training with the best available equipment. The individual is important, but the team is vital. An infantry combat leader (and Powell was such) knows that failure by a rear-rank private can get him killed (and get others killed as well). Thus, it is the leader’s responsibility to assure that all platoon members are as well trained as possible. In contrast, diplomats give lip service to teamwork; however, many believe that the brilliant individual can get the treaty negotiated, the analysis completed, the foreign leader convinced. An embassy staff is a corps of free lances loosely linked under the oft vague concept of the “country team” with few remembering that “there is no ‘I’ in team.”

Powell was determined to reverse that view. An ROTC rather than a West Point graduate, he was not interested in the privileged elitists/egoists that have often characterized State staff. He sought to integrate the diverse conglomeration of diplomats, civil servants, technical support, and overseas hired staff into something more coherent. In so doing, he deliberately broke some eggs, eliminating, for example, “Foreign Service Day” which celebrated the career diplomats and substituting “Foreign Affairs Day” to honour all Department personnel. The consequence, combined with Powell’s air of personal approachability and good humour expressed in regular “town meetings,” has improved morale in an organization that often viewed itself as a chopping block for every critic with an axe to grind in foreign affairs.

What Powell brought to State was a personal cachet that no secretary since five-star General George Marshall had enjoyed. In 2001 when Powell became Secstate, the Department had been starved for funding for years. Other secretaries went to the Hill and sought additional funding, but got chewed up in budget cuts. Particularly, from 1994 to 2000 with Republicans hostile to Clinton policies controlling Congress, tight belts were the sartorial fashion at State. In contrast, Powell could say bluntly that State was understaffed for the needs of post-Cold War global diplomacy (and after 9/11 the war against terror-

ism) and needed serious technical retooling to come abreast of the Internet age. Money is the mother’s milk of everything, and Powell was able to secure the additional funding that put computers on every desk and brought in a stream of new recruits who both were immediately useful to flesh out skeleton staffs and will pay even greater dividends 10-15 years downstream when they develop full professionalism. It will be a legacy more lasting than any ephemeral policy victory.

### Not Mother Teresa’s Son

With Powell’s announced resignation, a certain global wailing and gnashing of teeth suggested that the last member of Washington’s dove-cote had taken wing. But regardless of the much bruited about hypotheses of Powell as the “dove” in U.S. foreign affairs, let me assure you that there are no four-star doves in the U.S. military establishment. That observation is not designed to suggest that the obverse is true and the Pentagon is replete with snake-eating war lovers, but more that senior national security officials throughout Washington view war and peace as approaches to be pursued contingent on extant risks, resources, and results. War is neither the first, nor the preferred option; the vision of Arlington National Cemetery from the Pentagon’s E Ring is a salutary reminder that even the most successful military policy has real costs. But neither is it a path only to be taken with UN sanction and/or endorsement.

Thus, while Colin Powell was Secretary of State and Donald Rumsfeld Secretary of Defence, their bureaucratic positions were more reflective of the “where you sit is where you stand” reality than any ideological or philosophical difference over the need to address and eliminate the challenge Iraq posed to the United States, given the reflection of 9/11 and the then available intelligence. Hence, if we had “Secstate Rumsfeld,” he would have argued for extended efforts to engage fully the total range of diplomatic pressures and inducements. Moreover, he would have given a brilliant intelligence-derived briefing to the United Nations in February 2003 (I have heard Rumsfeld brief NATO defense ministers) as fully convincing as that given by Powell. And “Secdef Powell” would have maneuvered with equal facility to prepare U.S. armed forces to operate with the same military excellence as did Rumsfeld.

### Nor a Disgruntled Dissident

Powell’s departure was long-expected. It was not policy driven, but a reflection that there are times and tides to be taken, and Powell had long implied that he expected to be a one-term Secretary of State. Presumably, if Bush had implored him to stay, he would have played good soldier to his commander in chief, but apparently Bush honoured Powell’s anticipated departure plans. Nevertheless, Powell was neither driven out by raging “neocons,” nor is he departing in a snit over rejected policy.

In this regard, it is useful to recall that senior government positions are as grueling as can be imagined. They are the proverbial 24/7/365 job, and Powell at 67 has other lives to live and doubtless wants the time to live them. Indeed, the latest Internet boomlet would have him run for the U.S. Senate against Hilary Clinton in 2006.

—David Jones is a former U.S. embassy political counsellor who worked at the U.S. embassy in Ottawa from 1992-96.



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## DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES

By Christina Leadlay



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Dr. Faiza Hassan Taha (left) is the new Ambassador of Sudan, while over at the High Commission of Ghana, Susan Annobil (centre) is the new Minister Counsellor and Yaw Yirenkyi (right) is First Secretary.

By Christina Leadlay

The Embassy of Sudan has been headed by a series of Chargés d'Affaires since its last ambassador departed in 1991. Fortunately, an official ambassador has now arrived. Dr. **Faiza Hassan Taha** presented her credentials on November 22. Dr. Taha studied politics and economics at Khartoum University, receiving her Bachelor's degree in 1973. She then joined Sudan's Ministry of Commerce and Cooperation as a Finance Officer in the Researching Department. In 1975, Dr. Taha's husband relocated to Côte d'Ivoire and then to Italy due to his job. She accompanied him both times. Dr. Taha returned to Sudan in 1981, and decided to resume her academic career. In 1987 she completed a year-long course for qualification honours in the Political Science department of Khartoum University. Three years later, she received her Master's degree in Political Science from the same institution. Dr. Taha lectured at the University's department of Political Sciences and Strategic Studies from 1995 to 1997. She then became a researcher at the Centre for Strategic Studies while simultaneously working on her Ph.D. which she completed in 1999. By 2001, Dr. Taha joined the Middle East and African Studies Centre as a Senior Researcher. After two years, she was appointed by presidential decree to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a National Expert and Director of the Information department. This was her most recent position before being appointed to head Sudan's embassy in Ottawa.

There are two new diplomats at the Ghana High Commission. **Susan Hagan Annobil** arrived on September 17 to take over as Minister Counsellor. After graduating from the University of Ghana with an Honours English degree in 1973, Ms. Annobil worked for one year as an English language tutor. She then worked for four years as an Administrative Assistant before joining Ghana's Foreign Ministry in 1986. Ms. Annobil served as a Desk Officer for numerous bureaus including the Americas, Africa, and Protocol. She simultaneously completed a diploma in Public Administration from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration in 1987, as well as receiving a diploma in International Relations from Kenya's University of Nairobi. In 1990, Ms. Annobil was assigned to her first diplomatic posting at the Embassy of Ghana in Tokyo, Japan for four years; first in the role of First Secretary, then as Counsellor, and finally as Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. She returned home in 1994 and worked as a Desk Officer for the Protocol, and later, the Policy Planning and Research bureaus for three years. Denmark was the site of Ms. Annobil's next posting. From August 1997 to June 1998, she acted as

Counsellor and then briefly as Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. at Ghana's Copenhagen embassy. She then promptly went to the high commission in Sierra Leone to serve as Acting High Commissioner for 11 months. Her third consecutive assignment was then to Burkina Faso. From 1999 to 2002, Ms. Annobil served as Minister Counsellor and then as Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy in Ouagadougou. She returned home in 2002 and became Acting Director of the Information, Culture and Linguistics Bureau for a year before making the move to the Human Resource and Administration Bureau. At the High Commission in Ottawa, Ms. Annobil will be involved with political, economic and administrative affairs.

First Secretary **Yaw Asa Yirenkyi** arrived the same day at the Ghana High Commission as Ms. Annobil. Mr. Yirenkyi joined the Foreign Ministry in 1976, working in the passport bureau for three years. In 1979 he was sent to the main administrative bureau until 1982 when he returned to work at the passport office, helping to open an outpost in the north of the country. Mr. Yirenkyi then served in the personnel administration for a few years, before being posted to Nigeria. He served as Second Secretary at the High Commission in Lagos from 1998 to 1992. Upon returning home, Mr. Yirenkyi worked in the economic, trade and investment bureau from 1993 to 1996 before joining the office of protocol. His second overseas assignment was to the High Commission in Malaysia, where he served as First Secretary from 1997 to 2001. Most recently, Mr. Yirenkyi was busy in the finance accounts bureau at the Ministry. He expects to stay in Ottawa for a four-year tour.

After leading the Embassy of Indonesia for three years, Ambassador **Eki Syachrudin** returned home on November 27. Mr. Syachrudin studied economics at Jakarta's University of Indonesia. In the early 1970s, he worked as a reporter for Radio Australia and the Jakarta Times. Mr. Syachrudin then became involved in politics, helping to establish the Golkar party, which went on to become the country's governing party for just over thirty years. Mr. Syachrudin was active in the party's reform wing, and was active in businesses development, education and training programs. Within the party, Mr. Syachrudin held positions including Deputy Secretary General and Deputy Chairman of the Economic and Financial division. He sat in both the House of Representatives in 1997 and the People's Consultative Assembly in 1999. In the late 1990s, Mr. Syachrudin returned to Indonesian media, hosting national talk shows on the El Shinta Radio Network and Jakarta's AN Teve Television Network. In 2001, he was appointed to serve as Indonesia's ambassador to Canada.



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# Overshadowed?

## Hoopla over Bush visit trumps World AIDS Day announcements



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U.S. President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, arrive in Ottawa, Nov. 30.

**By Sarah McGregor**

The Canadian government has requested some departments to scale down announcements during the U.S. presidential visit, given the two-day trip will get the full glare of publicity, according to Liberal sources. The directive has caused frustration among some health organizations because the visit coincides with World AIDS Day on Dec. 1.

The internationally-observed date – designed to highlight a pandemic the UN recently reported is taking more lives than ever – is usually observed by a flurry of declarations from government players, NGOs and other stakeholders.

But this year World AIDS Day happens at the same time that U.S. President George W. Bush makes his first “working visit” to Canada. He was in Ottawa on Nov. 30, and was to arrive in Halifax on Dec. 1 to express appreciation to Atlantic Canadians for their help in the wake of September 11.

In light of heightened media coverage during the whirlwind tour, the government has postponed some announcements “so there is no competition to overshadow the visit,” according to a Liberal insider. Some sources say it caused Health Canada to temporarily suspend a package of HIV/AIDS-related announcements until public interest in the Bush visit fades.

Last year on World AIDS Day, the government announced \$100 million of funding over five years to fight the disease in Africa. This year, International Cooperation Minister Aileen Carroll will speak about the impact of the disease on females around the world during a breakfast event in Toronto, and attend an evening HIV/AIDS concert. The *Globe and Mail* reported that Minister Carroll is also expected to announce a \$15 million pledge to the International Partnership for Microbicides. In addition, Health Canada will release the annual World AIDS report which reviews progress in combating the disease in Canada.

The date would be an ideal opportunity to deliver on a promise of HIV/AIDS funding to community-based organizations working with at-risk Canadians, according to Ian Culbert, director of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre. In May, then-Health Minister Pierre Pettigrew earmarked an additional \$5 million for the Canadian HIV/AIDS Strategy over the period of 2004-2005. However, the allocation of the money still hasn't received Treasury Board approval, according to Mr. Culbert. “We’ve been waiting for it for months,” he says. Spokespeople for both Health Canada and the Treasury Board could not confirm when an announcement is expected.

Richard Elliott, of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, has demanded Prime Minister Paul Martin – who just returned from Africa, where the AIDS is wiping out an entire generation – bring up the issue with President Bush. “Bush’s policies on AIDS are atrocious. We’re calling on the Canadian government to raise the policies with Bush,” he says.

Mr. Elliott noted that American policies undermine global efforts to combat the disease. “Bush’s global AIDS program and other White House efforts have pushed sexual abstinence-based programs, repressive approaches to drug use, and favours multinational drug companies over science-based prevention programs and access to cost-effective generic drugs,” according to a press release issued by the organization on Nov. 29.

A spokesperson in the Prime Minister’s Office says there is no official blackout on announcements.

# Unfilled Prescription

## Generic drugs still not available to Africa, despite Canadian legislation



PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE HILL TIMES FILES

Former PM Jean Chrétien. The Pledge to Africa Act has yet to come into effect, pending the conclusion of a public input process.

**By Sarah McGregor**

Four developing nations have entered into serious talks with the Canadian government to learn how to gain access to cheap generic drugs when they become available, according to Foreign Affairs Canada.

Delegations from South Africa and Ghana have traveled to Ottawa to discuss obtaining inexpensive drugs under the Jean Chrétien Pledge to Africa Act, says FAC spokesperson Andrew Hannon. Foreign Affairs also reports that the governments of Guatemala and Kenya have approached Canadian missions in their countries for more information on how to get on board.

However, aid groups are arguing that the government isn’t moving quickly enough to ensure some of the most severely affected nations benefit from Bill C-9. The legislation was passed by Parliament in mid-May, but hasn’t yet entered into force because the

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# World AIDS Day 2004: By the Numbers

**39.4 million** - People suffering from HIV/AIDS around the globe, up from 36.6 million in 2002.

**47%** - Female percentage of total HIV infections worldwide

**57%** - Female percentage of total HIV infections in sub-Saharan Africa.

**4.9 million** - Number of newly infected people

**\$6.1 billion US** – Global Aids Funding, up from \$2.1 billion US in 2001.

**5.3 million** – South Africans living with HIV, the highest number of any country in the world.

**Less than 1%** - Adults (15-49 years of age) accessing voluntary counselling and testing services in low- and middle-income countries most affected by AIDS.

**21%** - Sexually active South African girls (16–18 years of age) tested HIV-positive.

**2.5 million** - New infections that could be averted over three years. It would require just 20 per cent of women in 73 low-income counties getting access to a microbicide.

**3.1 million** - AIDS deaths

**40 years** - Life expectancy in nine African countries, including Botswana, Central African Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

**36,000** - HIV/AIDS deaths in the Caribbean, making it the leading cause of death for adults (15-44 years of age).

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Turkey's ambassador to Canada, Aydemir Erman, in his Ottawa office, Nov.22. "From the beginning, our intention was to integrate fully with the European Union."

By Peter Schneider

On December 16 and 17, representatives of the 25 nations of the European Union will convene in Brussels to decide on whether it is now time for Turkey to begin negotiations for membership. If Turkey is given a green light, formal talks that could last the better part of a decade will commence. If the talks prove successful, the country, which has served for centuries as the bridge between Europe and Asia, will become the EU's most populous member, with its largest army. In recent years, Turkey has embarked upon a rapid and ambitious series of institutional reforms to come in line with the criteria for EU membership, and the government of Prime Minister Recep Erdogan has staked its credibility on the opening of EU membership talks. Turkey's ambassador to Canada, Aydemir Erman, met with *Embassy* on Nov.22 to discuss his country's aspirations for the future, as a full member of an enlarged European Union.

In recent weeks, some European leaders, including French President Jacques Chirac,

have suggested alternatives to offering Turkey standard membership in the European Union. This is not in line with Turkish expectations, as the ambassador explains. "From the very beginning, our intention was to integrate fully with the European Union," Mr. Erman says. "We never had it in our minds to become another type of member. I don't think there's any reason to change this policy, especially as we've come now to a very important crossroad. The report of the EU commission is very clear: whenever we talk about membership, we're talking about full membership. Turkey has fulfilled the Copenhagen political criteria. Turkey can begin the accession negotiations — I don't know the exact wording — but as soon as possible. In that context, there is no reference to any other sort of membership."

The ambassador concedes that some anxiety on the part of existing EU members is expected. "It's a big event," he acknowledges. "It will have a serious impact on the European Union and on Turkey. There are certain concerns, but in democratic societies, it's quite nor-

mal to have different views that must be expressed. But there's an obligation under international law to fulfill your obligations stemming from international agreements, so in this respect the parties have to some extent committed to one another. Turkey applied for full membership and has accepted on the basis of certain conditions. The commission says that one of the basic conditions are the Copenhagen criteria, which have been fulfilled."

Mr. Erman sketches in a vision of the future, in which Turkey, with its military might and strategic geographical location, becomes an essential asset to an enlarged Europe. He notes, "One thing that makes the European Union different from the rest is that it's going to become an example of integration. They have completed the economic aspect of that — it's unique. Nowhere in the world can you see the single market, the single currency, and the range of agreement on economic and social issues. But in order to complete the integration, I believe the political and the defence/security aspects of that integration must be completed. Without that, I don't think it will be very easy for the European Union to declare itself a world player. Is the EU going to be a world player or not? It has to be able to see beyond this box — politically, culturally, economically, whatever — it has to interact with the rest of the world. From that point of view, I see Turkey as a real bridge. Turkey is a way to open the EU to the outside. If it is to become a world player, I think Turkey must be there, and Turkey's ambition will be an asset for the European Union."

Still, some European politicians continue to voice concerns that Turkey's democratic culture is too recent, and perhaps too fragile, to admit the country into the Union. Responding to this, the ambassador says, "Certain situations emerging in certain time brackets in our history should not have any impact on the accession process. In this process we must be able to see beyond the horizon. I make a distinction

between politicians and statesmen. A statesman is able to see beyond the horizon, to see beyond tomorrow. It is the statesmen who have drawn the road map of the European Union. I think understanding, at the end, will prevail."

Speaking about the failure of the United Nations-sponsored referendum in April of 2004, which attempted to resolve the decades-old division of Cyprus, where 30,000 Turkish troops remain stationed, the ambassador says, "It's been an unfortunate year. I think the general conception was that maybe it would be the Turkish part of the island that would reject it, but just the opposite happened. I see it as a lost opportunity. If this opportunity had been grabbed and utilized, then things would have been totally different. Of course, the EU is very careful not to import problems into its ranks. We were always told that reunifying Cyprus was not a condition membership, but we knew, under the surface, that it was kind of a condition. The EU explicitly doesn't want to admit any country which has problems into their ranks. Now, the Greek Cypriot part of the island has been admitted, with the problem. The problem is not solved, but the owner of the child has changed hands. This will be an issue that has to be addressed, and be solved, but I think it will be more appropriate to talk about the dimensions of this issue after the 17<sup>th</sup> of December."

Reflecting on the ways of diplomacy, Mr. Erman shares one of the reasons for his optimism. "I remember when I first joined the foreign affairs ministry in the 1970s," he says. "My first posting was Geneva. At the time, the European Security Cooperation conference was underway. I recall my early career experience, when I saw those position papers presented — with round brackets, square brackets, each bracket presenting a different opinion from a different country! As a young diplomat, I thought, 'there is no hope. Who is going to bring those brackets together? — one position is dark black, the other is white' — and so forth. But with patience, with common understanding, those brackets are one by one removed. It's the same as our relations with Europe, many of those brackets are removed already — a lot are still there to be removed. But once you start negotiating with goodwill, we shall see what Europe wants us to be, and Europe will see what we really are."

Turkey's Prime Minister, Recep Erdogan, was swept into power in 2002, based largely on enthusiasm for his pro-EU platform. The ambassador says, "The Prime Minister is young, and he comes from the grassroots. He can communicate very easily and can convince people. This was enough to bring him into power, but then you have to keep your words, which he did. Immediately, he went to European countries, and to the United States, and sent the message to the people that the future of the country lies with Europe." As part of the reforms required by the European Union's Copenhagen criteria, a new penal code was instituted, outlawing capital punishment. Mr. Erman says, "Our penal code was derived from the Italian code of the 1930s, from Mussolini's time. The penal system and legal system as a whole had to be updated. There's been an unprecedented improvement of human rights. There is zero tolerance for torture."

Turkey's reforms have included economic measures as well. Mr. Erman says, "some of these economic measures may hurt — they're always bitter pills. But it is the confidence the people have placed in the government for the future, that if we proceed this way, tomorrow will be better."



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# Talking About A New Beginning

‘When you change the context, you change the problem,’  
Cyprus HC says



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High Commissioner for Cyprus to Canada Euripides Evriviades presents his credentials to Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson, Nov.22, at Rideau Hall.

## By Peter Schneider

High Commissioner for Cyprus, Euripides Evriviades, is stationed in Washington, D.C., but was in Ottawa Nov. 22 to present his credentials to the Governor-General. While in the city, he met with *Embassy* to discuss a range of current issues affecting Cyprus, Turkey, and the European Union.

**Q: You're accredited as Cyprus' ambassador to the United States, and as non-resident high commissioner to Canada. How much time will you devote to Canada?**

**A:** I don't like side accreditations. I don't like the fact that we don't have a high commission here in Ottawa, because I don't think side accreditations do justice to the web of bilateral relations that we have with Canada, or the regional aspect, now that Cyprus is a member of the European Union. I do not like it. This is a poor man's representation, and I expect to come here as often as I possibly can. There are close to 35,000 Cypriots in Canada, and they rightly complain that I do not pay enough attention to them. I have every intention to cover this vacuum.

**Q: What are your thoughts on the events of this year, and the unsuccessful bid to reunify Cyprus through a UN referendum?**

**A:** It was a year of celebration, because Cyprus did enter the European Union. I want to underline that this, strategically, is the most important development for Cyprus since achieving independence in 1960. That was a cause to celebrate. There are challenges and opportunities that come with EU membership, and it will cement the bilateral relations between Cyprus and Canada, because Cyprus is now part of the Trans-Atlantic dialogue. 2004 was also a frustrating year, because unfortu-

nately the referendum that was presented on April 24 was rejected by 76.7 per cent of the Cypriot community of Greek ethnic background, which form 80 per cent of the population. Unfortunately the plan that was presented was not such that the people could embrace it. The accession of Cyprus took place as a divided country, and we are the ones who do not like it the most. We have to live with the situation every day. It affects our daily lives.

**Q: Will Cyprus be voting in support of Turkey's application to start negotiations with the EU on December 17?**

**A:** It's the 60,000 dollar question: What will Cyprus' position be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December? Frankly, I do not know. The jury is still out on what the final position will be, as indeed is the case with a number of countries in the European Union. These decisions are being debated and negotiated until the eleventh hour. What I can say, is that fundamentally, Turkey's accession to the European Union is in our strategic interest. We are a very small country; we have had a troubled relationship with Turkey, which to this day does not recognize Cyprus. At the same time we are not prisoners of the past, and in the European Union there is a fundamentally new strategic context. We want Turkey to enter the EU, but there should be no discounts to the Copenhagen criteria. It is not the European Union that is applying to join Turkey, it is Turkey joining the European Union. Consequently, Turkey has to meet all its obligations to each and every one of the 25 members of the EU, including Cyprus. We don't like the fact that Turkey keeps blocking our accession to several regional organizations, including the OECS, and the fact that Turkey does not recognize Cyprus or allow our merchant shipping fleet, which is the sixth-largest in the world, to enter

Turkish ports. These are now European Union ships. Our civilian aircraft are not permitted in Turkish airspace. All these things are major concerns of ours, which will have to fall into place.

**Q: How do you think reunification of Cyprus might come about?**

**A:** I would like to use a metaphor. We have a car, which is called Cyprus, and we want to reach a final destination. That final destination is a viable, long-lasting solution to the Cyprus question, so that all the citizens of Cyprus can enjoy the fruits of the European Union. You've got to look at the rearview mirror, to make sure nobody's coming up to hit you. But if you keep constantly looking at the rearview mirror, for sure you will never reach your destination and you will have a crash. Without being prisoners of the past, it is fundamentally good for our interests to have Turkey in the process of joining the European Union, and finally joining the European Union, because then that is a predictable Turkey, that is not in an identity crisis, that will not solve problems by force or the threat of the use of force. We're talking about a new beginning for the people of Cyprus, for the bilateral relationship between Cyprus and Turkey, and for the greater stability of the Eastern Mediterranean. As you know, it is of cardinal importance for the security of the West.

**Q: How does EU membership change the equation?**

**A:** At the end of the day there has to be reconciliation and rapprochement. Geography is destiny. One of the things the EU does is solve problems by embracing them. If the European Union manages to unify a divided continent, if it managed to bring together the French and the Germans, I'm sure they will do it for Cyprus and Turkey, for the benefit of world peace, stability, and security. Since April of 2003, in a country of less than one million people, four million visits have taken place across the dividing line, incident-free. I think that speaks volumes about what the people yearn for and what they want the leadership to do. This is the message that we should listen to. Cyprus should serve the interests of Cypriots, all Cypriots, and not the interests of any other country.

**Q: You're posted to Washington, D.C. as ambassador. The U.S. is strongly in favour of admitting Turkey to the EU. Have you been lobbied to support Turkey's bid?**

**A:** Absolutely, and on more than one occasion. The American administration hasn't made any secret about it. At the same time, we are one of the smallest members of the EU, and the fact is that everybody has to say 'yes'. The Cyprus-Turkey relationship within the European Union is one small part. The dialogue between Brussels and Ankara doesn't have to do only with Cyprus. What scares many Europeans is the sheer size of the country. When Turkey joins the EU, operating from that assumption, it will be the largest member of the EU. What does that do to the decision making process of the EU? What would that do to the structural funds? These are the questions that are being discussed right now, and there should be an educated debate: the European Union educating itself and its citizens about what's going on with Turkey, and vice versa.

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### **Solino** Thursday, December 2, 7 p.m.

Dir. Fatih Akin. Germany 2002. German with  
English sub-titles.

Set in the 1960s, the Amato family has  
moved from Solino, Italy, to a grey, industrial  
town in Germany. A humorous and human-  
ist film touching on cross-border politics.

### **Bar** Thursday, December 2, 9:15 p.m.

Dir. Aliki Danezi-Knutsen. Cyprus 2001. Greek  
with English sub-titles.

Recalling *The Double Life Of Veronique*, is a  
story about two women named Lea: one, a  
cab driver in Cyprus; the other, a stowaway  
in Uruguay, each searching for information  
about a long-lost brother.

### **Poppitz** Friday, December 3, 7 p.m.

Dir. Harald Sicheritz. Austria 2002. German  
with English sub-titles

A Viennese car salesman is all set to go to  
an all-inclusive club with his wife and  
daughter for vacation until various circum-  
stances turn the trip into a nightmare.

### **Bellissima** Friday, December 3, 9:15 p.m.

Dir. Artur Urbanski. Poland 2002. Polish with  
English sub-titles.

Marysia's mother dreams of making a top  
model out of her 15-year old daughter, but  
Marysia rebels against her mother's misguid-  
ed love. Inspired by the 1951 Luchino  
Visconti film of the same title which satirizes  
the stage mother. See *Review*, p.10.

### **Utterly Alone** Saturday, December 4, 7 p.m.

Dir. Jonas Vaitkus Lithuania 2004. Lithuanian  
with English sub-titles

A drama based on powerful historical  
accounts of the legendary fighter for free-  
dom, Juozas Luksa, part of the Lithuanian  
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### **Step By Step** Saturday, December 4, 9:15 p.m.

Dir. Phillipe Blasband. Luxembourg 2002.

French with English sub-titles  
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Verkamen is mistaken by police for an infa-  
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ment, but then decides to play along, play-  
ing the criminal the others want him to be.

### **About Adam** Sunday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Dir. Gerard Stembridge. Ireland 2001.  
In English.

Adam's animal magnetism effects not only  
Alice, but also her two sisters, and even her  
brother. A splendid Irish comedy.

### **Down By Love** Sunday, December 5, 9 p.m.

Dir. Tamás Sas. Hungary 2002. Hungarian  
with English subtitles

Orphaned Eva unexpectedly falls in love  
with her foster-father, Tibor. Eleven years after  
being sent away by her foster-mother, Eva  
finds out that Tibor is planning a divorce.

### **A Journey Called Love** Monday,

December 6, 7 p.m.

Dir. Michele Placido. Italy, 2003. Italian with  
English subtitles.

Based on the true story of the scandalous  
love affair between two famous early 20th  
century Italian writers. (Rescheduled from  
November 30)

### Film Review

## This Year's Model



Pop fantasy: Ewa Kasprzyk emotes in Polish director Artur Urbanski's *Bellissima*.

### **Bellissima**

Dir. Artur Urbanski

Poland, 2002, 69 min.

Polish with English subtitles.

Director Artur Urbanski chose to update  
Luchino Visconti's 1951 neo-realist classic of the  
same name when tapped by a Polish television  
network as one of that country's most promising  
young filmmakers. Shot using a modest budget  
and on a tight schedule — a mere 17 days —  
*Bellissima* is a candy-coloured pop melodrama  
which catches Poland in the midst of its trans-  
formation from an austere, Soviet-controlled  
society to a Westernized nation of dreamers and  
media strivers. As in the Italian classic, this  
*Bellissima* is the story of a teenaged beauty  
(Maria Goralczyk) and her domineering stage  
mother (Ewa Kasprzyk), who dreams of a better,  
more glamorous life.

Clocking in at just over an hour, the film  
wastes no time in setting up the close but  
fraught relationship between a reluctant girl  
who is rapidly losing her innocence, and the sin-  
gle mother who refuses to grow old gracefully.  
The busy plot hurtles along at the pace of a  
music video, which suits the lurid colour

scheme and loud soundtrack perfectly.  
Urbanski, who is also a painter, has done some-  
thing innovative and wry with the look of the  
film. *Bellissima* was shot on standard film stock,  
then transferred to video, in order to manipulate  
and enhance the visuals with computers, before  
being transferred back again to 35 mm film. The  
resulting palette provides an oversaturated, gar-  
ish vision of the commercialism that has been  
unleashed in Eastern Europe since the fall of the  
Berlin Wall. Scenes of unnatural vividness are  
shown in contrast to the muted browns and  
greys of the Soviet-era apartments where people  
still live, even as they plot their way to stardom  
in Italy or America.

Although his direct inspiration was Italian  
cinema of the 1950s, Urbanski's effervescent  
urban fable will remind many viewers of British  
cinema of the last 20 years; Stephen Frears and  
Mike Leigh made similarly gritty soap operas  
early in their careers, with equally memorable  
performances by female actors. *Bellissima* isn't  
a perfect film by any stretch — it ends too  
abruptly — but it is the calling-card of a director  
worth watching.

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Today is **Romania's National Day**, commemorating the 1918 unification of Romania and Transylvania. To celebrate, Ambassador Liviu Maior is hosting an invitation-only reception and concert at the Museum of Civilization this evening. Contact the embassy at (613-789-3709).

### Thursday, December 2

33 years ago today, the **United Arab Emirates** gained **Independence** from the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, due to the death of the president on Nov.3, the reception has been cancelled. Contact the embassy at (613-565-7272).

**Youth Leadership Conference** West Block Parliament Hill. (613-841-6979). 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Ottawa chapter of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, the South African High Commission and CIDA are hosting a youth leadership event on "Sakha Ikusasa – Building for the Future". Three local high schools are participating in the day-long conference on international development and the history and culture of South Africa issues.

**Lecture: "Public-Private Partnerships"** Room 2017, Dunton Tower, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive. (613-520-2600; www.carleton.ca/sppa) 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Carleton's School of Public Policy and Administration presents its Public Policy Speaker Series featuring the University of British Columbia's Prof. Tom Ross who will speak on Public-Private Partnerships.

**Press Attachés' Luncheon** National Press Club Dining Room, 165 Sparks St. (Reservations 613-233-5641; www.pressclub.on.ca). Noon. Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons, is guest speaker at this luncheon presented by the Ottawa Diplomatic Association.

**Seminar: Civilian and Militia Relations** Room 125, 1 Stewart St. University of Ottawa. (613-562-5754; politi@uottawa.ca). 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The University of Ottawa's School of Political Studies hosts a French-language seminar on "Protégés, Clients or Cannon Fodder? Relations between Civilians and Militias in the New Conflicts" by Université de Montréal's Marie-Joëlle Zahar, a specialist in sustainable peace agreements, war economies and civilian/combatant relations.

**The Nutcracker** National Arts Centre, 53 Elgin St. (613-947-7000; www.nac-cna.ca) 7 p.m. \$42 – \$69. Through December 5. Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montreal present Tchaikovsky's magical Christmas ballet, featuring magnificent sets, gorgeous costumes, and the Sugar Plum Fairy.

**Bhopal: The Search For Justice** Ottawa Public Library Auditorium, 120 Metcalfe St. (613-241-1333 ext.228) 7 p.m. Free. The National Film Board of Canada presents the Ottawa première of a documentary film about victims of a 1984 poisonous gas release in Bhopal, India. A panel discussion will follow the screening, featuring filmmakers Peter Raymond & Linda Lee Tracey, and Richard Harmston from South Asia Partnership Canada.

### Friday, December 3

**Zelary** ByTowne Cinema, 325 Rideau St. (613-789-FILM; www.bytowne.ca). 4:15 p.m. \$9, \$5.50 members. Through December 5. Nominated in 2003 for Best Foreign Language film at the Oscars and based on the autobiography *Joseph's Hana*. Dir. Ondrej Trojan. Czech Republic, 2003. Moravian dialect, German and Russian with English subtitles.

**Meeting: "Rebuilding Post Soviet Space"** 2017 Dunton Tower, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive. (613-520-5628; www.carleton.ca/eurus) 2:30 p.m. Carleton's Institute of European & Russian Studies presents the Canadian unveiling of "Rebuilding Post Soviet Space." The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 2004 Transition Report by Dr. Samuel Fankhauser, Director for Policy Studies in the Office of the Chief Economist, EBRD.

### Saturday, December 4

**The Spirit of Merrickville** Village of Merrickville, South of Ottawa, off Highway 416. (613-269-2229; www.realmerrickville.ca) 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The village of Merrickville kicks-off the Christmas season with a day-long celebration featuring glass-blowing demonstrations, a bake sale, historic tour hayrides, and street carollers. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted for the Christmas Hamper Fund.

### Sunday, December 5

In Thailand, today is the **King's Birthday** as well as **Thai National Day**. On November 6, Ambassador Snanchart Devahastin will honour this auspicious day by hosting an invitation-only reception at the Westin Hotel. Contact the embassy at (613-722-4444).

**Gidayu Music** Museum of Civilization Theatre, 100 rue Laurier, Gatineau, Quebec. (819-776-7000; www.civilization.ca). 2 p.m. Free. The Embassy of Japan and the Japanese Foundation present a concert of highlights from traditional Japanese Bunraki theatre, in both Japanese and English

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**Berta Rojas**  
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Paraguayan classical guitarist Berta Rojas will be in the national capital region to give a free master class on the morning of December 8, at the Freiman Hall of the Perez Pavilion of the University of Ottawa. The same evening, she will perform across the river in the Jean Desprez Room at Gatineau City Hall. Ms. Rojas has recorded two albums of Latin American

### Monday, December 6

**Finland's Independence Day** is today, honouring the country's separation from Russia in 1917. To celebrate, Ambassador Pasi Patokallio is hosting an invitation-only reception at his Rockcliffe residence. Contact the embassy at (613-288-2233).

**Newsmaker Luncheon** National Press Club Dining Room, 165 Sparks St. (613-233-5641; www.pressclub.on.ca). 12:30 p.m. Former U.S. Ambassador Jonathan Dean will give a presentation entitled "Crossing the Rubicon: Missile Defence and the Weaponization of Space."

### Tuesday, December 7

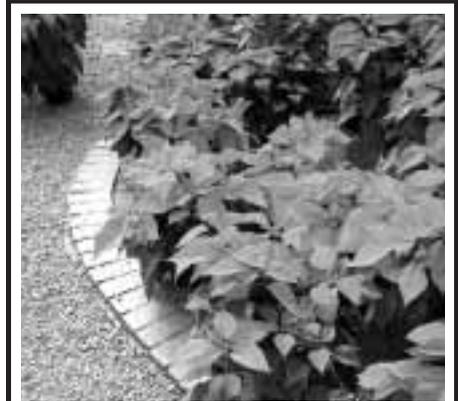
**Little Senegal** 122 Lamoureux Hall, 145 Jean-Jacques Lussier, University of Ottawa. (613-232-1101). 7 p.m. Free. Part of French/German film series, through December 10. The Embassies of Germany and France are hosting a film series on cultural diversity. Alloune, a 65 year-old Senegalese man, is on a quest to find his ancestors who were taken as slaves to America. Dir. Rachid Bouchareb. France 2001. French with English subtitles.

**A Handful of Grass** 122 Lamoureux Hall, 145 Jean-Jacques Lussier, University of Ottawa. (613-232-1101). 9 p.m. Free. Part of French/German film series, through December 10. A troubling tale about 10-year-old Kendal who is taken from his small Kurdish village by his uncle to be used as a drug mule in Hamburg. Dir. Roland Suso Richter. Germany 1999. German with English subtitles.

### Wednesday, December 8

**The Centre** 122 Lamoureux Hall, 145 Jean-Jacques Lussier, University of Ottawa. (613-232-1101). 7 p.m. Free. Part of French/German film series, through December 10. An entertaining quest to find the geographical centre of Europe. Dir. Stanislaw Mucha. Germany, 2004. German with English subtitles.

**Viva Algeria** 122 Lamoureux Hall, 145 Jean-Jacques Lussier, University of Ottawa. (613-232-1101). 9 p.m. Free. Part of French/German film series, through December 10. Death stalks three women: emancipated Goucem, her safety-seeking friend Fifi, and Goucem's fearful mother Papicha. Dir. Nadir Mokneche. France, 2004. French with English subtitles.



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## Author Interview

# An Accidental Canadian

Margaret Wente isn't afraid to speak her mind, in print or in person

By Peter Schneider

## *An Accidental Canadian*

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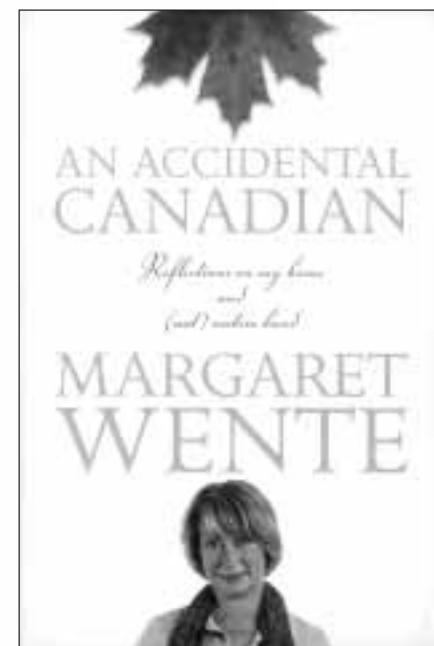
With the recent publication of her first book, which collects some of her best newspaper columns with entirely new material, Margaret Wente offers her reflections on what she wryly terms her 'home and (not) native land.' "The thread for the book is my own life, really, and the theme that brackets the book is Canada and America, because I'm one of those invisible, accidental immigrants." A seasoned and often bemused observer of Canada's predilection for America-bashing, Margaret Wente has a theory of why we get so wound up when it comes to criticizing our neighbour to the south. "Freud called it the narcissism of small differences," she says with a chuckle. "We are the two most similar cultures in the world. America-bashing these days is Canada's second-most popular sport, after hockey. In some ways it seems essential to our own identity to be 'not them'. We love to get on the moral high ground and take shots at them."

Turning the tables, Wente puckishly embarks upon a humorous riff. "Everybody has a litany about Americans' flaws," she begins. "There are a couple of things I like to say about that: 'Thank god we don't live in a country that would ever elect a leader that has issues with his father. Thank god we don't live in a country where the business and political elites of the capital are so bound up that the politicians ladle out huge amounts of business in untendered contracts to their buddies who helped them out during election time. And thank god we don't give power over government to a party that 49 percent of the people voted against.' In Canada you can get complete power if 62 per cent of the people voted against you." Her basic point, she says, is that "We're not perfect, either. Our resentment of the Americans is understandable, if only because they're so big and strong and we're so weak and puny and so reliant on them. That's a very uncomfortable position to be in."

Speaking just days after MP Carolyn Parrish's unceremonious dumping from the Liberal caucus, Wente observes that the sharp-tongued politician was actually playing a time-honoured game, one that has numerous enthusiastic participants. "She's a figure of fun in one way, but she really does speak for a lot of Canadians; that's the truth. Let's face facts. A lot of Canadians cheer when Carolyn Parrish stands up and bashes Bush dolls underfoot, because they feel the same way. But you also have Tom Walkom writing in the *Toronto Star* that we should think about indicting George Bush for war crimes when he comes to Canada; we have a writer named Paul William Roberts, writing in the *Globe & Mail's* book review two weeks ago that U.S. hubris is the greatest problem the world faces today. I suspect probably about a third of Canadians would sign on to that. It's not something I agree with." She continues, "Anti-American sentiment is at an all-time high, partly because of the Bush administration. Distancing yourself from the American bully has always been a wonderful political position for Canadian politicians, and getting too close to the Americans has always been a huge political negative. Remember when Brian Mulroney got on stage with Ronald Reagan and they sang



Columnist Margaret Wente: "America-bashing these days is Canada's second-most popular sport, after hockey."



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"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"? That's an indelible image. Canadians *hated* Mulroney for that. It was a huge political mistake. It's actually okay for us to be sort of friendly with the Democratic presidents — Jimmy Carter was okay, Clinton was okay — but no-one wants our leaders to stand up and get buddy-buddy with the Republicans. That's a political problem for Martin, actually. We need our ally, but if Paul Martin were ever seen to clap his arm around Bush's shoulder, people would hate him."

Margaret Wente's opinions often run counter to the grain of Canadian liberalism, and she frequently receives letters of outrage from offended readers, who disagree with her stances on everything from universal day care, a scheme she dismisses as 'crackers,' and the health care system, one of this country's sacred cows. Laughing, she says, "You know, it's amazing. The range of things you can say here in polite company, especially in my very liberal-leaning set of friends, is quite narrow. For example, whenever I criticize the health care system, it's as if I'm doubting Canada or trying to undermine Canadian values. Recently I was called a self-hating Canadian by another journalist, simply because I criticize our system from time to time. People will write in and say, 'well if you don't like it here, why don't you go home?' and it's funny, because I am home. People are quick to call you unpatriotic if you say that the Canadian way of life is not all that superior

in every way to American society. The range of discourse in this country is really incredibly narrow. People will come up to me and say, 'you're so brave.' When I ask them why, they'll say 'because of what you said about Margaret Atwood.' Because I once I once said that she's not the greatest living writer on the face of the Earth and that I don't like some of her books! That's stunning. We live in a country where people call you brave because you said that you don't like some of Margaret Atwood's books? What a country! It doesn't take much to be brave here."

On the topic of the ballyhooed CBC Television contest to pick a national hero, she's typically acerbic. "The Greatest Canadian phenomenon speaks to our greatness deficit, as much as anything else. It's kind of funny, I guess. People are very hard up when they're asked to identify the greatest Canadians. We don't have a tradition here of doing that. In the U.S., you grow up with the heroic tradition. Our history is that of a minor country with a short history and shallow roots on the fringe of empire."

But it's Canada's ongoing agonizing over the health care system that gives Margaret Wente her richest vein of material and provides her with some of her most irate reader responses. She marvels at the amount of angst the issue causes. "None of the politicians dare to tell the truth. None of the provincial health care ministers dare to tell the truth, which is

that the system is completely unsustainable. Privately they'll tell you it's like pouring water into the Sahara. They'll all tell you that. It's really simple. The medical rate of inflation is higher than GNP growth. There's nothing you can do about it. Every developed country has the same problem. The U.S. has the same problem; they're just trying to deal with it in different ways. We go in these big cycles, we contain costs, things get too tight and then we explode costs again. Every developed country in the world, including the Europeans whom we love so much for their social safety net, have a two-tier system. Private hospitals, private doctors — in France, Sweden — you look at it, they've got a two-tier system."

Why is Canada so hung up on health care? Wente suggests "It's because we have so much of our national identity invested in it — too much, actually. It's one of those great sacred cows, like Margaret Atwood, only bigger!"

On the eve of the U.S. president's visit, Margaret Wente knows what she'd like to see in our cross-border conversations. "I'd like to see the debate get a little more sophisticated," she says, "and for us to say things that we're scared to now. In that respect, I think we could grow up a bit. We could certainly grow up in our feelings about the Americans, but that's certainly not likely at the moment. The more dependent we grow, the more resentful we get."

# Unfilled Prescription

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regulations are going through a two-month public input process that ends in December. The bill made Canada the first nation to act on a World Trade Organization decision allowing generic drug makers to export life-saving drugs at a low cost to developing nations.

"We have yet to see any tangible results of this legislation," says Tony Parmar, director of programs for Doctors Without Borders. "We are disappointed that at the end of the day there are still no generic drugs going to those patients who need them. And in our discussions so far there is no indication of when drugs will be sent overseas."

FAC also says the World Health Organization's Intellectual Properties Commission was in Ottawa to gain insights into the unique framework. And Canadian officials, at the invitation of the African Union, briefed AU members at the United Nations in New York on Oct. 12.

This level of promotion does little to satisfy Richard Elliott, Director of Legal Research and Policy at the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network. He says the government should use every opportunity – from trade missions to world summits – to trumpet the legislation. In the meantime, the government should also be hammering out proposals with the generic drug industry so that medicines can flow as soon as the regulations are approved. "The federal government needs to be actively promoting this as an opportunity for developing countries to source cheaper medicines from generics," he says.

Mr. Elliott says NGOs that helped draft Bill C-9 have presented generic drug companies with a list of possible medications that could be produced and exported. However, he says the dialogue has stalled there. "The generic drug companies are not yet showing many signs of interest in using the system," says Mr. Elliott. "I don't think you should wait until all of the Is are dotted and Ts are crossed. There is plenty to do in the meantime. More or less we know the parameters within we've been operating."

The generic drug industry has flagged its own concerns for a Parliamentary committee and, again, alerted government officials in August to critical shortfalls. The Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association says it will reiterate the problems in a submission to the public consultation process.

Jeff Connell, spokesperson for the CGPA, says the legislation paves the way for pharmaceutical companies to take legal action. He also notes that the framework is costly for generic-drug companies. He points to a rule requiring that the shape and colour of the medication be specially marked for overseas delivery. He says this drives up manufacturing costs for drugs they sell domestically. He also adds that most drugs require three-to-five years of product development, but under the legislation companies can only sign four-year contracts.

Mr. Connell suggests the Canadian government should take responsibility by purchasing the drugs and distributing them through the development agency or non-government organizations. "If the Canadian government wants to get lower cost drugs to people in developing countries then why don't you set aside money in CIDA to distribute them. That way our companies would know there would be people there to buy them. Our companies don't have the sales people to send around the world looking for contracts. We serve the Canadian market," he says.

Meanwhile, many developing nations around the world are hoping to cooperate with the Canadian government. The High Commission of Tanzania in Ottawa says Finance Minister Ralph Goodale raised the Act while visiting the country in August. "The last report that we had back from Tanzania is that they are working on this and this and medication will be made available as soon as they manage," says a spokesperson from the Tanzanian High Commission.

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2-storey brick, 2800 sq.ft., 4 bedrooms, 2+2 bathrooms, hardwood/ceramic, fireplaces, close to everything. \$389,000. Pictures: www.MaisonVentePrivee.com 819-777-0775

**PRIVATE SALE**  
Historic Queen Ann with gardens, 35 minutes South 289K. For details: 613-795-5437, 613-774-5221

**STITTSVILLE**  
Beautiful executive home on ravine lot, near all conveniences. Quiet crescent in a fabulous neighbourhood. www.grapevine.on.ca/cgi-bin/lifting.cgi?id=4112

**VAL DES MONTS - 15 VINCENT ST.**  
25 mins. from Ottawa, bright luxury manor, 2325 sq.ft., on 1 acre land. Close to small lake, peaceful setting. Open concept, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood/ceramic throughout, beautiful kitchen, double garage. \$369,000. UNBELIEVABLE! CANTLEY - 5 PRUNIER ST. 15 mins. from Ottawa, beautiful 2-storey Canadian-style house, 1800 sq.ft., on 1 acre land, peaceful setting, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement, hardwood, deck, huge detached 20'x35' garage/workshop. \$259,000. Olivier Andre Joanicot, Century 21 Multi Services Inc., 819-778-4144, 613-868-1267.

### 0020 Condos for Sale

**556 LAURIER**  
Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 9th floor, large balcony, pool, sauna, gym. \$240,000. 613-864-8425

**DOWNTOWN CONDO ON THE RIDEAU RIVER**

Modern, executive-style condo, 15-minute walk from downtown Ottawa. Two-bedroom, 2.5 bath, including en-suite with jacuzzi tub. Other unique features include outdoor patio overlooking water, indoor parking space with more spots outside, 5 appliances, storage locker. Rare find. \$319,000. Call Brent McElheran at 725-1171 Royal LePage RES Ltd. MLS#585 161

**DOWNTOWN - EAST**  
2 bedrooms plus 2 full baths, indoor parking, quiet building, close to shopping and transit, fully equipped flex leasing available \$1,100.00 + hydro. Glen Property Management. 613-830-3735

**DOWNTOWN: FOR SALE OR RENT**  
Executive 2010 sq. ft. built "02", 8th floor, scenic view Rideau River, short walk to Byward Market, NAC, 2 bedroom + den, 9ft. ceilings, gourmet kitchen, hardwood, liv/dining & hall, 2 fireplaces, 2 heated parking. \$520,000. Rent \$2875. January 1st. 613-234-1088, 613-724-9361. Brokers protected 2%.

**DOWNTOWN - QUEEN ELIZABETH TOWERS**  
Newly renovated, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, balconies, 17th floor, southern view, ensuite laundry, 24/7 security. Pool, sauna, gym, parking. For sale: \$279,000 or rent \$2000/month. 613-238-2934

**EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION**  
Opposite City Hall, Courthouse, NAC, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, indoor parking, well maintained. \$269,000. 613-233-2085

### 0020 Condos for Sale

**NEW EDINBURGH - LINDENLEA**  
2 bedroom, solarium, 2 baths, 5 appliances, new carpets, blinds, quarry tile, foyer and kitchen. Open concept living and dining. View parking, excellent condition. \$267,000. 613-749-9471

**SANDY HILL**  
2-bdrm. condo apt. \$225,000. For details, check http://ca.geocities.com/enquiring-mind@rogers.com/sandyhillcondo.html or call: 613-236-4746

**SOUTH KEYS - NEW PRICE \$138,000**  
1 bedroom exquisite condo, hardwood throughout, modern kitchen/bathroom, 5 appliances, in unit laundry. Close to shopping & buses, o-train. Helen LaFontaine, sales representative, Royal LePage Team Realty. 613-825-7653

### 0030 Condos for Rent

**2 MIN FROM PARLIAMENT HILL 700 SUSSEX**

PRESTIGIOUS NEW 1250 sq. ft. 2 bdrm/den, many upgrades, 7th floor. River view, SS appliances, concierge, secure valet parking, indoor/outdoor garden, BOARDROOM, quality restaurant. Short or long-term. Available February/March. (may furnish to suit). 613-222-8000

**65 METROPOLE PRIVATE**  
Upscale, new 3-bedroom townhome overlooking park in sought after Island Park/Westboro. Dbl garage! \$2500/month + John King Sales Representative Royal LePage Performance Realty. 613-238-2801

**AT RIVIERA II**  
Fabulous views, 2 bedroom, 5 appliances, sauna, tennis, in/out pool, heated parking, gated security, \$1425. Dec. 31st. 613-824-7303

**CARLING/PINECREST**  
12 minutes to downtown. Luxury, 2 bedroom, new carpets/paint, pool, sauna, squash, gym, parking, 4 appliances, all inclusive. Immediate. \$1100. 613-233-0300

**CENTRAL - NEW LUXURIOUS**  
2 bdrms + den, 2 bth, hwdw/ceramic, 5 appl., pkg. Immed \$2200 all incl., 613-288-1500, www.homes-for-rent.com

**CENTRETOWN**  
Queen Elizabeth Towers. Executive 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom, marble/ceramics, parking, 2 balconies, in-suite laundry, 24/7 security. \$1450. 613-822-2373

**CHATEAU LIVING!**  
Jardins Monsarrat. New condo, minutes to Champlain Bridge. Luxurious living at a fraction of Ottawa's prices! \$895 + utilities. Furnished - \$1395 all inclusive. 613-295-4777, 613-761-1618

**CONSERVATORY**  
2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, indoor parking, 6 appliances, river view, new paint & carpet, security. Short drive to Parliament Hill on Parkway. \$950 + utilities. Immediate. Matt: 613-520-6615

**DOWNTOWN, PARKDALE, EXECUTIVE 2 BR**  
2 bedrooms, 1160 square feet, 5 appliances, air conditioning, eat-in kitchen, underground parking, indoor pool, close to river. \$1375. 613-355-6623

### 0030 Condos for Rent

**DOWNTOWN - PENTHOUSE EXECUTIVE**  
New stunning, 3 bdrms, firplc, hardwd, pkg. \$2500 all incl. (min. gas bill for frpl at tenant cost) Immed. 613-288-1500, www.homes-for-rent.com

**DOWNTOWN - QUEEN ELIZABETH TOWERS**  
Executive 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 5 appliances, underground parking. Indoor pool. 24 hour security. Available February 1, 2005. \$1300/mo utilities included. 613-299-1197

**EAST MARKET**  
Large bedroom + den, stainless appliances. \$1550 inclusive. Parking available. Furnished. Negotiable. 613-324-9772, 613-798-9801.

**FIRST MONTH FREE!**  
700 Sussex. 2 bedroom plus den, 6 appliances, underground parking, whirlpool/sauna, 24/7 concierge, \$3300 plus utilities. February 1, 2005. 613-233-9191

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE**  
20 Driveway, 1600 sq.ft. executive condo in a dignified building on Canal. Fabulous view, bright, hardwood. Large (26x16) living room, dining room, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, new eat-in kitchen, 2 balconies, storage, pool, exercise room. December 1. \$2000 utilities and parking included. 613-241-4232.

**LUXURY 2 BEDROOM CONDOMINIUMS**  
For rent in a secure gated community. Many amenities. \$2,600.00 monthly plus hydro. Call Anne: 613-737-9850

**METROPOLE - EXCLUSIVE CONDO**  
2 bedrooms plus 2 full baths, hardwood floors, 6 stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops, underground parking, 24/7 security, indoor pool and gym + so much more \$1,700.00 inclusive. Glenn Property Management. 613-830-3735

**PARKDALE LOFT CONDO**  
2 minutes from Tunney's Pasture. Spectacular New 1350 sq.ft. 2 bedroom + den, 2 bathrooms. 12' ceilings, hardwood floors with floor-to-ceiling brick accent wall. 6 new SS appliances, indoor parking included. Gym, indoor/outdoor garden. \$1750/mo. Available December/January. Contact Heather at 613-282-SOLD. www.parkdale-marketlofts.com

**PRESTIGIOUS LOCATION**  
RIVERSIDE/HUNT CLUB - Large, 2 bedroom luxurious unit with upgrades galore! Building has many amenities. Close to Rideau River. 613-727-1400, www.house-rent.com

**RIVERSIDE GATE**  
New luxury 10th floor, northwest river view, non-smoking, balcony, 7 appliances, 2 bedroom + den, 3 baths. Amenities, parking, storage lockers, \$2800. 613-226-5098

**ROCKLIFF/LINDENLEA**  
Large, elegant, spacious, bright, hardwood, solarium, study, terrace, parking. \$1650 Mary Jane McKendry. 613-231-4663

**WESTBORO VILLAGE**  
New executive penthouse loft. 2 storey, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood, 2 balconies, 6 appliances, parking. \$2400.00. Fabulous view of Gatineau Hills. Immediate 613-864-0781

### 0031 Duplex For Rent

**WOODROFFE/MERIVALE**  
3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, separate dining, fireplace, finished basement, garage, large deck, \$1200 + utilities. January 1. 613-226-3773

**0032 Townhouse for Rent**

**BYWARD MARKET**  
2 bedroom, 2.5 bathrooms, hardwood throughout, stainless steel appliances, BBQ on deck, fireplace, garage. \$1950. 613-558-0961

**EXECUTIVE**  
CANAL/GREENFIELD: Townhouse. 3 bedroom, 5 appliances, fireplace, finished basement, carport, \$2100.00 + utilities. Jan. 1st. Century Real Estate Management. 613-837-8668

**IDEAL LOCATION**  
Between Gatineau Park and Champlain Bridge. 3 bedrooms, family room in basement, 1.5 baths, 5 appliances + heat pump, garage patio, wood floors, 2 fireplaces, pool. 10 minute drive to downtown Ottawa. \$1350 + utilities. 819-777-6233

**METROPOLE**  
Picturesque Westboro, spacious executive building, newly built, custom features including window coverings, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 5 appliances, available immediately. 613-727-1400, www.house-rent.com

**NEW EXECUTIVE**  
2 bedroom - 2 ensuite, private yard. Near aviation parkway. Garage. \$1300+. December 1. 613-722-4871

**ORLEANS**  
Condo, end unit, 5 appliances, parking, air conditioning, hardwood floors, sublet. December 1st. \$1140 + utilities. 613-795-3706 or 613-841-2566.

**TANGLEWOOD/NEPEAN**  
3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 6 appliances, 2 parking, Dec. \$1295 + utilities. 613-298-1984

**WALKING DISTANCE FROM DFAIT/PARLIAMENT**  
Semi-unfurnished 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, family room with gas fireplace, A/C, hardwood, 6 appliances, 2 balconies, patio, garage, next to indoor pool & three major bus routes. Available Nov. 15th. \$2,300. 613-241-2156 / dauphin66@hotmail.com

### 0040 Houses for Rent

**ALTA VISTA/SMYTH ROAD**  
4 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, parking, huge lot, \$1300 + utilities. 613-521-0820

**AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY**  
10 mins from Parliament Hill, 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, a/c, finished basement, fireplace, garage. \$1250 819-457-2989

**AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY RENT OR SALE**  
\$1600/\$299,000. Bank/Hunt Club area. 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, air-conditioning, hardwood. Quiet, residential area. 613-227-8804, 613-863-7368.

**CANAL - EXECUTIVE**  
Stunning view, renovated, 3 bdrms, 2.5 bths, firplc., garage, 5 appl., C/A Nov 1 \$2800 Neg + util., 613-288-1500, www.homes-for-rent.com

**CENTREPOINTE**  
Single 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, finished basement, garage, a/c, c/v, f/p, 5 appliances, fenced. Immediately \$1500. Plus utilities. 613-825-0370.

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## 0040 Houses for Rent

### EXECUTIVE HOME

5 bedrooms + en-suite nanny room, 5 bathrooms, library/den, security system. \$2995. 613-859-1912

### EXECUTIVE - SOUTH OTTAWA

3 bedrooms, 2 baths, contemporary decor, gourmet kitchen. Spacious for entertaining. 3 parking, 5 appliances. \$1650 all inclusive. 613-248-1426

### GLEBE - MUST SEE!

Tasteful, elegant & well maintained 5 bedroom, 2.5 bathrooms, 5 appliances, snow removal & lawn care included, available immediately. 613-727-1400 www.house-rent.com

### HULL - MUSEUM AREA

Updated century home, hardwood, eat-in country kitchen, den, 2 bedrooms, fenced yard, parking. \$1050 + utilities. Immediate. E-mail: ccoplea@cogeco.ca 416-994-4678. For details: www.greycells.com/house

### KANATA

Bearbrook 4 bedroom, 3 baths bungalow, 2400 square feet, available January 21/05, \$1890 + utilities. 613-994-6332 (Daytime); 613-748-0132 (Evenings)

<http://iserve.ca/kanatahome/>

### MANOR PARK

Comfortable 4 bedroom family home. \$1500/month. Patrick O'Keefe, Coldwell Banker Rhodes. 613-236-9551

### MOONEY'S BAY

Executive home on Revelstoke Dr. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room, hardwood floor, fireplace, double car garage, 6 top of the line stainless steel appliances, c/a, alarm, low care, snow removal included in rent. Interior must be seen! Immed. \$2500 + util. 613-232-3648

### NEW EDINBURG EXEC. - 1 Mo Free!

Cozy, furnished 2+1 bdrm townhouse, 5 appl. avail immed, incl util, 613-727-1400, www.house-rent.com

### NEW EDINBURGH

Semi-detached 3 bedroom, renovated, hardwood, deck, garden. Available immediately. \$1800 + utilities. Call: 613-746-4863

### OLD OTTAWA SOUTH - 1Mo Free!

Renovated 4 bdrm, 2bath, 5 appl, nanny/in-law suite, avail immed, negotiable, 613-727-1400, www.house-rent.com

### OLD OTTAWA SOUTH

Furnished 4 bedroom + den, close to Canal, river & schools. 2 baths, sauna, gas fireplace, air conditioning, hardwood, yard parking, non-smokers. Sublet. January - September. \$2500. 613-730-0725.

### ORLEANS - EXECUTIVE

4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 5 appl., finished basement, garage, immediately. \$1700 + util. 613-288-1500. www.homes-for-rent.com

### ROCKCLIFFE PARK

Charming 5 bedroom, 5 bath home. Welcoming foyer, large livingroom, and den, diningroom overlooking the back yard. Kitchen w/lots of cupboard space, some built-in's. Fenced yard, gas fireplace, central air, maids suite, finished basement. House is perfect for entertaining guests. The ideal house for Embassy's. See pictures at www.movein.ca \$4000 per month. 613-614-2141

### WESTBORO

Trendy 3 bedroom, 2 baths, hardwood, beautifully landscaped, non-smokers, no pets. \$1500 + utilities. Bonus! 613-852-1543

## 0041 Apartments for Rent

### HULL/BRAND NEW MUST BE SEEN

Executive apt/loft 20 minute walk to The Hill. A/C, hardwood and ceramic. Large windows. Appliances, fully furnished if necessary. 819-457-4397. www.loftsbankhotel.com

### ON OTTAWA RIVER

Bike/ski trails. 75 Lamoureux, Aylmer, Quebec. New renovation, sunny, clean, vacant. Bus route, 42 & 45. Top floor 2 bedroom \$825 + hydro. Bottom floor, 1 bedroom \$625 + hydro. Appointments. 819-682-0750. References required.

### QUEEN STREET

Beautifully designed luxurious 1&2 bedroom suites: custom kitchen, hardwood, gas fireplace, alarm, security, intercom, ensuite laundry. \$1295-\$1350. Dec. 1st/Jan. 1st 613-237-9769 www.fpm.on.ca

### STEPS TO CANAL

Exceptional, ground level, ideal for entertaining, golden triangle, 4 bedrooms, 3300 square feet, jacuzzi, a/c, garage. 613-797-8711

### THE SUSSEX PLACE APARTMENTS

100-110 Boteler Street. Desirable location, minutes away from Byward Market, Rideau Centre and Downtown. 613-241-5115, weekdays 8:30am - 5pm

## 0042 Bachelor Apartments for Rent

### MARKET - 24 YORK ST.

Bright, new, large studio. Avail. January 1st. Open concept, hardwood, granite countertops, Juliet balcony, a/c/laundry/fitness/storage/underground parking/security on site. Steps to Parliament, \$920/month (+hydro). Call: 613-789-7350

## 0043 1 Bedroom Apartments for Rent

### CENTRAL

Beautiful 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, 6 appliances, c/a, patio door to roof garden, 24 hour security in a brand new luxurious building on corner of Bronson and Queen. Walk to Parliament Hill, Byward Market, shopping, everywhere. Immed. \$1100 + util. 613-232-3648

### CENTRETOWN

4 appliances, fireplace, hardwood floors, high ceilings, storage. Available November 1. \$900 plus. 613-567-4213

### HOGS BACK

Duplex, large, bright, heat hydro & laundry included. Non smoker, no pets. 613-727-5550

### HULL

10 minute walk to Parliament, 5 appliances, fireplace, balcony, heat included. \$850. 613-293-6747

## 0044 2 Bedroom Apartments for Rent

### BEECHWOOD VILLAGE

2 bathrooms, 5 appliances, woodburning fireplace, large balcony, awesome view. \$1500. 613-828-8251

### BYWARD MARKET

4 appliances, heat & parking included. Clean \$900 + hydro. 613-277-3114

### BYWARD MARKET

Large executive 2 bedroom, 2 full bath apartment, hardwood throughout, gas fireplace, eat-in kitchen, underground parking. Stunning! Immed. \$2300 + util. 613-232-3648

### BYWARD MARKET

Never occupied, 2 bedroom, 6 appliances, air conditioning, hardwood, 9 foot ceilings, private balcony, storage, parking available. \$1375/month. 613-294-8363

### CENTRETOWN LUXURY

January 1st. \$1150, large, all hardwood, 3 appliances, parking, heat/water included, laundry. 613-233-3082 613-293-1691

### DOWNTOWN CONDO - LAURIER/BAY

Call: 613-599-1941. Available January 1st. Furnished \$1450. Unfurnished \$1050. 950 sq.ft. 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, newly renovated, open concept, all new 6 appliances, hardwood, jacuzzi tub, large balcony, parking.

### GLEBE

Fully renovated, newly painted, large, upper duplex. Private entrance, 2 porches, parking, 5 appliances, air conditioning, all new ceramic/hardwood and large bathroom, skylight, fireplace. Sorry no pets. Must see. Available January. \$1300 + hydro. 613-234-7979

### GLEBE

Quiet, large, dining room, bright, renovated, laundry, \$1100 and \$1400. 613-237-1967 or 613-234-3622.

### IN-SANDY HILL

Livingroom, diningroom, beautiful hardwood floors throughout. 3 appliances, ceramic tile in kitchen and bathroom. Parking for 1 or 2 in tandem. Laundry facilities, main floor. Fenced yard. Available December 1st. \$1150/mo. includes all utilities except hydro. Call: 613-612-5559

### KENT TOWERS

Luxury 2 bedroom. Corner unit West side. \$1500/month + parking. 613-355-9219

### LAURIER/BAY

Immediately, \$1250 + hydro & parking, hardwood, clean. Or for sale: \$179,000. 613-355-9219

### OTTAWA EAST

Triplex, spacious, immaculate, bright, hardwood, ceramic, close to downtown. From \$895 all inclusive. 613-741-4397

## 0045 3 Bedroom Apartments for Rent

### 213 GLYNN AVE.

Hardwood, garage, laundry room, 3 appliances, renovated balcony, \$975. December. 613-837-4586

### CENTRETOWN

3 or 4 bedroom apartments. 7 appliances, 3 full baths, front and rear balconies, air conditioning, parking available. 3 bedroom, \$1340/month. 4 bedroom, \$1590/month. January 1. 613-299-4304

### HULL - NEW

No pets. 2 bedroom + study. By Champlain Bridge. Fireplace, air, private terrace, garage. 1600 square feet. December. 613-852-4558, 613-770-1453.

### SANDY HILL EXECUTIVE - MUST SEE!

Steps to Strathcona Park, 3 bedroom plus den, separate dining and living room, private elevator, 4 Stainless Steel appliances, large terrace, fireplace, garage \$1950. 613-797-8711.

### WALK TO PARLIAMENT HILL

Luxury Heritage in Golden Triangle. Top floor, high ceilings, hardwood, 5 appliances and back deck. \$1700 with prompt placement. First month free, includes heat! Call Brian: 613-237-8161

## 0045 3 Bedroom Apartments for Rent

### WELLINGTON VILLAGE

Exceptionally restored and maintained with exquisite charm, 2 bedroom + 3rd floor private loft, sparkling hardwood, high ceilings, warm and bright eat-in kitchen, separate dining area, entertaining size living room, laundry in unit, fenced backyard with perennials, parking, close to market, bus, Tunney's River. November 1. Heated \$1250. 613-265-1599

## 0050 Furnished Rentals

### A-1 LOCATION

Penthouse low-rise luxury condo. 1 bedroom + den, 6 appliances, fireplace, indoor parking. \$1450 all inclusive. December - April. 613-749-2599

### AVAILABLE DECEMBER 15

Western Parkway/Woodroffe. 10 minutes downtown. Large luxurious, equipped, parking, laundry, \$725 inclusive. 613-596-9980

### BAY/LAURIER Q.E.

Large, bright, 5th floor, 2 bedroom, newly furnished, indoor parking, recreation area, security, immediately. \$1850. 613-521-3941

### BYWARD MARKET

Steps to Parliament Hill, Rideau Centre, museums. New 1 bedroom loft + den. Hardwood, 6 appliances, storage. \$1600. 416-532-0432, 416-218-3369

### CANAL AREA - MAIN STREET

20 minute walk to Hill, one bedroom, fully furnished, parking available, laundry, full kitchen, seasonal pool, common room available with cable, Bell/ExpressView, bus service at door, near all amenities. \$575. 613-233-7355 - Frank

### CENTRETOWN, 2 BEDROOM

Furnished renovated apartment. Lower unit. Bright, hardwood, gas fireplace, 4 appliances, fully supplied kitchen, bedding, bath. Includes heat, hydro, air-conditioning, cable, phone. All inclusive, 1 year lease. (shorter term lease available). December 1. 613-715-9707.

### CRAIG HENRY

3 bedroom with den, main floor family room with fireplace. Available Jan. 1st to March 31st. 613-726-0287

### DOWNTOWN - MINS. WALK TO PARLIAMENT HILL

Queen Elizabeth Towers, renovated 2-bedroom executive condo. 22nd flr., sunny side, private balcony, 24/7 security/reception. Indoor pool, sauna, gym, parking. \$1750 newly furnished. 613-230-2650, 613-371-2650

### FURNISHED - IDEAL TEMPORARY RESIDENCY

2 and 3 bedroom units. Lakeside country setting. Commuting distance monthly. Call: 613-267-4450

### HEART OF THE MARKET

Walk to Parliament, 1 or 2 bedroom or both. All inclusive. Short/long term, executives welcome. 613-824-3276

## 0051 Sublet

### BACHELOR - BRONSON

Semi-basement, parking, clean, new paint, 20 minutes to Hill. December \$550 + hydro. Evenings: 613-265-6020.

## 0060 Shared Accommodations

### SANDY HILL

Furnished room in cozy shared house. \$450 (smaller room) or \$500 (larger room). Suitable for professional or mature student. Neat, quiet, lesbian/gay-positive, non-smoker only. References required. 613-231-3217 or stylius@sympatico.ca

## 0070 Rooms for Rent

### GATINEAU

New construction, In-law suite, 1 or 2 large bedrooms, parking avail. T.V. + cable included, internet access. Close to downtown all amenities. \$400 per room. 819-457-4033, Ext. 8, 819-246-7232.

## 0088 Lots For Sale

### CHELSEA

1 acre lot, ready to build, close to schools, golf etc. 12 minutes downtown Ottawa. \$60,000. 819-595-5731

## 0201 Collectibles

### UNIVERSAL COINS

Distributor for a number of mints around the world including Canada, Australia, France, Great Britain, and Austria. Buy and sell coins and paper money. 1200 Walkley road, Ottawa, ON, K1V 6P8 613-737-3341 Fax: 613-737-5532

## 0211 Articles for Sale

### DOWNSIZING SALE

1- Noritake China - Damask Pattern, 18 place settings + serving pieces. 2- Thai Bronze Tableware - Dancer Pattern, 14 place settings + serving pieces. 3- Ruby Crown Glassware, clear thumbprint, 48 pieces. 4- Mens raccoon coat, full length. Phone: 613-749-5762

## 0223 Computers

### CompuNurse can help you with...

- Computer setup or tune up - Printer, webcam, software or network installation - Spyware or virus removal - Internet or e-mail access. Call for at home service. Cathy Auchinleck A+ Certified technician. 613-797-8892. pctlc@sympatico.ca

## 0224 Furniture

### LEATHER FURNITURE

DeBoers/Dante, luxury sofa, loveseat and armchair, finest grade, tan colour, mint condition. Value \$9500. Selling \$5600. 613-722-9744.

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## Swiss Speaker

The Speaker of the Swiss National Council, Max Binder, led a delegation from Switzerland to Ottawa on Nov. 23, after passing through Saskatchewan. Swiss Ambassador Anton Thalmann marked the arrival with a reception at his Rockcliffe residence.

1. Max Binder; his wife Ruth; Dominique Thalmann and her husband Anton Thalmann, Ambassador of Switzerland.
2. Irish Ambassador Martin Burke, Ambassador of the European Commission Eric Hayes, and Hungarian Ambassador Dénes Tomaj.
3. Yannick Roulin, Attaché, Embassy of Switzerland; and Raphael Delacombaz, Director of the Montreal office of UBS Wealth Management.



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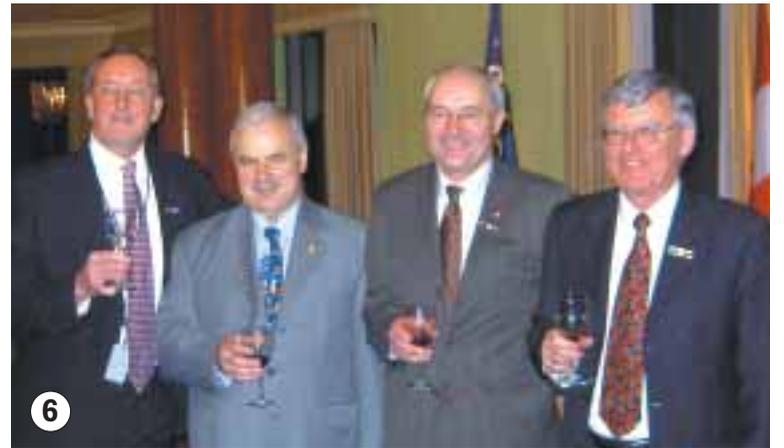
## Party Time



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## New Zealand and Australian Wine

The Australian and New Zealand High Commissions co-hosted the CANZ Parliamentary Friendship Group wine tasting on Nov. 23 at the Rideau Club.

4. Tony Hely, Australian High Commissioner; and Graham Kelly, New Zealand High Commissioner
5. Wendy Jeffrey, wife of the Australian High Commissioner; Janette Kelly, wife of the New Zealand High Commissioner; Leona Landers, First Secretary, Australian High Commission; and Jane Anderson, Counsellor, New Zealand High Commission
6. Mr. Hely; Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons; Liberal MP Wayne Easter and Mr. Kelly.



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## Finnish Talk

Finnish Ambassador Pasi Patokallio described the similarities between Canada and Finland during an address at the National Press Club on Nov. 25, hosted by the Canadian Friends of Finland.

7. Mr. Patokallio engaged in lively discussion during an evening address on the topic of his native land.



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## Classical Music

The Embassy of Korea hosted an evening of live music on Nov. 26 in conjunction with the Canadian Music Competitions. The young pianists, cellists and violinists awed the crowd with a one-hour performance, followed by a buffet dinner prepared the embassy's chefs.

8. Korean Ambassador Sung Joon Yim (right) and his wife Kwee Joon Hong.
9. (From left) CMC President Elizabeth Tang, pianist Mathieu Saindon, CMC diplomatic coordinator Gilberte Leclerc, and musicians Ioulia Blinova, Yen-Yen Gee, Bryan Wagorn, Amelia Borton, and Améline Chauvette-Groulx.



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## U.S. Presidential Visit

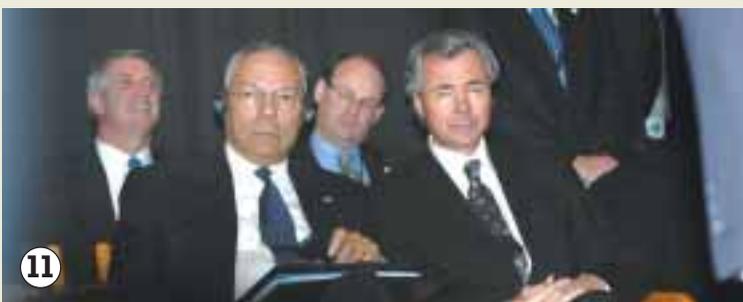
U.S. President George W. Bush made his first official trip to Ottawa on Nov. 30

10. President Bush and Canada's Prime Minister Paul Martin held a brief press conference while on Parliament Hill.
11. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell with his Canadian counterpart, Foreign Affairs minister Pierre Pettigrew.
12. A heavy security presence characterized the visit; riot police were deployed to contain demonstrators throughout the day.
13. U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Paul Cellucci leaving Air Force One with his wife, Janet.

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