



Gary's message

It looks as if Paul Martin may finally have chosen to go to the people to seek a mandate. The question is "a mandate for what?" He's wanted to be Prime Minister for a long time, but he has never explained why or what he wants to do. Do you know what Paul Martin and the Liberals stand for?

The people of Canada deserve better. We need to know where our leaders intend to take the country over the next several years. For that, are we to believe what the Liberals tell us in the period leading up to the election? Or should we look at what Paul Martin has done over the last decade – as Finance Minister, Deputy Leader, and now Prime Minister?

Do you believe Martin is being entirely honest ...

when he claims not to have known about the sponsorship scandal? And who does Paul Martin really represent anyway? The answer may lie in Hamilton East, where veteran MP Sheila Copps was forced out after 20 years of being one of the progressive voices in the Liberal party.

Even red Tory leader Joe Clark would only pick Martin over Steven Harper as "the devil we know ...". I believe Canadians deserve more than a thin choice between devils!

Jack Layton and today's NDP are offering Canadians and their families new energy and a positive alternative to the Liberals, who have lost our confidence, and the Conservatives who offer nothing but tired ideas. We're proposing practical and innovative solutions that will make a difference in peoples' lives and build a green and prosperous Canada where no one is left behind.

In this election, Jack Layton and today's NDP are the positive choice for an increasing number of Canadians. We're running at double the support we had in the previous election and that number is growing. This is an exciting time to be running for the NDP!

Jack Layton and today's NDP New energy. A positive choice.

Another week, another Liberal scandal. This time, there was no doubt that Paul Martin was involved. It seems he goes to a private, for-profit health clinic. The clinic is part of a chain that bills itself as "... one of Canada's leading national providers of health care services to corporations and insurance companies".

The week, Heath Minister Pettigrew spoke passionately about opening up our health care system to further privatization. When you look at the Liberal record of reducing transfer payments to the provinces, and reducing restrictions on what that money can be used for, the Liberal agenda on health care is clearly identical to the Conservative's. The

only difference is the Conservatives are more open about it.

Paul Martin's embracing of corporate America doesn't end with health care. His recent photo op with George Bush made it clear that he intends to bring Canada into the Star Wars defence system. Leaked documents show that the Canadian military is already being trained in it.

He also wants to integrate our border security with the U.S.'s. Meanwhile, he remains silent on racial profiling. When Canadians were illegally detained and even sent abroad to be tortured, the Liberals were silent. In fact, they passed legislation to allow CSIS to detain students without charges or legal representation for what amounted to minor visa infractions.



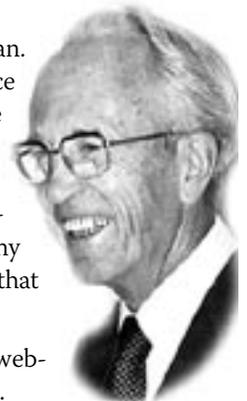
Gary, and fellow candidate Monia Mizagh, with Jack Layton.

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The Greatest Canadian

The CBC is holding a vote on who was the greatest Canadian. I voted for Tommy Douglas because he was the driving force behind our public healthcare system. While Canadians have made significant contributions in other areas, usually they affect just some of the people, or make a difference for a limited time. Public healthcare is something that affects everyone on an ongoing basis. It's something that, thanks to Tommy Douglas, we've enjoyed for more than 40 years. It's something that we take pride in.

What's your opinion? The CBC is accepting votes on their website. Go to www.cbc.ca and let them know what you think.



Clean, renewable power isn't just about the environment ...



On Earth Day a number of Toronto's NDP candidates joined Peter Tabuns at the downtown wind turbine to deliver the NDP's environmental message. The wind turbine is a symbol of how we can build the foundation for a green, clean energy future. Meanwhile just down the shore, Martin's Canada Steamship Lines ships deliver coal to the Lakeview generating plant.

- ◆ **It's also about health.**
Smog causes thousands of deaths each year in Ontario.
- ◆ **It's also about our international commitments.**
We made specific promises when Canada signed the Kyoto accord. To date there are no federal plans for meeting our targets. In fact, emissions have continued to rise at an alarming rate.
- ◆ **It's also about preserving our wildlife.**
Oil and gas exploration and transportation infringe on fragile habitats.

Jack Layton and today's NDP understand that Canadians want to build a green and prosperous economy that uses energy that doesn't pollute our air or cause climate change. It's time we embraced the job creation and prosperity that renewable energy and clean water can bring.

It's time to do something positive for our environment that puts practical solutions in action, and makes Canada a global leader in this century's new energy.

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NDP believe this is wrong. The American health care system is the world's most expensive but Canada's gets better results, is fairer, and costs less. Imitating the same failed model that the Conservatives also favour demonstrates where Liberal priorities lie.

A multicultural country like Canada has to respect the rights of all of its citizens. Secret trials and detention without charges are not part of the Canada we grew up in and they are not part of the

Canada we want to live in. Real security lies in following an independent foreign policy based on defending human life and human rights in conjunction with the United Nations.

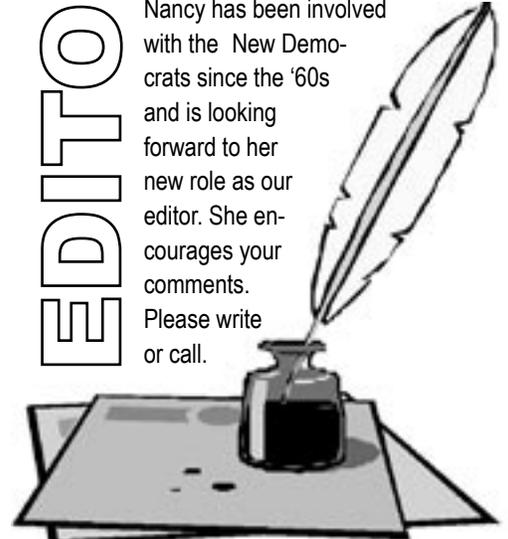
In this election, we have a choice. We can continue down the tired road of alternating between Liberal and Conservative scandals and mismanagement or we can select a new path, where our government stands up for the priorities of the people and the values of opportunity, tolerance, fairness, and compassion. With energy

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to Ottawa!**

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and commitment, Gary Dale, and Jack Layton and today's NDP will work to restore integrity, hope, and accountability to our government in Ottawa – and to put the needs and interests of Canadians and their families first.