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With 11 women elected for the first time in the province's 40th general election in 2013, British Columbia reached an important milestone electing its 100th woman legislator.

On Page 8 in this issue Speaker Linda Reid celebrates this benchmark and says: "Our first 100 woman MLAs provide a rich diversity of role models. They inspire young people — and all of us — to continue their work to make a positive difference in our communities."

During his tenure as editor the late Hugh Curtis profiled several women MLAs and their pictures appear above.

It is with considerable sadness that we must say farewell to one of their number, Anita Hagen, claimed by cancer in early June. Our tribute to Anita starts on Page 4.

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The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC
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Orders of the Day was conceived, named and produced in its early stages by Bob McClelland, former MLA and cabinet minister, following his retirement from office. Hugh Curtis ably helmed this publication up through May 2014.

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From the Editor's Desk

I offer these thoughts in the hope I can inspire some of you La-Z-Boy political analysts to take up your pens.

As a lad I grew up in the working class neighbourhood of Côte-des-Neiges in the shadow of St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal. When I was about 15 my mom and dad fled Montréal for Toronto. I became an ex-patriot Anglophone transplanted into a Perry Como sweated Toronto suburb.

My parents were grateful to escape Quebec's cold shoulder. I was too young to fully appreciate how truly sad that was.

Later in life I have often reflected upon my nationalistic DNA. My grandfather, a painter and engraver, came to Montréal from Ireland in the early 1900s. He was a proud Canadian. I remember the day he came home from an art exhibit that had been visited by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. Gramps went around the neighbourhood and asked everyone he met: "How would you like to shake the hand that shook the hand of Dief the Chief?"

In 2011, in the run up to the federal election I groused when I saw Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe in a national debate of party leaders, an event that shunned Green Party leader Elizabeth May.

The NDP's subsequent 59-seat "orange crush" vaulted the party to official opposition status and stripped the Bloc of its official party status. It also spelled "finis" for Duceppe. Well, not quite. With Vote 2015 just months away Duceppe is back at the Bloc helm, as separatist as ever.

I do not have a sense that Duceppe's reprise of his leadership will amount to much this October. Last week, Duceppe was already complaining to Parliament Hill reporters that the media is not according him the respect that other politicians have received when reversing their retirement plans.

I think the country is safe.

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A great woman of community and politics is gone

Former MLA and MP Dawn Black said it well: "Family and community came first to Anita. She lived that throughout her entire life, right until the end."



Anita Hagen died June 5 with husband John and sons David and Joel at her side at Vancouver General Hospital. Hagen, who was New Westminister's Citizen of the Year in 1999 and its MLA from 1986 to 1996, was claimed by cancer. She was 84.

Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia in 1931, Hagen graduated from Dalhousie University in Halifax in 1952 with a BA and a diploma in education. She moved west two years later, settling in New Westminister. After joining the Y Wanderers outdoor club, she met John and they married in 1961.

Hagen worked as a high school English teacher in Surrey, later teaching at night school after her sons David and Joel were born. Hagen, who recognized the value of kindergarten at a time when it wasn't part of the public school system, was involved with a preschool society that operated the Sixth Avenue Coop Preschool.

"That was her first foray into public service, starting at the ground floor with her own views about education, early childhood education. That was her starting point, I think, for all her community life," son Joel told the New West Record. "She spread her wings later on."

Along with a keen sense of community, Hagen also had a desire to contribute to the betterment of society. Barely 20, her valedictorian address included these words: "The great end in life is not knowledge, but action." They were words she would live by her entire life.

"She was intellectually strong. She grasped the complexities of issues and would forge ahead with policies and solutions. That's a rare but very important skill set," Joel said. "I think that's something that everybody who came into contact with her professionally really remarked upon."

Hagen later worked as executive director of the New Westminister Seniors Bureau, where she identified a need for a comprehensive list of housing options for seniors.

"Back then, some of those places existed but there was no single clearing house for knowing where they were and who to talk to. That was her big early initiative," Joel said. "Mom was the director, but she was often out doing the case work as well. It exemplified the kind of approach to her community work. She was a good organizer, but she was also a good doer."

Long before entering the political arena, Hagen was advocating for issues she felt needed to be addressed.

"She was upset that New Westminister didn't have teaching assistants. She said, 'I am going to have to mount a campaign about this,'" recalled her husband John. "At that time there was a lot of noise out there about teaching assistants and what a good addition they were to the classroom. She started advocating in New Westminister. When she made a presentation, the superintendent realized the value of what she brought forward."

Hagen worked as a constituency assistant for NDP MLA Dennis Cocke and NDP MP Stuart Leggatt, and also helped orchestrate campaigns for Leggatt's successor Pauline Jewett. In 1975, she ran for a seat on the school board, was elected and was a trustee until she set her sights on representing New Westminister in Victoria.

Elected as New Westminister's MLA in 1986, Hagen served one term in Opposition and one term in government. Hagen served as deputy premier, minister of education, minister of multiculturalism and human rights and secretary of the cabinet.

In addition to her efforts that led to the creation of a Human Rights Act in British Columbia, Hagen was also proud of her work bringing the Justice Institute of BC to New Westminister.

In a recent interview Hagen said her time in government "was challenging, demanding, exhilarating ... it put me in touch with an enormously large section of British Columbia life."

Hagen worked with school boards, major organizations, big unions and cultural committees all over the province. When Hagen reminisced about those days she wondered "how did I manage my life at that time?" Her answer: "I had wonderful people working with me."

During her tenure she dealt with a teacher's strike in 1993.



Anita Hagen in her legislative office



Anita with Dawn Black

She tried to resolve both small and big issues in a cooperative and consensual manner. "You try to make good things happen in challenging times," Hagen recalled. "It was very difficult. Education had gone through a restraint period and strained relationships with ... government."

Hagen also made her mark in Victoria, Black said. "Very respected. Very straight forward. Very competent. I think she showed that women could enter public life and be elected, and not change the way they operate. She did it her own way."

Another career benchmark was her role chairing the committee that raised funds to establish Monarch Place, the city's first transition house for women and children fleeing violence.

Joel said: "Her philosophy around her political work remained the same no matter how high level or low level the job was. She was politically savvy but she always wanted it to be a collective, collaborative effort with the outcome being the best public policy for everybody. There was no self-aggrandizing. There was always this common sense background to whatever she was working on."

A final thought from son David: "For ages, my parents have had J.S. Woodsworth's secular grace hanging over the kitchen sink. The last two sentences sum up the philosophy that both have always lived by, particularly my mom in her more public way. It reads: 'We are thankful for these and all the good things of life. We recognize that they are a part of our common heritage and come to us through the efforts of our brothers and sisters the world over. What we desire for ourselves, we wish for all. To this end, may we take our share in the world's work and the world's struggles.'"



Anita and John

The family is planning a public memorial for Hagen in September, with details to be announced at a later date, and is also establishing a community service award at New Westminster Secondary School in Hagen's name. Donations can be made to: School District No. 40 (Anita Hagen Community Services Award), 1001 Columbia Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 1C4. Attention: Barbara Basden.

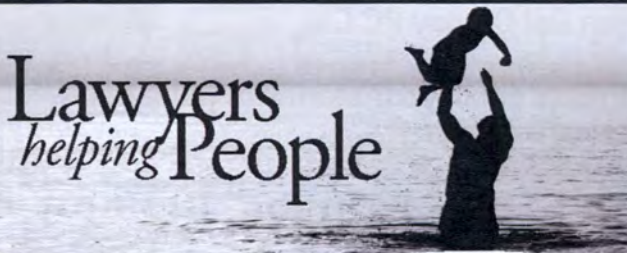


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The Hon. Pat Carney accepts invitation to address Annual Association Dinner

A note to Association Members from Pat Carney:

Hi All:

On behalf of your Association, Val Roddick has extended me the honour of asking me to address your annual meeting at Government House on September 25. I rarely give speeches and of course as a federal politician (MP, Minister, Senator) I do not presume to know about the issues facing MLAs at the provincial level.

However, I am thinking of talking about politics as *The Job That Never Ends*. Former Liberal MP Anna Terrana recently wrote me about how she is still asked to solve problems. So is Art Lee. And, of course, I get queries all the time. Some of the requests are funny and some are sad.

I am writing to ask you to forward to me your own experiences as retired provincial pols. What did that guy on the beach towel on Maui ask you to do to help even when you told him you were retired? Or not?

And why since we are held in such low esteem does it seem we are so indispensable?

I would love to hear your stories ... or you are in for a very boring speech on Senate Reform!

Hon Pat Carney PC CM

(Please email your stories to patcarney@telus.net)

The “first woman” in many male dominated fields



The Hon. Pat Carney, P.C. has made a major contribution to Canada's political and economic development and has pioneered roles for women in both her professional and political life. As a role model, she has had the distinction of being the “first woman” in many male dominated fields.

In her journalism career in the 1960s, she was the first woman business columnist writing for major daily newspapers, including the Vancouver Province, the Vancouver Sun and national newspaper groups in Canada. She served on the Economic Council of Canada under the chairmanship of Dr. Sylvia Ostry.

As an educator, she was a Canadian pioneer in the development of distance learning systems and in 1977 she received the British Columbia Institute of

Technology award for Innovation in Education for “diligent and creative work” in the Satellite Tele-Education Program Hermes Project, one of 26 national projects to experiment with the world's first geostationary interactive communications satellite.

In her political career in the 1980s she was the first woman Conservative Member of Parliament ever elected in BC and the first woman Conservative appointed from BC to the Senate.

She was the first woman in every post she held, including first woman finance critic. She was the first woman appointed to the senior economic cabinet posts of Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Minister of International Trade and President of Treasury Board in the cabinet of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (1984-1988). She was also a member of the Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning, and the Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Initiative.

Carney was summoned to the Senate of Canada on August 30, 1990 and retired in March, 2008.

She has been a tireless advocate for arthritis research in Canada for more than 20 years. In November, 2009 she was the recipient of the Centre of Excellence Canadian Arthritis Network Award of Merit in recognition of her "spirit of dedication and commitment" to the Network as a member of the Board of Directors.

Carney helped launch the first Canadian Arthritis Network sponsored study on rheumatoid arthritis among aboriginal populations. She is a founding director of the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada. She has also served on the Board of the Arthritis Society of BC and Yukon and received an honorary membership in 1998.

Her dedication to the preservation of Canada's lighthouses and maritime history was recognized in 2008 with the creation of a new "Governors' Award" by The Heritage Canada Foundation for her "extraordinary effort" in bringing about the enactment of heritage lighthouse protection legislation. She

shared this award with Barry MacDonald of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Born in Shanghai, China, and educated in Canada, Carney worked as a journalist and economic consultant in the Northwest Territories and Yukon before entering politics. She was first elected to the House of Commons in February 1980 in the riding of Vancouver Centre.

As Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, she was responsible for the dismantling of the National Energy Program. She replaced the NEP with the Western Accord, which deregulated the oil and gas industry, and she negotiated the Atlantic Accord with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. These negotiations established a market-oriented system for oil and natural gas, which is still in place 25 years later.

(There's more to come on the ground breaking career of the Hon. Pat Carney in the August issue of OOTD.)



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BC's First 100 Women MLAs



By the Honourable Linda Reid
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

In 2013 British Columbia achieved an important milestone. With 11 women elected as first-time Members of the Legislative Assembly in the province's 40th general election, British Columbia elected its 100th woman MLA. We are also approaching the 100th anniversary of the byelection victory of Mary Ellen Smith, the first woman elected to BC's Legislative Assembly, in 1918.

Between 1891 and 1914, 16 women's suffrage bills were introduced and defeated in British Columbia's Legislative Assembly. Following a referendum on the issue undertaken in conjunction with the province's 1916 general election, in April of 1917 British Columbia became the fourth province in Canada to grant women who qualified as British subjects the right to vote in provincial elections and to stand for provincial office. While this legislation heralded a great step forward for

women's rights, the voting franchise would not become universal in BC until 1949, when it was finally broadened to include First Nations women and men, and women and men of Japanese descent.

I would like to take this milestone as an opportunity to celebrate the strength, character, and contributions of some of these remarkable provincial leaders.



Born and raised in England, **Mary Ellen Smith** immigrated to British Columbia with her husband in 1891. Smith had been a passionate activist on the drive for women's suffrage in the province in the decades leading up to the successful 1916 referendum, so it was perhaps fitting when she was called upon to run in her husband's vacated seat

following his sudden death in 1917. First elected as an "Independent Liberal," she ran for re-election in 1920 and 1924 under the banner of the Liberal party of the day.

As an MLA, Smith continued her advocacy work on behalf of women, children and the underprivileged, introducing a bill calling for a minimum wage for women that remained in effect until 1972. She is additionally recognized as the first female member of cabinet and the first woman to preside over parliamentary proceedings as an acting Speaker anywhere in the British Empire.

In 1950 British Columbia marked another first when **Nancy Hodges** was appointed as Speaker of the House — the first woman Speaker in any jurisdiction in the Commonwealth. Hodges grew up in London, England, before relocating to Kamloops, BC, in 1912 to facilitate her husband's tuberculosis convalescence. The couple moved to Victoria in 1916, where she served as women's editor for the Victoria Times newspaper and developed an increasing reputation as a women's rights advocate.

Hodges won a seat in the Legislative Assembly 1941 and served as a Liberal member of the Liberal-Conservative coalition that governed the province until 1951. She campaigned for the rights of women workers and women's property rights before her appointment as Speaker. After losing her seat in the 1953 provincial general election, Hodges was appointed to the Senate of Canada, becoming the first BC woman to sit in Canada's upper chamber.



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A generation later, another pioneering immigrant arrived in Montreal. **Rosemary Brown** emigrated from Jamaica to attend McGill University in 1951. After moving west, she served as ombudswoman for the Vancouver Status of Women Council before becoming the first African-Canadian woman elected to a provincial legislature in Canada, as the New Democratic Party MLA for Burrard in 1972.



In addition to being recognized as the first visible minority woman elected to the BC Legislative Assembly, Brown was also the first African-Canadian woman — and only the second woman, after Mary Walker-Sawka in 1967 — to run for the leadership of a national party in Canada, finishing second in the 1975 New Democratic Party leadership campaign. In 1986, after serving three terms as an MLA, Brown left provincial politics, returning to work in academia, with international aid organizations, and as head of the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

MLAs **Jenny Wai Ching Kwan** and **Ida Chong** were both first elected in BC's 1996 general election, almost 50 years after a 1947 law extended the voting franchise to women and men of Chinese and South Asian backgrounds. Kwan and Chong became the first Chinese-Canadians elected to BC's Legislative Assembly, as well as the first and second Chinese-Canadian cabinet ministers in the province.



Born in Hong Kong in 1967, Jenny Wai Ching Kwan moved to Vancouver with her family when she was nine years old. She became Vancouver's youngest city councillor in 1993 before campaigning to become the New Democratic Party MLA for Vancouver–Mount Pleasant in 1996.

During her first term in office, Kwan became BC's first Chinese-Canadian cabinet minister, holding portfolios in Municipal Affairs; Women's Equality; and Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers.



A daughter of a Chinese immigrant mother and second-generation Chinese-Canadian father, Ida Chong grew up in Victoria, BC. She spent close to 20 years as senior partner in an accounting practice and one term as a municipal councillor prior to her successful 1996 campaign to represent Oak Bay–Gordon Head as an MLA for the Liberal party.

The novice MLA was appointed Official Opposition critic for Small Business and deputy critic for Finance during her first term. After the 2001 general election, she held a variety of cabinet positions, including Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Science and Universities; Healthy Living and Sport; and Small Business.

In recent decades BC women have proven themselves as leaders in virtually all of the province's top posts. Women have led all of the province's major provincial parties. Four women have been elected Speaker of the House, two have been appointed Lieutenant Governor, and two have served as Premier.

Canada's first woman premier, Rita Johnston, was born in Saskatchewan and raised in BC's Lower Mainland. Prior to entering politics, she spent years operating a successful small business in Surrey and served two terms as a Surrey municipal councillor - experience she would later put to good use as Minister of Municipal Affairs. Johnston was first



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elected as a Social Credit party MLA for Surrey in 1983. In addition to serving as Minister of Municipal Affairs, she also spent time as Minister of Transportation and Highways, Minister of State for the Kootenay Region, and Deputy Premier. Johnston was appointed Premier on April 2, 1991.



In 2003 the BC New Democratic Party elected its first woman leader, **Carole James**, who also made history by being the first woman to serve as provincial Leader of the Official Opposition. James has held positions with the Greater Victoria School Board and as vice-president of the Canadian School Boards

Association, and she also served an unprecedented five terms as President of the BC School Trustees Association. She was Director of Child Care Policy in the BC government for two years, and served on the Greater Victoria Region Social Planning Council, the City of Victoria Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Task Force on Violence prevention.

British Columbia's current Premier **Christy Clark** was first elected to the BC Legislature on May 28, 1996

as a Liberal MLA. She served in Opposition until 2001; following the general election that year she was appointed Deputy Premier and held portfolios in Education and Children and Family Development, before deciding to take time away from public life. In 2011 she returned to politics and was victorious in the Liberal Party leadership race. Clark was sworn in as Premier on March 14, 2011. In 2013 she became the first woman in BC to lead a party to victory in a provincial election. She is BC's longest-serving woman Premier.



Today, 31 of BC's 85 MLAs are women, including eight of 20 cabinet ministers. At the Legislative Assembly, four of eight committees are chaired by women. One of my privileges is to speak to young people about how they can contribute to making BC a more prosperous and secure province. Our first 100 woman MLAs provide a rich diversity of role models. They inspire young people — and all of us — to continue their work to make a positive difference in our communities.

(A submission to Canadian Parliamentary Review)



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For Whom The Bell Tolls

By Jim Hume

It was John Donne who close to 400 years ago penned "no man is an island, entire of its self; every man is part of the continent, part of the main....", and suggested that when we hear a church bell toll for a death in the community "never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

It was the first thought springing to mind a few days ago when an old colleague Roger Stonebanks e-mailed a story from The Guardian with a headline reading in part "the death knell of journalism."

The story under Roy Greenslade's byline opened with a quote from a (job cutting) memo issued by Britain's largest regional newspaper publisher, Trinity Mirror, to staff members in Birmingham and Coventry: "The days are long gone when we could afford to be a paper of record and dutifully report everything that happened on our patch."

Greenslade: "That is not a spoof... It is an abject admission that the newspaper is no longer able to fulfill its journalistic mission to provide comprehensive coverage in two major British cities."

If the tolling of a newspaper's death bell sounds familiar to my home town readers in Victoria BC, it's because they have been living with its mournful sounds for several decades now. Maybe they have grown so familiar that it is now just a background chime, and of little concern.

Or maybe, hopefully, it will remind us all of the days when reporters like the one who sparked this piece were assigned to and responsible for specific "beats." Local readers will remember when Roger covered Saanich, or when he patrolled the "labour" beat or from his years covering "the courts" from Magistrates to Supreme.

Those were the days when our daily newspaper really covered the city – and beyond. One reporter for each municipality, one for Capital Regional District, two for the

provincial government when in session. One for maritime news, naval and commercial with "stringers" up-island and two or three columnists tossed in to stir the mix.

In Victoria the Times and the Colonist were newspapers "of record", and so was the amalgamated Times-Colonist. On the Lower Mainland and throughout the province the Vancouver Sun and Province held sway though most communities were proudly served by smaller newspapers owned by local publishers and editors who believed providing comprehensive community news a duty.

Alas, no longer. The men in suits took over. Small newspapers were bought and controlled by boardrooms in Toronto or other far from local places; increasing annual profits each year became more important than serving the communities that had made founding publishers comfortably profitable.

New owner-publishers wanted to know how much they could take, not how much they could give. A local name would remain on the editorial page masthead – but control would be remote.

The Times-Colonist, my own newspaper home for half a century, no longer carries its publisher's name on its editorial page masthead. Maybe one day the editor-in-chief could write a piece telling us why. In the same community service piece he could also explain why he can't hire enough staff to responsibly cover the community he is supposed to serve, but can assign current staff writers to spend time and effort writing comfort prose for a glossy magazine insert.

The glossy looks smart, but adds nothing to "meat and potatoes" news. In reality it's just another peal of John Donne's bell for a death in the community. We don't need to ask for whom it tolls.

(Want to read more of Jim Hume's columns? Visit The Old Islander at <http://jimhume.ca/>)

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Arizona woman jailed 'cause hubby didn't vote

PHOENIX (Reuters) - An Arizona woman was sentenced to more than three years in prison for running over her husband with the family car because he failed to vote in the 2012 presidential election.

Holly Nicole Solomon, 31, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated assault under a plea agreement with prosecutors over the incident at a parking lot in Gilbert, a southeastern suburb of Phoenix.

Police said Solomon was upset with her husband, Daniel Solomon, in the days following the Nov. 6 re-election of U.S. President Barack Obama and believed the family would face hardship from his winning another term in office.

The 36-year-old man suffered a fractured pelvis from being run over following a wild chase on Nov. 10, 2012, that left him pinned beneath the Jeep.

The couple has since divorced.

Turkey's president challenges: "Find my golden toilet seat"

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Irritated by accusations of lavishness, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan has vowed to resign if the leader of the opposition can find a single golden toilet seat in his vast new palace.

Kemal Kilicdaroglu of the Republican People's Party (CHP) has repeatedly criticized Erdogan's profligacy.

"Gentlemen in Ankara, palaces have been built for you, planes bought, Mercedes cars purchased ... golden seats have been bought, that's how you use the toilet," Kilicdaroglu said at a rally in the Aegean city of Izmir.

Erdogan, who moved into the controversial new 1,000-room palace complex after winning a presidential election last year, said: "I invite him to please come and take a tour ... I wonder if he will be able to find such a golden toilet seat in any of these washrooms. If he finds it, I will resign."

Brightly illuminated at night and sitting on a hilltop, the complex - nicknamed Ak Saray or the White Palace - dominates the skyline on the western edge of the Turkish capital.

Austrian brothel offers free sex in tax protest

VIENNA - An Austrian brothel is offering customers free sex in a summer-long protest over what its owner sees as punitive tax payments.

"We are not paying taxes any more. Effective immediately: Free Entrance! Free Drinks! Free Sex!" the Pascha establishment in Salzburg posted on its website. A woman who answered the phone said it was no joke.

The Oesterreich newspaper showed a picture of men queued up outside to take advantage of the unusual offer.

Owner Hermann Mueller says he would compensate from his own pocket the up to 10,000 euros (\$11,270) a month that prostitutes working at the club will forego.

Mueller, who also operates brothels in four other cities in Germany and Austria, has complained in past media interviews about what he says has been punitive taxation and regulation of his businesses. He said he had paid nearly five million euros in taxes in Salzburg alone over the past decade.

Deceased councilwoman wins Democratic primary

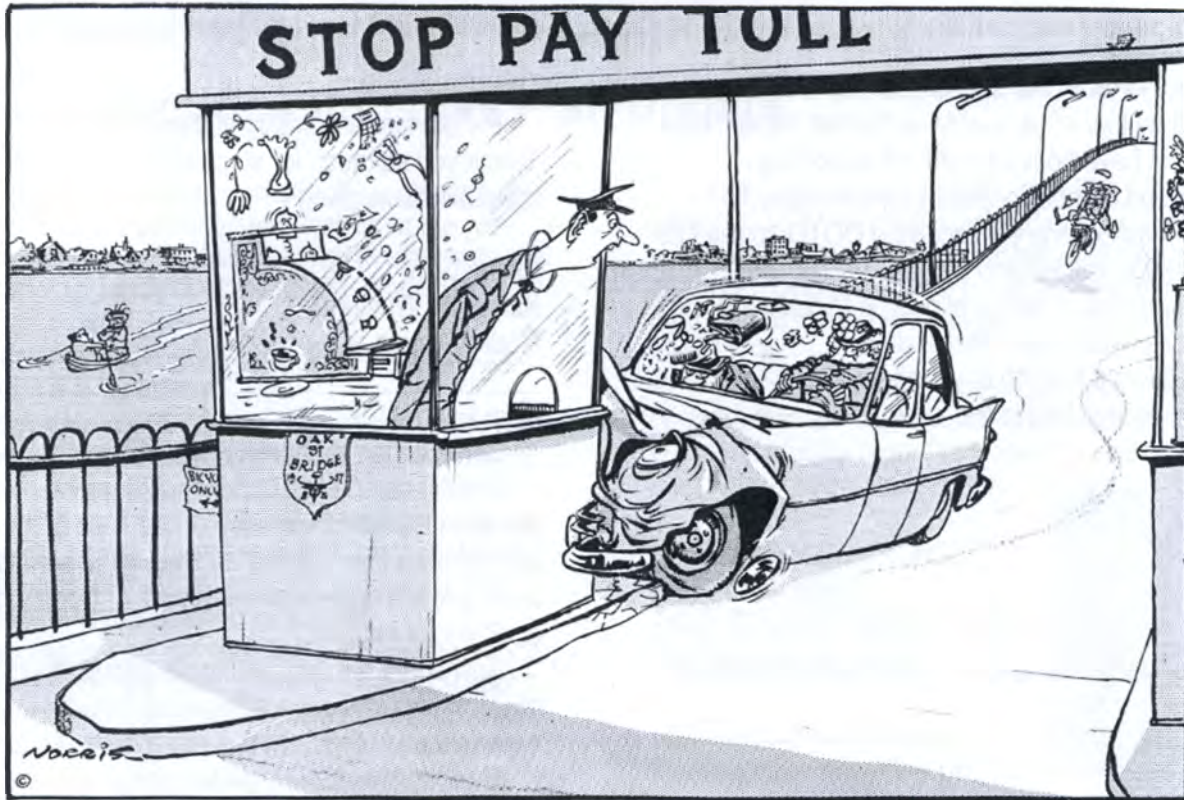
PITTSBURGH (Reuters) - A councilwoman who died earlier this spring easily defeated the only other candidate on the ballot for the Pennsylvania county that includes Pittsburgh.

Incumbent Barbara Daly Danko, 61, died of cancer in May but remained on the ballot for the party's nomination for a seat on the Allegheny County Council. She defeated her opponent, Caroline Mitchell, 5,575 to 4,015.

"It was a sympathy vote for Daly Danko," said Nancy Mills, chair of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee.

The incumbent was an outspoken opponent of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in county parks.

Len Norris



"Take it easy ... I just found out this bloomin' bridge booth's gotta last twelve years ..."



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Letters

Dear Brian:

Enclosed herewith our subscription for OOTD.

Although neither of us qualify as "former MLAs", over years past we have both enjoyed a fine working relationship and friendship with many who were.

For that reason we enjoy receiving OOTD, to read its many interesting articles and stories.

The Annual Dinner further allows us to re-connect with many of those friends from earlier days.

You are doing a fine job in your new "Editor" role, and we wish you best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,
Norma Sealy,
Saanichton

Brian:

Glad to see you are keeping up in Hugh's footsteps.

Cheers,
Jim McKeachie,
West Vancouver

Brian:

Dues for 2015 enclosed. I really miss Hugh's notes and phone calls! With his passing the Association has been somewhat out of sight and out of mind!

Kindest regards on your new venture, Brian!

Sincerely,
Neil Vant,
150 Mile House

Brian:

Glad to see you aboard! Good luck.

Reni Masi,
Surrey

Ken:

Please find enclosed my cheque for membership dues, along with a donation to Hugh's memorial fund.

Glad to see OOTD continuing on. My compliments to Brian Kieran and Rob Lee in carrying on Hugh's work.

Jim Hewitt (Class of '75)
Penticton

Dear Brian:

Please find enclosed my dues and a bit for the cause. Thank you so much for stepping up to the plate to keep the publication going.

All the best,
Katherine Whittred,
North Vancouver

Dear Editor:

Some things in Ottawa never change.

The Auditor General spends \$20 million plus to find \$1 million in Senators' expense errors. Two of the senators are dead yet they are still audited. If the senators had the same proven system as the House of Commons this could never happen.

Now some are suggesting we should audit the House of Commons and expect the same rate of return as was experienced in the Senate audit. We can't afford that.

The Supreme Court has told the prime minister he can't make changes to the Senate without getting agreement from the provinces. The premiers of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces will never agree. NDP leader Tom Mulcair says he'll abolish the Senate. He can't. Liberal leader Justin Trudeau kicks his senators out of his caucus so he can dodge the issue.

Here's a solution: Prime Minister Stephen Harper just needs to stop appointing senators until there are none left.

Meanwhile, as the Supreme Court decrees: Let's all just eat our marijuana brownies and be happy.

The Hon. John Reynolds PC,
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UBC Therapeutics Initiative – an update

Imagine you suffered a heart attack two years ago. To reduce your chance of another attack or worse, you take aspirin and a drug for diabetes. You're otherwise well and you trust your family doctor who also works ER shifts.

And, as an ex-MLA, you're free from the stress of partisan politics. Life is sweet.

One day your doctor offers a new office sample and prescription. She recommends it to "reduce your risk by 16 per cent." This sounds worthwhile. She adds that a cardiologist who spoke recently at Hart House Restaurant in Burnaby emphasized the new drug is "state of the art." She doesn't mention having been paid \$750 by a drug company to attend this evening of "training."

Respecting her advice you start the new drug which seems to make you feel short of breath. Then you spot a newspaper article pointing out that 100 people must take this new drug for three years in order to avoid a heart attack. Overall, the article notes, your chance of dying soon is not reduced. Are you still eager to take it?

This scenario reflects promotion versus reality for a new drug with anticipated annual sales of \$1.5 to \$3 billion (U.S.), which could put additional pressure on Pharmacare's budget in an uncertain economy. When BC makes drug funding decisions, should they be based on fact or publicity?

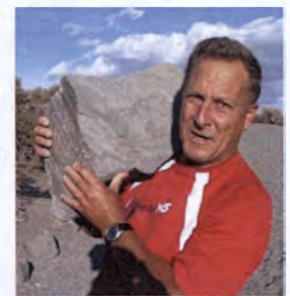
Amazingly, Pharmacare used to pay for all new drugs, regardless of merit. In 1994, research funding from the Ministry of Health to UBC established the Therapeutics Initiative (TI) with a mandate to educate doctors and pharmacists about new drugs and to provide Pharmacare with scientific reviews of their properties. This new academic group rapidly developed an international reputation for understanding the real evidence about drugs. Pharmacare was now able to base drug funding on scientific evidence, saving lives as well as hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

TI analysis spared British Columbians from wide-scale exposure to rofecoxib (Vioxx), rosiglitazone (Avandia) and many other new drugs withdrawn from the market soon after their introduction. The Therapeutics Letter, accessible to anyone at the TI website (ti.ubc.ca) has been very influential in helping health professionals understand that most drugs have relatively modest benefits and many cause significant harms. One of the more controversial assessments by the TI (as early as 1997) was that drugs for dementia have not been shown to provide clinically meaningful benefit to most patients. This is now widely accepted.

Over a period of 21 years, the UBC TI has briefed sitting MLAs on how we work and on how careful scientific and unconflicted analysis of clinical trials of new drugs can help protect the public health. Recently, our team leaders had the opportunity to brief Health Minister Terry Lake.

For those interested in learning more, we welcome opportunities to help educate anyone about new (and old) drugs. Our highly regarded website is one good place to start for any interested reader.

Tom Perry, M.D., FRCPC
(MLA 1989-1996)
Chair, Education Working Group,
UBC TI (www.ti.ubc.ca)



(OOTD readers interested in learning more about the UBC TI program can reach Tom at tom.perry@ti.ubc.ca.)



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100 years ago

Remembering the Stanley Cup-winning 1915 Vancouver Millionaires

By John Mackie, *Vancouver Sun* March 16, 2015

One hundred years ago, a fleet right-winger named Frank Nighbor picked up the puck and dashed up the ice at the Denman Arena.

Evading the hacks of Ottawa Senators tough guy Art Ross, the stylish Vancouver Millionaires star dished the puck to linemate Barney Stanley, who drilled it into the net.

It was only 2:15 into the second period, but Stanley's tally proved to be the winning goal in a 12-3 romp, sealing Vancouver's first, and only, Stanley Cup championship on March 26, 1915.

The Millionaires had the makings of a dynasty. Seven of the 10 players on the team wound up in the Hockey Hall of Fame: Stanley, Nighbor, Fred (Cyclone) Taylor, Frank Patrick, Hugh Lehman, Mickey Mackay and Silas Griffis.

Unfortunately, while the team made it back to the Stanley Cup Final in 1918, 1921, 1922 and 1923, they lost, just like the Canucks did in 1982, 1994 and 2011.

This has left Vancouver with a century-long Stanley Cup drought. The only NHL city that's been without a Stanley Cup winner longer is Winnipeg, which last won the Cup in 1902.

In 1915, the Millionaires were the underdogs. Ottawa was favoured seven-to-five by eastern bookies, and the odds went up when Vancouver captain Griffis fractured his leg just before the series and was unable to play.

The Senators were led by Ross, a hard rock defenceman whose name now graces the trophy for the top scorer in the National Hockey League. (Ross wasn't much of a scorer — his name is on the Art Ross Trophy because he donated the trophy in 1947.)

Hockey was a far different game in 1915. The National Hockey League didn't form until 1917, and the Stanley Cup was a solely Canadian affair, a "challenge cup" that pitted the top team in Eastern Canada against the best in the West, and sometimes the Maritimes.

The Senators were champions of the six-team National Hockey Association. The Millionaires topped the three-team Pacific Coast Hockey Association, which had teams in Vancouver, Victoria and Portland.

The PCHA had been founded in 1911 by Frank Patrick's family, which financed teams and arenas in Vancouver and Victoria by selling off the family lumber business in Nelson.

The rules varied from league to league, with the east playing a six-man game and the west playing with a seventh player called a rover. Players often played the entire game, as in soccer, and goalies weren't allowed to leave their feet to make a save.

Penalties also varied. Under eastern rules, nastier infractions resulted in a three-minute visit to the sin bin, instead of the standard two. But the penalized team was allowed to replace the penalized player on the ice.

The big difference, though, was the forward pass, which Frank Patrick had introduced during the 1913 PCHA season. In the east, you still had to pass behind your body, like in rugby.

Speed was the Millionaires' game. Taylor was regarded as the best player in the world, so fast on skates the fourth Earl Grey dubbed him a "cyclone." A sports writer overheard him and one of sport's great nicknames was born.

There was no passenger air travel at the time, so teams would cross the country by train and play all the games in one rink. It took Ottawa five days to cross Canada on the Great Northern railway to make it to Vancouver for the "World's Series of Hockey," which began on March 22, 1915.

It was a best-of-five series, and the players on the winning team were to get \$300. Tickets ranged from 50 cents to \$1.25 at the 10,500-seat Denman Arena, which was located at the northwest corner of Georgia and Denman (near today's Bayshore Hotel).

The rules alternated from game to game. Because the series was in the west, Game 1 had western rules, with seven players and the forward pass.

The Millionaires trounced the Senators 6-2, peppering Ottawa goalie Benedict with shots.

"The (Millionaires) swept the easterners off their feet with their dashing speed and relentless back checking," The Vancouver Sun reported.

Ottawa vowed to get even in Game 2 on March 24, which was played under eastern rules. The Senators got off to a 2-0 lead in the first period, but the Millionaires stormed back with six goals in the second and won 8-3.

In Game 3 on March 26, the Millionaires simply slaughtered the Senators. The game was tied 2-2 after one period, but the Millionaires scored five times in the second to take control of the game. They added five more in the third, to Ottawa's one, and won 12-3.

Barney Stanley scored four goals in Game 3, more than the entire Ottawa team. The series was lopsided, with the Millionaires outscoring the Senators 26-8 over the three games.

Taylor had seven goals in the series, and he and Nighbor wound up with 10 points each. No Ottawa player had more than three. The only category Ottawa led was in penalty minutes.

The Senators showed good sportsmanship after the game, coming into the Millionaires dressing room to congratulate them on their victory. But nobody got to lift Lord Stanley's trophy over their head, because the Senators had been so confident of victory they had left it back east.

The Stanley Cup finally arrived in town on May 12, long after most of the Millionaires had left town.

The Millionaires changed their name to the Maroons in 1922, and folded in 1926, when the Patrick family sold their players to the NHL for \$300,000.