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Have a Deviated Organ?

"Looking for Better Sex?" That's the teaser in the headline of an ad for the **Ayurvedic Centre** in Vancouver. We saw the ad checking out a recent issue of the **Indo-Canadian Voice** (October 9, 2004). The text enthuses, in part: "Sex problems? Looking for better sex? Men: problems with erections? Premature ejaculation. Semen is thin, less or no semen. Thin & short, loose or deviated organ?" Hooray! The joys of "diversity"!

The (Pre-election) Quotable Judy Sgro

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The (Post-election) Quotable Judy Sgro

When asked whether she too considered it strange that she would have attended an event for an obscure sect of the Moslem community on the very day her largest campaign donation -- a dodgy cheque improperly submitted by a member of her own executive, but in fact drawn on the account of a newly naturalized Pakistani (coincidentally, both adherents of this sect) -- Ms. Sgro blustered, "I am very proud of the fact that I attended that event for the **Ahmadiyya** community, as I attend events for all the ethnic communities in this country. It is those ethnic communities that we care about." (**Hansard**, December 8, 2004) Not the founding/settler peoples apparently.

Transracial Adoptions

Iceland's population is about 285,000. "Since 1981, 420 foreign children have been adopted, 138 of which were from India, 85 from Sri Lanka, 58 from Indonesia and 27 from China." (**Icelandic Review**, September 2004) Canadians, according to **CIC**, adopt about 2,000 foreign children annually. "Instances of international adoptions of American children are relatively rare, and numbers are hard to find. But several U.S. agencies have programmes that place black children with families in Canada and elsewhere. ... **Toni Oliver**, executive director of **Roots ... Planting Seeds to Secure Our Future**, a metro Atlanta adoption agency that specializes in finding homes for African-American children, said she was aware of similar placements as far back as the 1980s. Oliver, then a recruiter and trainer for a national adoption centre, was told that African-American children were placed in Italy and some Spanish-speaking countries. The practice has pretty much been kept quiet by some who fear the idea of black children being adopted by families outside the United States will raise the same response as transracial adoption did in the 1970s. ... Transracial adoptions have been a hot-button issue in the African-American community. Some black churches and social workers have strongly advocated that black families adopt African-American children. And while more black adoptive parents are coming forward, there is a disproportionately large number of black children waiting to find permanent homes. ... **Open Door** [a Christian-based adoption agency founded in 1987 in South Georgia], has placed more than 150 African-American children with Canadian families. ... Since 1993, **Adoption-Link Inc.**, a Chicago-area agency that specializes in African-American adoptions, has placed 70 black children with White Canadians. ... Most of the adopting families are White." (**Atlanta Journal-Constitution**, August 24, 2004)

Blast From The Past

As the Chinese-speaking member of the team that would establish diplomatic relations with the **People's Republic of China**, **Martin**

Collacott brought a wealth of experience representing **External Affairs** in Lagos, Tokyo, Indochina and Hong Kong. Later, Ottawa would variously appoint Mr. Collacott as ambassador to Lebanon, Syria, Cambodia, and High Commissioner in Sri Lanka. Presumably this tireless reformer knows a thing or two about immigration: "Canada has become the favoured destination for many thousands of people around the world who are aware that, no matter how unjustified their refugee claim and no matter how ill-qualified they may be to adjust to life here, once they present themselves at a port of entry, they are virtually assured of staying here indefinitely. I became painfully aware of this while serving abroad as Canadian Ambassador to various countries with high numbers of refugee claimants. Some would report back to us with pride how they had succeeded in cheating the system. They apparently assumed that Canadian officials would admire their ingenuity in this regard -- for surely a country like ours would not set up such a porous system unless we wanted to attract those adept at abusing it." (**Vancouver Sun** letter of the day, November 1977) And in the near-30 years since, Canada has managed to attract ever more manifestly unfounded claims by ingenious fraudsters. Given what we all know about immigration policy, it's a certifiable wonder this country functions at all.

No Room For Competents In The IRB

Bogus refugees (those already ordered deported but stoutly determined to stay and enrich us) are reported to number somewhere around 36,000. The actual number is undoubtedly higher because irrespective of mouth-breathing leadership, leaky borders or piggybacking scandals, the years-old figure is never revised upward (Immigration will neither detain, track and remove known overstayers, admitted terrorists, nor trample privacy by publishing names of known modern day war criminals). Another 53,000 are ensnared (or exploiting) the perennial logjam that is the **Immigration and Refugee Board** determination system. A front-end **IRB** approval rating of 42 to 47 per cent, suggests captive Canadian taxpayers support -- in perpetuity -- at least 60,000 people who have no earthly claim on us or our strained and fraying health and social services. The coveted **IRB** posting is a \$97,000-a-year reward programme in which capricious determinations are informed solely by 219 individual's relationship with the party in power -- oh, and their innermost and unexamined attitudes toward asylum. Relying on **Access to Information** data, the July 24, 2004 edition of the **Globe and Mail** surveys **IRB** vagaries: "The documents show the Vancouver region had a lower acceptance rate than Toronto: 43 per cent versus 58 per cent. [Strangely, there are five **IRB** members who have rejected 100% of the claimants to appear before them. While high refusal rates provoke complaints and a lynch mentality, it goes unremarked when] **Lois Figg**, a former member of the **Ontario Human Rights Commission**, accepted 289 of 353 (81 per cent) refugee claimants, while her Toronto colleague **Elke Homsy**, a community activist and German translator, had a 70 per cent acceptance rate, granting asylum to 596 people. [Records show a 1994 **Sergio Marchi** appointee who would ultimately serve out his full nine-year term] former Toronto **IRB** member **Jose Andres Sotto**, a Filipino Canadian and community activist who lives in Windsor, Ont., accepted just six of 258 asylum seekers (2.3 per cent) from January of 2001 to June of 2002. ... Mr. Sotto's high refusal rate prompted the **Refugee Lawyers Association** of Ontario to file a complaint against him in 2000 [and lo] his refusal rates for claimants from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and China were much higher than the national rates. ... The federal **Ethics Commissioner** also dismissed the lawyers' complaint that Mr. Sotto

made a \$1,000 donation to then-deputy-prime-minister **Herb Gray** in the 2000 election. Several of Mr. Sotto's decisions have been overturned in **Federal Court**. A judge described his June, 2002, rejection of a Sri Lankan as 'filled with so many errors and ... credibility findings' that it was sent back to be reheard. In another case, a judge described as 'patently unreasonable' Mr. Sotto's 1996 rejection of a Sri Lankan Tamil on the grounds that the claimant spoke good English." It's debatable whether these friends of the **Liberal Party** do more harm with their high or their low acceptance rates: frivolous determinations arrived at by demonstrably incompetent or biased community activists only sends more cases to be argued at great expense before a **Federal Court** busily setting new precedents for the ever-lowering bar. For tidiness sake, note **Judy Sgro's** March 16, 2004 **IRB** reform announcement: "No longer will it be who you know, but most importantly, it will be what you know. Political patronage and bias need to be swept away with this mighty wind of change." Mighty windy indeed, but then Ms. Sgro was campaigning.

I Said 'Ornamental Goldfish'

Here's a unique entry in the annals of wounded feelings: Sri Lanka's influential Buddhist clergy is protesting rough treatment at the hands of Canadian diplomatic staffers. Three monks, one Sri Lankan and two Thais, rolled into the Canadian mission looking for visas "but police said talcum powder in one passport caused diplomats to panic. [The three monks were chivvied into] a shower after being forcibly disrobed. ... 'It is clear that there was no anthrax,' a police official said. 'If they had, the monks would be dead by now.' The monks told Canadian staff that they had *simply* placed some talcum powder to prevent silverfish attacking a passport." (**National Post**, October 27, 2004) On that delightful note, we'll just assume it was apologies all 'round with visa toppings, and assurances that silverfish will be most welcome in future.

Immigration In Canada: Even The Good Streams Are Bad

For a generation, Immigration Canada has been ratcheting up annual intake levels "because of a looming skills shortage." Pardon our mentioning it, but this department of soft genocide is quite possibly the last entity on earth with anything useful to contribute to discussions on skilled labour, admissions and numbers, given that they permit people (near half of whom are functional illiterates in this country) to enter under whatever convenient subject heading best serves their -- as opposed to our -- interests. Admittedly, a minority of skilled workers continues to land in Canada the old-fashioned way (by telling the truth) but, according to a new **Stats Can** report, "many also entered as family, other economic or refugee class. ... Notably, about 30% of trades workers who landed in Canada between 1990 and 1998 did so as refugees, and a further 28% landed as family class immigrants. [In case anyone's counting, if nearly 60% misrepresent their intentions at the outset and near half cannot function in either official language, why blame us when they fail to secure jobs in their chosen field?] Only one fifth of trades workers landed in Canada under the skilled worker class. ... [However, among immigrants using Canada as a highly-subsidized launch pad to greater things, those most likely to emigrate on *from* Canada tend to be those at the top end of the scale] Those who were skilled and highly educated were more likely to emigrate. ... The relationship between high skill levels and emigration can be seen when looking at emigrants' education and language competencies. Those with higher education and official language ability were more likely to emigrate than those without. ... In-demand immigrants who found employment quickly were *more likely* to emigrate than the average for their occupation group in the skilled worker class of immigrants. In contrast among immigrants in

the [trades] occupational group, those who found work quickly were less likely to emigrate than those who did not. This suggests that finding work early was a good reason for staying in Canada for immigrants, but *may not have been enough* for in-demand immigrants. [And, gee what were the odds?] regardless of occupation group, immigrants who received social assistance or employment insurance were less likely to emigrate. ... Over half of immigrant trades workers had received **EI** and about one third had received social assistance at some time [and, as already noted] a large proportion of trades workers landed as refugees, the immigrant class least likely to emigrate." (**Immigrants in Demand: Staying or Leaving?**, Statistics Canada, Autumn 2004) The **Stats Can** report relies on tax return data, and as we've noted before, immigrants in general are far less likely to file than the native born. But for what it's worth, an internal chart notes the number of immigrant tax filers moving on from Canada ranged from 2.4% among those with 0-9 years of education, through 2.7% among those unable to speak either English or French, to 13.2% among those holding doctorates. In short, despite the fact that a majority of skilled workers now enter the country by means that can at best be described as somewhat short of full and frank disclosure, those who acquire work quickly (at the bottom end of the skilled worker range, that is), are those most inclined to make Canada -- not to dwell on Canada's one-size-fits-all social safety net -- their permanent abode. Bad news for working Canadians competing for decent pay as electricians or cooks or even cabbies. Among those at the higher end of skills, education and language ability, early employment success in Canada is essentially a spur to move on. In short, every programme and policy steers the underachiever to settle, while prompting the gifted to leave Canada in their dust. When even the good times are bad, Canadians deserve a full, national debate followed by a referendum on the costs, contributions and consequences of immigration. Write your **MP** and ask when Ottawa plans to oblige. The full text report can be accessed at <http://www.statcan.ca/english/studies/11-008/feature/stspecial.pdf>

Qualifying Qualifications

As ambient background noise, the immigrant bawling that Canada spurns his hard-won degree or technical certificate has pretty much won the day. Across the nation, chastened professional bodies are on notice to grease the rails for sulking newcomers. That's as may be, but whether you're shopping for a new doctor or a new mechanic -- *caveat emptor*. Consider the diary entry of an 18-year-old Canadian girl volunteering in Ghana: "I start teaching kindergarten to Grade 6 tomorrow, for which I am downright scared, but I have been assured that my Ontario high school education is much more advanced than any college degree here." (**Mara Kates, Globe and Mail**, July 24, 2004)

All Diversity, No Enrichment

If we believe immigration is important -- and we do -- why does Ottawa's attitude mimic a mob of pre-adolescent schoolgirls waiting on the current pop idol? Canada's past *and* future prospects may turn on immigration, but critical faculties are in short supply where tendentious hyperbole, swooning adoration and rapturous servility chatter (in glass etching tones) about gee-whiz exoticism and super-fantastic Third World values working on Canadian cities. To add to the general mood of hopeless air-headed inclusiveness, an exasperated parsimony appears to be the only permissible vantage from which to question current policy: "For heaven's sake, why *aren't* immigrants pulling down the big bucks?" The obvious answer -- because we admit and then retain the wrong kind of immigrants -- eludes the nation's leading tween minds. In this vein, the **Toronto Star** (September 28, 2004) wails: "Will the 2.2 million immigrants Canada has settled in the past decade be able to lift themselves out of

poverty anytime soon? Or are they destined to become the foundation of an immigrant underclass?" The article then details (once again) how poorly recent cohorts are performing: "Canadians have never felt much need to examine the growth of an underclass, secure in the belief that Canada kept the door of opportunity open for all. But eroding incomes among immigrants, when considered alongside troubling drop-out rates of **ESL** students and the concentration of poverty in immigrant and visible minority neighbourhoods, raise disturbing possibilities. ... Today, 10 years after arriving, the average immigrant earns just 80 per cent of what a Canadian-born worker takes home. According to 2001 census data, recent immigrants — those living in Canada for less than five years — suffered an unemployment rate of 12.7 per cent [against 7.4 per cent among the native-born]. ... In April, the **United Way of Greater Toronto** published a watershed report, **Poverty by Postal Code**, prepared by the **Canadian Council on Social Development**. It found that the number of poor Toronto neighbourhoods — neighbourhoods with more than 26 per cent of families living below the poverty line — had increased to 130 in 2001 from 30 just two decades ago. ... Researchers discovered that, instead of living in mixed socio-economic neighbourhoods as they did 20 years ago, most poor families are now far more concentrated in low-income neighbourhoods. Those same neighbourhoods also possess other troubling characteristics: they tend to be dominated by immigrants and visible minorities ... [In 2001, in Canada's poorest communities immigrant families accounted] for 62.4 per cent of the total family population ... while Canadian-born ones made up just 36.7 per cent. ... In 1981, 14.8 per cent of immigrant families lived in poverty; by 2001, it was almost one in four immigrant families (24 per cent). ... In Toronto, during the 1990s, the growth in the city's poverty rate (it increased 1.9 percentage points) was entirely attributable to deteriorating conditions among immigrants. ... With more immigrants flooding into Toronto each year, that produced a staggering 125 per cent increase in the overall number of poor immigrants, from 112,000 in 1981 to 252,000 in 2001. ... **York University's Michael Ornstein**, who analysed data from the 1996 census, found more than half of Toronto's visible minority families lived below **Statistics Canada's** low-income line. The rate among white families was less than 10 per cent. The study, commissioned by the **City of Toronto**, concluded Ethiopians, Ghanaians, Afghans and Somalis were the most disadvantaged, with poverty rates ranging from 52.2 per cent to 70 per cent."

Psst, Meet You 'Round The Alley

After throwing a highly-publicized snit over the arcane issue of church sanctuary, "**Immigration Minister Judy Sgro** has proposed having churches choose a dozen failed refugee claimants to get a fast-tracked second chance to stay in Canada, a proposal partly aimed at getting *churches* to be strict about offering sanctuary to people who are refused refugee status." (**Globe and Mail**, November 3, 2004)

And here were we, believing that the minister's department was charged with making refugee fitness determinations -- not churches. Still, it's nice for the dummies to be given a glimpse of what passes for principles in Judy's World. Though hardly a blip on anyone else's radar, if church sanctuary really was a bee in the ministerial bonnet, why not state unequivocally that no asylee currently slopping up macaroni 'n' cheese in a church basement could ever hope to see a special ministerial permit? But no, in accordance with the miasmic moralities of **Parliament Hill**, Ms. Sgro makes secret overtures to the churches herself; effectively undermining her own tediously over-stated position without any outside interference at all.

Speaking Of A Dissolute Immigration Department

Did you hear the one about the **Immigration Minister** and the Romanian stripper? Bad enough that Ms. Sgro domiciled a couple of favoured staffers at top hotels on the taxpayer's dime over the interminable months of the election lead-up, but her department was seemingly pressed into the service of any immigrant qualified to lick a stamp: "Federal officials say Ms. Sgro approved a special temporary-resident permit June 25 that allowed **Alina Balaican** to stay in Canada for another two years and apply for landed immigrant status [all of which means Ms. Balaican cannot now be deported]. The 25-year-old dancer came to Canada on a work permit to perform as a stripper and **Liberal** insiders say she was an election volunteer in Ms. Sgro's **York-West** campaign during the June 28 election campaign. Ms. Sgro and her officials will not discuss the case, saying they do not want to violate federal privacy laws. [Sounds like rather more coverage than our guest strippers normally work with but prime ministerial communications director, **Scott Reid**, says] **Paul Martin** has ruled out an internal investigation. ... 'The **Prime Minister's** office has been assured that Ms. Sgro and her campaign conducted herself appropriately and naturally we accept that.'" (**National Post**, November 5, 2004) Yes, we all share your scepticism: Imagine a Liberal abusing the privileges of office. Equally misinterpreted, no doubt, are "other instances during the last general election in which Ms. Sgro's campaign office became a magnet for people seeking a quick route into Canada. Insiders also say her election team failed to alert Immigration authorities about an Indian deportee on the run from the department who delivered pizza and hung out at the minister's election headquarters. 'He comes in and says, *Oh, I have this bad deal. I can prove I'm innocent* and people start talking to him,' said an insider, who noted the **Immigration Department** was not alerted to arrest him [despite the awkward fact that he] is the subject of a Canada-wide arrest warrant. ... Sources say a high-level North Korean official, whose asylum claim had once been rejected after the **Immigration and Refugee Board** branded him a potential war criminal, also spent two days at Ms. Sgro's Toronto headquarters, where he sought assistance in obtaining landed immigrant status. ... He is now waiting for Ms. Sgro to rule on his appeal to become a permanent resident based on humanitarian grounds." (**CanWest News**, November 5, 2004) Who'd have believed we would finish with this after the one-two combination of **Elinor Caplan** followed by **Denis Coderre**?

Immigration: The Numbers Tell the Story

1. Number of visible minorities in Canada -- 1981 : 1.1 million
2. Number of visible minorities in Canada -- 2001 : 4 million (13%)
3. Number of ethnic enclaves (Tor, Mntl, Van) in which a single group comprised more than 30% of the population in 1981 : 6
4. Number of ethnic enclaves (Tor, Mntl, Van) in which a single group comprised more than 30% of the population in 2001 : 254
5. Low income rate among immigrants in Canada a decade or less in 1980 : 23%
6. Low income rate among immigrants in Canada a decade or less in 2000 : 35%
7. Unemployment rate among immigrants in Canada 5 years or less in 1980 : slightly lower than the native-born
8. Unemployment rate among immigrants in Canada 5 years or less in 2000 : nearly twice that of the native-born
9. Number of visible minority ethnic enclaves by 2001 in Toronto & Vancouver : more than 100 each
10. Proportion of immigrants in Toronto's violence-plagued Malvern neighbourhood : 44%
11. "White flight" identified as a key factor by **StatsCan** in the formation of Montreal's new ethnic enclaves : in 6 of eight neighbourhoods (3 now predominantly black, 3 South Asian)

12. "White flight" identified as a key factor by **StatsCan** in the formation Vancouver's new ethnic enclaves : in 48 of 55 neighbourhoods (now all predominantly Chinese)
13. Toronto's population gain last year : 13 people per 1,000 (mostly international immigrants)
14. Number of jobs in Toronto-proper between 2000 and 2003 : declined, from 1.29-million to 1.25-million
15. Calgary's population gain last year : 10.4 per 1,000 (mostly young, well-educated Canadians)
16. Native Torontonians who fled (to other Ontario cities alone) last year : 20,000
17. Estimated average household assets among Toronto's Chinese immigrants, 1980s : \$2-million
18. Estimated average household assets among Toronto's Chinese immigrants now : \$50,000
19. Projected number of **HIV**-infected Chinese by 2010 (UN data) : 10-million
20. Proportion of China's population without health coverage : two-thirds
21. Proportion of China's population that routinely cuts short hospital treatment : 60% to 70%
22. Heaviest "ecological footprint" in the world today : United Arab Emirates
23. Ratio of world population increase between 1970 and 2000 : 65 per cent
24. Proportion of Toronto schoolchildren (ages 5-16) who are new immigrants : one in four
25. Number of Toronto elementary schools offering Cantonese or Mandarin language courses : 130 (Number of **ESL** teachers has declined)
26. Known war criminals missing and at large in Canada in 2002 : 59
27. Known war criminals missing and at large in Canada in 2003 : 75
28. Known war criminals missing and at large in Canada (March 2004) : 125

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CRIME WATCH

It's Still Your Fault

When Chinese student **Min Chen** was finally arrested for the kidnap/murder of **Cecilia Zhang**, Canadians were treated to some good old fashioned finger-wagging from the folks back home: "That boy was really good. ... Why did he change when he went to Canada? He learned to be bad when he went abroad." ... In one of Shanghai's biggest newspapers, Canada was portrayed as a minefield where Chinese students fall victim to violence, gambling, alienation and academic corruption." (**Globe and Mail**, July 27, 2004) Uh huh. According to a recent **AP** report (November 26, 2004), expert instruction is available right at home: "Police have detained a man accused of slashing as many as nine boys to death in their high school dormitory in central China. ... It was the fourth knife attack reported at a Chinese school or day-care centre in as many months. ... China's cities and towns seethe with grudges and personal feuds amid wrenching economic and social change. Fatal bombings, mass-poisonings and other attacks are reported frequently, usually blamed on people trying to hurt business rivals or seeking revenge in often minor disputes. Last month, six men were arrested in Beijing in a knife attack at an **Internet** cafe that left 14 people bloodied. News reports said the attackers wanted revenge on several men they had met at the cafe and, when they couldn't be found, slashed customers at random. ... On Wednesday, a court executed a man who slashed 25 children with a kitchen knife in September at a grade school in eastern China. Although no one was killed, a court ruled the penalty was justified because the violence was 'especially cruel.' Police said that attacker had a grudge against the parent of a student at the school. In August, a man with a history of schizophrenia killed a student and slashed 14 children and three teachers at a Beijing kindergarten near the compound where China's leaders live and work. In September, a man armed with a knife, gasoline and homemade explosives broke into a day-care centre in the eastern city Suzhou and slashed 28 children before police stopped him. Police haven't disclosed a possible motive." Perhaps they all studied in Canada.

Viet Oldster Selling Coke for a Hearing Aid

Another refugee success story! "Drug charges against a convicted drug dealer were stayed Monday, while her 81-year-old, hard-of-hearing father was convicted of dealing cocaine and given a conditional sentence." Wow! That will deter him! "**Thi Kim Dung Phan**, 34, and her elderly father, **Tham Phan**, were arrested when police raided their Stirling Avenue home in south Nanaimo in October last year.. On searching the senior, police found several small balls of cocaine, packaged in plastic and ready for sale, wrapped in tissue in his pocket. A further search of the residence uncovered more cocaine associated with **Tham Phan**. ... **Kim Phan** said he was selling drugs so he could buy himself a hearing aid." The daughter is a real prize. "**Kim Phan** was arrested in September 2000 for trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking. In January, 2002, she received a 12-month conditional sentence. In March, 2001, while on bail for the Sept. 2000 charges, she was arrested and charged again with two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking. Those charges were stayed when she appeared in court in January, 2002. She was also sentenced to three days in jail in February 2002 for theft under \$5,000. **Kim Phan** may be subject to deportation to Vietnam if convicted of further drug offences. **Tham Phan** is a Canadian citizen." (**Nanaimo Daily News**, August 17, 2004) Conditional sentences, bail for drug peddlers? Yet, **Ernst Zundel** is now in his 22nd month of solitary confinement as a threat to national security. We get it. Zundel is a political dissident. Dung and Tham Phan are merely drug dealing criminals.