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HEADLINE: SO GIVE THANKS, ALREADY!

BYLINE: BY LIZ BRAUN

TEXT:

Things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving:

1: Family and friends, health, peace, work, _____ (your noun here) and the usual huge number of things we all take for granted the rest of the year.

What else to be mindful of this Thanksgiving - er, this Pilgro-American, sort of Christian brotherhood celebration and cook-out?

2: That things could always be worse. You could be Roseanne Barr, say, or O. J. Simpson.

Or Nicole Simpson.

3: That you live in such a rich country.

Why, your provincial tax dollar helps fund the Black Action Defence Committee - and thereby, Dudley Laws' mouth - ostensibly to raise public awareness of racism and discrimination in police work and in the courts.

And hey, it's working.

The Black Action Defence Committee has helped do far more than make people aware of racism; where no racial prejudice existed, for example, this group has rushed in to foster its growth.

Further to our richness, remember that nearly \$800,000 of your dollars will be spent for eight weeks of public hearings to help determine what can improve Canada's system of social welfare.

(The answer: Nothing. But we could save a lot of money by removing the bureaucrats from the system and just mailing cheques to people. Thank you. That will be \$800,000.)

Also, you generous taxpayers, keep in mind that you are paying Metro Police Board member Arnold Minors to teach anti-racism workshops to Crown lawyers.

In his capacity as a teacher, Mr. Minors recently opined Jews are just plain different. He has also allegedly said a few things about the Holocaust that are fuzzy-minded, to say the least.

When the expected complaints came pouring in, Minors' big supporter Bobby Rae said he didn't know anything about the guy's teaching.

Find out, then, stupid. That's your job.

4: That Bobby Rae, the piano man, is ready for re-election. That means this NDP nonsense is drawing, slowly but surely, to a close.

We love you, Bobby. Now get outta here.

5: That many Canadians believe they should keep their guns, just in case they have to overthrow the government one day.

Why should you be thankful for this laughable bit of logic? Mostly because it's always preferable to live amongst people this naive than it is to live amongst the jaded and cynical.

Provided no one gives them bullets.

6: That there's television; that frozen dinners have improved in quality in our lifetime; that Jurassic Park has been released on video.

Sun columnist Jim Slotek contributed those items.

7: That Sun columnist Jim Slotek contributed items that carried us closer to the bottom of this column.

8: That Michele Mandel will soon return and take up her rightful place here, on Page 5, every Sunday.

9: That someone else is cooking the turkey.

Have a nice day.

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Or not, as you wish.

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HEADLINE: EVIL WON THE DAY

BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

TEXT:

Susan Eng was in one corner, surrounded by TV cameras and reporters, claiming victory, insisting that the board she chairs will decide when Chief Bill McCormack retires, saying "That's the important point."

It is not the important point. It never was.

And by its collective behavior last night, this beleaguered board recognized that, and also perhaps that their voices, those of reasonableness and goodwill, may have to be heard more often, more strongly.

Metro Chairman Alan Tonks. Councillors Brian Ashton and Norm Gardner. Civilian members Laura Rowe and Rev. Massey Lombardi. These are the people who did the right thing last night.

Not all of them came to the board's Metro Hall press conference. Not all of them stuck around. Tonks had to get back to work; Rowe's health is not terrific, and besides, she is shy.

REGRET

But Massey Lombardi was there, stuck in a little doorway. There was about him an almost tangible feeling of regret, even of opportunities lost, though he wouldn't put it so strongly.

"I don't generally voice my opinions," he began. "Perhaps I should have done it more." Then, in his gentle way, he spoke of his great affection for Toronto, and he said, "You know, when all is said and done, in these last three years since I've been on the board, the issues were not of content, but of style."

Much later, he reached his conclusion: "You know, I don't think any of us on the board ever meant, would in any way suggest, that the force wasn't a good force."

The difficulty, of course, is that by dint of Susan Eng's confrontational style, the message that very often went out to the force - and to the public - was precisely the opposite. Many times, and in many ways, Eng told Toronto its police force was bad. She did it implicitly by choosing to grant lengthy public audiences to anti-police groups who routinely ---t on the force. She did it explicitly by embracing sweeping indictments of the force - such as Special Investigation Unit boss Howard Morton's attack on officers involved in the shooting of Tony Vega - even when they were premature and ill-informed and just plain wrong.

By and large, with very few exceptions (and here I think particularly of the day when activist Dudley Laws interrupted a board meeting with a shrieking denunciation of the force and only Ashton, and only after listening to Laws' tirade for several long moments, finally demanded a recess and was called a "racist pig" for his trouble), the members of the board sat by and let it happen. This incident captured many things in its ugliness - Eng's efforts to broaden the board's mandate to the point where it heard an anti-Show Boat presentation, the board's collective reluctance to defend the force or the chief, the way its members were easily silenced.

This is how police officers in this city came to believe themselves under attack by their employers, how ordinary Torontonians came to doubt the board itself, and all of it, I believe, are part and parcel of McCormack's blistering leave-taking of the last week.

It need never have come to this.

Eng, for example, could have learned much from the example of Laura Rowe. The two may share some of the same political beliefs, but they are worlds apart in how they come to them. Rowe, quite without fanfare, has several times made sincere efforts to reach out to her officers, most recently those in 12 Division, where young cops are still reeling from the death of Todd Baylis. Rowe's manners are impeccable, her treatment of the chief courteous, her personal style low-key and conciliatory.

CONFUSION

Last night, I am told, Susan Eng was clearly spoiling for a fight with the chief, as was Arnold Minors. The others would not have it. It was Edmund Burke who said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Evil has triumphed, with the resulting loss of confidence in a public institution - the board - and confusion in the ranks. Perhaps, at last, it has had its day.

ILLUSTRATION:

photo by Alex Urosevic

THE CHIEF SPEAKS ... Bill McCormack makes a point yesterday while members of the police services board - including chairman Susan Eng - look on.

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HEADLINE: MINORS LEFT COP ON OWN

BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

Metro Police Services Board member Arnold Minors didn't offer to help a plainclothes police officer who was first to arrive on the scene after a fatal shooting at a downtown roominghouse last month.

Despite realizing the officer was calling for backup and in some distress, Minors, the Sun has learned, turned on his heels and went into the house where he lives and works.

Minors lives on George St., next door to the 12-unit house where Albert Moses was shot last Sept. 29 after attacking a Metro constable with a hammer.

The 41-year-old Moses, an unemployed baker who apparently suffered from schizophrenia, died in hospital Oct. 11.

Moses was shot in his room on George St. just before 6.15 p.m., when a Metro Police radio room received the first call for assistance.

Minors, 48, was questioned at 11:45 p.m. the night of the shooting by officers who were doing a routine canvass of the area, looking for witnesses.

He told police who he was and that he was a member of the police board, and provided a short statement. In it, Minors said he arrived home between "6:15 and 6:30 p.m." - meaning he was on the scene within minutes, perhaps seconds, of the shooting - and saw a man he realized was a plainclothes officer in front of the roominghouse, calling for "a supervisor and the CIB" (criminal investigation bureau) on his hand-held radio.

Minors also told police he could hear several sirens and that he realized something was wrong because the officer's voice was "shaky."

(Then, he told police in his statement, he went into his house and didn't go)
out again until the officers canvassing the area knocked on his door.

There is no record of Minors calling 911 for help.

The officer Minors saw outside the roominghouse, the Sun has learned, was the first to arrive at the scene after the shooting.

Minors attended a special meeting of the police board at Metro Hall last night, but arrived late and left through a restricted elevator without speaking to reporters.

He didn't return a Sun reporter's call after the meeting, consistent with his declared policy of not speaking to Sun staff members.

Minors, a political appointee of the board, would have sworn the same oath other members do when taking office. In the oath, board members swear to discharge their duties "faithfully, impartially and according to the Police Services Act ... and any regulation, rule or bylaw."

ILLUSTRATION:

photo of ARNOLD MINORS

Didn't help

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HEADLINE: A 'GROUPIE' SPEAKS

BYLINE: BY GORDON CHONG

TEXT:

I knew it would happen! Those involved in the outpouring of emotional support for Chief Bill McCormack have been condescendingly dismissed and sneeringly portrayed as simple-minded "sycophants and cop groupies" and "ruling class panjandrums".

While we are pro-police, we are certainly not adolescent, mindless, indiscriminating "groupies". People who denigrate us have mistaken support for the institution of policing for blind, unconditional support for individual officers.

Yes, I am pro-police! I am "pro" the institution of policing because it is an extension of us - an extension of our community and society in general.

Now, when an officer breaks the law, he or she should be punished to the fullest extent possible under the law.

Being pro-police doesn't mean uncritically supporting every police officer.

I am also "pro" democracy. That doesn't mean I agree with every politician or party.

I am also "pro" free speech and a free press. That doesn't mean I agree with everything that is said or written in the news media.

People who disparage efforts to support the institution of policing and who maliciously malign spontaneous community support should take a long hard look in the mirror.

Maybe it is palpable, persistent, anti-police bias that has nurtured the current pervasive atmosphere of disorder, of lawlessness and of violent crime.

Susan Eng, the outgoing chairman of the Police Services Board, personified anti-police bias.

She and Arnold Minors have done much to undermine the police and demoralize them. As well, Susan Eng has complained that those who want to be tough on crime are short on specifics.

Well, here are mine:

1. Susan Eng and Arnold Minors should be trashed immediately - no more taxpayers' money for them! Besides, Arnold Minors should be taking race-sensitivity courses, not teaching them.

2. Bob Rae should immediately turn over control of the Police Services Board to Metro Council. Metro taxpayers pay almost the entire cost of policing. Why shouldn't we control the Board?

3. Funds currently allocated to race relations in the Metro budget should be re-allocated to the police budget.

4. Fingerprint and photograph people entering Canada so they can't make duplicate refugee claims or fraudulent welfare claims.

5. Deport landed immigrants convicted of serious crimes.

6. Mandate longer sentences for crimes committed with a weapon.

7. Parents must regain control over their children and spend time guiding them. These thoughts from a sycophantic, "cop-groupie" dentist should do for a start.

Imagine what other brilliant ideas I could come up with if I were an erudite, trained journalist like Rosie DiManno!

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HEADLINE: YOU SAID IT COLUMN

COLUMN: You Said It

TEXT:

Do you think Arnold Minors should resign?

TINO CASTRIOTA, shoe store manager

"Yes. A man in his position shouldn't be preaching what he doesn't have facts for. If he were any other worker, he would be fired."

SOFIA ALEXOPOULOS, hot dog vendor

"I definitely do! He's not acting responsibly. He's hurting people he's suppose to be representing."

CHRIS CRUZ, bike courier

"No, because what he has said is his opinion. And he's right about the police as an army."

CHARLES BATEMAN, unemployed chef

"I don't think he should resign. People who speak like that should be allowed to. It's his opinion. An opinion is protected by freedom of speech."

MICHAEL DENNIS, systems analyst

"I think he should be fired. Anyone in that position needs sensitivity. He lacks it."

KIM FILICE, student

"I think he should have a career change. He has the wrong attitude for the job."

ILLUSTRATION:

1. photo of TINO CASTRIOTA
2. photo of SOFIA ALEXOPOULOS
3. photo of CHARLES BATEMAN
4. photo of CHRIS CRUZ
5. photo of MICHAEL DENNIS
6. photo of KIM FILICE

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HEADLINE: \$1//THAT'S WHAT ARNOLD MINORS' \$8,800 HONORARIUM OUGHT TO BE CUT TO, METRO COUNCILLOR SUGGESTS

BYLINE: BY MOIRA MACDONALD, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

This buck's for you, Arnold.

That's all one Metro councillor thinks Arnold Minors should be paid in the wake of controversial remarks the Police Services Board member made this past week comparing Metro police to "occupying armies."

Derwyn Shea, Metro Councillor for High Park, wrote to Metro chairman Alan Tonks yesterday asking that Metro Council reduce Minors' \$8,800 annual honorarium to \$1.

In his letter, Shea stated "it is clear that Mr. Minors has lost control of himself and has revealed a personal characteristic that renders him unworthy to serve as a member of the Metropolitan Police Services Board."

"I can't get rid of them but I sure don't have to pay them," Shea told the Saturday Sun, referring to the four board appointments made by Premier Bob Rae.

Under the Police Act Metro Council does not have the power to fire provincial appointees to the Police Services Board but it does set the police force's budget, including honorariums for civilian board appointees.

Minors was caught in a political firestorm after he was quoted in the Toronto Star saying he believed the police's failure to find witnesses to a murder at a black afterhours club is the result of "a long, long thousand-year history of people not speaking to occupying armies."

Provincial crown attorneys attending Minors' mandatory anti-racism seminars also said he suggested the Holocaust was "not a racist act" and that only whites were capable of racism.

"I feel offended now that I have to pay any of his salary out of the tax base. He's lost my confidence," Shea said, adding that, deliberately or not, Minors' remarks have "insulted" many people.

On Thursday, fellow board member Brian Ashton suggested Minors "do the honorable thing and resign" after making the controversial comments.

ILLUSTRATION:

1. photo of ARNOLD MINORS

Political firestorm

2. photo of DERWYN SHEA

"I feel offended"

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HEADLINE: COFFINS AT POLICE HQ

BYLINE: BY CIARAN GANLEY, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

Nine homemade coffins bearing the names of black men shot by cops were placed in front of Metro Police headquarters yesterday.

Volunteer "pallbearers" carried the coffins during a march from Queen's Park through the downtown area to the police station on College St.

About 50 people took part in the demonstration, organized by the Black Action Defence Committee.

"We are here to protest the brutal actions of the Metro Toronto police department," committee president Dudley Laws said.

Laws called the police force an "army unto themselves" who are "occupying Toronto," repeating the comments that got police services board member Arnold Minors in hot water this past week.

Laws said it was a disgrace that police officers continue to "kill and get away with it."

ILLUSTRATION:

photo by Mike Cassese

CARDBOARD CRITICISM ... Police remove cardboard coffins left at Metro Police headquarters.

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HEADLINE: A CRUTCH FOR MINORS//DEFENDERS SEIZE UPON CHIEF'S COMMENT, IGNORING REALITY

BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

TEXT:

Well, now they have it, the crutch. How ironic that it should have been handed to them by Chief Bill McCormack.

The Metro police chief's first assignment, as a young officer, was with the British Colonial Police. He was sent to Bermuda, the very place where Arnold Minors was born and raised.

It was, in part, his experience there that led McCormack last January, in a lecture to law-enforcement students, to remark that in some places, people view the police as "virtually the army of occupation".

The Sun learned of the remark, as did others in the media, from a young man named Selwyn Pieters. Pieters is in policing himself, I believe, though he won't say where, and he was a student in Prof. Tony Doob's class.

Last weekend, Pieters caught up on the controversy over Minors' recent comment, in which he was asked by the Toronto Star why he thought the police were having such a tough time getting witnesses to the triple shooting outside Tae's Restaurant and Nite Club.

Minors' reply: "There's a long, long, thousand-year history of people not speaking to occupying armies."

The phrase rang a bell in Pieters' head, and he found the tape he'd made of McCormack's lecture. "I don't know Arnold Minors," he said yesterday. "I don't care if he's fired or resigns. But the public interest demands that the chief's comments, so similar to Minors', be made public."

BATTLE IS JOINED

Well, now they are but what they add to this debate - the inescapable conclusion that these two men, McCormack and Minors, spent some time in the very same part of the world and emerged with a not-dissimilar conclusion about the police-community relationship there - is minimal. But the revelation of the chief's remarks will change the discussion. The uninformed will say, "There, you see? The chief says the same thing and nothing happens to him." Those who persist in filtering the Minors business, and everything else, through a cultural prism will seize on this as proof that there is a continuum of black pain (different only from country to country in degree), that only blacks can discuss it, and that all comments from black officials must be viewed in the context of this pain.

That process - of turning a bumbler with foot-in-mouth disease into a victim of cultural divide - began yesterday when a coalition of black and minority groups, led by Black Action Defence Committee nasty girl Akua Benjamin, gathered at the Jamaican-Canadian Centre.

The gist of their complaints was this:

Arnold Minors is a hapless victim of "vitriolic attacks by the media" who either didn't say what he is alleged to have said (in which case he was misquoted) or he did say what he is alleged to have said (in which case, he was speaking a truth), and regardless, he should be left alone.

This is so far from the truth it is staggering.

From the moment he was sworn in on the police board in June of 1993, Minors courted controversy.

In July of that year, he told the Bermuda Times that Metro cops let white men off with "a lecture", but approach young black men "with weapons drawn".

When the comments were reprinted in the Sun two months later, Minors explained he'd been misrepresented. 154

In November, Minors was a guest speaker at a meeting of the Organization of Ethnic Employees of the Metro Housing Authority. Sun reporter Sharon Lem was sent to cover the meeting, a private one, as it turned out, though she didn't realize this until she was surrounded by people who, while Minors watched, tore up her notebook.

In August of this year, he posed proudly with the members of the Black Action Defence Committee, the activists whose public pronouncements make them the left-wing equivalent of the Heritage Front.

CROWNS OFFENDED

Then, this October, the Sun revealed that many of the Crowns he was teaching were offended by some of his remarks (notably the comment they attribute to him, in which he said the Holocaust, while a tragedy, was "not a racist act"). A dozen Crowns have since come forward. And government spokesman Brendan Crawley confirms that senior officials, including assistant deputy attorney-general Michael Code, who took Minors' course as "guinea pigs", had serious reservations about its pointed definition of racism as being only anti-black.

Then the Sun revealed that on the night Albert Moses was fatally shot by police, Minors saw a plainclothes officer radioing for backup in a "shaky" voice, and didn't help.

Finally, he made the "occupying army" remark to the Star .

He has, by my count, been "misquoted" by three newspapers. He has twice had an opportunity to behave as a responsible, and kind, citizen, and twice turned his back. In private at the police board, he has been even more outrageous, most recently when he wanted to see a search for the new chief extend to Jamaica and Zimbabwe, hardly bastions of community policing.

ARROGANCE

He has shown, in my opinion, unspeakable arrogance (and no, that is not a code word for uppity) and a disaffection for the truth. Just this week he was saying he had not been notified his \$108,000 contract was cancelled. Wrong. The attorney-general's office confirms a letter went out to him Monday via courier.

Arnold Minors is no victim, but a black supremacist who proves that racism is not the exclusive preserve of the white race. One should listen to him not through a cultural prism, but with a shovel in hand, so that one might dispense first of the unmitigated dung he spews.

ILLUSTRATION:

1. photo by Ian MacDonald

photo of AKUA BENJAMIN

2. photo

ON THE ATTACK ... Led by Akua Benjamin, of the Black Action Defence Committee, black and minority groups rallied behind Arnold Minors at a press conference yesterday, painting him as a victim of the media.

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HEADLINE: GOV'T PROBES ARNOLD-SPEAK

BYLINE: BY CIARAN GANLEY AND JEFF HARDER

TEXT:

Beleaguered police services board member Arnold Minors said he "welcomes" a probe into controversial remarks that threaten his post on the board.

"That's what I want - it'll clear all this up and let us get back to the business of what we on the police services board are supposed to be doing and what I want to continue doing," Minors said.

\$108Gs DEAL

Solicitor General David Christopherson yesterday ordered the Ontario Civil Commission on Police Services to conduct a 60-day probe of the remarks.

The investigation comes two days after the attorney general suspended Minors' \$108,500 contract to teach anti-racism classes to Crown attorneys because he reportedly told pupils that the Jewish Holocaust was "not a racist act."

Earlier, Minors was quoted as saying blacks don't talk to police because "there's a long, long thousand-year history of people not speaking to occupying armies."

'SUFFICIENT'

"There is sufficient cause to warrant a formal investigation," Christopherson said.

In an interview with reporters at his downtown home/office yesterday - from which the Sun and Star were banned - Minors denied ever saying the Holocaust was "not a racist act" but claimed he said the opposite - that the Holocaust "was a racist act." He also said his comments about police being like an occupying army were misinterpreted.

Minors will remain on the board during the review, but could be fired afterward.

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photo of DAVID CHRISTOPHERSON

"Sufficient cause"

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HEADLINE: A MINORS' VICTORY//NDP INQUIRY HAS NO TEETH

BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

TEXT:

Mau-mauing the flak catchers, Tom Wolfe called it - his wondrous phrase for the way, in the late '60s, smart black folks were able to manipulate white liberal guilt to their own ends.

Well, we've always been a little behind in Canada. So it is that three decades later, in the Arnold Minors imbroglio, we are blessed with another splendid example of this curious phenomenon.

For all the stern-sounding noise out of Queen's Park and Metro Police headquarters yesterday from, respectively, Solicitor General David Christopherson and police board chair Susan Eng, one thing remains abundantly clear: Minors has won.

The inquiry Christopherson announced - it will be conducted by the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services and will last 45 to 60 days - has no power to either suspend or remove Minors from the police board, as Murray Chitra, the commission's acting chair, explained yesterday.

That can happen only if, and when, the seven members of the commission, on hearing the results of the first investigation, recommend a second, full public hearing presided over by two or three commission members, and if and when, at its conclusion some weeks or months later after the expenditure of some considerable sum of taxpayer money, those members then decide Minors has somehow breached his statutory duty on the police board and isn't fit to carry on.

Such a public hearing would surely get bogged down in the larger "context" issue - the importance of Minors' skin color and his experience as a black man in then-colonial Bermuda in leading him to compare, as he so clearly did in a taped interview with the Toronto Star (the paper should put the tape on its StarPhone service, so all of us can hear it), the Metro Police force to an "occupying army".

This is the dog's breakfast that second inquiry would likely become, a veritable circus of testimony from experts in pan-African pain and its relevance to African-Canadians; what other issue would there be left for a public hearing to explore after the first inquiry? We are not, after all, dealing with a complicated murder probe here, but literally a simple case of he said-she said. And, if the public inquiry were to be called, you can be confident that when all was said and done, Minors would be forgiven.

Far more likely, I think, is that the commission's investigators will take two months to interview the two key players in this (Minors and the Star reporter who has the "occupying army" quote, in the only context that should matter, i.e., as his response to a simple question about why Metro cops probing a recent triple shooting outside a black club are being met with a wall of silence) and will conclude that, while troublesome, his remark doesn't warrant further action, and that will be that.

At the police board, meanwhile, they are powerless - quite without legal authority - to do anything but exert "moral suasion", as one reporter reminded Susan Eng yesterday. There is, alas, some doubt about whether there is even the will to do that much.

The board, you see, is about to choose a new police chief. Next week, the hired-gun consultants will present the members with a short list - likely with five or six names on it - and do the final, in-depth interviews of these

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candidates, arriving at a decision by Thursday or Friday.

The choosing of the new chief is also Eng's last hurrah - her term is up next May - and so the exercise has in some measure taken on added meaning, especially given the recent struggle for influence between her and Chief Bill McCormack.

It is known that Eng's choice is deputy chief Robert Kerr and that both Minors and Laura Rowe are in the Kerr camp, too. Councillor Norm Gardner and Metro Chairman Alan Tonks are said to be torn between London Chief Julian Fantino and deputy Jim Clark, with Councillor Brian Ashton apparently favoring deputy Dave Boothby. Where Rev. Massey Lombardi will go is still anyone's guess.

How the votes will all shake down in the end is up in the air, but it means, at the starting gate, Eng already has three of the necessary four votes; a loss of even one (Minors) could do critical damage to her chances and Kerr's. Though she seemed yesterday genuinely aggrieved at the way Christopherson has chosen to handle the Minors' problem, it also seemed she would have been satisfied to have him merely explain his remark to the board. Certainly, it's reasonable to wonder how much pressure she would exert on Minors to resign, when the loss of his vote comes at such a price.

The last anyone saw of David Christopherson yesterday was him being chased out of the Queen's Park media studio, down the west stairs and into his car by Vuyiswa Keyi, in her fine African headdress, shouting at him about the railroading of Arnold Minors.

Mau-mauers 1, flak catchers 0.

ILLUSTRATION:

photo by Fred Thornhill

UNDER PRESSURE ... Metro Police Services Board member Arnold Minors closes the door to his home yesterday after letting in a select few from the media.

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HEADLINE: HE'LL STILL HELP PICK NEW CHIEF

BYLINE: BY TRACY NESDOLY, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

Cloud over his head or not, Metro Police Services Board member Arnold Minors will be part of the team making a decision on hiring the next police chief.

And other board members say Solicitor General David Christopherson should have removed that cloud by making a firm decision about Minors' fate yesterday.

Christopherson instead announced a further 60-day review of Minors' comments referring to Metro Police as an "occupying army".

Police board chairman Susan Eng feels the government overreacted.

"I think this ... is an elephant gun used to step on a mosquito ... it would have been more than adequate to have Arnold give a full accounting, a full public accounting ... to the board," Eng said.

Metro chairman and board member Alan Tonks says he's "befuddled" as to why the solicitor general needs a further investigation.

"I think this places an unfortunate cloud over the next phase ... which is to select a new chief," Tonks said.

The police board, including Minors, is expected to meet next week to interview candidates for the top cop job and is expected to announce the new chief Thursday or Friday.

Metro councillor and board member Brian Ashton said he stands by his earlier statement that Minors should resign, and agreed Christopherson should have made a decision yesterday.

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HEADLINE: ROVER ON VOTE LIST

COLUMN: Page Six

BYLINE: BY GARY DUNFORD

TEXT:

THE WOOF VOTE: Though dogs and the dead rarely get the attention they deserve in Toronto municipal elections, we are pleased to acknowledge the existence of Barney K., a dog on the voters' list in Ward 3.

"We were canvassing on Jefferson Ave.," reports a worker in Mario Silva's campaign, "and talking to a man at his door. He glanced at the voters list and noticed his dog, Barney, was on there."

The municipal election lists are produced from provincial assessment rolls, Page Six is told, so there's every likelihood the dog somehow managed to make it on to that list some time ago. Barney may have been voting for years.

"He's registered to vote and we just hope he doesn't spoil his ballot," Silva's canvassers told Page Six. Never gonna happen. Barney's a good dog.

LET'S PRETEND: Seen a new TV spot where Tony Bennett drives a spiffy automobile around the sky - out and around the moon while singing Fly Me to the Moon? Be glad it's Sony he's hustling and not the car manufacturer. We bet neither checked: Bennett's probably the most famous face on planet Earth who's never learned to drive.

THE 60-DAY SOLUTION? So "ousted" was not exactly the operative word for Arnold Minors, despite a Star news headline yesterday. Some press sorts were feeling distinctly duped by "senior government sources." When Solicitor General David Christopherson finally cranked out a non-decision on the Metro Police Services Board's controversial member after a week's investigation, it turned out to be another review, this time a 60-day special. A two-month wait for the other shoe to drop.

"Mr. Minors has made certain public statements that refer to 'occupying armies' during a recent interview," Christopherson's spiel went. "I have asked the (Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services - the former Ontario Police Commission) to inquire into whether Mr. Minors made such statements in relation to the police and whether the making of those statements in whatever context would lead to the conclusion that those comments were incompatible with the role of a police services board member."

Actually 60 days is about the perfect time frame for one Page Sixer's brainstorm ... the Arnold's Occupying Armies Fund. Contributors would stock a kitty to put Mr. Minors on the road, to check if possibly he mis-spoke himself.

"What Minors badly needs is a lot of first-hand contact, close-up looks at occupying armies," our political wit deadpans. "Bosnia comes to mind. Rwanda is another possibility. Perhaps he could check Haiti's occupying army. Wouldn't that give his comments on the exercise of authority by men in uniform here in Ontario a degree of credibility they perhaps don't have at the moment? Not to mention the possibility of a few grievous head wounds."

An adventure vacation? A penny for your thoughts.

YANKEE DOODLE DANDY: We couldn't help but think of Ontario teachers, memorizing the new names of class kids when we came across the 15 "most amusing names of real people" of all time. They were chosen by the authors of The Collectors Compendium of Rare and Unusual Names, a gazetteer of giggly monikers. Imagine yourself an Ontario teach and read the following list aloud:

Magdalena Babbblejack. Phoebe B. Peabody Beebe. Silence Bellows. Sibyl

Bibble Berp. Minnie Minor Botts. Oofy Goofy Bowman. Swanora Cuddleup. Oddie Dinkins. Skidmore Mouseyfoot. Obediah Shegog. Birdie Tinkle. Eloise Tittlekitty. Boobpha Upthampa Pah. Union Uzzle. Yankee Doodle Dangle Wang.

How does a teacher do it with a straight face?

PUMP UP THE VOLUME: Passing gas at a trial is apparently not grounds for appeal in the U.S. Barrister Barry Seltzer ships over a peculiar ruling from Calaveras County, where a defence attorney claimed the prosecutor repeatedly passed wind.

"It was disgusting," said the lawyer, who was representing a burglary defendant. He claims the prosecutor passed gas "about 100 times. He even lifted his leg several times." The defence attorney put his protests into the record after the prosecutor repeatedly farted during the defence's closing argument.

Alas, the objections were overruled.

If you have Canadian precedent law in this matter, we would be pleased to receive it. From a great distance. By telephone.

THE BUZZ: People will believe anything if you whisper it ... In Ottawa, nothing is more desirable than self-important names and new letterhead. This may explain why what used to be Agriculture Canada is now "Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada." Not to be confused with Techno-food ... Can people really be paying \$2-a-minute to reach a 1-900 O.J. Simpson Hotline in the U.S? In ads, would-be chumps are asked to Tell Why You'd Be a Good Juror for O.J... Leave a Message for O.J. ... Say What Sentence O.J. Should Get ... Tell an O.J. Joke ... Tell What Song You Would Dedicate to O.J. ... CBC's Royal Canadian Air Farce has done good business with its best-of-radio sketches on CDs. Now come a best-of-TV collection called the RCAF Video Yearbook, 70 minutes of the troupe's TV sketches. Yes, it includes the gang's delectable opus, Chretien Hospital. The comedy video shows up in Bay and Zellers stores next month.

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HEADLINE: LETTER OF THE DAY COLUMN

COLUMN: Letter of the Day

TEXT:

I AM an immigrant to Canada from Northern Ireland. I came to this beautiful country six years ago to work hard and make a good life for myself and live in peace and harmony with my fellow citizens, as indeed the majority of immigrants have done.

In six short years I cannot believe the decline in standards, morals and law and order here and I cannot believe the stupidity of any government that would allow this to happen.

For example, thanks to the media and, in particular Bob MacDonald of the Toronto Sun, we are all now only too aware of what's been happening up there behind the closed doors of the Metro Toronto Police Services Board for the past five years.

They have all been wasting their time and our taxpayer dollars bickering and fighting with the police chief of this city instead of giving him every assistance in his efforts to protect us, the decent, law-abiding citizens and not the criminals as indeed the government is doing with Bob Rae's archaic laws and looney policies.

Had Arnold Minors stood, as I have done, in the gas chamber of a concentration camp (Dachau, W. Germany), maybe he would change his views on the Holocaust. How dare he insult our fellow Canadians of the Jewish faith.

This entire Metro Toronto Police Services Board should be disbanded immediately. They are an insult to all of us and a waste of taxpayers' money. Then you should set up a board to deal with the myriad of problems which affect us all - crime, violence, immigration, welfare, health fraud, etc. because they are crippling the Canada of today and the sooner the government wakes up to that fact, the better.

Elizabeth A. Jordan

Toronto

(Very well put)

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HEADLINE: THE BEST OF MINORS//THE MAN IN HIS OWN WORDS

BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

TEXT:

He's been misquoted and misrepresented and taken out of context, or so he says, but Arnold Minors just can't stop talking.

What follows, from various publications and documents, is the man in his own words:

- Pride Magazine, Oct. 6-12, 1994, issue:

"I don't plan my career or life that way. Something comes to me about what to do next and sometime later, it happens. The universe brings what I want if I'm clear enough about it. It's almost metaphysical. I get messages from the universe for what it's time to do next. When the call comes, I literally respond."

- Share newspaper, April 21, 1994, on why blacks shouldn't criticize black leaders:

"Blacks should not assume that they have an individual right to criticize members of the family - because the criticism will be picked up, especially by certain segments of the mainstream media, and used against all blacks. We have to stop talking about our family business in public and do it in private."

- June 27, 1994, from a letter Minors wrote on police board letterhead to the Law Society of Upper Canada about the conduct of lawyer Todd Archibald, who at one point represented the board at the Lester Donaldson inquest:

"... I write to you about an issue of serious concern to me. The matter involves how Mr. T. Archibald ... represented the Board ... I do not know whether Mr. Archibald has violated any of the Law Society's rules."

The next month, the Law Society wrote the board, asking it to clarify whether Minors' complaint was private, or if the complaint was on behalf of the board. The board later notified the Law Society the complaint was private.

Minors' action also sparked a letter from Metro Chairman Alan Tonks, who on July 15 wrote Susan Eng that "I was dismayed at the content of Mr. Minors' letter" and that it would have been "more appropriate" for Minors to raise the matter at a board meeting. "This is particularly the case," Tonks said, "when the complaint focuses to some extent on confidential board material."

- From Towards Eliminating Racism, a November, 1992, report he wrote for the Ontario Human Rights Commission:

"The Commission was taking a bold step when it hired a planning assistant to assist the Anti-Racism Committee in obtaining the information necessary to develop an effective anti-racism strategy. The Commission is to be congratulated for taking that bold step."

Minors was the planning assistant. He was paid \$11,329 for his work.

- From the same report, on why he interviewed 36 visible minority employees of the Commission but only "a few employees" who were white, all chosen at random by him:

"The decision to pay attention to description of experiences of racism by racial minority and Aboriginal people does not, I believe, damage notions of due process. Instead, I believe that due process will be enhanced by a deeper and broader understanding of the pattern of experiences of racism described by racial minority and Aboriginal people."

- From the same report, Minors' recommendation No. 4:

"That, for any manager, failure to respond to expressions of racism or complaints about racism be sufficient grounds for immediate dismissal."

- The Toronto Star, Aug. 7, 1993:

"If you are white, you have privilege or at least the possibility of having privilege. And people who have privilege have a higher responsibility, just like people who have guns.

"If you do not understand that, you may unwittingly be contributing to the problem of racism. But then, fish don't know water. White people are the fish - and everything around them is the water."

- The Star, Sept. 26, 1993, on why he applied to medical school and thought once of being an obstetrician-gynecologist:

"I like women and I'd heard about how some doctors treated them."

- From the same Star story:

"I like the chaos of political systems."

- Share newspaper, Sept. 30, 1993, issue, on taking the torch from the man he replaced on the police board, Roy Williams, the first black to sit on the board:

"If you are going to blaze a trail, take out the rocks. If you are going to pass on a torch, then tell them how hot it is."

- From Towards Eliminating Racism, on how non-whites may come to discriminate:

"It is important to note that people of color and Aboriginal people may discriminate in employment, for example, against other Aboriginal persons or persons of color. In doing so, however, they are using the referred power of members of the dominant (i.e., white) culture."

- Share newspaper, Oct. 20, 1994, speaking about the Toronto Sun and the quotes attributed to him:

"Not one of these things they have said about me has turned out to be true."

- Share, same edition:

"I am very aware that the work I do is followed by people, who, for example, don't want me to be on the police services board, and I am very careful in what I say."

As a rejoinder, I would refer Mr. Minors to the 1960 hit by Joe Jones, and quote its opening line, "You talk too much, you worry me to death."

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ARNOLD MINORS ... Police board member being investigated for remarks.

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HEADLINE: WE NEED LEADERS, NOT DEMAGOGUES

BYLINE: BY LORRIE GOLDSTEIN

TEXT:

What does it mean to be a "leader?" Is it enough, when confronted by a burning house to simply shout "fire?"

Or do real leaders do more? Warn those inside. Fight the fire. Try to keep it from spreading.

When Police Services Board member (still) Arnold Minors says the reason some blacks won't talk to the police about the Tae's Restaurant shooting is that they see the police as an occupying army, is that leadership?

It's certainly shouting "fire."

It may even express, badly, a perception we all know exists.

But what, given that re-ality, does a leader do? Let me give you an example of writing that I think comes from a leader. This editorial "An Ominous Silence" in the Oct. 21-27 issue of the North American edition of the Jamaican Gleaner, was written by Editor Gail Scala of the Gleaner's Toronto office. Listen.

"Steven Anthony Braithwaite lost his life by the bullet outside Tae's Restaurant and Nite Club in Toronto's west end on Oct. 17 at 3:17 a.m. Two other men . . . at press time were in hospital in critical condition as a result of bullet wounds. This is the third time, in one month, a shooting outside of an after hours club has resulted in a senseless death. Once again, those who witnessed the shooting are deaf, dumb and blind. No one, it seems, saw anything or heard anything. At least that is what the police are led to believe when their pleas to the public to come forward with any information to help them apprehend the killers seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

"Insiders say there are several reasons that contribute to the lack of support from members of the black community with the police. A poor relationship that harbors an 'us against them' attitude; fear of retaliation on the families and friends of the victims; many patrons of nightclubs and dancehalls are, in fact, illegal immigrants and a general feeling by the public that because many of these victims are known to the police . . . they deserve what they got. Despite police assurances the Crime Stoppers Department guarantees absolute anonymity that those who call in are not identified by phone numbers or tapped phone lines, there is still the belief that the police cannot be trusted.

"Indeed, trust is what it all boils down to. We in the Jamaican community need to trust our instincts and pull our heads out of the sand because playing ostrich is destroying our community. A large proportion of the criminals from the black community are Jamaicans, and whether we like it or not, we need to take more accountability not for the crime committed, but for what we have not done to publicly suppress its insidious spread.

"Refusing to co-operate with the police proves that we are acting as irresponsible, uncaring human beings. Cries of police brutality must be put aside for another time and another place. Using those excuses as a crutch to justify hiding information that will help to rid our community of vicious criminals who have no respect for human life, will, in the long run, only result in our continued loss of credibility and respect . . .

"Our leaders must develop a strong backbone to stand tall and lead our community in a march to trample these destructive forces. Our actions, or lack of them, is just as damning as the ominous silence from the patrons of the

nightclubs. By our silence we are not helping to protect ourselves from public criticism, but rather, we are allowing our fear of these criminals to turn us into their victims."

Now there's leadership. But don't kid yourselves, folks. Because if you're nodding your head in approval at what Scala has written, then you have to take the whole package.

And Scala says she has deep concerns about the way police deal with blacks based on the huge number of times people "have called our offices, or people have told me to my face - and these are decent law-abiding citizens - that they have been pulled over by the police, on the highway or wherever they're going, pushed up spread-eagled and searched on the mere suspicion they might have been carrying drugs in their car."

And Scala, having grilled Audrey Smith (who went to The Gleaner before she went to the mainstream press) believes Smith is telling the truth.

So leaders won't always tell you what you want to hear. But can we afford to dismiss someone so honest about the problems on the one side when she asks us at least to look at the other?

And finally, why aren't people like Scala in the media's Golden Rolodex while Dudley Laws is?

I wish I had a happy ending.

But I spoke with homicide Det. Mark Mendelson yesterday and while there's been a few tips through Crime Stoppers on the Tae's shooting, no such luck.

Mendelson had just come back from the hospital where he'd seen the two wounded victims.

"We've had more witnesses hang around for a car accident," he said. "I've wasted a lot of time looking for the patrons and not investigating the murder. It's sad. All we're trying to do is help. If people are fearful the best way to alleviate that is to put the people who committed this crime in jail."

Do the words of Det. Mendelson sound so unreasonable? Do the words, all the words, of Gail Scala, sound so unreasonable?

And within them, can we not find common ground?

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HEADLINE: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COLUMN

COLUMN: Letters to the Editor

TEXT:

WHEN POLICE chief Bill McCormack leaves on June 1, 1995, he should join the Conservative party and run in Bob Rae's riding in the next provincial election!

G.W. Bailey

Bolton

(Whatever the chief does, we wish him well)

CONSIDERING THE apathy that usually surrounds municipal elections, here's a couple of lines the voters might want to think about. They're taken from Morley Callaghan's They Shall Inherit the Earth, and are spoken by a character who is angry because "I guess civic politics is pretty much comic relief, and I suppose it's all right if you can look at it that way, but I get worked up just as I do over a sporting event. I mean I hate the way everybody goes for the same hypocrisy year after year, but I guess there's nothing to do but bite your nails and like it, is there?"

Irv Weiss

Downsview

(They take a hypocritic oath)

AS YOU know, on Wed., Sept. 28, members of the Metro Toronto Police Force lost a brother and friend. Constable John Knight died violently, in a motor vehicle collision while performing his duties as a police officer. The first officers on the scene of the accident, were all members of "D" Platoon from various Scarboro stations. Members from these units, carried out their job very professionally, even though it was very hard for them to deal with the death of a fellow officer and friend. Since the accident, members of "D" Platoon have received a great deal of support, both emotional and otherwise, from fellow officers, senior officers, and an outpouring of sympathy from the public. Their comments, flowers and attendance, at Officer Knight's funeral service, show respect and concern for Officer Knight and for us. We, the members of "D" platoon of East Traffic Unit, would like to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to all those who have supported us during this sad and emotional time. We take comfort in knowing that John Knight will not be forgotten, but will be remembered as the excellent person and police officer that he was.

"D" platoon,

East Traffic Unit

Metro Toronto Police Force

(You have our sympathy and our gratitude)

THANK YOU for your recent article on breast reconstruction, "Choosing breast reconstruction," (Marilyn Linton, Oct. 16). Speaking as a woman who has had breast reconstruction under the expert care of Dr. Semple and being very happy with the results, I agree with Dr. Semple's comment that "one reason more women don't choose it is because they don't know about it." This article will assist other women to be aware of all options available to them in making this very important decision.

Diana Sayers

Mississauga

(We hope so)

RE THE subway swarming and youth violence in detention centres: I'll bet

this isn't very common in Singapore.

Bob Greenbury
Claremont

(You could be right)

ALL OF my life I have been against capital punishment, holding the view that two wrongs don't make a right and that capital punishment, though carried out following due process of the law, could send an innocent person beyond recall. That still bothers me. However, since coming to Canada from Scotland 27 years ago, I have noted the increase in the use of guns and other deadly weapons in the pursuit of crime and the call for more gun-control laws. The experience has changed my views on capital punishment somewhat. I would like to offer a solution to violent crime involving the use of deadly weapons. These weapons are used to intimidate their victims, to inflict bodily harm and/or to kill them. First of all, capital punishment would have to be reintroduced. Then it should be decreed that anyone found in possession of an illegal gun or any other deadly weapon should face a minimum of 10 yrs. in prison and for possession or use of use of such in pursuance of a crime, the ultimate penalty of death according to the law.

Robert McCance
Etobicoke

(It might very well be an effective deterrent)

YOUR PAPER noted that Arnold Minors earned himself a place in Bob Rae's doghouse for his stellar idiotic comments of late. Well for all the ministers and Rae appointees that have landed in the doghouse with this NDP circus (caucus) I figure the doghouse is more like a dog pound, full of bad, unwanted and stray dogs. When pounds get too full we know what inevitably happens.

Liz Jucusta
Toronto
(Fleas?)

PROBABLY ONE of the most memorable quotes in the current decade was made by that great emancipator, Stephen Lewis, at Rae's election headquarters in 1990: "I look forward to four years of pure unadulterated joy." It ranks with Drapeau's statement on the 1976 Olympic deficit, not quite in the class of Neville Chamberlain's "peace in our time" but definitely deserving of Canadian immortality.

J.J. Ball

(Nothing can go wrong)

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HEADLINE: BRITISH NOT LIKE NAZIS//JEWISH LEADER:

BYLINE: BY TRISH TERVIT, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

There is no similarity between the British attitude toward Irish Catholics and the Nazi attitude toward Jews, says the vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada.

"There's no comparison to the Holocaust in which six million women and children were lined up and shot," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of the human rights group.

Dimant's position was in response to an article in the Saturday Sun quoting embattled police services board member Arnold Minors as saying in a CFRB interview that the British attitude toward the Irish Catholics at the turn of the century was "exactly comparable" to Nazi attitude toward Jews.

Dimant wouldn't respond to Minors' statement, saying he didn't actually hear the CFRB broadcast.

"He may very well deny the statement," Dimant said.

NO COMPARISON

But the Jewish leader said no one should make a comparison between the British and Nazis.

The ultimate aim of the Nazis was the elimination of the Jews and the British didn't desire to do the same to the Irish, Dimant said.

"I'm surprised anyone would even contemplate a comparison," he said.

Minors has been under fire recently after allegations he told several Crown attorneys in an anti-racism seminar that the Holocaust was not a racist act.

Minors is under investigation by Solicitor General David Christopherson for an Oct. 19 story in the Toronto Star in which he's quoted as comparing the Metro Police force to an occupying army.

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HEADLINE: AN INDECENT HASTE

COLUMN: Editorial

TEXT:

It's dumb and arrogantly undemocratic to have politicians who may not hold their post in weeks or months fill two of Metro's most powerful jobs right now.

It's incredible we even have to raise this topic.

After all, appointing a new police chief and a new transit chief general manager will have an impact far beyond this month, yet the decisions are to be made within days.

Why the rush?

Could it be the last gasp of a discredited approach?

Shouldn't the new members of the police services board and the Toronto Transit Commission be the ones making the choice, not the old ones at the end of their mandates?

Traditionally and in law, councils facing an election do not conduct new business. This certainly applies here because Metro council, which has an election Nov. 14, selects seven members to be transit commissioners and another three for the police board.

And in addition, the present head of the police board, Susan Eng, is through as a provincial appointee in May, and another provincial appointee, Arnold Minors, is under investigation for inappropriate statements - and let's not forget his actions. He should be gone soon, too.

Metro council may be a sleepy body where a third of its members were acclaimed, yet some of the new appointees are bound to be different.

For example, one Metro candidate in Don Parkway is Gordon Chong. Chong's a fine fellow who has written a Sun column.

He's a municipal veteran who has been a transit commissioner and would like to be on the police board. Chong would be a logical appointee to either agency and would have a different perspective than the present appointees, one of whom isn't even running for re-election.

Metro spends more than a billion dollars annually on our police force and transit commission, both of which have been controversial recently.

There is no emergency, no crisis that must be solved now, to justify some of these men and women wanting to reach from beyond the grave of their present job to leave a legacy for tomorrow.

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HEADLINE: NEW POLICE CHIEF NAMED THIS WEEK

TEXT:

Metro will know Thursday morning who its new chief of police is, police services board insiders say.

Board members met yesterday to vet a short list of candidates to be interviewed today and tomorrow.

There are "no more than six" candidates, the insiders say. Because some candidates are from outside Metro, the list is under wraps to protect careers.

Insiders say three officers from the Metro force have applied and are already on the short list: deputies Jim Clark, David Boothby and Bob Kerr.

Kerr is widely considered chairman Susan Eng's choice.

It is believed board members Arnold Minors and Laura Rowe are supporters as well.

Norm Gardner and Metro Chairman Alan Tonks are said to back either Clark or Chief Julian Fantino, of London, Ont., whose candidacy is rumored.

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HEADLINE: CHIEF D-DAY//FEMALE COP IN THE RUNNING

BYLINE: BY TRACY NESDOLY AND JOE WARMINGTON, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

The race for Metro's new police chief took a surprising turn yesterday with the emergence of a woman as a dark-horse candidate.

Christine Silverberg, 44, deputy chief in charge of administration with Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police, is the first woman considered for the \$150,000 job.

Silverberg, who did a 21/2-year stint in the solicitor general's ministry and was a Peel Region officer with a master's degree in criminology, was interviewed by the police services board yesterday.

Silverberg told the Sun from her Orangeville home last night: "I did attend Metro headquarters for an interview, but it would be unprofessional of me to comment about it."

She said "it's an honor" to be the first woman considered for the prestigious position.

Metro is expected to know by tonight who'll replace Bill McCormack as chief.

Meanwhile, a quiet, unassuming and largely unknown Catholic priest may hold the key to who the next chief will be.

Sources say police board member Massey Lombardi is being non-committal and evasive about who he's supporting for chief and yesterday was being lobbied by the contingent supporting Deputy Chief Bob Kerr and the faction backing London Chief Julian Fantino or Metro Deputy Chief Jim Clark.

Controversial board member Arnold Minors is taking part in the process.

Board member Brian Ashton, who has indicated he's supporting Deputy David Boothby, said last night there will "probably only be one round" of voting for the next chief.

He said he's not committed to Boothby but has been using him as the benchmark against which he compares other candidates. The successful candidate must have a majority, or at least four votes.

Silverberg, who is also on the short list for the Ottawa-Carleton police force, said her most direct counterpart on the Metro force is Kerr, also in charge of administration.

Kerr is widely considered to be the favorite of board chairman Susan Eng, and members Laura Rowe and Minors.

Board members Norm Gardner and Alan Tonks are said to favor either Fantino or Clark.

Also interviewed yesterday were Metro deputies Boothby and Clark. Fantino and Kerr will be interviewed today.

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1. photo of CHRISTINE SILVERBERG

"It's an honor"

2. photo of WILLIAM MCCORMACK

Out next year

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HEADLINE: ALL SERGIO HAS DONE IS TINKER

BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

TEXT:

What we needed was leadership; what we got was politics.

Four briefing books with grand titles (Into the 21st Century, A Broader Vision, etc.) later, after all was said and done yesterday, this is what Sergio Marchi and the federal Liberals have offered a country in crisis.

Marchi's "overhaul" of the Canadian immigration and refugee system amounts to tinkering. The numbers have been adjusted here and there (fewer immigrants over all, more refugees); there are some sensible reforms promised down the road (the bonds proposed for those who sponsor immigrants, this to alleviate the whopping burden now borne by Canada's social welfare system); there is splendid talk of renewed partnerships.

What's missing is a recognition of the immense problems plaguing Canada, many of them with their roots in immigration.

DEBATE LACKING

What's missing is the honest engagement of Canadians in the great undebated debate - should a country founded on predominantly white European immigration be looking, as Canada clearly does now and has for a number of years, to Asia, Africa and Central and South America for the bulk of its new immigrants?

What's missing, in the discussion of refugees, are the central changes Marchi has made to the federal Immigration and Refugee Board, replacing so-called patronage appointments with refugee advocates and immigration lawyers; making Michael Schelew, the refugee's best friend, deputy chair of the board, and allowing him free rein to pressure members to come up with more and more positive decisions; Marchi's own failure to stand up for his staff and the laws of the country both by not fighting in the Federal Court appeals of IRB rejections.

The refugee board, under the Liberals, has become a pet of the advocacy community. This is how things are, at the moment and for the foreseeable future, at the board. How can the government ignore these realities and dare to pretend it is taking a hard look at our refugee policy? Where, to quote Arnold Minors, is the context?

Hard numbers, in most cases, are also missing.

Due largely to vigorous lobbying from the Region of Peel, which will spend almost \$2 million this year to support on welfare immigrants whose sponsors have kissed them off, we now know that nationally, immigrants abandoned by their sponsors cost between \$600 million and \$700 million a year, and Marchi is at least suggesting some remedies.

But what about health-care costs for the same group of people and for refugee claimants, like the 55-year-old man from Fiji who is now getting three-times-a-week dialysis in Vancouver, who use the refugee system as a ticket to expensive medical treatment?

There is, in all the documents released yesterday, virtually no talk of the integrity of the immigration and refugee systems. What are Canadians to think, for instance, of the fact that there are about 8,000 folks, many from Somalia, who have had their refugee claims accepted, but who don't have sufficient documentation to be granted status as landed immigrants. What this means, essentially, is that we don't know who these people are.

The government's discussion of criminality among immigrants says it all.

"A few violent unfortunate incidents have led Canadians to question the

immigration program's ability to control who enters and remains in the country and to remove those who violate our laws," one document reads. 187

SPARKED FURY

This is how Ottawa describes the shooting of Metro Police Consts. Todd Baylis and Mike Leone last summer. It was this incident - and the subsequent arrest, for Baylis' murder, of Clinton Junior Gayle, a Jamaican immigrant who had been ordered deported two years ago but allowed, through lack of interest and carelessness, to remain in the country - which sparked Canadians' interest in immigration and fuelled their rage.

That fury eventually led Sergio Marchi to do the little that he did yesterday. As one of my more cynical colleagues remarked, after reading the government's bumpf, "I would guess, if another Metro cop isn't shot next year, we'll be right back to square one." Right, I fear, he is.

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SHORT

BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

TEXT:

The saving grace, it must be said, is David Boothby himself.

He is a fine officer, popular, and a reasonable, intelligent and rather lovely human being. Probably, as Metro Councillor Brian Ashton said of him last night, "He will flower in the job."

But the new Metro Toronto police chief, right now, is not the story.

The story is the man who could have, and should have, ended up sitting in that seventh-floor office. That man is Julian Fantino, the London, Ont., chief who, when the Metro Police Services Board began its deliberations at 3 o'clock yesterday, already had three of seven votes.

All he needed was one more.

The truth of how he fell short is, on a personal level, a tragedy - the tale of a man who arrived in Canada as an 11-year-old, the child of poor Italian parents, came to symbolize all that is decent and honorable about the immigrant work ethic, and who ended up being portrayed, at the board, as a homophobic racist.

TRIUMPH FOR NDP

More significantly, in the larger picture, Julian Fantino's failure is nothing less than the failure of democracy, the triumph of New Democratic government-appointed board members over the elected minority, and, most soberingly, proof that those who are chosen to represent special-interest groups represent in the end, against all common sense, the wishes of their narrow communities.

Metro Councillors Ashton and Norm Gardner and Metro Chair Alan Tonks - now seeking the vote of the people in the current election - were all in Fantino's corner when the board, after sandwiches, got down to business.

Fantino also had as ringing an endorsement by the hired-gun consultants the board used in the hiring process as any of the five candidates. A measure of that is the fact that it was one of them, Paul Stanley, who phoned Fantino early last night to break the news.

On the other side were the appointees - Laura Rowe, a frail woman who came to the board three years ago and promptly identified herself publicly as a lesbian (just as she had, privately, in the resume she submitted to Premier Bob Rae) and who has made real efforts to reach out to ordinary police officers; Arnold Minors, the embattled black man who has done nothing but stumble from one controversy to another in his cursed time on the board and who is now the subject of two separate government probes; Rev. Massey Lombardi, a soft-spoken Roman Catholic priest, and chair Susan Eng, the former tax lawyer-cum-race relations advocate appointed by the Liberals and given the chair's job by the NDP.

Three of those four - Eng, Rowe and Minors - were committed to Deputy Chief Robert Kerr. At this stage, only Lombardi was unaligned.

Chair Tonks quickly suggested a vote. What followed instead was a discussion, later characterized by Eng as "full and frank", during which every member laid out how he or she would vote in a first go-round.

At some point in this discussion, which lasted about an hour, it became clear that Lombardi couldn't bring himself to vote for Fantino, and that no one from the pro-Kerr side would swing over. The Fantino backers, realizing

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they would not win the day, switched horses with the ease that only
politicians can bring to such an exercise: Boothby was now their man. 188

Lombardi allowed that he, too, liked Boothby, the appointed trio recognized they would, push come to shove, be outgunned, and struck the "consensus" of which they are now so proud. There never was a vote.

The question is, Why? Why could neither Rowe nor Minors nor Eng nor Lombardi vote Julian Fantino? What was it about this engaging, remarkably honest man that none of them liked?

SHOCKING ANSWERS

The answers are repugnant and shocking.

Rowe wouldn't vote for him because there is a perception, in her gay and lesbian community, that Fantino is homophobic, a perception that arises out of Fantino's leadership role in the London force's huge anti-child pornography ring. Some of the dozens charged in this sordid investigation are gay adult males who allegedly recruited children to act in graphic kiddy-porn movies.

During his board interview, the Sun has learned, Fantino was told of a letter, written by Rev. Brent Hawkes, the activist pastor of the gay Metropolitan Community Church in Toronto, to the board painting Fantino as anti-gay. Rowe raked him over the coals about this at length.

Minors wouldn't vote for Fantino because of a furor dating back to early 1989, when, as the top cop in 31 Division, Fantino was asked by a local race-relations committee - a committee on which his boss, then-deputy chief Wally Tyrrell, sat - to come up with statistics about black crime in the troubled Jane-Finch corridor. Fantino did as he was asked; the stats showed that though blacks made up only 6% of the local population, they accounted for a large portion of criminal activity; Fantino was promptly flayed by black leaders.

Eng wouldn't vote for Fantino for those reasons - and perhaps because he headed Metro's first Asian-crime squad, and Eng doesn't like crime, ever, to be described in such terms.

And Lombardi's reasons? They were probably a combination of all of the above; certainly, from the get-go, the priest's body language when Fantino was in the room spoke volumes.

He protected the children of southwestern Ontario by arresting those who used them as sexual toys; how is this anti-gay? He found out the truth about black crime in his division, only when he was asked to do so, and spoke it; how is this racist?

Someone said, of Julian Fantino's interview with the board, that, "It was like death in there." Well, it is like death out here, too, every bit as dark and dreadful.

ILLUSTRATION:

1. photo by Bill Sandford

TOUGH LOSS ... London chief Julian Fantino fell victim to the interests of a government-appointed board. Also pictured are the other losing candidates.

2. photo of CHRISTINE SILVERBERG

First woman considered

3. photo of BOB KERR

Deputy Chief

4. photo of JIM CLARK

Deputy Chief

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BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

TEXT:

The jolliness at Metro Police headquarters for the past 36 hours has been palpable.

Whenever else has anyone seen Susan Eng and Bill McCormack and Arnold Minors smiling in the same room, let alone for approximately the same reasons?

The message has been unmistakably clear, and by and large, in the media and in politics and on the force, everyone is in dutiful lockstep - rallying 'round the new chief and marching, arm-in-arm, into the rosy future.

Such is the shiny side of this coin, and it is not to be dismissed, especially after months of dreary in-fighting between Eng and McCormack, especially because there is reason for optimism. His name is David Boothby.

But there is a dark side, complete with whisper campaign, innuendo, and the kind of indefensible accusation best characterized by the line, "And when did you stop beating your wife, sir?"

This, in essence, is what happened to London Chief Julian Fantino.

When he walked into his interview with the Metro Police Services Board on Wednesday, the majority of those in the room - the four provincial appointees - were dead-set against him. If Eng, Minors, Rev. Massey Lombardi and Laura Rowe knew one thing, it was that they didn't want Fantino running Metro.

The truth may be that Fantino is too independent for them, too much beloved, too stubborn and forthright.

The excuse was something else. The excuse was there is a perception, in both the gay and black "communities", as special-interest groups are now so cutely described, that Fantino is homophobic and racist, a kiss of death in modern Toronto if there ever was one.

The irony is that in each case, the perception is the creation of the very communities who now cry foul.

It was about 18 months ago when a bagful of sex videotapes was turned into the London Police - the beginnings of what became, with Solicitor-General David Christopherson's blessing, a southern Ontario-wide joint task force called Project Guardian. Once described as a "kiddie-porn ring" - after the original videotapes that showed boys in sex acts and which were peddled - the operation has since evolved into a child-exploitation investigation.

NONE ACQUITTED

So far, London Supt. Jim Balmain said yesterday, 41 individuals have been charged with 320 criminal offences and a total of 1,611 counts. Sixty victims, the youngest seven years old, have been identified. Eighteen accused men have pleaded guilty, receiving sentences that range from 15 years to probation.

Not one person has yet been acquitted.

Not a single charge has yet been withdrawn, and, says Balmain, "none will be".

From the start, Balmain says, London detectives were explicitly warned not to make any connection between their investigation and homosexuality. "We have purposely avoided tainting our gay community," he says. "I told our officers I didn't want to hear them use the word homosexual - the gay community is no more interested in molesting children than the heterosexual community is."

This, of course, is precisely what gay leaders say themselves, and in a different situation (say, during the recent debate over same-sex benefits, when so many irrational fears about gay life were being debated publicly), the

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approach would have won praise.

But the London probe was touchier because many of the victims were teen hustlers, a fact that complicated things for gay activists, some of whom have long argued that the law which makes anal sex illegal for those under 18 is anti-gay. A sub-head in an Xtra story summed up that point of view beautifully; "Of 37 arrests, only two were charged with possessing child porn - most of the others are gay men who happen to like having anal sex".

In truth, says Jim Balmain, is that many of the accused liked having anal sex with young people, and that they preyed upon teens who were already dysfunctional, eager for affection, and easily manipulated.

In any case, it was Xtra which made the leap between the London investigation and homophobia and further linked that attitude to Fantino.

The Metro police board, meanwhile, had hired its consultants to run the hiring process for the new chief, and part of their work, Metro Chair Alan Tonks was saying yesterday, was a series of focus groups - with Metro officers, among others, but also with "special-interest groups" in Toronto, including the gay community. Those groups, in turn, were invited to write the board describing, in general terms, what they would like to see in a new chief.

Most of the dozen or so letters sent in fell into this category. One stood out. It was from Rev. Brent Hawkes, the activist pastor of the gay Metropolitan Community Church, and it said, according to Tonks, "we can under no circumstances accept Julian Fantino".

1989 FUROR

It sunk him with Laura Rowe, the lesbian. It probably cemented the view of Arnold Minors, who would have remembered the 1989 furor, so similar to this, over Fantino's production of statistics which showed that black crime in the Jane-Finch corridor, where Fantino was then running 31 Division, was disproportionately high. In fact, Fantino had been asked to get those statistics by the local race-relations committee, but in the outrage over what the statistics said, no one cared why they existed, only that they did, and Fantino was too much the good soldier to ever lament how he had been trapped.

The perception of Fantino - a racist homophobe picking on poor black criminals and nice gay men who only wanted to have consensual sex with willing teens - bore no resemblance to the facts, or the truth.

But then, as Susan Eng has so often said and suggested, perception is as important as reality - and right, in the end, she was.

ILLUSTRATION:

photo

PERCEPTION PROBLEM ... Julian Fantino lost in his bid for top cop in Metro after running afoul of gay and black communities, thus losing the votes of Laura Rowe and probably Arnold Minors.

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COLUMN: Letters to the Editor

TEXT:

MANY, MANY times I have seen a large corporation try to win the public over with goodwill gestures. This does not always work because the general public is bombarded by this type of thing day in and day out. This Halloween however, I observed a Roger's Cable van, complete with flashing pumpkin patrolling the streets of my neighborhood in Whitby. This came as a total surprise to me as I has not heard any mention of this in the media. It was a good feeling to know that not only my neighbors were watching out for each other's children but also an employee from Rogers Cable was scanning the streets for trouble. No, I am not an employee of Rogers, nor do I know anyone who works for them. I don't imagine anyone paid Rogers to do this, nor do I believe it would be a tax write-off. This appears to be an expense to Rogers itself. It would be nice to see more large corporations getting involved in this type of thing in the future to make a safer environment on a night devoted to kids. I am an appreciative father.

Garry Hook

Whitby

(Good for Rogers)

I AM confused. On Oct. 12 Chief William McCormack descended the stairs of police headquarters and in the presence of his officers and supporters publicly defied the authority of the police services board, referring to himself as the servant of the people and not an employee of that board. Weeks later, a member of that same board, Arnold Minors, referred to the chief and his officers as an "occupying army." The chief's actions and opinions are greeted with "stay chief." Minors' actions and opinions are condemned by your headline, "Minors in major trouble." I am confused!

Wesley Dolphin

Scarboro

(No kidding)

RE WE need leaders, not demagogues, (Sun, Oct. 28): "What does it mean to be a leader?" Lorrie Goldstein asks. A leader must be able to define and articulate a positive future that will attract followers to his cause, and challenge anything that stands in their common way. What distinguishes a leader from a demagogue is that the actions he advocates to overcome the challenges lie within a framework of high principles. As an example, Martin Luther King Jr. was arguably one of the five best leaders spawned this century. Without the benefit of an office of power, with only his dream, his drive, his oratorical abilities and his unswerving principles, Dr. King changed a nation. Mahatma Gandhi (another of the top five) freed a nation with the same simple tools. Demagogues who are self-styled, self-proclaimed "leaders," by contrast, accomplish little more than starting fights; when they win, they enslave those they "free." A leader inspires; a demagogue incites. A leader swells the soul; a demagogue shrinks it. A leader seeks justice for all - a demagogue, revenge. A leader is principled - a demagogue, primitive. Balance and fairness are among the principles leaders hold dear. In these days of demagogic profusion and confusion, the balance in Goldstein's words was a pleasure to encounter.

G. Brock Maxwell

West Hill

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COLUMN: Letter of the Day

TEXT:

RE HYPOCRISY - Minors' comments: I am confused! Salman Rushdie, whose views are clearly offensive to almost a billion people - but appealing to Eurocentric sentiments - was recently embraced and welcomed by Premier Bob Rae under the banner "freedom of speech."

Yet when Arnold Minors offers insight (re his police comments) - urgently needed these days if honest solutions are sought - he is attacked for his views because they do not appeal to Eurocentric sentiments.

Instead of examining the community/police relations in the light of this insight - supposedly enlightened and tolerant Canadians are sending a message to minorities: "Do not even dare to express a viewpoint that offends Eurocentric sensibilities."

Similarly, when Minors offers to correct a historical misconception, he is likely to get fired. Who can honestly dispute his statement the Holocaust was not a "racial" event. If the killings in Ireland are not racial, but "religious," then it is quite accurate, that the Holocaust, involving only caucasians, was not a "racial" event but one of "religious intolerance." Again, Minors, who offers new insight is under attack for his statement, not because it is not accurate, but because it goes against the Eurocentric viewpoint of history.

The sad irony is that this Eurocentric perspective is racist but hides behind the facade of "tolerance." This tolerance, it now seems clear, is reserved only for certain segments of society.

I implore everyone affected by Minors' comments to re-examine them with honesty and integrity and let their evaluations be guided by justice and not sentiment.

Ahmed Motiar

Thornhill

(What an outrageous proposition! You demonstrate an amazing ignorance about what constitutes "racism" in general and the Holocaust and the situation in Northern Ireland in particular. Your remark about the persecuted Salman Rushdie is offensive)

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HEADLINE: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COLUMN

COLUMN: Letters to the Editor

TEXT:

IN A recent edition, Eric Margolis claimed that the Greek-American lobby was responsible for sabotaging Turkish-American relations. I can assure Margolis that Turkey continues to receive generous support from her American patrons. Turkey collected over \$550 million last year, and her Most Favored Nation status was renewed with little fuss. This despite Turkey's continued military occupation of Northern Cyprus, barbaric repression of the Kurdish minority, and antagonistic stance towards Greece. Once again, one wonders why Margolis chose to avoid the facts. His bait of painting grossly distorted pictures of world events has blossomed into a fully formed art.

Phil Triadafilopoulos

Willowdale

(How long can people go on hat-ing each other?)

AS A home-grown Chathamite, I would like to respond to Gary Dunford's Page 6 column of Oct. 29 which dealt with City welcome signs. Being transplanted to the Hamilton area for academic reasons a little over two years ago, I have read the Toronto Sun for most of that time (much to the discouragement of some of my professors). During this time, Chatham, a city of 43,000 has been slammed far too many times, and if I remember correctly, mostly in this column. As most other cities, Chatham does have its problems (mainly the police department), but it does not deserve the merciless jokes about its people, 99% of whom are decent. The other 1% are like the 10% of Toronto residents that we read about in your paper every day. It is almost as if Dunford needs to make other cities look bad so he doesn't feel as bad about T.O. I still don't feel the need to look over my shoulder walking in downtown Chatham at night. Toronto, on the other hand, would cause me to glance back every once in a while. As for welcome signs, how about "Hamilton, we burn churches for fun."

Keith A. Medenblik

Ancaster

(Lighten up)

TO THE nut who wrote about the sidewalks not being safe for rollerbladers: Does he not realize the sidewalks were made for people?

Luba Williams

Scarboro

(Probably not)

THE COMMENT of Arnold Minors that our police force is an occupying army, it seems to me, is the reverse of actuality. By definition, an occupying army must be invaders, whereas our police force are our defenders. It is the opponents of our police force who are the invaders. The criminals are invading our homes and person. Those parts of the black community who oppose our police force are invading our standards of ethics and our way of life. The Canadian way of life is under seige by newcomers who choose to come here because it is a great country and then immediately start to undermine the very standards and institutions that make it great.

W.A. Ward

Scarboro

(We must support our police)

I WAS astonished to learn from Wesley L. Dolphin (Sun, Oct. 28) how the

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COLUMN: My World

BYLINE: BY BOB MACDONALD

TEXT:

Support for Metro Police Chief Bill McCormack is growing daily as citizens urge him to stay on the job and not be pressured into early retirement by a Metro Police Services Board led by Chairman Susan Eng.

Eng and three other board members appointed by NDP Premier Bob Rae, including controversial Arnold Minors and self-declared lesbian mother Laura Rowe, have control of the seven-member organization. Under her, the board has been running an advertisement campaign to find a replacement for the chief before he has even informed them about the date of his retirement.

"Chief McCormack shouldn't retire at all - he should stay on until at least after Eng's term expires next year and after Bob Rae and his NDP gang are kicked out of office next year by the voters," supporter Elizabeth Jordan said.

Right on.

McCormack, 61, can stay if he wishes until the mandatory retirement age of 65.

The citizens' Committee for Chief McCormack is urging concerned people to attend a support rally from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Tuesday in front of Metro Police Headquarters at 40 College St.

"The more support the chief gets, the better the chance that he can be persuaded to stay on and keep giving our fine Metro Police force the top leadership it deserves," said Sam Pasternak, committee chairman. Anyone seeking info or wanting to support the rally can phone the committee at 638-1724.

Rank-and-file police officers on the 7,900-member force have also rallied to the chief, with most signing petitions posted in division stations.

And they haven't been deterred by the word that Eng has been seething over the petition.

"It's going against her game plan to have the chief's official retirement date in her hand this month," said Norm Gardner, a Metro Council appointee to the police services board.

Also, Sun readers have been rallying to Chief McCormack's cause by mailing and faxing a coupon that is being published in the newspaper.

Meanwhile, Eng and the board are pushing ahead with their plans to get a new chief - perhaps even a civilian as Eng has advocated.

In the past, she has attacked the police as "a military culture in the absence of a wartime enemy."

However, reader Joan Levens disputes that.

"When thrown into frontline defence positions against armed villains, robbers, rapists, drug dealers and psychopaths, they should be perceived by these enemies of the public as highly trained professionals and a force to be reckoned with," Levens wrote.

"They are, regardless of what Eng et al believe, in a war," she contended.

All you have to do is to look at the daily newspapers to realize the dangerous growth of violent crime in the Metro area. Peaceful, law-abiding people aren't content to sit by and allow an excellent police chief of McCormack's calibre to be pushed out by Bobby Rae's leftist gang of bleeding hearts.

In fact, as Liz Jordan has suggested, it should be Susan Eng who should resign - and the board should apologize to McCormack, give him a pay raise and urge him to stay on until he's 65.

See you at the Keep the Chief rally.

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BYLINE: BY LORRIE GOLDSTEIN

TEXT:

Memo to: Paul Godfrey, President, Toronto Sun Publishing Corp.

From: Lorrie Goldstein, Senior Associate Editor, Toronto Sun

Gee whiz, Paul! I mean, here we are in the editorial section trying to build a kinder, gentler, more tolerant, politically correct Sun for the gay '90s (Now magazine, July 28/94) and what do you do?

You go running off at the mouth defending Chief Bill McCormack and the Metro cops prompting columnists at both the Globe and Star to accuse us of being everything from right-wing butt-kissers to supporters of a police state and setting back our whole program to win new friends and influence trendy people by months if not years.

I mean, it burns your butt to see the garbage McCormack and his men have to put up with from the NDP-controlled police board and special interests? Hey, what about our butts, Godfrey? And we should be, to quote you, "kissing the earth, the ground" McCormack walks on? Oy vey.

Now you've gone and got Rosie DiManno all upset and accusing us of kissing police butt - which I admit is still preferable to what the Star has been kissing for the past couple of years. And okay, I guess it's pretty inconsequential to be attacked by the Globe which these days seems to be written mainly for gay stockbrokers. But that doesn't change my point.

Paul, couldn't you have at least said something nice about Susan Eng? Try to do what I do these days. Stand in front of a mirror and think nice thoughts about Susan. So far, I've come up with one. Here it is. "I admire Susan Eng because she did not cause The Great Depression." Okay, it's not much, but it's a start.

Besides, where did you get this nutty idea that the Sun supports the cops just because you say so? As Editor Downing and I were just discussing, the Sun was around a long time before you got here, Godfrey, and I'd like you to show me one editorial, one editorial since 1971 that ever said we supported the cops before you climbed on board?

Okay, bad example. So there were about 400. But show me one editorial critical of the NDP or its great police board patronage appointments like Eng, Arnold Minors and Laura Rowe. Okay, another bad example.

But that doesn't change the fact that if we're ever going to become a kinder, gentler, more tolerant, politically correct paper for the gay '90s around here, then you're just gonna have to clean up your act, mister. Gee Paul, what's next? You're defending the cops, new publisher Hartley Steward is defending the SUNshine Girl. Gawd, this place is being run by dinosaurs.

Now don't take it personally, Paul. Hey, it's not just you. Just last weekend the Star was still dissing us for "the screaming print attack by a Toronto Sun columnist" who dared to suggest taxpayers might not want their money subsidizing Buddies in Bad Times Theatre whose inaugural play at their expensive, new, publicly funded digs will be More Divine which, according to reports, is the author's "queerest, most sexual play to date ... a cornucopia of queer life: drag, man/boy love, promiscuity, prostitution, nudity and masturbation." Right. Now there was a time, Paul, when I might have supported my colleague Chris Blizzard for daring to criticize public funding for this stuff. But not any more. Hey - I'm a new, kinder, gentler, more politically correct, gay '90s sort of Sun editor now. Heck, I'm even reading

Liz Braun.

But we still have a long way to go, Paul. Just last week we were dinged by Rick Salutin, the Globe's pet lefty, for being "ersatz right-wingers" and Marni Jackson in Toronto Life doesn't much like our mouth-breathing editorials that "stick to small words in the right order."

So the way I figure it, we can go one of two ways here, Paul. Either we can continue to try to be a kinder, gentler, sensitive, politically correct paper for the gay '90s, and keep trying to win over people who hate our guts anyway.

Or we can be what we are, and what your speech was - the kick-butt, in-your-face, outrageous, politically incorrect Toronto Sun that drives the rest of the media in this town berserk.

The Sun that says those little words we all know our readers need to hear.

We're back.

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WHAT I WANT - IT'LL CLEAR ALL THIS UP ...'

ILLUSTRATION:

1. photo by Fred Thornhill

Arnold Minors talks to reporters outside his downtown Toronto house yesterday.

2. photo of DAVID CHRISTOPHERSON

3. photo

ARREST IN GRAN'S MURDER

ALMA SMITH, 80

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COLUMN: Editorial

TEXT:

Here a probe, there a probe, everywhere a probe probe.

No, not a version of Old MacDonald's Farm or a proctologist on a busy day but the premier and his ministers responding to yet another mess with yet another probe.

The cabinet did nothing yesterday regarding police commissioner Arnold Minors despite erroneous media reports elsewhere that he was about to be fired.

Lest we forget, the New Democrats had already ordered a probe into Minors' nutty remarks about the Holocaust (a tragedy, not a racist act) and has now ordered yet another probe on his nutty remarks comparing the Metro police to an occupying army.

In fairness, the first probe didn't really seem to be taken on with all that much enthusiasm by the government and as of a few days ago hadn't done much, although Minors' remaining anti-racism seminars with Crown attorneys have been suspended pending that investigation.

So at least the fact this new probe will be taken on by the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services with a 60-day time limit indicates that it will presumably, at least, come to some sort of conclusion.

Those whose short-term memory remains intact through this sorry affair will recall that it was the same body that Chief Bill McCormack wanted to probe both the Metro police services board's conduct and his own.

Ironically, it's loaded with NDP appointees so we suspect Christopherson's effort is really aimed at making this issue go away while tempers cool.

Meanwhile, Minors continues to sit on the police board and can participate in all of its decisions, including selecting the next chief. Incredible!

We'd have preferred him bounced now but the important point is that after Minors' latest fiasco (which wasn't even his worst gaffe, just the last straw) we don't think Bob Rae would dare to make him the next head of the board as once appeared to be the plan.

Of course, that raises the key question of just who Rae is planning to place in the chair's job, just as he placed Susan Eng there at the start of his term.

Now that's something to really worry about.

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BYLINE: BY CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

TEXT:

How fitting it is that on the very day Sergio Marchi is slated to make the most significant announcement of his stint as immigration minister - and lay bare his government's plans to overhaul his department - we have before us a case that illustrates the breadth and complexity of the problem facing our country.

It is the tragic story of Krishna Prakash, a 55-year-old man from Fiji who came to Canada on Sept. 9 as a visitor with a secret - he is suffering kidney failure.

Within three weeks of arriving in Vancouver, according to Moira Farrow, the stellar immigration reporter for the Vancouver Sun, Prakash filed for refugee status, a claim which, under the Canadian Charter, entitles him to stay here until his status is resolved and also, indirectly, to free medical care, even, it turns out, the expensive dialysis he needs to stay alive.

He was granted a medical "order-in-council", showed up at St. Paul's Hospital, and was promptly moved to the top of the dialysis waiting list, ahead of about 30 others, including two in urgent need and who will now, according to Dr. Angus Rae, director of the kidney clinic, have to wait an extra week or so for their turn.

And while federal immigration officials say there was "zero" pressure put on the hospital to treat Prakash fast - that, in essence, this was a medical decision - Rae says there was also a sense that it would be very bad news for the hospital if a refugee claimant were to die.

Prakash apparently has relatives in Vancouver, and they have told their lawyer, Rico Hipolito, they don't want details of Prakash's claim revealed.

A couple of things, however, are abundantly clear.

The first is this: One does not develop chronic kidney failure in a matter of weeks. The odds are overwhelming that Prakash either learned he could get free medical care before he came to Canada, or shortly after arriving.

The second fact is this: Fiji is not a refugee-producing country. Since the Immigration and Refugee Board was formed in 1989, the board has rendered positive decisions in only 17 cases. In all of last year, only two claimants from Fiji were given the nod; in the first six months of this year, all 11 which went to completion were refused. That guardian of human rights abuses, Amnesty International, didn't cover Fiji in its report last year.

The bottom line is that, despite difficulties between ethnic Fijians and Indo-Fijians, there is little evidence to suggest that there are genuine, Geneva Convention refugees coming from this South Pacific country.

In turn, this means that the odds are very good that Krishna Prakash is not a refugee, but rather a dying man in need of expensive medical care he can't get in his own country.

The implications for the already collapsing Canadian health-care system are staggering.

Since last Friday, when Rae was quoted in Moira Farrow's story, he says he has learned of similar tales in "just about every medical specialty". A current favorite are immigrants who arrive with "clean chest x-rays" and promptly develop advanced tuberculosis - a medical impossibility which suggests x-rays are now for sale.

What underlies all this - a public policy which sees the Canadians paying

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as much as \$45,000 a year to save a man whose refugee claim should never be upheld - is the soft-hearted and pervasive belief that this country can singlehandedly save the world by saving its poor, and sick, and unhappy.

It isn't so any more, if indeed it ever was, and unless Sergio Marchi recognizes this today, we'll continue down the road to bankruptcy - financial and, dare I say it, moral, too, for how is it moral to reward a fraudulent claim, even when the claimant is dying?

Mea culpa: In a column last week about Arnold Minors, I mentioned the police board member's sly complaint to the Law Society of Upper Canada about Todd Archibald, who represented the board, among others, at the Lester Donaldson inquest. I failed to mention, and shame on me, that once the Law Society clarified Minors was not acting on behalf of the board, officials there haven't heard from him again - and also that Mr. Archibald is a fine lawyer.

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HEADLINE: MINORS' DEBATE TURNS UGLY

BYLINE: BY JAMES WALLACE, QUEEN'S PARK BUREAU

TEXT:

MPPs debating what to do about Arnold Minors stooped to name-calling yesterday.

Tory Bob Runciman said Minors shouldn't be allowed to vote for the next Metro police chief because of his anti-Semitic teachings to Crown attorneys.

Minors told the Crowns the Holocaust was "not a racist act" during anti-racism seminars for which he was paid \$108,500 by the province.

Runciman said Minors has "little credibility."

"Over the years the current governing party and its leader have consistently talked a good fight about the evils of racism, but in this situation, dealing with one of your own political appointees with serious allegations hanging over his head, you refuse to act," Runciman said.

As catcalls rang out, Tory MPP Chris Stockwell shouted "If it was a cop, you would have hung him."

NDP MPP Tony Perruzza shouted: "You going to let that yo-yo say that and stay in here. He's a jerk."

ILLUSTRATION:

photo of ARNOLD MINORS

Voting for cop chief?

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HEADLINE: HE'S THE BOSS//DEPUTY CHIEF BOOTHBY CAPTURES METRO'S TOP COP JOB

BYLINE: BY ROB LAMBERTI AND TRACY NESDOLY, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

There was no popping champagne or wild partying - David Boothby just celebrated quietly with family and a few friends last night after he was picked Metro's new police chief.

The celebration was low-key at his home but the tension had been high earlier.

The police services board announcement of Boothby's promotion from deputy chief to top cop was repeatedly postponed as board members debated the alternatives before reaching a rare consensus.

It's uncertain when he'll start his new job since details must be worked out between him, the board and Chief Bill McCormack, who says he'll stay until June 1.

NOT A FRONTRUNNER

Boothby, 51, wasn't considered a frontrunner until the final debate yesterday among the seven police board members.

After hashing over five candidates for 2 1/2 hours, the board agreed on Boothby, a 30-year veteran and deputy chief of detective command since April 1993.

Detectives and officers at the police headquarters auditorium applauded when board chairman Susan Eng made the announcement at 6:50 p.m.

London Police Chief Julian Fantino - a former Metro staff superintendent - was thought to be the favorite of the three elected members of the board, and is also highly respected by officers of the 8,000-member force.

Rumors circling at headquarters had the vote divided first between Fantino and Metro Deputy Chief Bob Kerr - considered Eng's favorite - or Boothby.

Five were in the running for the job - Deputies Kerr, Boothby and Jim Clark, Fantino, and Hamilton-Wentworth Deputy Chief Christine Silverberg.

Last night at his Etobicoke home Boothby admitted he was ecstatic and said he'll give a public statement this morning.

McCormack said Boothby was "happy as hell".

Board members also seemed pleased with their choice.

"The board ... believes very much that David Boothby is ... committed to the vision of policing that the board has proposed and very much bought into over the last few years," said Eng.

"He believes very firmly in the process of community-based policing. He sees his role as being fully accountable to the board and the public he serves."

CONSENSUS

Eng said the board didn't vote on who was to be chief, but rather came to a consensus. Board members denied the debate was heated or fractious, and Eng said the decision was "absolutely unanimous."

Board members denied Boothby was a compromise choice.

Eng also said Boothby "absolutely" will be subject to a five-year contract.

McCormack was recently the centre of controversy for suggesting his contract was not binding.

The board said the number one priority is to press ahead with community-based policing.

Board member Laura Rowe, considered a supporter of Kerr, said "my personal choice is David Boothby. I think he was the best choice ... to represent the

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idea of community-based policing."

Norm Gardner suggested Clark's inroads into community-based policing, including putting mini-police stations in shopping malls and ensuring multilingual service, may have been "overlooked" by some board members.

Board member Arnold Minors said he is "looking forward to working with (Boothby). He is quite honest."

ILLUSTRATION:

1. photo of DAVID BOOTHBY

Rank and file support

2. photo by Bill Sandford

DECISION MAKERS ... Metro police board members Norm Gardner, Brian Ashton, Arnold Minors and Laura Rowe watch as board chairman Susan Eng announces the selection of David Boothby as new police chief yesterday.

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HEADLINE: ADRIAN LUCES COLUMN

BYLINE: BY ADRIAN LUCES

TEXT:

I continue to be baffled by the level of naivete that is so pervasive in Toronto. Sadly it often comes from those with higher education, who are lawyers, broadcasters and journalists.

It really is disturbing to believe that these people have not been able to see through the incredible smokescreen that has been created by Arnold Minors and his followers in the black community. Then there are those in the media who are encouraging the smokescreen with their myopic viewpoints, always buoying up the sinking socialist ship.

The lack of co-operation being experienced by Metro Police with regard to the triple shooting outside Tae's Restaurant and Night Club stems not solely from a possible fear of police by members of the black community.

There is also a less visible but more powerful force called intimidation. Intimidation and fear from within the black community itself. In small communities, as is the black community in Toronto, everyone knows each other, especially among the even smaller segment that may frequent certain bars or clubs.

So understandably, if these regular patrons want to continue being regulars at their favorite clubs, why would they rock the boat? Why would they risk their own physical safety, especially when they witnessed three of their own being gunned down?

I remember a young black Jamaican woman who spoke out publicly against the behavior of some members of the black community, following the Yonge St. riot just two years ago. She was quickly muzzled by her family for fear of retaliation by the people she so eloquently and constructively criticized.

It is time the black community, and more specifically the black Jamaican community, start taking responsibility for the problems within their number. Stop blaming the police and all white males for these problems. The self-appointed mouthpieces have misled the community and alienated them from mainstream society, with the help of official multiculturalism. Only they can help solve the complex problems that have developed within their community.

Government can't solve their problems, and kowtowing to their every wish cannot be encouraged or tolerated.

For instance, it appears to have become a given that there should be a black member on the police services board. Why, I ask? Of the 3,683,105 citizens of the greater Metro area, there are approximately 125,610 blacks (Statscan Census 1991). This constitutes only 3.25% of the population. Of the 5,479 officers on the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force, 175 are black. This constitutes 3.19% of the force, and says to me there is adequate representation.

I have experienced good and bad police officers. I have problems with the police force, but it has more to do with the effect the work has on the personal lives of these men and women. I believe a more sensitive approach needs to be taken.

Like me, and like Minors, police officers are a visible minority. In fact they may be the most visible minority in our society. But at least Arnold and I have the privilege of being called by name. Most police officers don't have that privilege.

They're simply referred to as "some cop". Or worse.

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HEADLINE: BOOTHBY VOWS TO HEAL WOUNDS//SAYS SOLVING RIFT WITH BLACK COMMUNITY
HIS FIRST PRIORITY

BYLINE: BY TRACY NESDOLY, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

Metro's police chief-designate says he's up to the challenge of healing the wounds between police and the black community.

"We have to talk," David Boothby said in an interview at his home last night, 24 hours after he was named to replace Bill McCormack.

"Talking is the first step, probably the most important one."

Boothby admitted that sounds simplistic but feels it isn't: "Once we start to dialogue we'll move off from there. I have some ways I want to send a message out to young black people.

"I don't want to talk about it now - I am not yet the chief - but what I want to do will send a clear message."

'NEW BRIDGES'

Metro Police Services Board member Arnold Minors, whose comments have become a rallying cry for black discontent, told reporters: "I would like to see David Boothby start yesterday."

He said Boothby gives the force "the opportunity to build new bridges" with the black community.

"I think partnerships with police and all communities is absolutely vital," Minors said. "There are a number of reports about the ways in which that has not happened.

"Unless people experience policing as one of equality of treatment and can report that confidently we have some work to do."

Boothby's speech to reporters yesterday was heavy on the community-based-policing and dialogue between communities, saying the police force of the future will be grounded in preventing crime as much as solving them.

"When I eventually become chief, it will be a signal to the force to start moving further in that direction," Boothby told the Sun. "This is not something I've dreamed up ... but I do not believe the organization has totally embraced all the concepts of community-based policing."

Yesterday, Chief McCormack told reporters he'll decide when the time is right to turn the job over to Boothby, who has acted as deputy of detective command since April 1993.

He previously said he'll stay in the job until next June.

The board has said the transition will be worked out between it, McCormack and Boothby.

One problem Boothby will face is dealing with officers who feel community-based policing is too soft.

"I'm going to tell them it's going to be the toughest policing they'll ever do," he said.

Boothby wants to see the end of the days when officers return continually to the same address to break up the same fights or drug deals. "I want to see officers get to the root of the problem."

It doesn't mean the beleaguered force, already said to be stretched to its limits, must now take on the role of social worker, he said.

'NOT DIFFICULT'

It means "officers should be able to call social workers and start talking together. It's really not that difficult."

Boothby says he's got the credibility to pull off what could be viewed as a soft approach.

"They all know I've been there ... and I've locked up a lot of criminals. I will tell them you solve crimes by getting information from the public ... if anyone calls that soft policing, they've got the wrong idea."

"There's no reason for people not to like the police," he said. "It's an unreal state. The police are there to serve and protect the people."

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photo by Norm Betts

POWER TRIO ... Retiring Police Chief Bill McCormack, his successor David Boothby, and Metro Police Services Board chairman Susan Eng attend press conference yesterday.

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HEADLINE: COPS SET TO QUIT IF KERR GOT POST//FORCE RALLIES BEHIND BOOTHBY AS CHOICE FOR METRO CHIEF

BYLINE: BY IAN ROBERTSON, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

With Dave Boothby named to succeed Chief Bill McCormack, hundreds of Metro cops - from constable to the top ranks - have decided to stay with the force.

"The choice of Boothby for the rank-and-file mainstream officer is good news," Sgt. Roger Dodson, of the force's staff services department, told the Sun yesterday.

"Otherwise I'd be looking at a lot of retirement plans."

As the police board's debate drew to a close Wednesday, Metro's 5,200 cops aligned themselves behind favorites.

London, Ont., Police Chief Julian Fantino ranked first, followed closely by Boothby, 51. But hundreds said they debated quitting if Deputy Chief Bob Kerr was chosen.

Before the final debate, Kerr's plan for more civilians, fewer staff-rank officers and an end to some specialized units made him the top choice of Metro Police Services Board chairman Susan Eng and members Laura Rowe and Arnold Minors. But for most cops, he ran last on the list of five candidates.

Boothby is pledged to "the philosophy of community-based policing," which the board demands, but a pal says it's been his style since they were 1960s beat cops.

And while Boothby refused to compare himself with McCormack, whose rows with Eng over the force's role became legend, he clearly showed he's no board puppet.

"We should all share the same vision and we should all share the same goals," Boothby said yesterday. "We will not agree on everything, but ... I will not ... engage in fighting in public with the board. That is not my style."

And that makes Supt. Wayne Oldham chuckle. As deputy chief and head of detective command, Boothby is his boss. But over 30 years, since Boothby showed Oldham the ropes in the tough 52 Division, to their partnership on the Homicide squad, they've built a strong bond.

Metro's chief of detectives said Boothby "injects a little bit of humor into situations that somehow defuses confrontations," without compromising his job.

His uncanny ability to win over hardened criminals, colleagues and witnesses normally shy of cops, will also work with politicians. "His ability to negotiate solutions, his people skills ... innovations and his no-nonsense approach to policing will stand him in good stead," Oldham said.

The best early example was a "volatile domestic call." Oldham said other cops went in "cold, authoritative and someone would have been arrested, but Dave started talking. He had a phenomenal way of being a peacekeeper and before long we were all having coffee and laughing."

Oldham said Boothby won't favor detectives. "He puts great merit in everybody's views and he's up-front with everybody. We agree on many things, but when I didn't meet his performance standard he told me."

ILLUSTRATION:

photo of WAYNE OLDHAM

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