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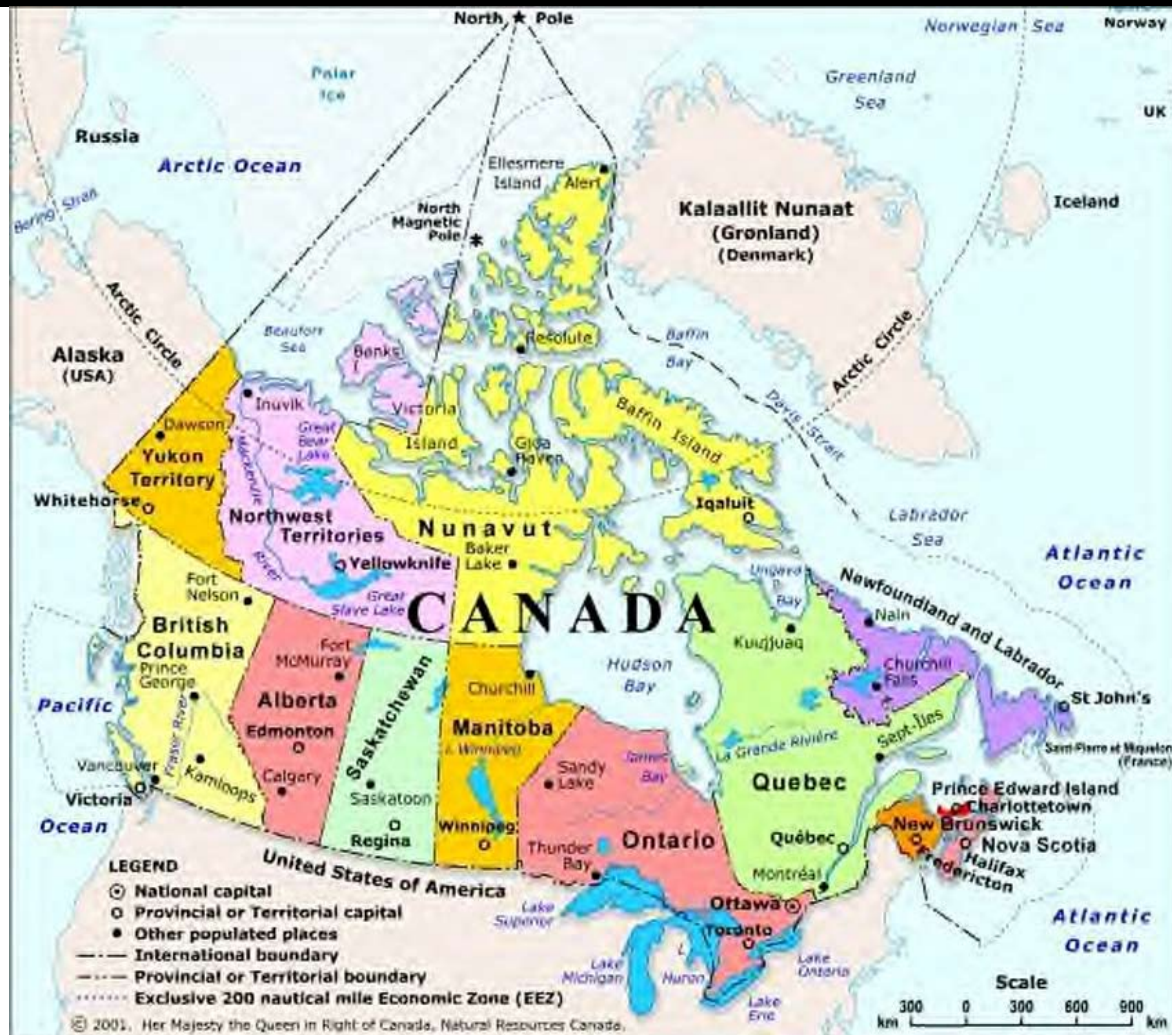
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JANUARY 23, 2006

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••de VERCHÈRES, Madeleine••	○
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*****SECORD, Laura*****	○

Voter Information Service: (info from Elections Canada website)

Electoral Districts: Niagara Falls Niagara West St. Catharines Welland

Election day is: Monday, January 23, 2006

Advance voting takes place on: Friday, January 13, 2006
Saturday, January 14, 2006
Monday, January 16, 2006

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CANDIDATES

Who are the candidates in my electoral district?

How do I contact the candidates in my electoral district?

Where is my local returning office?

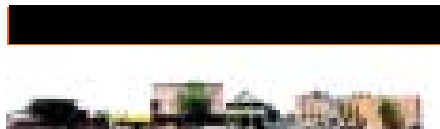
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PARTIES LISTED FOR THE 2006 FEDERAL ELECTION

BQ Bloc Québécois	CON Conservative Party of Canada
LIB Liberal Party of Canada	NDP New Democratic Party of Canada
GRN Green Party of Canada	PMP Parti Marijuana Party
CAP Canadian Action Party	M-L Marxist-Leninist Party
CPC Communist Party	CLC Communist League of Canada
CHP Christian Heritage Party	PCP Progressive Canadian Party
LBT Libertarian Party	AAE Animal Alliance Environment Voters Party
FPN First Peoples National Party	WB Western Block Party
IND Independent	OTH Other

Niagara West—Glanbrook

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Welland

Candidates in your electoral district

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WHAT'S UP?

Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, Thorold and Welland Christmas trees will be collected on Saturday, January 14, 2006 (one day only). Residents must have their Christmas trees at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 to ensure they are collected.!

Decorations, tree skirts and plastic tree bags must be removed. Place trees at the curbside in an easily accessible location. Trees placed on top of, or in, snow banks will not be collected. Artificial trees will not be collected as part of this collection service.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department's Waste Management Services Info-Line at 905-356.4141 or 1-800-594-5542 or visit the Region's web site at www.regional.nigara.on.ca

The Historical Society of St. Catharines Upcoming Speakers Program

(All programs start at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Catharines Museum
Jan. 26, 2006 -Maurice Gomme:
Street Names of St. Catharines
Feb. 23, 2006 -Brenda Zadoroznij: **History along the Bruce Trail**
March 23-Alun Hughes: Too Many Catharines-The Founding and Naming of the Garden City

Winter is an ideal time to support those shops who supported Proud Port Dalhousie through advertising in our paper. Eat at: The Spice of Life and don't forget to drop into the Scrap Shack and sip a cup of Maple Tea while shopping. Finish off your day with a brew at the Kilt & Clover

PORT COLBORNE
JAN. 22: A Tribute to Ray Charles & Billy Holiday
Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Ave.
Shows: 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
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FORT ERIE
Jan. 28/29, 2006: Lost in the 50's Tribute Concert
Fort Erie Native Centre, 796 Buffalo Rd.
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2:00 pm daily Tickets \$20 905-871-8931

St. Catharines Public Library
Port Dalhousie Branch
Jan. 19, 2006 Toddler Time
(24-40 Months and caregiver)
Share stories, songs and fingerplay with your toddler Fee: \$11.00/4 weeks

The St. Catharines Skating Club, a pleasure skating club for adults with live band music, meets at Ridley College Sports Complex, 8 to 10 PM, Wed. and Sat. nights from January 4 to March 11, except January 21 and 28. Visitors are welcome (\$7.00). Call 905-682-0869 for membership information and to arrange visits.
Visit our web site: <http://people.becon.org/~scskate/>

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Introduction to Computers
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Pre-registration required. For information or to register, call 905-688-6103, ext. 211. Location: Central Library

Have your prized possessions appraised by JON JOUPPIEN at the **ANTIQUÉ ROAD SHOW – Winter Appraisal Niagara**, at the St. Catharines Museum/Welland Canals Centre at Lock 3 –a TWO DAY event held **Saturday & Sunday, January 21 & 22, 2006** from 11am–4pm both days. \$10.00/person (limit 2 items). For more information contact 1-800-305-5134 or 905-984-8880.

Right From The Start” Parenting Course
NIAGARA REGION – January 4, 2006 – Parenting can be challenging at times. To help parents connect socially and emotionally with their child, Public Health is proud to sponsor an 8 week parenting course called “Right from the Start.” Parents will learn how to interact with their child to help them develop to their full potential. The better you understand how your child communicates, the better you will be able to nurture his/her talents.

WHO: Parents with children under 2 years of age.

WHAT: “Right From The Start” parenting course.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. January 17th, 2006 (runs for eight consecutive weeks)

WHY: To help parents develop skills and build a healthy relationship with their child(ren), parents will watch video segments of common experiences and problem solve with other parents.

WHERE: St. Catharines Regional Child Care Centre 179 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

Please register with the Ontario Early Years Centres – YMCA of Niagara at 905-938-9392. Participation in “Right from the Start” is free of charge.

Winter Vacations –Sinus Infections

Geoff Szymanski, ND, CMD, HD
You jump on the plane full of excitement and anticipation for a vacation in the sun. Its not long before the anticipation turns to anxiety as all around you your fellow passengers are coughing and sneezing. A great scenario to pick up a head cold. You get rid of the cold, then find for the next few weeks, the cold has been followed by a sinus congestion.

Sinus infections are difficult to resolve and don't respond well to antibiotics. The damaged linings of the nose and sinuses may make you more sensitive to airborne allergens and there is a strong correlation between sinusitis and asthma. Approximately 15% of the population suffer from sinusitis.

Usually the sinusitis is caused by a cold or flu virus and your first line of defense is a strong immune system. There is a mineral supplement that can boost the immune system, which can be taken in the winter time, to help deal with viral infections. The mineral is selenium and your health care provider can recommend the appropriate dosage. Or you can eat 1- 3 Brazil nuts 2 or 3 times weekly, which are reported to be a rich source of selenium However if you suffer from herpes outbreaks get your selenium from a supplement.

A nice nasal spray to use to deal with sinusitis is a product called Xclear. The active ingredient is a sugar compound xylitol. The xylitol will cause any bugs that stick to the lining of the nasal passages to release so they can be flushed out by blowing the nose or by using a nasal lavage of water or salt water.

There are other natural products which can help to relieve sinusitis and for a list please contact the author. Sinusitis symptom can mimic other conditions so visit your healthcare provider before self treating for any condition.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: (Continued)

What is my electoral district?
Canada is divided into 308 electoral districts. One representative, or member of Parliament (MP), is elected for each electoral district.

Each electoral district has a returning officer, who opens an office when an electoral event is called. The returning officer is responsible for organizing and administering federal elections and referendums within that electoral district.

Am I registered to vote?

The vast majority of electors are registered in the National Register of Electors, which is used to produce the preliminary voters lists for federal elections, by-elections and referendums. If you voted in the last general election, you may be registered to vote at the address where you lived at that time. Elections Canada updates the Register from a number of sources, so if you have moved since then, your address change may also have been registered.

To check whether you are registered to vote in the current election (the 39th general election), contact your returning officer. (See page 2)
Where do I vote?

Many candidates send out cards with the information. You can also contact your Returning Officer's Office (see page 2). If you have on-line access via the internet, you search the Elections Canada web site. Try <http://www.elections.ca>

Is there level access at my polling station? Please contact your Returning Officer's Office (see page 2).

When can I vote in advance?
Advance Voting Days
January 13, 14 and 16 Contact your Returning Officer's Office for locations (see page 2).

The advance poll for the 2 polls located in and around Port Dalhousie will be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. at the following address:

Jubilee Fellowship Christian Church
13 Wilholme Drive
St. Catharines

Other ways to vote
You may vote by mail or in person at your local Elections Canada office if you apply to do so no later than 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17. Download the form from www.elections.ca or TELEPHONE IMMEDIATELY. (phone numbers listed on page 2).

INCOME SECURITY FOR OUR SENIORS

- Assisting low income seniors who qualify for an energy cost benefit this winter - \$125 for singles and \$250 for couples.
- Increasing the **Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)** for seniors by \$36 per month for single seniors and \$58 per month for couples by January 2007 – a \$2.7 billion investment that will directly benefit 1.6 million Canadian seniors.
- Increasing to \$22,000 the annual **RRSP** contribution limits and eliminating the **Foreign Content Rule** which limits foreign pension investments to 30 per cent.
- Creating a new **Employment Insurance Benefit** – the **Compassionate Care Program** – which allows family members to take time off work to provide care for seriously ill loved ones, without suffering sudden income or job loss.
- Walt Lastewka** met with the **Niagara Chapter of Canadian Association for the Fifty-Plus (CARP)**, representing over 2,000 members in St. Catharines to hear their concerns on seniors issues including fairness on their investment income.
- In Niagara, 39% of affordable housing is dedicated to those 55 and over. Under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program Niagara received **\$7.35 million towards 170 new units.**

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Charles Schultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the following straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss (Canada) contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winner for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris – age 7

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann – age 4



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"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca- age 8

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby – age 7 (Wow!)

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy –age 6

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri – age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny – age 7

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy – age 6

PROUD PORT DALHOUSIE CORRESPONDENCE

Main Street, Port Dalhousie,
Oct 27/05

Dear Mayor Rigby and Councilors,

Over the past months, there have been numerous articles regarding the pros and cons of the proposed Port Tower, Hotel, Theatre and shopping complex resulting in many heated conversations and discussions.

The project's economic impact, effect on accessible parking, the implications for the village core, and numerous other topics have been discussed. A principal concern that has yet to be addressed, however, is the physical-geographical aspects of such a development on the small parcel of land being considered.

Conditions for pedestrian traffic, walking, jogging or biking about the Grandstand area and along Canal Street in Port Dalhousie have deteriorated along the shoreline around Martindale Pond. In all likelihood, the slippage and slumping and potential mass wasting of the banks is being caused by the changing course of the underground river. It appears to be flowing under Main Street, and rises closer to the surface before channeling out into Twelve Mile Creek and Lake Ontario. This occurs just at the bottom of the street, in the vicinity of our Historic Jail in Lakeside Park.

A development consisting of a hundred metre tower hosting 80 residential units, an observation deck and restaurant, a 450 seat underground theatre, a 75 unit hotel with both indoor and outdoor swimming pools and an underground parking facility for 190 vehicles will indeed disrupt the natural flow of underground and surface water in this part of Niagara. This could lead to damage to our sewage and clean water transportation and distribution systems, land stability, and adversely affect the micro climate.

A more comprehensive examination and evaluation of the impacts of a Port Tower Complex on the topography, water table and natural flow of water must be conducted.

Yours truly,
Nicholas D. Holmes

PDVC: NEW ARCHITECT, A NEW BEGINNING FOR PORT DALHOUSIE

On Monday, January 9th, members of your Executive Committee had an opportunity to meet Michael Kirkland, the new architect hired by PDVC for their Port Dalhousie project. Michael contacted us at the suggestion of Catherine Nasmith who is Vice President of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and publishes Built Heritage News. She has been most supportive of our struggle for appropriate development in Port and is very positive about Michael's expertise and his ability to take into consideration the concerns of the community.

Volunteer historian Nancy Cameron first took Michael on a historic tour of the first three Welland Canals and commercial core and he then joined us for a discussion. He first explained that Jack Diamond was no longer PDVC's architect and that his firm, The Kirkland Partnership, had been hired. He told us about his extensive experience in Canada and abroad and we related our history and accomplishments as a volunteer organization.

What followed was a very open and frank discussion. Michael believes in ongoing consultation and discussion as well as being flexible and developing alternative concepts -as opposed to our previous experience with a single proposal that was not negotiable. He expressed major concerns about Mr. Diamond's withdrawn proposal and understood the community's concerns. He is currently studying all the background and is hoping to have new design proposals as soon as possible. While we don't have an exact time frame, it could be within the next month.

We are quite hopeful that Michael's designs will be something the community can accept. He has a copy of PROUD's reply to the Mayor outlining what we feel would be appropriate and emphasizing the need for a low-rise development as opposed to a tower. He knows that, based on the heritage guidelines and extensive research, we believe towers are not acceptable at any height. We now have to wait and see what he proposes. It is very positive to be dealing with an architect who is willing to exchange ideas and we look forward to ongoing consultation. (continued on page 8)

YOUR ACTION COMMITTEE ON PORT DEVELOPMENT- REPLY FROM PROUD

Dear Tim:

This is further to our November 25th meeting in your office. At that meeting, which was requested by you as part of your initiative to re-ignite the PDVC proposal, you asked that we reply to the hypothetical question: What would our community organization like to see done at the PDVC site if we owned the properties?

Our full Executive Committee has now met to discuss our reply. The Committee voted unanimously to reply as follows:

1. Overall Direction.

Our volunteer organization, and its now over 500 members from across the City, continues to support appropriate development in the commercial core of Port Dalhousie's heritage district. We believe appropriate development (based on extensive quantitative research in Port and full City plus feedback from the community) meets the following criteria:

-Is consistent with applicable planning regulations including: Provincial Policy Statement, Planning Act, Secondary Plan, Zoning By-Law and Heritage Guidelines.

-Does not unduly: aggravate traffic/parking, restrict public access or decrease safety.

-Respects the wishes of the community.

2. Design Specifics.

- We believe any design must be for a low-rise development that is compatible with the current 19th and early 20th century 2-3 storey look and streetscape. "New construction should be sympathetic to the existing built environment in terms of height, mass, colour and materials." (Port Dalhousie Secondary Plan). Such a development would "encourage the vitality of the commercial area by promoting its unique architecture and contemporary commercial adaptive reuse as well as continuing to protect its distinctive heritage fabric." (Heritage Guidelines: Conservation Priorities). This type of development would also foster increased heritage tourism which is a significant economic opportunity for our City. We again mention the Tim Hortons Plaza in Port as an example of appropriate new development.

- You asked if we thought there was room for compromise on a tower. We again emphasize that, based on the heritage guidelines and our extensive quantitative research, which we presented to you last year, we believe towers are not acceptable at any height. However, in our 2004 research, over 80%

supported the premise that "buildings behind the street fronts may exceed the three-storey limit providing overall height does not exceed that at the Lock Street front sightlines." This would indicate that a terraced design might be acceptable even if it slightly exceeds three storeys in the middle.

- In addition, we again emphasize the need for any major new development in Port to take into consideration, and benefit, the City's downtown.

3. Need For Planning Reports

Beyond our comments above, it is impossible to be more specific at this time. However, now that we know Planning Services' terms of reference for those conducting the peer review of "urban design and architectural elements associated with PDVC's proposal..." we believe even more strongly that the reports may provide valuable guidance. We regret the City's decision not to make these reports available under FOI and will reserve more specific comments until those reports are finally made public.

4. Consultation Should Be Open and Inclusive

Our Executive is still most uncomfortable with a consultation process that is not fully open and does not directly involve all stakeholders and, particularly, our large community organization. We strongly urge you to make your Action Committee a public and transparent body that represents the community in addition to business interests. As we are certain you understand, the pro-tower "Citizens" group that you now include in your Committee represents only a very small minority and is closely aligned with the developer who has financed their advertising.


Tim, we trust that this answers your questions and we will continue to make ourselves available to encourage appropriate development as required.

Colin Johnston
Co-Chair, Government Relations Committee
PROUD Port Dalhousie
A PROUD History as a Volunteer Community Organization
(correspondence continued on page 9)


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A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady, (mid eighties). The gentleman walks over, sits along side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

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The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

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Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says . . ."Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby." "Really!? Like a new-born baby!?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

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The Community's Carol Singing event in December was a great success. A large group gathered at the Seniors' Centre (our old Firehall) despite dire warnings about severe weather and other events being cancelled across the region.

The singing was most enjoyable and everyone, young, old and in between participated. Even a couple of canine visitors came by. It was a candlelit event and volunteer conductor Chris McLaughlin led us all as Michael Reason played the keyboard. Chris, who has lots of experience, remarked on the great voices and melodious singing. We sang many favourites and even had a carol in Dutch and one in Ukrainian. Chris, who has lived in Port since 1970, also remarked on the great community spirit.

There was plenty of hot apple cider and baked goods –all donated by volunteers. A special thank you goes to those who arranged this event including: Marianne Kond and Ed Szaszi, Rick Broughton and Kristine Leivonen, Bruce and Lorraine Cordner, Sharon Jarvis and others we may have missed. Thanks also to those who sang in the choir and to the City of St. Catharines for the use of the Seniors' Centre.

When the evening came to a close, everyone was already thinking of next year. The group felt this was the First Annual Carolling Event and there are many ideas on how to make it even more enjoyable next year.

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Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers [That'll stop 'em.]

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over [What a guy!]

Miners Refuse to Work after Death [No-good-for-nothing lazy so-and-so's!]

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant [See if that works any better than a fair trial!]

War Dims Hope for Peace [I can see where it might have that effect!]

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile [You think?]

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide [They may be on to something!]

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges ! [You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?]

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group [Weren't they fat enough?!]

Local High School Dropouts Cut In Half [Chainsaw Massacre all over again!]

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors [Boy, are they tall!]

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That being the case, then we Port Residents, who have banded together to strengthen our community, will likely receive an added benefit beyond struggling with a mayor who holds secret reports and meetings – we will enjoy better health. Our community events are so well attended and enjoyed by all that one cannot but help feeling good about, and proud of, the neighbourhood we share.



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She almost cried when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots."

She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to, And once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet.

No sooner than they got the boots off he said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em." Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry, but she mustered up the grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your mittens?"

He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots"

Her trial starts next month.

PDVC: NEW ARCHITECT, A NEW BEGINNING FOR PORT DALHOUSIE
(continued from page 5)

In addition to our meeting the new architect, Mayor Rigby last night revealed the membership of his hitherto secret Action Committee. The list was published in Tuesday's paper (January 10) and have been told that it included two individuals from the "Citizens" group sponsored by the developer.

The members of the Mayor's 'secret committee' are: Mayor Tim Rigby Mark Basciano, Dave Bedwell, Marilyn Bodogh, Mark Brickell, a representative from the chamber of commerce, Steve Cook, Bill Gallaway, John Lehen, Terry O'Malley, Angelo Nitsopolous, Norm Rockwell, John Storm, Hans Van Der Slagt, Al Visser, Clarice West-Hobbs.

More to come. Will keep you informed,
Carlos & David

Heritage Canada Foundation Calls For Tax Incentives For Conservation

OTTAWA, Nov. 4 /CNW Telbec/ – Appearing before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance during its pre-budget consultations, Douglas Franklin, Director of Policy and Programs for the Heritage Canada Foundation, proposed that the federal government create incentives to encourage the private sector to rehabilitate revenue-producing heritage buildings.

The federal government estimates that there are some 20,000 such buildings, with recognized heritage value, capable of generating revenue however, as a national asset they are not being fully utilized. Providing evidence from other jurisdictions, such as the United States, Mr. Franklin stressed that a new forward-looking, federal incentive would encourage entrepreneurship throughout Canada, improve local economies and contribute to the quality of life in communities large and small.

"Given such an incentive, the Heritage Canada Foundation predicts that approximately 200 buildings of the eligible stock of revenue-producing heritage properties would be rehabilitated each year under a mature program.

In the United States, for example, approximately 1,000 buildings per year are rehabilitated through its tax incentive program," stated Mr. Franklin.

Mr. Franklin appeared on the last day of committee meetings in Toronto.

He also added that the proposed Canadian model could dovetail perfectly with the existing federal Commercial Heritage Property Incentive Fund, which was established three years ago, but is very limited in scope. This new incentive, he argues, could greatly widen participation and therefore make a greater impact.

The Heritage Canada Foundation is a national, non-governmental charitable organization which promotes the preservation of Canada's heritage buildings and historic places through advocacy and education.

/For further information: or a copy of the Heritage Canada Foundation's brief: Carolyn Quinn, Director of Communications, cquinn@heritagecanada.org, (613) 237-1066; Cell (613) 797-7206; www.heritagecanada.org/

INTERNET EMAIL: Hi everyone,
A friend passed this along to me. I found it interesting, and could help save a life. I hope you'll never need it, but just in case...

Subject: stroke recognition

During a BBQ a friend stumbled and took a little fall – she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food – while she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital – (at 6:00 pm, Ingrid passed away). She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ – had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within 3 hours which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn!
Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- 1. *Ask the individual to SMILE.
- 2. *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
- 3. *Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today) If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.



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The January Effect and other stock market mirages

Most people know that a mirage is something that appears to be there, but isn't. But change the word "mirage" to "effect" and, all of a sudden, otherwise intelligent investors are rushing to plunk their money into an "investment opportunity" that appears to be there – but is it?

"Effect" is a word used to describe certain stock market anomalies and much has been written about them. The question is: Do they actually exist and are they really investment opportunities you can profit from? This is a good time to investigate the true value – or non-value – of stock market "effects", because one of the better-known ones is about to come up: the so-called January Effect.

Let's look a little deeper into this and some of the other more popular stock market "effects":

- *The January Effect* refers to the tendency for the stock of small-cap companies to dip significantly in December and rise sharply during the first week of January. The reason: small-cap shareholders dump non-profitable stock in December to get an end-of-tax-year capital loss tax break (otherwise known as "tax-loss selling"); this results in lower stock prices for the "dumped" companies that are snapped up early in January by investors looking for "free money" as the stocks rebound.
- *The October Effect* is what the January Effect used to be. Investors tried to jump-start the cycle sooner to beat out the January Effect stock buyers.
- *The Weekend (or Monday) Effect* is the tendency for negative returns on Mondays and the higher likelihood of positive returns on other trading days.
- *The Mark Twain Effect* is the phenomenon of stock returns in October being generally lower than in other months. The name comes from this Mark Twain quote: *October: This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August, and February.*

"Effects" are the mirages of the stock market

There are other "effects" you may have heard about – Seasonal Effects like the Santa Claus Rally, the Small Firm Effect, the P/E Ratio Effect, the Value-Line Enigma, the Standard & Poor's Index Effect, the Distressed Securities Market – and there are many more. The important thing to know about all of them is this: Like mirages, "effects" tend to disappear when you look directly at them.

And when you think about it, that's only natural. The simple reason is that once investors know about a trading strategy and everyone tries to do it, it is arbitrated away meaning it won't work anymore.

A strategy that always works

Jumping in and out of the market to capitalize on "effects" can adversely affect your long-term financial health. The keys to investing success are basic:

- Set your goals and invest to achieve them
- Develop and stick to an asset allocation plan that balances your desired returns with your tolerance for risk.
- Maintain a diversified investment portfolio to smooth out peaks and valleys and reduce risk.
- Stay the course – study after study has clearly proved that staying invested often delivers much better returns over the long-term than repeatedly buying and selling as you chase the next hot stock or "free money" from a phantom "effect".

A professional financial planner can help you develop a sound investment strategy that will have exactly the financial effect you've been looking for.

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Anne Braithwaite, BBA

PPD CORRESPONDENCE (continued from page 5)

Arranging a Meeting Regarding Heritage Tourism in Port Dahousie

Walt Lastewka
MP

Dear Walt:

Now that the developer has withdrawn the proposal for a massive development and tower in Port's heritage district, we must turn our attention to other critical issues. Our volunteer organization, the largest such organization in the Region, will be focussing more of its efforts on its other ongoing community-based initiatives. As you may have read in our recent Media Release (copied below) one of the side benefits of the controversy over the withdrawn proposal was enhancing the awareness of Port's value as a Heritage Tourism destination. We believe Port has great Heritage Tourism potential and so do the experts (please read email on this copied below the Media Release).

To achieve this potential, some of the historical buildings will need extensive restoration and investment in Marketing will also be required. Since these buildings will require restoration regardless of whether the current developer or someone else owns the properties, we would like to meet with you now to discuss what assistance may be available from the federal government (e.g. grants or other programs).

Walt, we know you are a great supporter of Port Dalhousie and of its designation as a heritage conservation district. As you so aptly stated in the plaque you presented to our organization at the June, 2004 Designation Ceremony: "Port Dalhousie has a rich history intertwined with the Welland Canal.

IMPORTANT GENERAL MEETING AND ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING –THURSDAY JAN. 19TH

Our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) promises to be very interesting.

The AGM will start promptly at 6:45 pm (notice earlier than normal start) downstairs at St. Andrews Church, 92 Main St. There are three items on the agenda:

1. Renewal of Memberships for 2006 (Your Executive is recommending memberships be automatically renewed for this year).
2. Election of Officers and Directors
3. Update on Expected New PDVC Proposal

The AGM will conclude just before 7:30 and then we will be hosting a Federal Election All Candidates Meeting. Your Government Relations Committee has been working very hard to arrange this meeting (see details below). The meeting will give every member an opportunity to hear from each candidate and to ask questions. It will also allow the candidates to address and exchange views with the largest community organization in the City. This is a unique opportunity given the closeness of the election. Don't miss it. Be there.

Carlos Garcia and David Bergen

PROUD Port Dalhousie

A PROUD History as a Volunteer Community Organization

P.S. PROUD was on the Jan. 11 Morning Show on CKTB 610 AM radio at 8:50 am to speak about the expected new proposal from PDVC.

We have invited all of the federal candidates to an all-candidates meeting for our members on Thursday January 19th in the lower hall, St Andrews United Church at 92 Main Street. We can expect all of the candidates to attend. The meeting will commence promptly at 7.30 pm immediately following the adjournment of the 45 minute General Meeting.

Our guests will have assembled, and have been made comfortable, upstairs, ready to enter as a group at 7.30. Our moderator, Canon Gordon Kinkley of St. John's Anglican Church, will explain the meeting format and will emphasize that we have assured the guests of a courteous hearing. Each candidate, in pre-selected random order, will have up to 7 minutes for an introductory statement. There will then be a question period for the remainder of the scheduled 90 minutes, so that we can adjourn at 9 pm and tidy the room. The candidates and the moderator will be seated at a long table along the west wall. A microphone will be available to those at the head table. The moderator will summarize each question so that everyone present clearly hears it, before it is answered. This will also encourage questions rather than statements from those of us in attendance. Questions should not focus on the the redevelopment of Port, as this is primarily a provincial and municipal matter.

The church can supply about 150 chairs. There is space for about another 50.

We intend to have the meeting audio-taped & media will be invited.

Colin Johnston and Ken Mackenzie, Co-Chairs
Government Relations Committee

Preserving our historic areas and properties is essential. Tourism also relies heavily on visible reminders of our past."

On behalf of our close to 500 members, we look forward to meeting with you at the earliest opportunity.

Carlos Garcia and David Bergen
PROUD Port Dalhousie

Our Heritage On Display!

Please take a look at an exhibit of Port Dalhousie history now in the large display area at the entry to the main St. Catharines Public Library downtown (54 Church St.). This display features intriguing photos, illustrations, maps, and stories of Port's rich history. It will be at the library for the month of January. It's presented by your volunteer community group PROUD Port Dalhousie to showcase our heritage district, "our heritage treasure."

There's still some room in the display for more items, so if you have any historic photos, artifacts or curiosities of Port history that you'd like included, please contact me at amnc@niagara.com.

Nancy Cameron

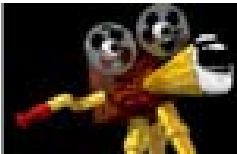
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- 7. George Bailey
- 8. T. E. Lawrence
- 9. Oskar Schindler
- 10. Han Solo
- 11. Norma Rae Webster
- 12. Shane
- 13. Harry Callahan
- 14. Virgil Tibbs
- 15. Mahatma Gandhi
- 16. Thelma Dickerson & Louise Sawyer
- 17. Lou Gehrig
- 18. Bob Woodward & Carl Bernstein
- 19. Luke Jackson
- 20. Rooster Cogburn

NAME THE MOVIE



VILLAINS

- A. Dr. Hannibal Lecter
- B. Norman Bates
- C. Nurse Ratched
- D. Regan MacNeil
- E. Michael Corleone
- F. Alex De Large
- G. HAL 9000
- H. Amon Goeth
- I. Captain Bligh
- J. Jack Torrance
- K. Max Cady
- L. Clyde Barrow & Bonnie Parker
- M. Harry Lime

NAME THE MOVIE

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PROPERTY TAX COSTS AND BENEFITS OF NEW URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN PORT DALHOUSIE'S COMMERCIAL CORE

Luisa Artuso

Potential property tax revenue is one of the most important issues in considering the potential costs and benefits of a new development in Port Dalhousie's commercial core. Property taxes are the primary source of operating revenue for municipalities and are used to finance local programs, city services and education. The tax is based on property assessment. Initially, property taxation was a uniform tax based on the value of property owned. In 1970, the Provincial Government assumed responsibility for property assessment and introduced market value assessment. In 1998, this responsibility was transferred to a non-profit corporation currently named Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Under Provincial legislation and regulations, MPAC is responsible for establishing the value of all property in Ontario for taxation purposes. MPAC defines property market values, and municipalities set and apply property tax rates according to their annual revenue requirements. Municipalities are responsible for issuing tax bills, collecting property taxes to support local services and collecting education taxes on behalf of the Provincial Government (Source: MPAC Guide to Property Assessment in Ontario 2003). In considering the potential tax benefits of a new urban development, one must also consider the infrastructure to support the proposed development. Property taxes are an essential operating revenue source for municipalities and are used to finance local programs and services such as:

- Waste and water management
- Roads and sidewalks
- Police and fire protection
- Public transit
- Social services
- Parks and leisure facilities
- Libraries

To analyze the issue of property tax costs and benefits, we can use as an example the PDVC 2004 development proposal, now withdrawn. PDVC's "Economic Impact of Port Dalhousie Vitalization Corp Proposal" (August 2004) projects that the total amount of property tax from 72 residential units plus 36,200 sq. ft. retail space would be \$790,998. However the net revenue for the city of St.Catharines would be only \$430,367, as shown in the table below. The balance of \$360,631 would go to the Regional Government.

For a project the size of the "PDVC 2004 Proposal" in Port Dalhousie, the municipalities are obliged to change, enlarge and upgrade many elements of the existing infrastructure. This work would likely cost several hundred thousand dollars in total, and this substantial charge would likely have been carried directly by the taxpayer. Their complexity makes their cost difficult to predict accurately. Unfortunately these costs, and who pays for them, are included in the body of information being kept secret by the City at the request of PDVC.. Furthermore, the PDVC plan calls for the city to designate Port Dalhousie as a "Community Improvement Project Area" (CIP). This designation, usually reserved for economically-challenged areas, would commit the municipality of St.Catharines to pay back developers for Lakeside Park enhancement. This enhancement would include:

- reconfiguring the parking lot
- completing the Rotary skating path
- relocating the carousel into a glass encasing.

It is estimated that this work could cost the City as much as \$3 million total.

Given these costs, the PDVC 2004 proposal, if implemented, would not have generated any new municipal tax revenue benefit for close to 7 years (\$3 million divided by \$430,367). In addition, the "PDVC 2004 Proposal" would have taken at least two years of construction and this would further delay the collection of any new tax revenue by the City. Over and above this, the projected revenue assumes all of the proposed new retail space would be successful - an assumption that has been questioned by retail experts.

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MOVIE QUIZ (Continued)
VILLIAN NAME THE MOVIE

N. Freddy Krueger

O. Joan Crawford

P. Baby Jane Hudson

Q. Hans Gruber

R. Tony Camonte

S. Auric Goldfinger

T. Alonzo Harris



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Property tax impacts (Source of data: PDVC plan Property Tax Impacts 2004)

PDVC data	Market value MPA C, 2004	Total Tax Rate St. Catharines 2003	Total Property Tax (Municipal, Regional and Education Tax)	Municipal + Educational Rate St. Catharines 2003	Net Municipal and Education Tax Revenue
60 Residential Units	\$408,210 Per unit	1.759%	60(\$408,210 x1.759%) = \$430,825	0.896%	60(\$408,210x0.896%) = \$219,454
12 Residential Units	\$820,210.0 0 Per unit	1.759%	12(\$820,210.00 x1.759%) = \$173,130	0.896%	12(\$820,210.00 x0.896%) = \$88,189
36,200 sq.ft Of retail	\$4,482,218	4.173%	\$187,043	2.738%	\$122,724
			\$790,998		\$430,367

Heritage Architecture of the Commercial Core

Most of the heritage buildings in Port's commercial core (along what was Front Street, now Lakeport Rd., and Lock Street) were built in the Italianate style, the architectural style favoured for commercial buildings built in Ontario from the mid-to-late 19th century. Typically, commercial buildings along Ontario main streets during these years were built of brick and with Italianate features to show prosperity, stability, and permanence. They often replaced earlier, plainer wooden buildings as a town grew, developed, and achieved some affluence. In Italianate buildings, features are stylized and exaggerated, often repeating the decorative motif several times across the building. Front Street (now Lakeport Rd.) and Lock Street were key parts of the commercial area of the canalside village of Port Dalhousie from the 1840s on. Previously the small commercial area of the village had developed at what is now the corner of Dalhousie and Lock, close to the entry lock of the First Welland Canal at the beach. The decision in 1842 to relocate the entry lock of the new canal brought the development of Front Street, facing the new Lock One of the Second Welland Canal which was completed in 1848. The original buildings on the street were constructed of wood, but after a series of calamitous fires, brick buildings replaced them from the 1860s through the 1880s. The hotels and stores located on Front and Lock Streets served the thousands of schooners and steamers that traveled through the Second and Third Welland Canals at Port Dalhousie, until the completion of the Fourth Welland Canal in 1932, when the canal entrance was moved from Port Dalhousie to Port Weller.

Features of the Italianate Style
(from www.OntarioArchitecture.com)

- Flat roof
Bracket
- an ornamental projection from the face of a wall providing visual or structural support
- Quoin
- a stone forming the external corner of a wall; a decorative element and generally larger or of a different colour than the wall
- Cornice
- originally a wooden overhang of the roof; translated to stone, brick, iron and steel, it became any projecting shelf at the top of a ceiling, roof or pediment, and can be highly decorated.
- Column
- free-standing vertical structural element that supports either a roof or a decorative architrave
- Transom
- window above the door
- Sill
- windows and doors rest on sills. Can be made of wood, stone, concrete, or metal.
- Cornice bracket
- these hold the cornice in place and are often paired.
- Cornice return
- frequently used as a decorative element on the end of a gable or pediment, and above doorways
- Corbel
- a series of stones or bricks that protrude beyond the lower level of an arch; also used to support cornices, turrets, brackets, and oriel windows
- Keystone
- the central stone or voussoir in an arch; usually larger than the other stones or voussoirs and often ornate.
- Voussoir
- a tapered or wedge-shaped block or stone that composes an arch
- Verandahs

Subject: Abracadabra!!!!

A married couple in their early 60s was out celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table and said, "For being such an exemplary married couple and for being faithful to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.
" Ooh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband" said the wife. The fairy moved her magic stick and – abracadabra –Two tickets for the new QM2 luxury liner appeared in her hands.

Now it was the husband's turn. He thought for a moment and said: "Well this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this only occurs once in a lifetime. So I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife who is 30 years younger than me".
The wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish...
So the fairy made a circle with her magic stick and – abracadabra! – The husband became 92 years old.
The moral of this story..... Men might be ungrateful wretches.... But fairies are...female.

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FLASHBACKS

- 1950
- Joe McCarthy: McCarthy gains national attention and begins his anti-communist crusade with his Lincoln Day speech
 - Richard Nixon: Nixon is first elected to the United States Senate
 - Studebaker: a popular car company that was beginning its financial downfall at this time
 - Television: widespread black-and-white TV becomes the most popular means of advertising
 - North Korea, South Korea: North Korea attacks South Korea on June 25, beginning the Korean War
 - Marilyn Monroe: soars in popularity with five new movies including The Asphalt Jungle and All About Eve; attempts suicide after death of lover Johnny Hyde. Monroe also married for a time to Joe DiMaggio
 - January 14 –The first non-stop trans-Canada flight is made
 - Early May –Flooding of the Red River causes immense damage and one death in Winnipeg
 - May 29 –The St. Roch becomes the first vessel to circumnavigate North America
 - August 7 –Canada joins a United Nations force to fight in Korean War
 - August 22 –August 30 –A rail workers strike shuts down much of the Canadian economy
 - October 31 –The oil pipeline linking Edmonton to Sarnia is completed
 - November 28 –Canada joins on to the Colombo Plan
 - December 18 –Korean War: First Canadian troops arrive in Korea
 - Cité libre magazine is first published
- CANADIAN BIRTHS
- January 18 –Gilles Villeneuve, automobile racing driver
 - March 16 –Kate Nelligan, actress
 - March 26 –Martin Short, actor
 - June 21 –Anne Carson, poet
 - July 11 –Liona Boyd, musician
 - July 12 –Barbara Astman, photographer
 - August 6 –Carole Pope, musician
 - September 18 –Darryl Sittler, hockey player
 - October 31 –John Candy, comedian and actor

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- Answers to Movie Quiz
- 1.To Kill a Mockingbird

2. Raiders of the Lost Ark

3. Casablanca

4. High Noon

5. Rocky

6. Aliens

7. It's a Wonderful Life

8. Lawrence of Arabia

9. Schindler's List

10. Star Wars

11. Norma Rae

12. Shane

13. Dirty Harry

14. In the Heat of the Night

15. Gandhi

16. Thelma & Louise

17. The Pride of the Yankees

18. All the President's Men

19. Cool Hand Luke

20. True Grit
- A. The Silence of the Lambs

B. Psycho

C. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

D. The Exorcist

E. The Godfather

F. Clockwork Orange

G. 2001:A Space Odyssey

H. Schindler's List

I. Mutiny on the Bounty

J. The Shining

K. Cape Fear

L. Bonnie & Clyde

M. The Third Man

N. A Nightmare on Elm Street

O. Mommy Dearest

P. Whatever Happened to Baby Jane

Q. Die Hard

R. Scarface

S. Goldfinger

T. Training Day

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