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THE LATE BARBARA FRUM

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, we were all saddened this morning when we woke to the news of the death of Barbara Frum at the early age of 54. She had struggled valiantly these last few years with leukaemia, heroically never letting her pain show to millions of Canadians every night.

One of Canada's greatest journalists, she was a role model and pioneer for women and set extraordinary standards of professionalism.

We first became aware of Barbara Frum's insightful interviewing skills on CBC Radio through *As It Happens*, as we were kept updated on Canadian public affairs.

In 1982 she left radio, breaking into CBC television with *The Journal*. For a decade Barbara Frum entered our homes nightly, bringing us in-depth interviews with world leaders from a Canadian perspective, as well as keeping us informed about issues affecting Canada in an ever probing way. She shall be sorely missed by family, friends and the Canadian public. Heartfelt condolences.

May her memory be blessed and may the mourners be comforted among all those who mourn in Zion and Jerusalem.

Y'hee zichron baruch. Hamakom yinachem etchem betoch shaaré tizion v'Yerushalayim.

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SARNIA, ONTARIO

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia—Lambton) Mr. Speaker, the April 1992 issue of *Chatelaine* has recently hit the news stands. Included in this issue is an article listing the top 10 towns and small cities in Canada in which to live. The article boasts that those chosen towns and cities have an irrepressible spirit, while being safe, affordable and neighbourly.

It is with great pleasure and pride that I inform all members that Sarnia, Ontario, has been included in this top 10 list. With a good regional employment rate, relatively low housing costs, an established economic base and a strong sense of community, Sarnia has always topped the list for myself, of course, and all residents of our area.

I am pleased that the magazine has acknowledged what the people of Sarnia have known for a long time.

Now all Canadians will know what a great place Sarnia is to live, work and raise a family.

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, the future of Canada's only national English as a Second Language organization is in jeopardy.

TESL Canada, a non-profit organization, depends largely upon grants from the federal government for funding. Seven months ago, there was a proposal submitted to the Secretary of State to continue a program entitled "Community Support and Participation Program" for the development of an ESL learners' national network.

This is the fourth year of the program. The decision to fund or not to fund is at the minister's discretion. When an official was asked whether the program would be funded, the official answered: "I do not know".

Will this government commit today to funding the ESL program? Will this government commit to the future of new Canadians? Will this government recognize the contributions of immigrants to our society?

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Finally, will the minister ensure the survival of this important program?

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DEVELOPMENT ON ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' LANDS

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, speaking to members of the Canadian Club in Montreal, including 10 representatives from Hydro Quebec, Chief Billy Diamond of the Waskaghanish Cree stated that aboriginal people wanted to be partners in resource development on their lands so as to enjoy the financial benefits and limit any negative impact on the natural and human environment. He went on to say that it was necessary to set up a partnership with non-native entrepreneurs and establish a better relationship with the government so that native concerns would be given due consideration and long-term development would benefit consumers in the north as well as the south.