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forget about Sergio. Here's why. My guess is that while he is out of the public spotlight, he will be amassing the necessary monetary war chest to make a run at the Liberal leadership if and when Jean Chretien steps down. The final seat is in Saskatchewan where things will be substantially more interesting. The former NDP seat held by Chris Axworthy (whose jump into provincial politics earned him a cabinet seat at Roy Romanow's table) will be hotly contested. In Reform land it will be difficult for the center and center-left parties to hold on. With Prairie farmers suffering

from the only thing worse than a drought (a drop in commodity prices) expect them to avoid electing anyone into the present government unless... the Liberals suddenly find some real cash (anything over \$1 billion would do as the cost of the drop is estimated at at least \$3 billion) for them. This would be a wise move for several reasons. First, they only have one MP from Saskatchewan right now. Second, farmers out west are pretty much paying for the right to farm right now (which is a bad thing). Third, I have mentioned before about the disparity in wealth/opportunities between rural and urban areas and the urbanization (the movement of people to cities) that continues to take

place. It is important to step up to the plate and give these people a renewed sense of hope. The fourth reason is that the Liberals are still clinging to a marginal majority in the house. Any seat they gain or lose effects this position. In a parliamentary democracy anything less than a strong majority gives invisible backbenchers a powerful tool to make sure their interests and concerns are addressed. How does all this effect our view of our national government?? The Liberals will win three seats and possibly (although highly unlikely) a fourth. It is how much they win by that is important. If you see some tight races in Quebec and Ontario, you can be sure the other nine tenths of the iceberg is starting to surface...

When one looks at...

a spherical globe, you will notice that this place is on the other side of the world. I am talking about Pakistan. Usually, I limit my political gibberish to our beloved country but this couldn't avoid my scope. Basically, the Pakistani military overthrew their government. They arrested the leader of the country and installed the head of the military as leader. Who cares right?? Usually I wouldn't either except for one little fact that could effect all of us. This will mark the first time in our history that a nuclear bomb

will be in the hands of an unstable force. A couple of things need to be said to put this in perspective. First off is that India and Pakistan have been longtime rivals (whose intensity is almost matched by the Red Sox/Yankee rivalry). Most of the problems have been over the area known as

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Kashmir (which borders both countries) for reasons which I can fully comprehend. Now these two countries skirmished in the high altitude a couple of months back which resulted in a pseudo Indian victory (which caused enormous pressures in Islamabad, Pakistan). Further, last year these countries took turns in showing off there technological capabilities by detonating nuclear devices to let each other know they could wipe each other from the face of the earth. This does not bode well for us. All we can hope for is that those who have access to the button act responsibly. And those who have access to Kashmir stay chilled...

He Changed the way...

his sport was played. I want

to take a moment to pay tribute to the giant of a man known as Wilt Chamberlain. I don't really like basketball and usually I don't delve into sports but I must make an exception here. Why?? Wilt has set many records but a few stick out in mind. The first is that he scored 100 points in a professional basketball game almost 40 years ago. Triple digits just boggle the mind and even with all the great players who have come along since (Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson to name a few) no one has been able to touch or really come close to this record. Second is that he set the record of 55 rebounds in one game. Again, just a crazy number. His most impressive basketball accomplishment, in my mind, is that in over 14 years and 1300 games he *never* fouled out of a game in his career. This speaks volumes to me. In my mind Wilt should be remembered as one who transformed the way his game was played (see Wayne Gretzky). But what final comment about Wilt The Stilt would be appropriate without mentioning his claim that he slept with 20000 women in his long bachelorhood of a lifetime. To allegedly accomplish that in this day and age of life threatening STD's and die of a heart attack (or was it the Viagra) only seemed appropriate. Here's to ya Wilt.
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