SPECIAL PRE-ELECTION UPDATE / OCTOBER 26, 2026

MNL: Pre Election Satire Live Rehearsal

(RECORDED) LIVE FROM THOROLD—IT'S ELECTILE DYSFUNCTION!

The dress rehearsal for tonight's results • Hosted by Nicholas Bozza

ONE EDITION ONLY: The full article and Executive Summary are the same document. Read either one—there is no need to read both.

READ TIME: About 4 minutes. UN-FAB FOUR supporters: allow 2 hours—and a shampoo break for Sentance and O'Hare.

Good evening, Thorold! Before tonight's results, here is a practice run for MONDAY NIGHT LIVE: our election-night comedy special, to be recorded live—**because even the laugh track wants a recorded vote.**

For this imaginary ONE NIGHT ONLY AFFAIR, I have recalled my cardiology staff team. They'll monitor the pulse of democracy. The defibrillator is charged; **the machine that produces explanations remains on back order.**

My coroner friend is on standby for the political post-mortem: examining campaign promises, expired excuses and any platform found unresponsive. Nobody is on the slab—just the record. **Cause of political death? Pending the voters' findings.**

A toxic-waste site inspector will supervise the residue from all that spin. All waste will be disposed of legally and in an environmentally friendly manner. Hot air goes into balloons; unanswered questions go into permanent storage. **The blue bin has requested a lawyer.**

IMAGINARY MUSICAL GUEST: PAUL ANKA

Performing "My Way"—with an encore of "Could Somebody Explain Which Way?" Entirely fictional booking. His imaginary agent has already asked to be paid in answers. **Negotiations have stalled.**

HALFTIME: THE UN-FAB FOUR GO FULL MILLI VANILLI. In our imaginary lip-sync spectacular, they mime every answer. Then the backing track stops. **For the first time all night, the silence is live.**

UNLUCKY TOP 13 REASONS THE UN-FAB FOUR SHOULD NOT GET BACK IN

The Top Thirteen: reasons or excuses? Four candidates. One very nervous returns clerk.

13. In our imaginary sketch, the UN-FAB FOUR each receive a $10,000 cellphone bill. They vote unanimously against reviewing it. **Finally—four recorded votes, and still nobody can explain the charges.**

12. Elton John is upset with O'Hare. He's been trying to teach him "Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word" to sing to our former mayor—**but O'Hare keeps insisting it's an instrumental.**

11. NASA wants to study them. Four seats occupied, yet somehow **the answers disappear into a fifth dimension.**

10. IKEA recalled their council table. Every question left over after assembly was apparently **"an extra part."**

9. If it weren't for the UN-FAB FOUR, shampoo bottles wouldn't need instructions. **"Rinse and repeat" is also their entire re-election platform.**

8. They insist denial is just a river that flows through the Welland Canal at Lock 7. **Apparently, even geography owes them an apology.**

7. The Wizard of Oz offered them jobs behind his curtain. Then withdrew the offer: **"At some point, you actually have to work the controls."**

6. Their escape room has no locks. You just ask them to explain a vote—**and suddenly you're alone.**

5. A priest, a rabbi and a taxpayer walk into City Hall. The taxpayer asks a question. **The other two begin praying.**

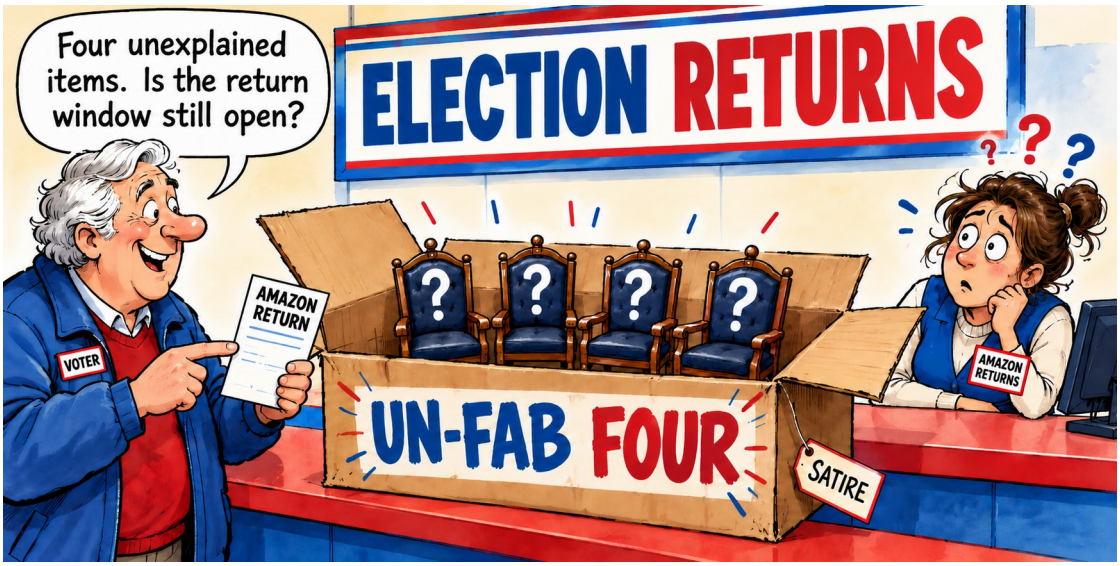
4. They asked a psychic about four more years. She flipped over one card: **a U-Haul coupon.**

3. Their rear-view mirrors all carry the same warning: **"VOTERS MAY EXPECT MORE EXPLANATIONS THAN THEY APPEAR TO."**

2. The UN-FAB FOUR aren't the dumbest foursome in the world—but for their sake, **let's hope the other four stay healthy.**

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON THEY SHOULD NOT GET BACK IN...

1. Because "RETURN FOUR UNEXPLAINED ITEMS" is an Amazon transaction—not a plan for Thorold.



STAY TUNED: TONIGHT THE VOTERS WRITE THE ENDING.

All four returned? Some returned? None returned? We'll adapt the show to the verified results. Until then, the ending is unwritten. Please share this special and visit the website for the election follow-up, either late tonight or tomorrow.

YOUR BALLOT FOR THE BEST CARTOON—EMAIL ONLY

Which illustration in the series deserves the crown? Email your favourite cartoon's title or a short description to nbozza@go2cai.ca. No photo ID, polling station or advance registration required—just your actual choice. One vote per reader, please. Four identical answers still count as four emails, not a council meeting.

Got a joke I can use tomorrow? Send it along. If tonight's results leave you speechless, I'm accepting punchlines on your behalf. Failing that, spare Depends would be appreciated: I've prepared for every outcome except a leak in the exit polls. Email first—please don't attach the product.

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