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Construction workers march turns morbid

By Jack Branswell

QUEBEC (CP) — Thousands of construction workers marched on the Quebec National Assembly Monday warning of an escalation of violence if the government adopts a law that would open up some job sites to more workers.

A group of about 200 workers standing in front of the crowd chanted the name of Denis Lortie, the man who killed three people and wounded 13 others in a shooting rampage at the legislature in 1984.

Férnand Daoust, head of the Quebec Federation of Labor, said the unions were worried about violence at the demonstration and assigned some 2,000 of their own members to keep the angry protesters in line.

"We're not completely crazy; we know that if it was to degenerate into acts of violence that we will have given the government the pretext to adopt that law," he said.

A crowd estimated at between 10,000 and 20,000 waved placards and rattled temporary iron gates set up to hold them back, but the demonstration was mainly peaceful.

A handful of people overturned flower pots, set a few bonfires and torched a small house they brought while hundreds of provincial police officers kept watch.

Opposition to the new bill has been accompanied by vandalism and violence and workers openly warned Monday it could get worse.

"When (the law) passes watch to see the number of fires," said worker Pierre-André Samson.

Daoust said workers won't sit quietly while other people come in and take their jobs.

"They will resort to all sorts of measures, we know that," he said. "Sometimes we cannot control (the situation)."

Bill 142 will deregulate the residential construction sector and require only plumbers and electricians to have union-controlled working papers for projects of eight units or less.

The construction workers say the new law would throw the door open for anyone with a hammer to take their jobs and drive down salaries and benefits.

The government has said the changes will slow black market work but the unions say the opposite will occur.

Police officers guarded doors to the Assembly and a helicopter kept tabs on the workers as they marched from the historic Plains of Abraham and the Old City.

Labor Minister Norm Cherry

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Cuts in care coming soon?

Nurses fear the worst in Quebec health cuts

By Lia Levesque

LAVAL (CP) — With cuts to the health-care system looming, the Quebec Federation of Nurses opened its convention Monday in an apprehensive mood.

The nurses, like other public servants, have already endured a salary freeze. Now they're concerned about the possibilities of forced days off without pay, a reduction in the number of health-care services and a possible reduction in their ranks.

The convention of 900 delegates representing 44,000 Quebec nurses continues until Friday.

Delegates will debate new ways of organizing their work and cuts in the health-care system. They'll also elect a new president to replace Diane Lavallée, who is leaving to run for the Parti Québécois in the next provincial election.

In her speech to open the convention, Lavallée said she's proud of the "largest women's union organization in Quebec."

Lavallée, who is highly popular despite the difficulties for all Quebec union organizations these days, received a warm and lengthy ovation from her members.

"More than ever, measures the government intends to introduce to cut budgets, reduce the number of services and cut jobs requires our vigilance," she warned.

While the nurses federation believes planned cuts to the public service could mean 20,000 fewer jobs in the health-care system, many health-care institutions are complaining about a shortage of nurses.

"Neither the signals from Ottawa or from Quebec Health Minister Marc-Yvan Côté bode well for the financing of the health-care system," Lavallée said.

Because of budget restrictions, an aging population and a greater accent on home care, the way nurses work is organized must be re-thought, she said.

"Perhaps we're going to have to change our way of doing things, to experiment and try new things," she said. "It's clear that organizing work based on a rigid division of labor is a thing of the past."

U.N. peacekeeper mourned in Eastman



Killed while on peacekeeping duty in Bosnia last week, Sherbrooke Hussars Cpl. David Patrick Galvin was buried Monday following a full military funeral at St-Edouard's church in Eastman. For the full story, please turn to Page 5. RECORD/PERRY BEATON

Johnson closing in fast on leadership

QUEBEC (CP) — Daniel Johnson is one step closer to replacing Premier Robert Bourassa as the next leader of the Quebec Liberal party.

The head of the Quebec Treasury Board is favored by 60 per cent of the committed delegates who have now been chosen in all 125 ridings for a leadership convention scheduled for January.

However, those delegates will likely never get to vote for Johnson. He is the only candidate running for the leadership. If no other candidate enters the race before Dec. 15, he automatically becomes the new leader and premier.

No one else has come forward to date and if somebody now does "it will be the headline of the year," said party president Jean-Pierre Roy.

A final decision on whether to cancel the convention and award Johnson the leadership will be made Dec. 15.

Johnson ally André Bourbeau, the province's manpower minister, believes the convention won't take place.

"It won't happen because nobody else is going to run," Bourbeau said.

An opinion poll published today in Quebec City *Le Soleil* suggests that Johnson is more popular than Parti Québécois Leader Jacques Parizeau.

The SOM poll conducted Nov. 26 to Dec. 1 had a high percentage of undecided among the 1,002 people surveyed.

But 43 per cent of those who responded thought Johnson would be a better premier than Parizeau, who was favored by 32 per cent.

The survey is considered accurate within 3.9 percentage points, 95 per cent of the time, pollsters said.

Johnson appears particularly popular in Montreal where about one-third of the province's population lives. Parizeau is better liked in the provincial capital and the two are close in the rest of the province.

Guilty drivers get more compensation

Quebec penalizing crash victims?

QUEBEC (CP) — A speeding motorist who killed four youths in an automobile accident has received compensation of $86,000, while the victims' parents were awarded a total of $32,000, an angry lawyer said Monday.

Lawyer Marc Bellemare, who specializes in defending victims of traffic accidents, said the law governing compensation for such people is doubly unfair.

Victims are unable to sue the responsible party if the mishap was the result of a criminal act, while the guilty party is entitled to compensation for the guilty party even during incarceration.

Bellemare called on the government to allow victims of speeding drivers to initiate civil action.

"That would constitute a dissuasive measure against crime on the roads," he said.

One of Bellemare's clients lost a leg to a drunk driver who was committing his fourth drunk-driving infraction.

"If the guilty party had to pay from his pocket for the damages caused to his victim, there would be a decrease in these crimes," Bellemare argued.

"As it is, motorists are not held responsible for their actions."

The parents of the four young people killed in a September 1987 accident involving criminal negligence each received $8,000 from the province's automobile insurance board, Bellemare said.

Yet the person responsible for the accident, who was found guilty of criminal negligence for driving at 140 km-h while fleeing police, has received nearly $86,000 so far for wounds he suffered, he added.

"We are in a unique situation in North America, where the victims receive less (help) than the guilty."

Underground economy under fire

War on cheaters: Ottawa hires 500 new auditors

By Clyde Graham

OTTAWA (CP) — The tax-free underground economy — dealing in everything from jewelry sales to used cars to home repairs — could be worth up to $56 billion a year, says Revenue Minister David Anderson.

He wants to crack down on both the buyers and sellers who deal under the counter to evade the GST and other taxes. And he wants to do it with a maximum of publicity.

"I would not be unhappy to see some highly publicized cases involving both customers and the providers of services," Anderson said in an interview.

The new minister says cheating is endemic in businesses such as jewelry, construction, used cars, renovation and food services. It has even taken hold in the professions.

In many cases, even if a tax dodge is discovered, only the seller is prosecuted because there are too many customers and the value of each deal is small.

But Anderson cites cases like high-priced jewelry sales that might justify legal action against the consumer.

"I would be delighted to find some high-profile case involving jewelry where we could prosecute the customer."

He estimates that underground commerce has grown to six or eight per cent of the $700-billion national economy.

"I am guessing when I am saying it is somewhere in the six, seven, eight (per cent) — probably closer to six than eight.

"That is my best guess, but I would stress it is a guess."

That would put the value of untaxed commerce at between $42 billion and $56 billion a year.

"It is no longer mom and pop," says Anderson. "It is becoming very major.

"We want to have some high-profile cases to point out to people that this is in fact law-breaking, and it is in fact something that society will not accept."

Anderson announced last month that the Revenue Department would set up special teams to concentrate on business sectors where non-compliance with tax laws is widespread.

The minister doubts he'll ever be able to tax every transaction.

"The initial target is 50 per cent. There will always be some that misses the system, if only because of the amounts of money involved."

Anderson says the focus of the crackdown won't be small-scale operators like babysitters or handymen doing odd jobs.

About 500 new auditors have already been hired, and a new computer system is in place to look for discrepancies between GST and income tax returns. A wide gap could suggest something's happening at the back door of a business.

The new Liberal government has promised to eliminate the GST eventually, although it hasn't said what will replace it. Meanwhile, Anderson says no one should think the Liberals won't enforce the current tax.

"It is important to enforce the law. It is not a wink-wink, nudge-nudge situation."

While people complain that taxes are unfair, cheating is the wrong solution, he says.

Anderson also sees disturbing links to organized crime in some sectors of the underground economy.

For example, underground auto repairs often use stolen car parts from so-called chop shops. If they used legitimate parts, there would be a paper trail for Revenue Canada to follow.

'Farmers may end up on welfare'

Local politicians call for Ottawa recall on GATT



RECORD PHOTOS/GRANT SIMEON

Compton dairy producer Diane Beaulieu-Groleau said local politicians and union officials put farmers in the dark.

By Stephanie O'Hanley

About 300 angry Quebec farmers backed union representatives and politicians Monday in asking the federal Liberal government to immediately reconvene the House of Commons to answer questions on trade talks in Geneva.

At a press conference sponsored by the local chapter of the Quebec farmers union, the farmers, the majority dairy producers from the Eastern Townships, urged for Canada to retain Article 11 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

"The Agriculture Minister (Ralph Goodale) has already started to back down," said Maurice Bernier, Bloc Québécois MP for Megantic—Compton—Stanstead. "He's on the verge of abandoning Article 11. (Farmers) have the right to real answers on Quebec agriculture."

Article 11 protects Canada's system of marketing boards by assigning quotas on mainly dairy and poultry products and controlling imports of both. Marketing boards and quotas protect Quebec farmers by setting prices and ensuring profits. Quebec union of dairy producers president Roch Dion said if they're removed, cheaper U.S. agricultural products will flood the Canadian market.

"When we depend on other countries to eat we (farmers) won't be working any more," Dion said. "We may end up on unemployment insurance or welfare."

WRITE AND PHONE

Bernier urged farmers to write and phone Liberal MPs to get Parliament reconvened before the trade talks end since the Liberals alone have the power to do it.

"It took years to develop this system. We won't let it fall apart," Bernier said.

But Diane Beaulieu—Groleau, a dairy producer from Compton, accused politicians and union representatives at the press conference of leaving farmers in the dark on the trade talks. "They didn't seem to want to give us answers. They didn't want to give us explanations," said Beaulieu—Groleau, one of several farmers who angrily spoke up when Union des Producteurs Agricoles president Germain Larrivée was about to dismiss the press conference without hearing from them.

She said she hopes to organize a rally to Ottawa to let the federal government know Quebec farmers want the current system left alone. "Even if it costs us a lot, it's worth keeping."

Canada stands almost alone among 116 countries at the Uruguay Round of the trade talks in wanting to keep the right to control imports of agricultural products. The deadline to reach an agreement is Dec. 15.



Maurice Bernier: ...'Farmers have the right to real answers.'

Canadian nuclear industry now threatened?

By Laura Eggertson

WASHINGTON (CP) — A U.S. project to subsidize the production of radioactive isotopes, used to diagnose illness, could jeopardize Canada's international leadership in the field, says the vice-president of an Ontario company.

The U.S. Department of Energy's plan to refurbish a nuclear reactor in Los Alamos, N.M., to compete with Nordion International Inc. could also put the entire business of 400 Canadian employees at risk, Iain Trevena said in an interview.

"We're concerned that Canada risks losing its global leadership in what is a cutting edge technology," Trevena said following a congressional hearing Monday on Capitol Hill.

The Canadian company, based in the Ottawa suburb of Kanata, supplies 90 per cent of all the medical isotopes used in the United States.

More than 36,000 medical procedures conducted daily in the U.S. rely on the isotopes, which give off radiation and can be injected into the body as a diagnostic tool.

But Nordion, in turn, relies on only one nuclear reactor to produce the isotopes. Testimony at the congressional hearing raised American concerns about the reliability of a supply of isotopes should that reactor ever go down.

"We are now relying upon a single isotope production reactor in Canada for nearly 90 per cent of all of the isotopes used for medical procedures in the U.S. with essentially no alternative source of supply," Mike Synar, a Democratic representative from California, said in a statement.

A second reactor, known as the Maple X, was to have been on-line in Chalk River, Ont., to provide another source of supply.

But a dispute between the federal government, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., and Nordiron over finances has bogged down construction of that reactor. Before it was privatized, Nordion was the Radiochemical Company arm of Atomic Energy.

The U.S. Energy department claims Nordion is a subsidized company — a charge Trevena denies.

"The U.S. people are making the claim that Nordion is a subsidized facility, so it's alright to set up a subsidized facility (in New Mexico) to compete with Nordion," says Trevena.

The Canadian firm is not afraid of competition, but it worried a subsidized American industry could put it out of business.

MPs lose points with frequent-flyer bonus grab

By Gord McIntosh

OTTAWA (CP) — MPs should think again about collecting airline bonus points for themselves while keeping similar perks off-limits to public servants, says government House leader Herb Gray.

Gray said Monday he will ask the Commons board of internal economy — the powerful committee that administers House finances — to reconsider a decision that makes frequent-flyer points earned while travelling at taxpayer expense the personal property of MPs.

The decision was made last spring, six months before the election that produced a new House.

"I have asked that this issue be reviewed," Gray said in an interview from Toronto.

MPs get 64 return flights a year within Canada. The taxpayer-funded flights are intended for travel to and from their ridings and for other official business.

For years, MPs had been required to use the frequent-flyer points earned on any official trips to offset the cost of future official trips.

That rule was mysteriously dropped from the benefits manual that guides MPs when the latest edition of the manual was approved by the board of internal economy in April.

As a result, MPs became free to use the points for personal travel if they want to.

The all-party board meets in camera as a matter of practice, and Gray said he didn't know about the decision until last weekend.

"I was surprised too."

Gray, who was on the board briefly in 1989 and 1990 when he was deputy Liberal leader, said he would find out why the rule was changed when it had seemed to work well for years.

Commons officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, say the bonus points were not addressed when Commons bylaws were codified for the first time last year. And since there was no mention of the issue in the bylaws, the rule was dropped from the benefits manual.

Rules on the airline points differ around the government.

Public servants are prohibited in most cases from even receiving bonus points on official business. Exceptions are made for those who travel constantly — but they must turn in the points to pay for future official flights.

Senators have always been allowed to keep their bonus points from the airlines.

There should be a consistent policy on the issue, Gray said.

"Once again it's kind of a spectacular example of sending the wrong signal," said David Somerville, president of the National Citizens' Coalition.

"It's right up there with senators' pay raises."

Somerville, who has long campaigned against government waste, said Gray should be asking questions within his own caucus about last April's decision.

"The Liberals had to be in on this change, because the board of internal economy works on unamimity," he said.

NDP whip Chris Axworthy said the policy of his caucus is to use the points to pay for official business flights only.

"It is not acceptable for MPs to use them for their own personal use. We should find ways of making sure that those points are used to save taxpayers money."

Michel Bourque, a spokesman for Bloc Quebecois House leader Michel Gauthier, said the party has yet to decide its position.

Diane Ablonczy, caucus coordinator for the Reform party, said the issue will be discussed this week by her caucus.

Parliamentary secretaries:

Chrétien names his second team

OTTAWA (CP) — Seven rookie MPs are among 23 parliamentary secretaries named Monday by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

And several prominent MPs, who didn't make it into Chrétien's pared down cabinet, are among those whose job will be to assist ministers with parliamentary and departmental duties.

Vancouver MP Hedy Fry, who defeated former prime minister Kim Campbell, becomes parliamentary secretary to Health Minister Diane Marleau.

Former Quebec cabinet minister Clifford Lincoln was made parliamentary secretary to Sheila Copps, deputy prime minister and environment minister.

The group also includes Susan Whelan, daughter of former Liberal cabinet minister Eugene Whelan, who was elected to Parliament for the first time in October.

Parliamentary secretaries get a bonus of $10,500 a year in addition to the basic salary of $64,400 and annual tax-free expense allowance of $21,300 earned by all MPs.

Under the Tories, the parliamentary secretary jobs were largely seen as a reward for loyal service with few responsibilities.

But Chrétien has promised to add duties and make the positions more important.

Even some Liberal MPs have been skeptical about the promise.

Liberal MP John Nunziata, an outspoken critic, said recently he wouldn't want to be a parliamentary secretary because he would lose his freedom to speak out against the government.

Chrétien kept a similar regional balance as in his cabinet, with 11 coming from Ontario.

But Chrétien appointed more women, naming six as parliamentary secretaries compared with four in his main cabinet.

Parliamentary secretaries and their ministers:

- Jean Augustine of Toronto, prime minister.
- Jack Anawak of the Northwest Territories, Indian affairs.
- Maurizio Bevilacqua of Toronto, human resources development.
- Mary Clancy of Halifax, citizenship and immigration.
- Marlene Catterall of Ottawa, Treasury Board.
- Herb Dhaliwall of Vancouver, fisheries and oceans
- Ron Duhamel of Winnipeg, public works
- John English of Kitchener, Ont., intergovernmental relations and Privy Council president.
- Jesse Flis of Toronto, foreign affairs.
- Joe Fontana of London, transport.
- Hedy Fry of Vancouver, health.
- Patrick Gagnon of Bonaventure-Iles-de-la-Madeleine riding in Quebec, solicitor general.
- Albina Guarnieri of Toronto, Canadian heritage.
- Mac Harb of Ottawa Centre, international trade.
- Clifford Lincoln of suburban Montreal, environment, deputy prime minister.
- Russell MacLellan of Cape Breton, N.S., justice.
- Fred Mifflin of Newfoundland, national defence.
- Peter Milliken of Kingston, Ont., government House leader.
- Dennis Mills of Toronto, industry.
- George Rideout of Moncton, N.B. natural resources.
- Lyle Vanclief of eastern Ontario, agriculture.
- David Walker of Winnipeg, finance.
- Susan Whelan of Windsor, Ont., national revenue.

WORKERS:

Continued from page one.

said he was happy to see there was no violence. "It is quite a change from the type of behavior we have seen from some of the construction workers," he said.

In the last couple of weeks, the offices of two MNAs were ransacked and Liberal Yvon Lemire was dragged from his office and kicked and punched. Several construction sites were also trashed and there have been illegal strikes in some areas of the province.

Cherry said Monday there may be small changes to the bill but it will be adopted.

The construction workers are worried that this is the first step in deregulating the whole industry.

"We know they are opening the door now for later," said Daniel Veillette, a construction worker.

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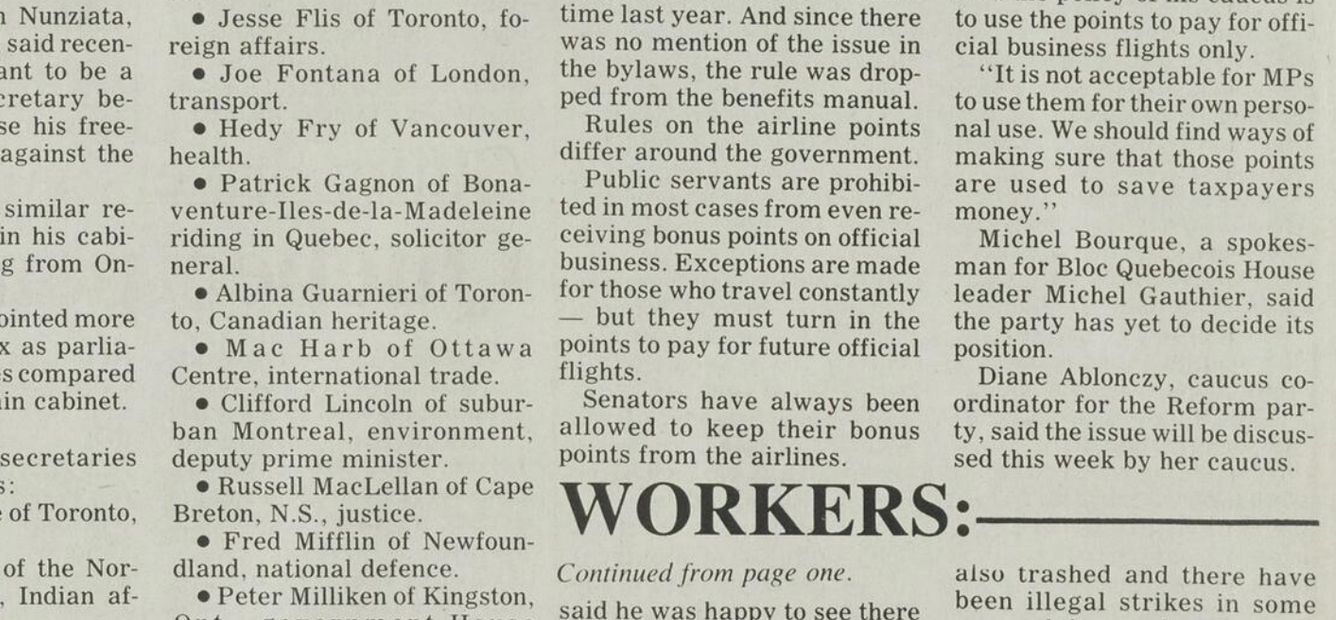
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WEATHER

Snow in the morning Tuesday, followed by cloudy skies. The high will be near **1**. Wednesday's outlook: sunny with cloudy periods. High: **1**. Low: **-8**

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The Townships

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Survey shows citizens are afraid

Personal safety: Danger lurks in the modern city

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — Underground parking lots, dimly lit streets, bike paths, poorly-patrolled parks and public buildings are places which frighten many Sherbrooke women, and some men.

These not too surprising facts were discovered in a recent survey of residents by the city and a coalition of women's groups called Promoting Urban Safety for Women in Quebec.

The survey, part of the Gateway to a Safer City project, sought to identify factors making residents feel insecure. The goal is to make Sherbrooke safer, says Sherbrooke Gateway co-ordinator Sandra Conway.

"What's really interesting is that the same areas which provoke insecurity in women, also provoke insecurity in men," Conway said in an interview. "That really surprised us."

NOWHERE TO RUN

At a news conference in the parking area of Sherbrooke's city library Conway said the lot was an excellent example of the many things that make people insecure: that they won't be able to flee if confronted; that they won't be heard if they cry for help; the lack of police patrols; and that neighbors won't respond if they cry out.

The underground lot can be reached only through another underground lot so there is nowhere to run, she said. To get to the library you have to go through two doors, a staircase and another door. There is no direct access to the street. Going outside means going through the other lot.

The lack of surveillance, a low ceiling and bad lighting also contribute to feeling of insecurity in the lot, Conway said.

Ironically the parking lot is only two doors from the police station, "but they rarely go through there."

QUESTIONAIRE

The city recently included a questionnaire in its municipal bulletin. More than 900 residents responded, 78 per cent of them women.

Residents, especially women, reported feeling more insecure at night.

Some women said they didn't feel insecure at night, but later said they didn't go out at night, Conway pointed out.

After collating the information from the Gateway to a Safer City survey, recommendations were made based on the findings.



Under the watchful eye of Gateway to a Safer City co-ordinator Sandra Conway, Mayor Paul Gervais signed a postcard Monday from cities participating in the program. The postcard with the signatures of the 20 participating mayors will be sent to Premier Robert Bourassa.



RECORD PHOTOS/PERRY BEATON

The darkened parking lot of the Eva Sennecal library around 8 p.m. Monday night.

They include more police foot patrols, in neighborhoods instead of just downtown, and improved lighting on streets and in parks.

The city should consider safety and adequate lighting in all new residential and other projects and assure that inadequate lighting elsewhere be slowly brought up to safer standards, says Conway.

She said bus drivers could let women passengers off between stops late at night to cut down on the distances they walk alone, and more neighborhood watch programs are needed throughout the city.

One respondent suggested that community centres organize walks in their areas so women and elderly people don't walk alone and so people can get to know their neighbors and feel more secure. Conway said those three suggestions would cost little but require goodwill from city officials.

The city has been co-operating with Gateway to a Safer City. But now that the survey is completed and recommendation have been made, Sherbrooke must "put its money where its mouth is".

Conway said the group wants the city to hire a safety co-ordinator and form a consultative committee including women's groups, city planners and engineers, recreation centres and police to recommend ways to improve safety.

She said the city has nothing to lose. "If you make Sherbrooke safer for women, it will be safer for everybody."

Recession and decline in orders hurts boiler factory

ABB workers may face 360 layoffs this spring

By Ian MacDonald

SHERBROOKE — A recession-linked decline in orders from American power plants could result in the loss of about 360 jobs this spring at the ABB boiler factory, Sherbrooke plant director Rémi Gagnon said Monday.

Gagnon said new orders have dried up for the former Combustion Engineering plant on Roy Street which employs 290 union and 72 non-union staff. Existing work supplying replacement parts to American power generating stations — about 50 per cent of business — is shifting south.

"ABB in the U.S. will favor its own factories," Gagnon said. "If there's more work they can handle it themselves. They won't send the order here."

Gagnon said commenting on speculation that 40 to 50 jobs would be gone by mid-January is premature and only adds to employee insecurity.

"It's very bad to comment on numbers," he said. "It might be worse, but it might not happen at all."

Gagnon said about 85 per cent of the Sherbrooke plant's production is exported to the U.S. and overseas but that the recession has shrunk the market. Remaining companies are finding ways to save energy instead of ordering new thermal generating plants.

ASIA GROWING

"About the only place where demand is growing right now is Asia," Gagnon said.

Domestic sales hit a high of 40 per cent every three or four years, he said, but averaged only between 15 and 20 per cent.

"In Canada we've got lots of hydro power," he said. "We have always lived for exports."

The highly specialized Sherbrooke plant only makes boilers and parts used in coal, gas and oil-fired electrical generating stations.

Re-tooling and re-organizing to diversify would not solve the immediate problem because it would take too long, Gagnon said, adding that ABB already owns many other plants to fill other niches.

Productivity at the factory is not an issue, Gagnon said. With shop re-organization, equipment upgrading and employee participation in decision-making, the plant has increased productivity by about 20 per cent. Shop workers earn an average of $16 per hour.

DIFFERENT SCENARIOS

ABB director of communications Michel Filion said the company is studying different scenarios.

"Some are positive, others are more difficult," he said. "If there is an announcement, our employees will be the first to know."

Nil Trépanier, president of the International Association of Machinists local 1530, said the union has asked management if something can be worked out to keep production going, but added it's not the workers who will decide.

"It's hard right now," he said. "Everyone is worried... and taking it very seriously."

Jobs on order in Sherbrooke include the building of three boilers for a garbage plant in Syracuse, N.Y. which will be finished at the end of March. The 12th and 13th boiler to complete a 12-year contract supplying a huge generating plant in Thailand will be finished in April, Gagnon said.

The multinational ABB has owned the 41-year-old Sherbrooke factory since 1989 when it purchased the sprawling complex from Combustion Engineering.

ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. is a holding company owned equally by Asea AB of Stockholm, and BBC Brown Boveni Ltd. of Baden, Switzerland. Together they own 1300 companies world-wide.

The company generated a net income of $505 million US in 1992 on gross revenues of $29.6 billion.

Its 13 Canadian plants registered gross revenue of $706 million US in 1992, down $266 million from the previous year.



RECORD/PERRY BEATON

Workers leave the ABB plant at the Monday afternoon shift change.

City police seek two armed robbers

SHERBROOKE — City police are on the lookout for two armed robbers.

The first man is sought in connection with the robbery of the Cumberland pharmacy at 1363 Belvédère South on November 6.

The man, who is in his early 30s, is about five-foot-six-inches tall (1.67 cm) and weighs about 143 pounds (65kg).

At the time of the robbery he was wearing a hooded, navy blue nylon jacket. He has shoulder length brown hair and wore silver rimmed glasses. A scarf hid the bottom of his face.

The pharmacy cashier said the man seemed to be examining the chewing gum display when she asked if he needed help. He said no.

A little later, when the store was empty, he arrived at the cash with three packs of gum and deposited a paper on the counter which read: "Hold up, stay calm."

He took the paper back and asked the cashier to empty the cash register. She saw no weapon.

He fled the store with about $400, running south on Belvédère.

The second man police are seeking attempted to hold up the Loto-Quebec stand at the Place Belvédère shopping centre on November 18.

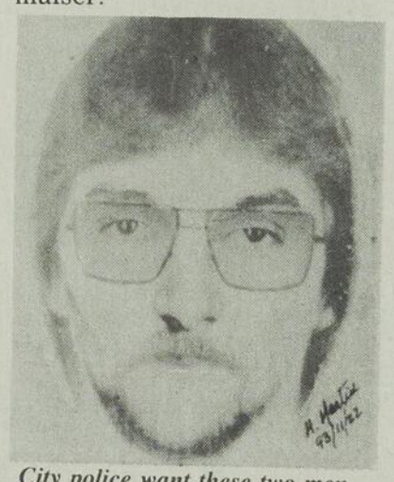
About 30, the man was approximately five-foot-seven-inches (1.70m) and weighed about 140 pounds (63kg). He was tall and slim and wore a K-way style phosphoresant pink, blue and yellow jacket and a black tuque.

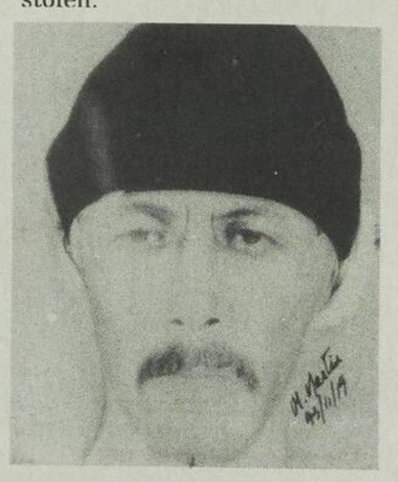
Around 7:55 that evening the man approached the loto stand and showed the cashier a note which read "Hold up, stay calm."

The woman, who thought it was a joke, replied, "Arrête de niaiser."

When he told her to hand over the money, she replied once again, "Arrête de niaiser."

The would-be robber left promising to return. No weapon was seen and no cash was stolen.





City police want these two men.

Two big trucks in Cowansville crash

COWANSVILLE (SM) — The spectacular crash of two tractor trailers held up early morning traffic on Route 139 in Cowansville for several hours Monday morning.

The driver of one of the big trucks was transported to BMP Hospital in a coma.

One of the trailers was loaded with bicycles and the other contained empty tankers. They collided at about 6:10 a.m.

Quebec Police Force spokesman Cst. Tom McConnell said some 1000 gallons of oil spewed from the trucks' fuel tanks, spilling into the Yamaska River.

Environment Quebec inspectors were called to the scene, and Cowansville municipal workers immediately began adding sand to the riverbed to absorb the oil.

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Editorial

All about GATT and cream cheese

Were those sacred cows we saw this summer quietly grazing in Eastern Townships fields? And if so, could that be the reason we pay up to two dollars more for a package of cream cheese than do our neighbors in Vermont?

Representatives of 116 countries meeting in Geneva for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade have until December 15 to reach a consensus on a deal which will lower barriers to trade on a wide variety of goods — including food.

The sticking point, and one that French farmers in particular have vehemently protested against, is the lowering of government subsidies to farmers. French representatives have threatened to block any deal they don't like, and say the agreement as it stands doesn't protect French farmers.

Closer to home, Quebec's farmers union is asking for Parliament to reconvene so that Liberal MPs can answer questions about the Geneva talks. They're after the federal government to push for the retention of Article 11, the clause in the GATT which protects Canada's system of marketing boards and quotas.

Marketing boards have protected Canadian dairy producers under a quota system which balances domestic supply with domestic consumption. But to do that, Canada restricts imports by issuing import quotas. Take away these restrictions, the farmers say, and say good-bye to the Canadian farmer and a steady supply of high-quality food.

The issue is a sensitive one for the new Liberal government because most of those clamoring for Ottawa to retain Article 11 as the agreement nears the deadline are Quebec dairy farmers.

Quebec farmers been providing the rest of Canada with 60 per cent of its industrial milk for years, with import restrictions providing them with no economic incentive to even question whether their production or distribution system was cost-efficient. Cream cheese at $3 saw to that.

But despite their position as primary providers of the food we eat, farmers everywhere are going to have to face up to the economic realities of global trade and competition. Most GATT participants have already agreed to replace the present system of import quotas and other barriers to trade with a gradual lowering of tariffs. Even the Japanese have given in to a total ban on rice imports, allowing a step-by-step reduction in the tariffs which now keep lower-price foreign rice out of 120 million bowls.

Like the Canada — U.S. Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement, the lowering of trade barriers and the gradual elimination of farm subsidies and marketing boards will leave some casualties. That's inevitable whenever change is brought about.

Certainly it will be in everyone's best interest to make sure the changes are brought about gradually, to allow farmers time to adjust to new realities and find new markets for their produce.

No one wants to destroy the farmers' livelihood, or their way of life. But it would be worse to delay measures which would allow farmers to further delay the inevitable. That would only worsen the impact, to the detriment of all.

IAN MACDONALD

Today in history

Japanese planes began their attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii 52 years ago today — in 1941. Over 300 Japanese planes from aircraft carriers attacked in waves. Eight battleships were sunk or disabled, and almost 200 planes were destroyed before they could get off the ground. About 2,500 soldiers and civilians were killed. The United States declared war on Japan the next day.

Also on this day in:

1837 — The rebellion in Upper Canada erupted into violence when government officials were shot at Montgomery's Tavern just outside Toronto.

1916 — David Lloyd George became prime minister of Britain.

1987 — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Ronald Reagan.

Did you know that...

COMMUNIST LEADER

Tim Buck, originally from England, was a leader of the Community Party of Canada from 1929 to 1961 which was outlawed in the 1930s. When the CPC re-emerged in 1943 as the legal Labour Progressive Party in 1943, Buck was once again leader.

Letters

Ex-navy, merchant sailors invited to reunion

Dear Editor,

On June 3-6, 1994, the Royal Canadian Naval Association will be holding its 40th annual reunion in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Our branch, RCNA-Niagara Region, is this year's host and we expect it to be the largest gathering of ex-sailors since the end of the Second World War.

We have contacted naval clubs and Legions across Canada and beyond the seas. Indeed we have several old shipmates coming from Australia and the United Kingdom. It promises to be an exciting and emotional event for all who attend.

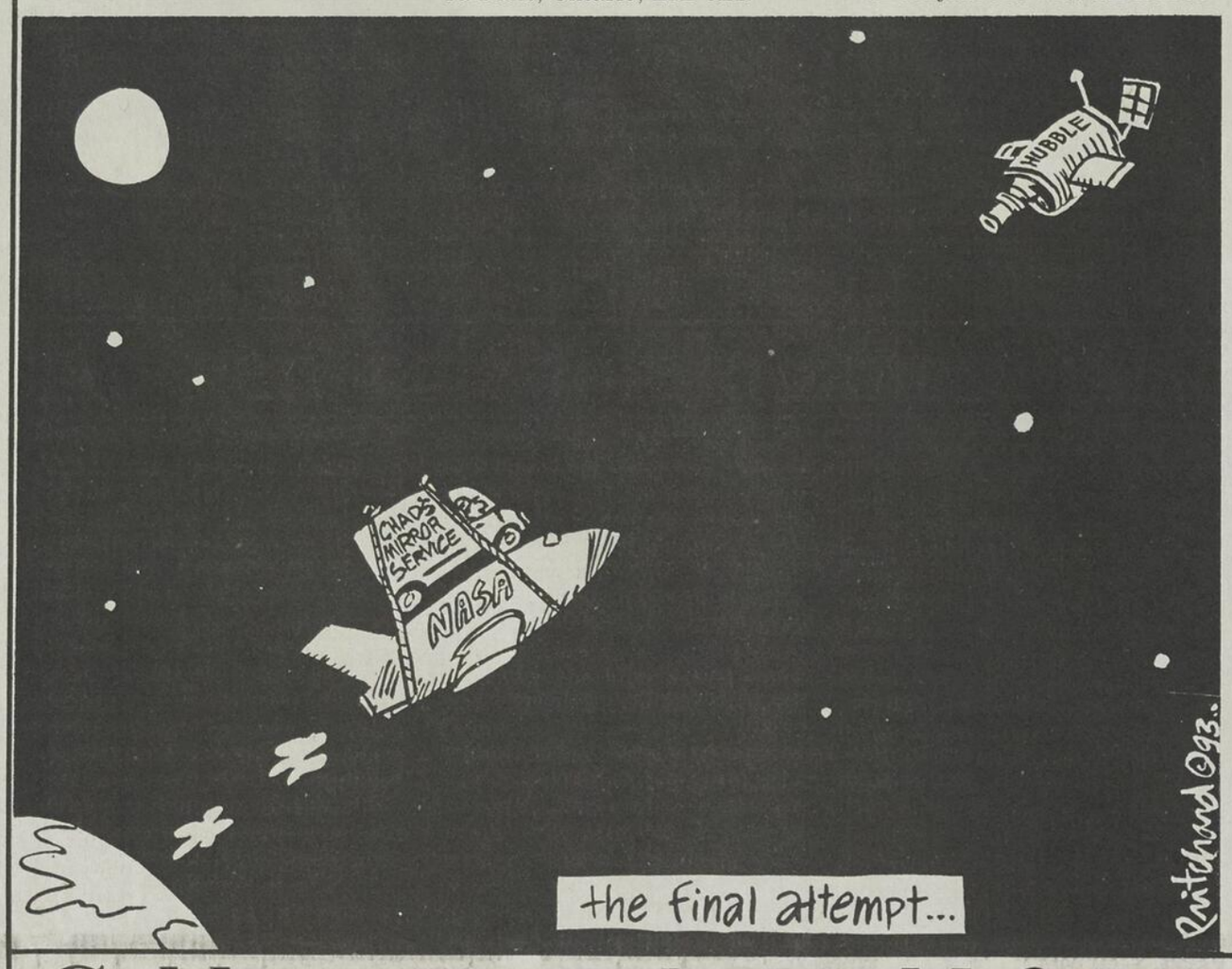
Obviously we cannot reach each and every former sailor in Canada. We need help. That's why this letter is to you. Chances are that your readers include ex-navy and merchant navy sailors and we want to invite them to Reunion '94.

If any of them want more information, they can write to RCNA-Reunion '94, P.O. Box 452, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 6E2.

Thank you for your courtesy. May you have smooth seas and a following wind.

Yours sincerely,

R.C.N.A. — REGION NIAGARA
JOHN R. VIRGIN
P.R.O.
Niagara Falls, Ontario



Westville, N.S., to mark 100th

Dear Editor,

Next year will be a banner year for Westville, N.S., when it will celebrate its 100th birthday.

In conjunction with the 1994 celebrations, the Westville homecoming society has a full schedule of events planned during June 30-July 7, including a full reunion of all former students and teachers, a dance, variety concert, family picnic, church service, town/county tour, etc.

The town's annual Canada Day celebrations will be on going during this time as well.

The committee is hoping to reach as many former Westville persons who attended or taught any grade in the Westville school system so they may send their name and address and in turn we will forward our newsletter outlining our itinerary.

We want to make this information available early to assist those who are able to plan their summer vacation to come see the old gang.

Please send your name and address to Mrs. Dorothy (Hunter) Boehk, P.O. Box 411, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0, and hope you "Come home in '94".

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Westville, Nova Scotia

Cold water cycle could freeze out cod

By Dennis Bueckert

OTTAWA (CP) — Scientists are debating the reasons for a mysterious drop in the temperature of the North Atlantic Ocean which could seriously threaten the recovery of the cod fishery.

"There's absolutely no doubt about the cooling," said William Doubleday, a Fisheries Department scientist, in an interview. "Since 1991 we've had very cold conditions off northeast Newfoundland, extremely cold."

In 1991 the temperature at the sea bottom off St. John's averaged -1.47 C over the entire year, as compared with average annual temperatures as high as .5 C in the '60s, said Doubleday.

"We are talking about how close you can get before the water freezes."

Because it contains salt, sea water freezes at a lower temperature than fresh water, around -1.8 C.

Cod prefer above-zero water and their productivity is reduced in colder water, said Doubleday.

Maxwell Dunbar, a McGill University oceanographer, said that stronger than usual westerly winds across the North Atlantic have displaced ocean currents, allowing more Arctic water to flow down along the Newfoundland shore.

"The water over the shelf in eastern Newfoundland is now occasionally below zero, which is desperate, and certainly below one degree. That's not water for Atlantic cod at all."

Dunbar admits he doesn't not know what might be causing the stronger winds, saying that is a question for atmospheric scientists, not oceanographers.

Lawrence Mysak, director of the Centre for Climate and Global Change Research at McGill, says the current cooling trend is part of a natural 10-year climate cycle involving the production of sea ice in the Arctic.

The ice "is exported to Greenland and the Iceland Sea, produces cold, fresh water there which migrates into the Labrador Sea and this eventually disappears over a decade or so."

Yet another theory suggests the cooling is due to a large-scale oscillation within the ocean called the thermohaline oscillation, which operates on a 40 to 50-year cycle.

Siukuro Manabe, of the Fluid Dynamics Laboratory at Princeton University, said the two fluctuations could be occurring simultaneously.

"This is hotly debated," he said. "Some people say that, superimposed on the 40-year cycle, there's a 10-year cycle."

Henry Hengeveld of the federal Environment Department said the cooling of the North Atlantic could be part of global climate change associated with the greenhouse effect.

"As global warming takes place we are definitely going to be seeing changes take place in air and ocean circulation," said Hengeveld.

Some parts of the world will become much warmer than average, while others will stay the same or get cooler, he said. Current computer models don't permit accurate predictions about how specific regions will be affected.

No new role for Japanese peacekeepers?

By Sheila McNulty

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — In its first try at UN peacekeeping, Japan sent several hundred pampered soldiers to one of the safest areas of Cambodia. No one, including Japan, is sure whether it will try again.

The soldiers on UN duty in Cambodia, the first Japanese ground troops stationed abroad since the Second World War, were coddled with everything from washing machines to comic-book libraries and video-game arcades.

They had hot tubs and cold beer in their compound at Takeo, 60 kilometres south of Phnom Penh.

"Sometimes it's more comfortable here than living n Japan," said Sgt. Mitsugu Chiba, who was interviewed at Takeo a few months ago.

Then a Japanese was killed in an ambush. Afterward, UN officials said, more than a dozen Japanese peacekeepers ignored UN orders to stay put and abandoned their posts, some crossing the border into Thailand.

Japan denied any of its peacekeepers had deserted their posts, but officials conceded privately that a commander told his men to leave their areas if they were in danger and some did so temporarily. They said several peacekeepers entered Thailand for treatment of wounds suffered in the ambush, escorted by others.

The Cambodia mission was intended to show the world that Japan was ready to commit more than money to international peace and that it deserved a permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

PLAYED BY OWN RULES

However, Japan tried to play by its own rules and told its own people very little about the dangers involved in Cambodia.

"This was (Japan's) first attempt to contribute to UN peacekeeping efforts," said Takehiro Kagawa, a deputy director in the Foreign Ministry. "There is a trial-and-error process in learning how best to work."

Officials in Tokyo promised that the 600 soldiers, 75 civilian police and half-dozen military observers sent to Cambodia would not be armed and would work in the rear, at such jobs as repairing roads. If the truce between Cambodian factions was violated, they said, all the Japanese would return home.

Those were the guidelines on paper, decided by parliament after heated debate.

On the ground, the situation was more complicated. The 20,000-member UN mission was trying to guide Cambodia to elections after 13 years of civil war. Khmer Rouge guerrillas sometimes attacked the peacekeepers and clashes between guerrillas and government troops were common.

After several months in the country, when the dangers had become apparent, Japan quietly armed its soldiers. But their commanders denied they had been given bullets even after the men showed them to reporters.

The Japanese government thought itself more committed to the mission than the people were and would not admit the ceasefire was violated almost daily, thus alienating citizens who knew otherwise simply by watching the nightly news.

LITTLE TO SAY

That left Japanese officials with little to say when one was killed in an ambush blamed on the Khmer Rouge. Public opinion turned against the mission.

"Japan said it would interrupt the mission by its own decision if the ceasefire was broken, but when the civilian policemen were in danger it was unable to make such a decision," said Takeo Amatatsu of the Social Democratic party, the largest in the governing coalition.

By September, all the Japanese personnel were home, but there has been little talk of new missions. The only Japanese peacekeepers now abroad are a small contingent in Mozambique.

"Japan isn't going to contribute to every peacekeeping operation even if the UN requests it," said Toshiyuki Shikata, a former army officer and now a military analyst.

"There will be a process of selection. In a case like Somalia where they go in with heavy equipment and try to control things with force, Japan is going to hesitate."

"It is only natural for peacekeeping operations to be dangerous," said Capt. Hiroto Yamazaki, commander of the Japanese civilian police in Cambodia. "The important thing to discuss is not whether it is safe or dangerous, but what we can do on the basis that peacekeeping is naturally dangerous."

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The Townships

Funeral for fallen peacekeeper

Family, colleagues, friends mourn David Galvin

By Sharon McCully

EASTMAN — Family, friends and military personnel filed into St. Edouard's Catholic Church Monday to pay their last respects to Cpl. David Patrick Galvin, killed November 29 while on United Nations peacekeeping duties in Bosnia.

The church was filled to capacity as fellow members of the Sherbrooke Hussars carried the coffin of one of their own, draped with the Canadian flag, through a military honor guard.

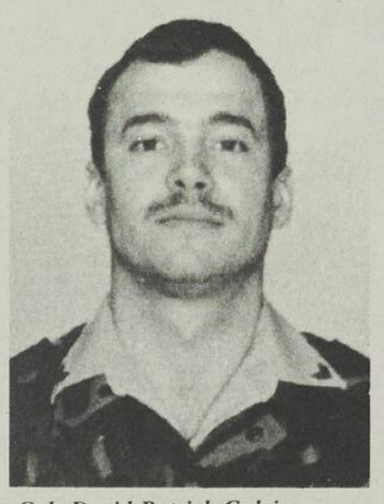
A single wreath of white mums with a cluster of red flowers adorned the casket, along with Cpl. Galvin's blue beret.

Sherbrooke Hassars Chaplain Blair Ross spoke of the young soldier he had interviewed just weeks ago to determine his suitability for service with the United Nations peacekeeping force in Bosnia.

"I asked David why he wanted to go," the chaplain recalled."He told me it was not just for the adventure, but because he thought he could do something'."

"By being a Canadian and wearing the blue beret, David believed he could bring some sanity to a country which had lost all its sanity," Rev. Ross said.

"Canadian men and women have long recognized that the maple leaf and the uniform worn by Canadian soldiers can transcend language and culture."



Cpl. David Patrick Galvin.

Ross said the name of the 28-year old East Bolton soldier will be added to the long list of fallen soldiers remembered each November 11.

In an emotional tribute to her youngest brother, Penny Galvin said she wanted David to be remembered not only as a military person but also as a loving brother, friend and husband.

"He was born here, grew up in the Eastern Townships, attended Waterloo school and Massey Vanier High School," Penny Galvin said.

Cpl. Galvin was the youngest of a family of seven children and leaves to mourn his mother Ina, widow of the late George Galvin, wife Michelle Fontaine, brothers Christopher and George, and sisters Penny, Pat, Joan and Sheila.

Penny Galvin said her brother was a keen athlete who brought home many medals as captain of the Massey Vanier wrestling team. Galvin's former teacher and wrestling coach, Gary Allen, was among the hundreds of mourners who attended the military funeral service.



David Galvin's widow Michelle Fontaine with his U.N. beret.

Penny Galvin described the young soldier as "a person who always had time for everyone." She said he liked to hunt, but enjoyed the chase more than the kill.

Unable to contain her emotion, Galvin said that just days before David left for Bosnia, "Michelle became a member of the family."

"His love was unconditional and it extended throughout the world," she said.

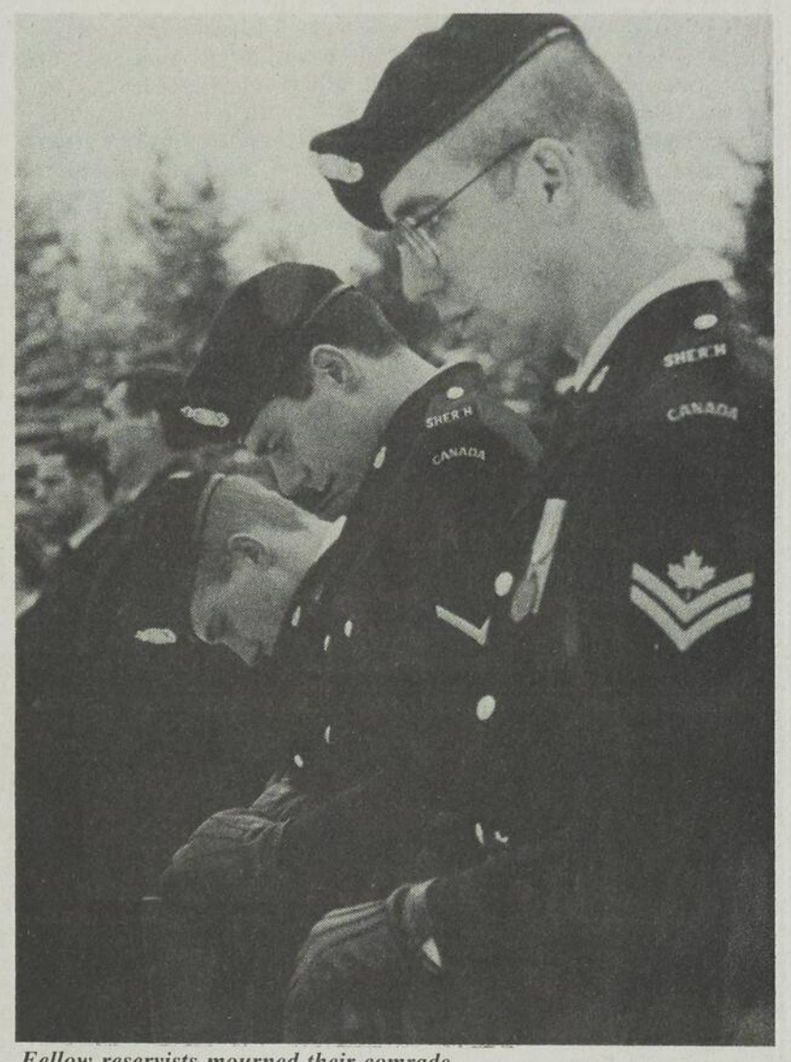
Carrie Baker, one of Galvin's many friends who came to mourn, said she wished she had taken longer to talk with her friend before he left for Bosnia.

"We would have had much more to say if we had thought it would have been our last conversation," Baker said.

Residents of the small community of Eastman peered out their windows as cars filed through the town to the cemetery at the top of the hill.

Penny Galvin said her brother always wanted to be first.

"He's now starting on the most exciting adventure of his life," she said bravely. "I guess he wanted to get there ahead of the rest of us to prepare the way."



Fellow reservists mourned their comrade.

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Trumpeter Irving Richards played the Last Post, followed by Reveillé.



Military chaplains and their civilian counterparts were escorted to the cemetery.





An honor guard from the Sherbrooke Hussars fired a ceremonial Feu de Joie at David Galvin's graveside.

Across Canada

Madman killed 14 women

Polytechnique: World remembers massacre

By Eric Siblin

MONTREAL (CP) — Amid the speeches and vigils and commemorative ceremonies across the country Monday, the silence at the École Polytechnique spoke loudest.

The University of Montreal engineering school, scene of Marc Lépine's slaying of 14 women four years ago, stands on a snow-covered slope of Mount-Royal — mute testimony to a massacre that has produced so many words.

Inside the six-storey building, a minute of silence was observed. Outside the school, bouquets of flowers lay beneath a memorial plaque to the young women gunned down on Dec. 6, 1989.

Attached to a dozen white roses was a note scrawled by the friend of one victim, 28-year-old Sonia Pelletier: "Sonia — engineer who fell in the bullets. Lost. Accept our prayers and offering."

It was as if the horror was too much for spoken words at the Polytechnique, a school whose name has become a byword for violence against women.

Students cramming for exams went about their business as usual, bent over textbooks and gulping coffee. No special ceremony was planned.

"It's to respect the grief of each person in a personal way," said Nicole Forest, spokeswoman for the engineering school.

"Most of the students weren't here in 1989, but I think the memory of what happened is very much alive and the sadness is still here."

The 14 women died after Lépine roamed the hallways of the Polytechnique, spraying bullets from his assault rifle and ranting that feminists had destroyed his life. Thirteen other students were wounded before the gunman took his own life.

Sophie Morin, a 24-year-old mechanical engineering student, said that although she wasn't attending the Polytechnique at the time of the massacre, she felt saddened by the anniversary.

But she suggested that commemorative ceremonies aren't the answer to anger directed against women.

"It was an isolated tragic incident that happened," Morin said outside the school's main entrance. "It's us women in the profession who will change things."

Things haven't changed much. Statistics Canada reported last month that 29 per cent of married or previously married women had been assaulted by their husbands.

Of the 245 women murdered in Canada last year, 47 per cent were slain by a husband or boyfriend.

The Green party noted Monday that federal gun-control which came into effect last year does little to prevent a repeat of the massacre.

Despite enhanced screening and longer waiting periods under the law, an applicant like Lépine would probably still qualify today to purchase a gun.

And the gun used by Lépine, a Ruger Mini-14, was not among the dozens that became prohibited under the gun law; nor has it become a restricted weapon, which would at least have made it subject to stricter rules.

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien said in a statement that "the best way that all of us can honor their memory is to ensure that the message goes out loud and clear that violence against women will not be tolerated in Canada."

Ceremonies, speeches, marches and vigils were planned across Canada and as far away as the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

At Montreal's McGill University, about 600 students crammed into a hall to remember the massacre and light a candle for each of the victims.

"Every Dec. 6 I feel crushed with despair, as I'm sure many of you do too," student Cynthia Benjamin said in a speech. "But on Dec. 7, I remember that there is hope."

Other events scheduled in Montreal included a memorial concert by the Metropolitan Orchestra of Montreal led by Agnes Grossman, one of the few women orchestra conductors in the world.

In Toronto, a march organized by the Women's Collective for the Alliance of Non-Violent Action was held on the weekend and the city's Other Theatre planned a Monday night celebration of women.

Scheduled events elsewhere included vigils at the University of Victoria and at Ottawa's First United Church.

Rathjen: 'Only a small step'

Do gun-law changes make any difference?

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's gun-control law was conceived in the emotional swirl that followed the Montreal massacre, born in a climate thick with mistrust and raised on a steady diet of criticism.

Now, four years to the day after 14 women were slain by Marc Lépine at l'École Polytechnique, the consequences of Bill C-17 are taking shape. Those consequences don't impress either the gun lobby or those seeking tight control of firearms.

Gun dealers, firearms representatives and gun control advocates note these results of the phased-in changes that began in August 1992:

- Despite enhanced screening and longer waiting periods, an applicant like Lépine would probably still qualify today to purchase a gun.
- Some gun owners are reported to have buried valuable guns in the backyard rather than hand them over to the government.
- The gun used by Lépine, a Ruger Mini-14, was not among the dozens that became prohibited under the gun law; nor has it become a restricted weapon, which would at least have made it subject to stricter rules.

However, Heidi Rathjen, executive director of the Coalition for Gun Control, says it's too early to tell whether the new legislation is working.

The legislation, she says, "is only a small step in the right direction."

The group has already approached the Liberal government about banning more guns and placing tougher rules on owners.

The gun-control law, passed in December 1991 and phased in over the last two years, aims at keeping highly-dangerous weapons — like military rifles — out of the hands of dangerous people.

To that end, some 50 types of new guns were prohibited and a four-page questionnaire was developed to pick out people with violent, unstable pasts.

The law also imposed new rules for storing, handling and transporting weapons and made illegal large magazines for ammunition.

The last phase of the law kicks in Jan. 1, 1994, when training courses or tests become mandatory to get a Firearms Acquisition Certificate, the permit required before anyone can buy a gun.

Firearms officer Barbara Pioro says an immediate impact of the new law has been on the so-called casual gun owner. Many get discouraged when they see the new $50 fee — up from $10 — and the reference checks involved, she says.

Among gun enthusiasts, there is near universal disdain for the new law. They say it affects the lawful gun owner but not the criminal.

"Criminals do not come into this shop to buy guns," says John Perocchio of Ottawa Valley Hunting Supplies.

"People are saying this is a non-law. Faulty legislation will be treated for what it's worth."

Perocchio says gun owners were subject to "confiscation without compensation" when at least 40 makes of previously legal firearms were declared prohibited last year.

Police admit that during an amnesty in the fall of 1992, relatively few prohibited weapons or large-round magazines were turned in.

'A manipulator and a user' — Crown

'Dangerous' stalker awaits ride to penitentiary

TORONTO (CP) — The prisoner in handcuffs and leg irons talks of imperfect love and cruelty and his eyes seem moist.

He stares through a protective glass panel at the Toronto Jail, directly into the eyes of his questioner, the way a good salesman does when he wants to make a connection.

Peter Mann, 25, is talking about pain and suffering. Mostly about his pain, his suffering.

The former University of Toronto criminology student was sentenced last week to 13 years in prison for luring his ex-fiancee out of a university classroom and stabbing her. He only stopped stabbing Surinder Grewal when another student chased him away.

Services Monday commemorated the victims of violence against women. Grewal, 24, said she would be at a ceremony being held close to where she was left for dead two years ago Sunday.

The demonstration was part of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, in memory of the 14 women murdered at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989, and for all women who have suffered from violence.

Mann said he supports their cause. He argues he isn't that different from lots of other men.

"If I was on the outside, I'd probably be having a white ribbon pinned on me," Mann said.

He begins an interview with the Toronto *Star* by holding up a handwritten note to the thick glass separating him from the outside world.

"My conscience has no bail, no parole, no warrant, no expiry date. It will incarcerate me forever," he has written.

The one-page letter is full of sad references to how he is suffering. No mention is made of Grewal or her family.

No sympathy should be wasted on Mann, said Crown attorney Gary Clewley, who had recommended he receive a life sentence.

"This guy is a manipulator and a user," he said.

A police officer who worked on the case and helped Grewal in the witness protection program agrees.

"He's a very, very dangerous individual undoubtedly," said Det. Al Comeau.

And there are plenty others like him, Statistics Canada figures suggest.

It reported last month that 29 per cent of married or previously married women had been assaulted by their husbands.

Of the 245 women murdered in Canada last year, 47 per cent were slain by a spouse or boyfriend.

Only four per cent of the 487 men killed last year cent were slain by a spouse or girlfriend.

Mann said there are many worse offenders than him.

He notes that in sentencings this year, Karla Homolka got 12 years for her role in the slayings of teenagers Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy,

"I haven't killed anyone. Two centimetres was the deepest wound."

Clewley said Mann's actions, including his professed remorse, reek of calculation and sadism. While he fled to England after the stabbing, Mann wrote to friends and told them of a plot to sneak back to Canada and finish off Grewal.

On Dec. 17, Mann will be leaving for Millhaven Penitentiary near Kingston and says he plans to take a course on anger management.

"I'm not going to sit idle for six years. No."

Innocent man in jail three months

The system doesn't always work

GUELPH, Ont. (CP) — Michael Michelucci says the three months he spent in a detention centre after a woman accused him of raping her taught him there's no such thing as presumed innocence.

"The presumption of innocence has gone out the window," said Michelucci, a truck driver who was found not guilty of sexual assault last week.

"You're charged... the police, public and inmates feel you're guilty. It's hard to be an innocent man in jail. Nobody else believes you."

Michelucci, 24, has also lost his job, "probably because of this."

A Guelph woman who was in the midst of a marital rift accused him of sexually assaulting her in her living room in September.

Michelucci maintains she consented to sex in the bedroom.

"I kept saying to myself, they can't put an innocent man in jail," Michelucci said.

He was refused bail, he said, because of the seriousness of the charge and the fact he lived out of town.

Michelucci, who moved to British Columbia from Guelph several years ago, was visiting his hometown after his father's death when he was arrested.

He said crimes against women are "a despicable thing" and people responsible for them should be dealt with severely, but only after their guilt or innocence has been determined by the courts.

"My story was the truth," said Michelucci, who is now seeking compensation for his time in jail.

'Mr. Hatfield said to me that Mr. Toft had arranged it'

Did reformatory guard provide boys for NB premier?

By Chris Morris

FREDERICTON (CP) — Joseph Benjamin Laxton dropped a bombshell Monday at the inquiry into sexual abuse of boys at New Brunswick's central reform school.

Laxton, a former resident at the Kingsclear Youth Training Centre, said the late Richard Hatfield propositioned him for money.

Laxton also linked Hatfield, the former premier who died in 1991, to Karl Toft, a former school guard who Laxton described as the "granddaddy of all pedophiles."

Toft is serving a 13-year sentence for sex crimes against boys in his care at Kingsclear, near Fredericton.

The assaults took place from the mid-1960s to the 1980s. The inquiry was set up to learn why the abuse went unchecked for so long.

Laxton, 39, now of Welland, Ont., recited a grim history of sexual abuse at the hands of Toft between 1967 and 1970, when Laxton was discharged.

He said the Hatfield encounter happened in the early 1970s — Laxton said it was 1970 or 1971, but was foggy on the year.

Laxton said he had returned to his home in Campbellton, N.B., after leaving Kingsclear. One day, when he was drinking at a bar, he was told to look at a car outside.

"It was a lime-green Bricklin," Laxton said, referring to the gull-winged sports car made in New Brunswick in 1974 and 1975.

He did not explain the discrepancy between the 1970-71 meeting and the Bricklin's production years. There were several prototypes of the car in the province prior to the government go-ahead on production.

Laxton said Hatfield and Toft were in the car, which had a dead battery. The two-seater Bricklin was plagued by problems and is considered one of the Hatfield government's most spectacular failures.

Laxton said Toft spotted him and introduced him to Hatfield.

Later, after the battery had been recharged, Hatfield offered to take Laxton for a ride.

"A pass was made at me for an amount of money," Laxton told the suddenly quiet hearing.

"And I laughed and said 'What's this about?' And Mr. Hatfield said to me that Mr. Toft had arranged it."

Laxton said nothing happened and they returned to the bar.

"But to me, it showed how much control Mr. Toft had in this province."

Under questioning from lawyers, Laxton said he was among several boys who did chores for government members, including Hatfield. He said he worked at the former premier's home on two or three occasions, but nothing untoward happened.

Still, Laxton said he was bitter about the work details, which were arranged by Toft.

"We were slave labor," he said.

He also recalled Hatfield showing up at Kingsclear for social functions and suggested Toft was involved in one of the late premier's campaigns.

Laxton said staff members at the Kingsclear institution appeared frightened of Toft.

Laxton said in the first sexual assault, Toft bit him so hard on the penis, he drew blood. He said the bite scarred him for life.

Laxton told the school nurse what had happened. He said he soon found himself standing in front of the school superintendent, with Toft in the room.

"Before I could get anything out, Karl Toft said that I had got my penis stuck in my zipper and I was a liar."

Laxton said he was sent to solitary confinement for lying — and realized then no one would ever believe him.

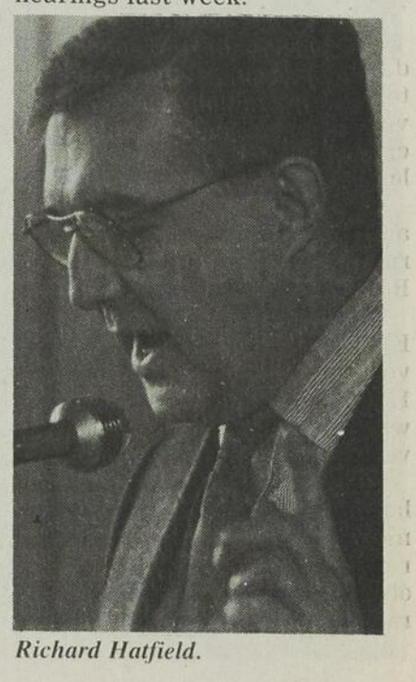
Last year, the Fredericton *Gleaner* carried a story quoting unnamed sources accusing Hatfield of having sexually harassed a boy from a group home. The boy also had been assaulted by Toft at Kingsclear.

A friend of Hatfield said Monday she needs more evidence to think differently of the man who was premier of New Brunswick for 17 years.

"I admit it's a bombshell," said Fredericton writer Jacquie Webster.

"But in my mind, the jury is still out on this story. I'd have to have it corroborated and of course the logical person to do that is Toft himself."

Toft is expected to testify at the inquiry, which began public hearings last week.



Richard Hatfield.

Around the world

Following in footsteps of 17th century count?

Wave of bombs: Terror shatters peace in Austria

From AP-Reuters

VIENNA (CP) — A mysterious wave of letter bombs, including an attack on Vienna's popular mayor, has rattled Austrians' nerves and shattered years of peace in this small Alpine country.

Letter bombs since Friday wounded a priest and a journalist, who is a native of the former Yugoslav republic of Croatia. The 10th such device injured a young legal secretary on Monday.

In addition, three other letter bombs, including ones addressed to a cabinet minister and an opposition politician, were detected before being opened Monday and defused.

Although police had made no arrests, they said it was clear the attacks were the work of one or more right-wing radicals, apparently driven by anger over thousands of refugees seeking sanctuary from violence and poverty of post-communist Eastern Europe. All the letter bombs have been the same size and thickness, and bear the same kind of postage stamp.

"The only theory that seems to fit at the moment is that the perpetrators come from right-wing radical, neo-Nazi circles who hate foreigners," Austrian security police chief Michael Sika told Austrian radio.

Sika described the booby-trapped letters as the work of professionals. They were cleverly constructed from plastic drinking straws filled with homemade nitroglycerin and were strong enough to kill, he said.

While most of the letter bombs have been addressed to prominent personalities in politics, the media or relief work, Monday's explosion occurred in a lawyer's downtown office.

Astrid Bielek, an 18-year-old secretary, suffered face and hand injuries. She was the fifth victim to date.

It was not clear why the office of lawyer Guenther Dallinger was targeted, but he is reported to have actively spoken out for the integration of foreign children into Austrian schools.

The most prominent victim has been the popular Vienna mayor, Helmut Zilk. The 66-year-old Social Democrat has championed minority rights and is a close friend of Vienna's small but vibrant Jewish community.

He was instrumental in opening the city's first post-war Jewish museum and has argued for understanding and moderation on such issues as immigration.

Zilk lost at least two fingers when a mail bomb blew up in his hands Sunday night at his home, shortly after he returned from a trip to Switzerland.

He regained consciousness Monday morning after four hours of surgery and began cracking jokes. But surgeon Vilmos Vecsei said there was still a danger he could lose his left hand.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said the bombings could not be tolerated and that "unwarranted indulgence must not be allowed to prevail."

There has been virtually no such violence in Vienna since a pair of attacks against Jews in 1981 and an attack at Vienna airport by Palestinian gunmen in 1985.

Police said they were checking reports a 10th letter bomb exploded in a residential area.

Police earlier found a letter bomb in mail addressed to Women's Affairs Minister Johanna Dohnal at the federal chancellery, which also houses the offices of Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and Foreign Minister Alois Mock.

The slogan, We're Fighting Back. Count Ruediger von Starhemberg, was found on four of 10 letter bombs intercepted by police, Interior Minister Franz Loesnack said.

In 1683, Count Ernst Ruediger von Starhemberg successfully defended the Austrian capital against a siege by the Turkish armies of the Ottoman Empire.

Police seeking the bombers have issued a questionnaire which asks if people have overheard such a slogan in public or in private.

The Austrian news agency APA on Monday quoted his heir, Count Georg Starhemberg, as saying the family was concerned and distraught by the campaign and had no idea why the bombers were using the Starhemberg name.

A later Count Ernst Ruediger Starhemberg took part in the 1923 Munich putsch by Austrian-born German Nazi leader Adolf Hitler and went on to become interior minister and vice-chancellor in the fascist Dollfuss regime before the Second World War.

Mosque was demolished last year

India rocks on grim anniversary

NEW DELHI (AP) — A year after the destruction of a disputed mosque, bombs exploded across the country in five trains and a bus, killing one person and wounding 27.

No one claimed responsibility for the blasts Sunday night and Monday morning, but the timing suggested religious extremists.

On Dec. 6, 1992, Hindu radicals destroyed the Babri Mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya, setting off two months of riots across the country that killed at least 2,000 people, mostly Muslims. Many Hindus believe the 16th-century mosque was built by Muslim invaders on a holy Hindu site.

The Railroad Ministry ordered commandos and bomb disposal squads from the railway's security force to board key passenger trains Monday to prevent further bombings.

Both sides marked the anniversary Monday. Muslims held a general strike in several cities, and Hindus rallied near the remains of the mosque in Ayodhya, a holy city about 500 kilometres east of New Delhi.

In the southern town of Mahboobnagar, police fired on Muslims who hurled stones at buses during the strike. One person was injured.

In Bombay, site of the worst violence after the Ayodhya mosque demolition, shops were closed and streets deserted in Muslim-dominated areas. Hundreds of police in riot gear guarded street intersections.

A Hindu fundamentalist group celebrated the anniversary as Awakening Day with a rally of 3,000 people in Ayodhya.

Superstar died of cancer at 52

Zappa cared more about music then money

LOS ANGELES (AP-Reuter) — Frank Zappa "had the snazziest moustache", friend Matt Groening, the creator of The Simpsons, said as musicians, fans and at least one president remembered the iconoclastic rocker.

Zappa best known for composing Dancin Fool, Don't Eat Yellow Snow, Valley Girl as well as Hot Rats, Burnt Weeny Sandwich and Weasels Ripped My Flesh died Saturday of prostate cancer. He was 52.

Zappa died at home, surrounded by his wife, Gail, and children, Moon Unit, 26; Dweezil, 24; Ahmet, 19; and Diva, 14. He was buried Sunday in a private ceremony.

"Composer Frank Zappa left for his final tour just before 6 p.m. Saturday," the family said in a statement released Sunday night.

He had battled cancer for more than two years, but his illness rarely kept him from work.

"I think his mind would not let him stop composing and creating," said Groening.

"He said that he was sure his work kept him going longer.

"As a friend, it was really amazing to be around him, just listening to his comments on the news of the day.

"That's one of the things I will miss most about him, his take on this insanity of daily life."

Always irreverent, often outrageous, Zappa was not just a rock star, but a symbol of artistic freedom to youngsters growing up in Communist Eastern Europe.

Vaclav Havel, the dissident Czech playwright who became president, was a fan who became a friend.

"He was a man who formed together with others feelings of a generation that I belong to," said Havel, who tried to make him special ambassador for culture. The U.S. State Department turned thumbs down on the appointment.

French Culture Minister Jacques Toubon called Zappa "one of the great creators of the second half of this century, a pioneer of new spaces in sound."

Zappa's 1988 Jazz From Hell won a Grammy award, but his music was seldom a commercial smash.

He fused rock, jazz and classical music behind lyrics that often tested the limits of free speech. He rose to fame in the counterculture of the late 1960s, performing what he called "sonic mutilations" with his band, the Mothers of Invention.

Zappa did much of the pioneering in his home studio. He also headed his own record labels, video production and merchandising companies, an arrangement that let him keep control of his work.

Dave Marsh, a rock critic and author, said other avant-garde musicians owed Zappa a great debt. "He wasn't going to be bought off."

Not that Zappa cared much for control for its own sake. Often as not, he used it to see how far he could go.

Too far, some said of song titles like Jewish Princess, which got him in trouble with the Anti-Defamation League. Gays were offended by He's So Gay.

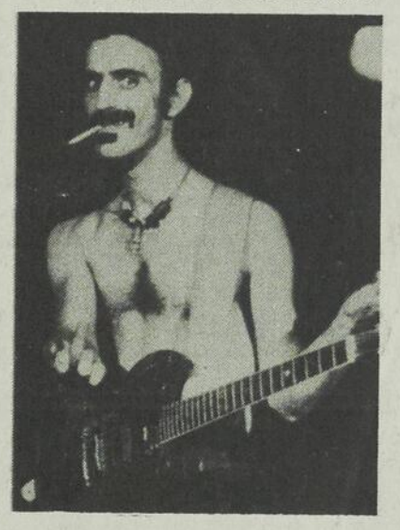
Apologies were often demanded, but Zappa always refused.

Zappa also took on Tipper Gore, Vice-President Al Gore's wife, when she led a crusade for record albums to be labelled with ratings according to their content.

"As a musician, as a composer he was absolutely driven, relentlessly driven. The man lived to create art," said journalist and longtime friend Rip Rense.

"If he loved anything better than art, it was his life, it was his family," Rense said.

Zappa released Yellow Shark in 1992, but his illness forced him to cut short a related tour. Before his death he completed another album, Civilization: Phaze III, which is scheduled for release in the spring, said Nagle.



He often joked about how music industry officials told him his songs had "no commercial potential," and he ripped groupies who cared only about bands with "a thing in the charts."

"I think that Frank went about as far as it went (musically)," said former Mothers of Invention member Elliott Ingber.

"When you do something good, it takes two to tango. He did his part by putting his music out there. Now it's up to people to listen to it," he said.

While Zappa was a rock guitar virtuoso and a singer, he often picked up a baton to conduct his bands through classical compositions, which also have been performed by major orchestras and dance ensembles.

Started on drums:

Released 50 albums

Musician and composer Frank Zappa, 52, died during the weekend of prostate cancer. A sketch:

BORN: Dec. 21, 1940.

EARLY CAREER: Began playing drums at age 12, taught himself how to compose at 14, then switched to guitar. He scored the film Run Home Slow in 1964, then set up a small recording studio in Cucamonga, Calif.

LATER CAREER: Came to prominence in the 1960s, leading his band, the Mothers of Invention. With the band or as a solo performer he released about 50 albums, including Freak Out!, Hot Rats, Sheik Yerbouti, Weasels Rip My Flesh and Just Another Band From L.A.

AWARDS: Won a Grammy in 1988 for Jazz From Hell.

PERSONAL: Married Gail Sloatman 1967, two sons, two daughters. Lived in Los Angeles.

QUOTE: "It's not important to even be remembered. I mean, the people who worry about being remembered are guys like Reagan, Bush. . . . I don't care."

— The Canadian Press

His recording career spanned 27 years

Some albums by Frank Zappa, who died Saturday of prostate cancer at age 52. Many of the albums through the mid-1970s were with the Mothers of Invention.

Freak Out, 1966
Absolutely Free, 1967
We're Only In It for the Money, 1967
Lumpy Gravy, 1967
Cruisin' With Ruben and the Jets, 1968
Mother Mania, 1969
Uncle Meat, 1969
Weasels Ripped My Flesh, 1970
Chungas Revenge, 1970
Hot Rats, 1970
Burnt Weeny Sandwich, 1970
King Kong: Jean Luc-Ponty Plays the Music of Frank Zappa (Zappa was uncredited producer and guitarist), 1970
Live at Fillmore East, 1971
200 Motels, 1971
Just Another Band from LA, 1972
The Grand Wazoo, 1972
Waka Jawaka, 1972
Overnight Sensation, 1973
Apostrophe ('), 1974
Roxy and Elsewhere, 1974
Bongo Fury, 1975 (with Captain Beefheart)
Zoot Allures, 1976
Studio Tan, 1978
Sheik Yerbouti, 1979
Orchestral Favorites, 1979
Joe's Garage, Act 1, 1980
Joe's Garage, Acts 2 and 3, 1980
Tinseltown Rebellion, 1981
Shut Up'n Play Yer Guitar, 1981
Ship Arriving Too Late To Save a Drowning Witch, 1982
Baby Snakes, 1983 (soundtrack of 1979 film)
London Symphony Orchestra, 1983
Boulez Plays Zappa, 1984
Frank Zappa Meets the Mothers of Prevention, 1985
Does Humor BelongIn Music?, 1986
London Symphony Orchestra Vol. II, 1987
Jazz From Hell, 1988
Broadway the Hard Way, 1988

— The Associated Press

Fixing faulty space telescope is quite an Endeavour

HOUSTON (AP) — With guidance and power systems restored on the Hubble, Endeavour's spacewalking repair crew focused on fixing the telescope's bad eyesight.

"We've been up to bat twice, and the crew has hit two home runs," said NASA official Joe Rothenberg.

On Monday, the space shuttle Endeavour and its crew of seven were in the sixth day of the 11-day flight, setting spacewalk records each time they venture out of the cabin.

The next project is the installation a new multi-purpose camera — actually three cameras for the detection of distant objects, and a planetary camera to make high-resolution studies of planets, galaxies and stars.

The new camera contains a coin-sized mirror ground to compensate for a flaw in Hubble's main mirror. The main mirror was ground too flat around the edges by two microns — one-fiftieth the width of a human hair — and the telescope cannot focus light from distant celestial objects.

It also will enable astronomers to track the orbits of comets around the sun and search for planets around other stars.

Astronauts Story Musgrave and Jeffrey Hoffman, making their second foray into the open cargo bay, also were set to replace the Hubble's two magnetometers that measure the telescope's position by Earth's magnetic field. Neither of the existing instruments is performing at full capability.

On Monday a solar panel being removed for replacement refused to roll up for the return home. Rather than waste time with it, Mission Control told the spacewalkers to toss it overboard to join 6,700 other pieces of space junk.

Kathryn Thornton, standing at the end of the shuttle's robot crane, was lifted high over the cargo bay. She held the 200-kilogram panel over her head as if it were a trophy and then let go.

"Just to watch that thing floating through space was just like 2001. Some day somebody's going to put that to music," Rothenberg said. In the 1969 film 2001: A Space Odyssey, objects drift majestically through space to booming music.

Another problem requiring emergency procedures was a metal double door that refused to lock shut after the orbital repair crew had worked inside.

Lots of work for shuttle crew

A checklist of NASA's goals for the Hubble space telescope repair:

PRIMARY GOALS

Accomplished

- Replaced the telescope's two solar arrays. The wings provide Hubble with electrical power. The old wings shook when the telescope passed in and out of daylight.
- Replaced two of three pairs of gyroscopes and one of three electrical units to guide them.
- Replaced four fuse plugs for Hubble's science instruments.

Remaining

- Install an updated Wide Field-Planetary Camera. This wedge-shaped instrument is improved over the original and contains corrective mirrors to compensate for the error in Hubble's primary mirror.
- Install Corrective Optics Space Telescope Axial Replacement. This instrument, about the shape and size of a telephone booth, contains corrective mirrors for three Hubble instruments.
- Replace one of two electronics drive units for the solar arrays.
- Replace one of Hubble's two quirky magnetometers.

— The Associated Press

Farm and Business

the Record

Stats show more women suffer from job-related injuries

By Bob Cox

OTTAWA (CP) — Women have been gaining on men in an area of unwanted workplace equality — job-related injuries.

One in four injured workers was a woman in 1992, compared with one in five in 1984, Statistics Canada said Monday in a report reviewing worker compensation claims.

For workers between 45 and 54, women accounted for one of every three injuries in 1992.

The report said only part of the change can be explained by more women in the workforce. The percentage of women hurt badly enough to lose time from work increased more than twice as fast as the percentage of female workers.

There were big jumps in women getting hurt in health-care, education and finance, insurance and other office-type jobs.

In finance and insurance, women accounted for 57 per cent of injuries in 1992, compared with 36 per cent in 1984. In health and social services, women reported 74 per cent of ailments in 1992, up from 64 per cent in 1984.

Occupational health specialists attributed the trend to two main causes: greater willingness by women in areas such as health-care to report injuries and more back, shoulder, hand and other ailments related to stress and repetitive movements such as typing.

"It is possible that very little has changed except the amount of reporting and that has increased," said Sharon Nield, a nursing consultant with the Canadian Nurses Association in Ottawa.

The report said:

- Women made up 26.1 per cent of injured workers in 1992, up from 19.1 per cent in 1984. Females made up 46.4 per cent of the workforce in 1992, up from 43.1 per cent in 1984.
- Injuries to male workers fell 18.2 per cent between 1984 and 1992, while the number of men in the workforce increased 5.8 per cent.
- Overall, the number of work-related injuries dropped 12 per cent in 1992 to 455,659. The drop was attributed mainly to fewer people working.
- The most common cause of job-related injury was over-exertion. The most common injuries were sprains and strains. The most common areas of the body hurt were the back, wrists, hands and fingers.

Nield said that among nurses, the majority of health-care workers, there is a greater awareness and assertiveness about injuries.

For example, needle pricks are taken seriously because of possible AIDS infection.

Assaults by patients are reported.

"This was something that people tended to just tolerate in the past."

Nield also said nurses are, on average, getting older and may be more prone to injuries from lifting and other heavy tasks. And health-care cuts have led to staff shortages and overwork by many nurses.

Facts about workplace injuries

OTTAWA (CP) — Facts on injuries at work in 1992, from Statistics Canada:

- Injuries: 455,659 compared with 510,317 in 1984.
- Injuries to women: 118,762 compared with 97,681 in 1984.
- One in four injured workers was a woman.
- One in three injured workers aged 45-54 was a woman.
- 18.5 per cent of working women are in health and social services, but those areas accounted for 30.2 per cent of female injuries on the job.
- 9.9 per cent of working women are in manufacturing, which accounted for 17.5 per cent of female injuries on the job.
- The most common cause of job-related injury was over-exertion. The most common injuries were sprains and strains. The most common areas of the body hurt were the back, wrists, hands and fingers.

Court order delays sale of historic Manoir Richelieu

By John Davidson

MONTREAL (CP) — The complicated process of selling the famed Manoir Richelieu in Point-au-Pic took another sudden turn Monday.

Only hours after the Desjardins credit union group announced it had sold the hotel to a Quebec business consortium, another business syndicate obtained a court order which puts the sale on hold until a judge investigates it.

"The people who live in Point-au-Pic were euphoric in the morning and depressed by afternoon . . .we can't believe what's happening," said Louis Lacroix, one of dozens of residents who had hoped the sale would boost the region's tourism industry.

The first business group headed by Michel Côté was reported to have offered $15 million to buy and restore the hotel which overlooks the St. Lawrence River in the picturesque Charlevoix region, 100 kilometres northeast of Quebec City.

REVIVAL

Côté was presented to the media on Monday morning by Desjardins president Yvan Caron, who said the revival of the Manoir would "make the people of Charlevoix proud."

But in mid-afternoon, a second group of business people led by Quebec City financier Jean Bernier announced it had obtained a court order halting the sale to Côté.

Superior Court Justice Jean Moisan granted the court order because Bernier convinced him that a top executive with the Desjardins group had already given him verbal acceptance of a purchase offer of almost $10 million on October 29.

This now means the two offers will have to be examined and the judge must decide which one takes precedence.

Bernier had argued for weeks that he wanted to buy the Manoir and that he was given approval by Raynald Boucher, a vice-president of finance with Desjardins.

Bernier has been associated with the former owner of the Manoir, Raymond Malenfant, in the past and has even employed him as a consultant on hotel management.

DELAY SALE

Lawyers said the court order will almost certainly delay the sale for several weeks because the judge won't be hearing any more cases until after the Christmas holidays.

The landmark Manoir was seized from Malenfant by creditors last March.

Prior to going bankrupt, Malenfant owned 15 hotels and another half-dozen ski resorts and office buildings worth a total of $500 million.

Desjardins held the mortgage on the Manoir Richelieu and acquired the property after the foreclosure. But the credit union group made it clear it did not want to keep the property.

Caron said Desjardins had been searching for Quebec business people who wanted to buy the Manoir and restore its former splendor as a high-class tourist resort.

He added that Loto-Québec has plans for a casino near the hotel with a possible May opening.

Less than regal prospects for former Royal Trustco

By Rick Haliechuk
Toronto Star

TORONTO (CP) — The boardroom is one obvious illustration of the reduced circumstances of the company that once was Royal Trustco Ltd.

Located in a corner of the modest downtown Toronto office suite occupied by Gentra Inc. — as Royal Trustco is now known — the small directors' room looks strictly utilitarian: just one handsome table and 10 chairs.

In days past, Royal Trustco's board of directors met in far more lavish corporate headquarters in the Royal Trust tower.

Back then, there were 24 people on the board, including hockey legend Jean Beliveau, television broadcaster Adrienne Clarkson, and a liberal sprinkling of business executives, lawyers and even senators.

Royal Trustco controlled Canada's second-biggest trust company, counted almost $40 billion in assets and had 5,000 people worldwide on the payroll.

NO MORE TRUST

Today, Gentra employs about 250 people who manage assets with a book value of about $3.8 billion, but a market value of far less. All the lucrative trust and retail banking businesses are gone.

The new company's fundamental task is to squeeze cash out of its remaining loan assets in order to pay down its enormous debt.

"Our mandate is clear: for the time being, we're a collection bank," says Fraser Fell, who became Gentra's chairman, president and chief executive in September.

Fell, 65, is a lawyer and a veteran director of many boards. He remains chairman of the board of Aetna Life Insurance Co. of Canada and a director of Aetna's casualty and surety company.

Virtually all of Gentra's assets are residential and commercial real estate loans — stuff the Royal Bank rejected in the deal earlier this year to buy all of the good Royal Trust businesses.

Nearly 50 per cent of Gentra's loans are non-performing, meaning they haven't been producing interest for at least 90 days. But in the three months Gentra has been operating under its new mandate, it's generated enough money to pay off nearly $300 million in debt.

COLLECTION UNITS

Gentra now has three operating offices — in Toronto, Seattle and London — which it calls collection units.

Employees in these offices manage assets which are largely concentrated in three broad geographical areas: Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal; London and southern England; and the U.S. West Coast, principally California and the Seattle area.

The operation in England is in the worst shape. Its loan portfolio has a book value as of Sept. 30 of $906 million, but $485 million in loans are listed as non-performing.

Gentra has $1 billion in loan assets in the United States, which is "a better quality portfolio" than England, Fell said.

Although the real estate market is picking up in the Seattle area, the California market remains in the dumps, Fell said. About $435 million in U.S. loans are in arrears.

In Canada, Gentra is sitting on about $1.8 billion in assets, $722 million of them non-performing.

American bus tour operators see smooth highways ahead

By Felicity Munn

MONTREAL (CP) — The American Bus Association rolled into Montreal for its annual marketplace Monday, confident that the road ahead will be smoothed by an ever-growing demand for group tours.

Association president George Snyder said a recent survey of members found that more than 65 per cent of motorcoach tour operators are having a year that's as good as, or better, than last year.

"And last year (1992) was a significant improvement over the year before that," he noted. "It's a very upbeat industry."

Given population and travel trends, Snyder figures business will only grow.

"Most of our tour passengers are the mature adults, 50 and above, and you know there are more of us living longer — thank God," he added with a laugh, "since I'm in this mature group.

MORE VACATIONS

"And you've got those baby boomers coming along. You have a very affluent retiree coming on with a lot of free time.

"People are taking more three- and four-day vacations than they were. Opportunities are growing."

The average income of passengers on tour buses is around $41,000 US, Snyder said, and when a bus tour stays overnight in a city, it represents from $4,000 to $6,000 US in revenue to the city.

"It's a money-maker because they buy hotel rooms, they pay admission fees, they buy food, they buy gifts and souvenirs." Because of this economic fallout, competition for motorcoach business is growing among cities, he said.

Atlantic City draws more motorcoach tours than any other place in North America but most are day trips. For overnight tours, Tennessee, home to Nashville and Memphis, is the most popular destination.

TOP EVENTS

The association also compiles an annual list of 100 top events in North America. For 1994, the Nova Scotia Fisheries Exhibition and Fishermen's Reunion, running Aug. 25-28 in Lunenburg, has been decreed the top Canadian event, while the Festival of American Folklife in Washington, D.C., in July is the top U.S. event.

The bus association represents 600 motorcoach operators and bus-tour organizers in Canada, the United States and Mexico. Municipal, provincial and state tourism bureaus, tourist attractions and hotels make up the remainder of its 2,800 members.

The marketplace allows travel industry members to pitch their products to motorcoach operators and tour organizers.

"This is the bright spot in the American economy," Snyder said, gesturing towards the crowded marketplace floor.

"This is the bright spot in the Canadian economy, if there is a bright spot. In the U.S., the travel industry and the service industry is one of the huge growth areas."

As host city to the marketplace, Montreal can expect to take in more than $1.2 million US from the event and enjoy as much as a threefold increase in motorcoach business over the next year.

Oil prices plummet as Iraq negotiates end to embargo

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy futures prices plummeted again Monday and anxious traders began hoping for an emergency OPEC meeting to trim production.

Light sweet crude oil for delivery in January, which added two cents on Friday, tumbled 40 cents to settle at $14.57 US per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, a five-year low. Other contract months posted similar losses.

Refined petroleum products also lost considerable ground. Unleaded gasoline for delivery in January settled at 40.38 cents a gallon, off 1.11 cents. The contract had lost 0.12 cent on Friday.

Home heating oil for delivery in January, which added 0.04 cent in the previous session, fell 1.30 cents to settle at 44.56 cents a gallon.

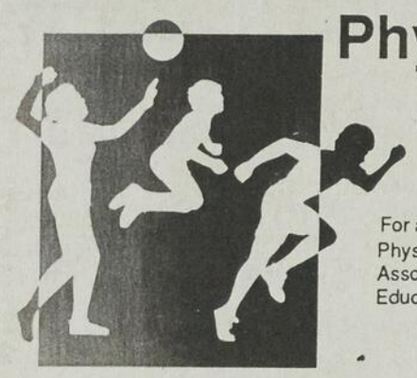
"The market is still making what looks like a major move toward lower oil prices," said Andrew Lebow, an analyst with E.D. and F. Man International Inc.

The downturn was sparked in part by continued speculation that Iraq might soon flood the market with more than three million barrels of oil daily. Iraq has been barred from oil exports since the Persian Gulf war, but has been negotiating an end to the embargo with the United Nations.

In addition, reports began to filter in that refineries, which are producing heavily because crude prices are so cheap, are having trouble storing all the products they are turning out.

"So they're throwing it onto the cash market, and we're getting huge cash discounts to the futures markets" in gasoline and heating oil, said James Steel, an analyst with Refco Inc. Cash prices were two cents a gallon lower in some cases, a substantial discount.

Meanwhile, traders nervously are hoping the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will call an emergency meeting to address the tumbling prices.



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2827970-1221 **ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**, St. Césaire. $11/hr, permanent, 35 hrs/week, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Have DCS Administration option finance and three yrs. of pertinent exp. in a manufacturing business, be bilingual and have exp. in informatic environment and exp. in cost estimation.

2824719-4214 **CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR**, Valcourt. $7.40/hr, on call. Have recognized training in childhood, have sense of responsibility and organization, good ability in communication and animation, great availability.

2827896 **COOK, CLASS 1**, Sherbrooke. $17.18/hr, occaisonal, on calls. Conditions of admission and functions: see bulletin board at your Employment Centre.

2827816 **MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANIC**, Lennoxville. Acc. to card ($12-$13), permanent, full-time, 42½ hrs/week. Must have A, B or C card, mandatory: bilingual, resourceful and responsible person. Look after mechanics.

2817658-4216 **DRIVING INSTRUCTOR**, Granby. $10/hr, permanent, full or part-time. Have monitor's permit from S.A.A.Q., bilingual an asset.

2825645-0621 **MANAGER (SHOE STORE)**, Granby. $300/week and more if exp., permanent, store schedule. 12th grade and exp. in sales (of shoes, an asset), bilingual an asset, good leader, dynamic, mobile.

2824973-7265 **SKILLED WELDERS**, Roxton Pond. $10/hr, permanent, 44 hrs/week, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Secondary 4 and training in welding, five yrs. exp. as welder assembler.

A0-107-6411 **PRINTING SALES REPRESENTATIVE**, Waterloo. Commission plus car allowances (note: minimum wage guarantee), permanent, full-time, schedule to be discussed. Bilingual, have exp. in sales, have his/her own vehicle.

Farm and Business

the Record

Lennoxville gets new pharmacy



Roxane Fournier, Rémi Gosselin and Lennoxville mayor David Price.

LENNOXVILLE — This town of only a few thousand now has two pharmacies.

But owners and pharmacists Roxane Fournier and Rémi Gosselin are convinced their newly-opened Queen Street business will find its place in Lennoxville.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday, Fournier, Gosselin and Lennoxville Mayor David Price opened the doors to Famili-prix, whose installation on the town's main drag has created six jobs.

Famili-prix now joins the Valérie Courchesne pharmacy, also located on Queen.

In a statement released for the occasion, Fournier and Gosselin said they won't necessarily offer "the lowest prices, but prices that suit the customer who wants full services from a devoted and experienced personnel."

Lower taxes would generate revenue

Federal and provincial deficits are running higher than expected, mostly because tax revenues are lower than expected. They shouldn't be, not in a recovery economy and, more particularly, not when rates of taxation are higher.

But the fact remains that revenues are lower than expected, and there is only one explanation for it; declining compliance. People simply aren't paying all the taxes for which they are liable.

Canadians, generally, could be counted upon in the past to pay the taxes they owed. Our system of tax collection, as it has evolved through the years, has remained rooted in the concept of voluntary compliance.

Voluntary compliance now, however, has been sadly undermined. Most taxpayers, given the opportunity to avoid paying taxes, will take it. And why not, or so it is rationalized, when our politicians are crooks and taxes are too high anyway?

Politicians have at least made a start on improving their image. But hiring 500 more federal auditors to enforce greater compliance is a wasted effort. They will be as effective as the tobacco cops have been in stopping cigarette smuggling. Too much money involved.

The average Canadian family now must put more than 20 per cent of its total spending into payment of income taxes. That, in itself, is a powerful inducement to avoid paying income tax wherever possible. Federal income tax revenues are, in fact, some $10 billion short on the year.

Business Sense

By John Meyer

The family has also to pay GST on almost all its purchases, not to mention rising school and property taxes, licensing and other service fees. Put them all together and the total tax bill has risen beyond historical levels of acceptance.

So what's to be done? The answer is simple. Do what has been done before. Stop raising taxes and start reducing them. When tax rates are lowered, tax yields almost always rise, because the savings from tax avoidance are no longer worth the time, effort and risk.

Put another way, what tax revenue is lost because tax rates are lower is more than made up by greater compliance. Seems simple enough, except can anyone remember the last time when the total tax bill was lowered?

Industrial city contest launched

SHERBROOKE (DH) — Even if they don't win municipal administrators stand to gain by entering their town or city in the Industrial City of the Year competition, contest organizers said Monday.

Entering allows municipalities to "recognize their strengths but also their weaknesses, and that can be very helpful afterward whether the municipality wins or not," Quebec Manufacturers Association president Richard Le Hir said at a news conference.

The competition is being jointly run by the association and the Banque Nationale du Canada.

CONTEST FORM

Cities and various municipalities will soon receive by mail a contest application form. Deadline for applying is Jan. 27.

While winning isn't everything, it does have its advantages. The city of Sherbrooke won the contest for 1993, beating out more than 40 competitors. As a result it experienced almost immediate economic benefits.

"Right away it creates a climate of security for future investors," Sherbrooke Mayor Paul Gervais told reporters.

Gervais said international investors can't help but be impressed by a city named Industrial City of the Year. Once they know that, he said, a good part of convincing them to invest locally has been accomplished.

BIG OR SMALL

Every municipality — big or small — is encouraged to take part.

"What's recognized is the effort we put in, not the number of jobs created," Gervais said.

Municipalites are judged on an exhaustive list of economic criteria. The application form requires an indepth examination of the economic policies carried out by municipalities.

This is the competition's fourth year. The award was won by Drummondville in 1991 and Thetford Mines in '92.

Other contest sponsors include Hydro-Quebec, the Federal Office of Regional Development (Quebec) and Le Groupe Mallette Maheu.



Paul Gervais... Recognizes efforts.

Bombardier Eurorail wins German contract

MONTREAL (CP) — Bombardier's European rail division has won an order worth about $93 million for 40 light-rail vehicles for the transit system in Cologne, Germany, the company said today.

The contract to Bombardier Eurorail also includes an option for 80 additional vehicles, which would bring the total value of the order to approximately $280 million. Delivery of the 40 vehicles is expected between August 1995 and February 1996.

Bombardier said the order represents a breakthrough in the German rail transportation market. Bombardier Eurorail was among five manufacturers which bid for the contract.

Bombardier Eurorail consolidates Bombardier's European units involved in rail equipment design and production. It is made up of ANF-Industrie (France), BN Division (Belgium), Bombardier-Wien-Schienenfahrzeuge (Austria) and Bombardier Prorail (England). The group employs 4,800 people and is based in Brussels.

Montreal-based Bombardier also operates plants in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Finland. It employs some 36,500 worldwide.

Revenues are over $4 billion, 90 percent from markets outside Canada.

Will 1993 mark turnaround for jewelers?

By John Heinzl
Toronto Globe and Mail

TORONTO (CP) — Is jewelry ready to glitter again? Wendy Portman thinks so.

In the past two weeks, she sold five diamond engagement rings at her jewelry store in Toronto. One customer snapped up a $9,500 brooch last month. And lately, sales of gold earrings and necklaces have been strong.

"I don't care if there is a world recession from now until you and I are not on this planet, people will still have to buy a beautiful diamond for the lady in their life," Portman says.

Mark Coleman, president of Great Pretenders Accessories Inc. in Vancouver, is expecting a Christmas "at least as good as last year" at his two stores that sell knock-offs of designer pieces, ranging from about $15 to $700.

"People who can afford the real thing are as good a customer as people who can't . . . they don't have to spend a fortune to get the look."

BRIGHT FUTURE

Consumers Distributing Inc., the Toronto-based catalogue chain, sees a bright future in gold and diamonds.

"The market is ready for a challenging retailer," says Bill Young, co-chief executive of the 235-store chain which expanded its jewelry business in the face of a protracted industry slump.

While competitors are trying to restore the glamor of buying jewelry, Consumers is hoping to win on price.

Nearly a year after the industry was rocked by bankruptcies and closings, jewelry retailers are hoping 1993 will mark the turnaround. They may be getting ahead of themselves.

Through the first nine months of 1993, jewelry stores rang up sales of $686.8 million, down eight per cent from 1992, according to Statistics Canada. The figures exclude retailers such as department stores that sell other merchandise.

Most consumers are still in no mood to make big-ticket discretionary purchases.

Alice Hopton, a community worker in Toronto, loves jewelry. But, like many of her friends, she prefers funky, inexpensive items sold by street vendors or craft shops.

Recently, she got together with a dozen other women for a jewelry-making party and returned with three pairs of beaded earrings. "It's the 1990s version of Tupperware parties," says Hopton, 32. Wearing flashy diamonds and gold in these difficult economic times "isn't cool," she adds.

When the market became overbuilt in the 1980s, jewelry chains were forced into a price war that worsened with the recession. Heavy markdowns eroded profits and tarnished jewelry's mystique.

The downturn culminated with the collapse earlier this year of Peoples Jewellers Ltd. and Montreal-based Henry Birks and Sons Ltd., which between them shut about 200 stores.

Both have emerged under new ownership, but scores of smaller players went out of business.

Connaught gets vaccine contract

TORONTO (CP) — An international drug company has awarded Connaught Laboratories Ltd. a contract to make a vaccine for sale around the world.

Merck Frosst Canada Inc. said Monday that Toronto-based Connaught will manufacture its hepatitis A vaccine, which has been approved for use in Europe and is awaiting approval in North America and elsewhere.

Merck will pay $6 million to cover capital costs, training and technology transfer to Connaught. Connaught will add 15 workers to its current 760 to handle the contract. That number will grow as the sales expand.

Merck expects to have the vaccine, which lasts a lifetime, on the market by the end of 1995 and estimates sales of $16 million in first year. Research on the vaccine has been under way at Merck labs in the United States since 1979.

There were two key factors in selecting Connaught to manufacture the vaccine, said Michael Tarnow, president of Merck Frosst.

"The men and women of Connaught do what they do better than anybody in the world. Canadians can and will compete when given the chance."

In addition, Merck and other multinational drug companies have promised to expand manufacturing and research in Canada in return for the increased patent protection for drugs that was granted last winter by the Conservative government.

Canadian generic drug manufacturers insist the new patent laws will lead to higher drug prices.

Cogeco cable awaits deregulation

By John Davidson

MONTREAL (CP) — Cogeco, the cable television and media conglomerate, is closely monitoring hearings in Ottawa on the deregulation of Canada's telecommunications industry, president Louis Audet said Monday.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) could allow open competition in the cable and telephone industries next year — thereby opening the door to the cable-telephone merger fever now gripping the U.S.

"It think it's safe to say that, whatever the CRTC decides to do with the telecommunications industry in Canada, it won't opt for the status quo," said Audet, 42, who runs Cogeco with his father Henri.

"I don't think they'll open up Canada's cable TV business to outside competition. But you could quite easily see telephone utilities buying into cable TV companies and vice versa."

FIFTH LARGEST

Cogeco subsidiary, Cogeco Cable Inc., provides cable TV service to 422,000 subscribers in Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia — making it the fifth largest firm in Canada.

The parent group also owns four television and five radio stations in Quebec, plus 34 weekly newspapers in the province through its subsdiary Publications Dumont.

A week before its annual meeting, the firm released figures which show a $22.3 million profit for 1993, against $2.1 million in 1992.

This year's profit is inflated by $16.3 million because of money earned from an initial public share offering in Cogeco Cable.

Much of that money was used to pay down Cogeco's debt. That has brought its debt-to-equity ratio down to the industry average and prepared the company for the coming changes in its business.

"We really don't know what kind of decison the CRTC wil make on deregulation, but we hope it will be prudent," said Henri Audet.

"At the very least, we've got our balance sheet in order and we're in very good shape to be flexible."

Audet added that Cogeco has never had any discussions with a telephone company about a merger, but he agreed that "anything is possible."

"The cable industry in Canada is a $1.5 billion business while telecommunications is worth $22.5 billion," said Audet. "You can see we have more room to expand than they do."

Henri Audet announced Monday he will retire as chief executive officer of Cogeco at the annual meeting on Dec. 14 in favor of his son.

Audet, 75, will remain as chairman and majority shareholder in the company.

Cogeco has also filed an application with the CRTC for a specialty programming licence to operate a cable channel which will provide news on the world of entertainment and the arts.

In addition, it has revised its proposal to the CRTC to start up a national digital music network which will provide high-fidelity music for stereo systems.

The CRTC has demanded that Cogeco and western cable operator DMX Canada of Edmonton offer more Canadian music in their proposed systems.

Cogeco will increase its Canadian offerings, but wants the CRTC to give it a monopoly on markets in Eastern Canada before it will make any investment.

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Living

the Record

Sherbrooke Rebekahs mark century of giving

SHERBROOKE (DH) — At one time helping the needy was considered an odd thing to do — so odd that those who gave of themselves were called Odd Fellows.

Well the name stuck and so has the tradition of helping the less fortunate.

In addition to the all-male Odd Fellows, there is the sister group known as the Rebekahs, whose Sherbrooke chapter recently celebrated one century of community aid.

Held at the Masonic Temple in Sherbrooke, Rebekahs from across Quebec and a few from Ontario recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of Sherbrooke's Princess Rebekah Lodge #4.

To mark the occasion the Rebekahs hosted a banquet last Nov. 25, followed by an open meeting for members and non-members alike.

After 100 years of service, today's Rebekahs show no sign of slowing down as they continue to play an active role in helping handicapped children, the elderly, children from poor families and various groups dedicated to eliminating disease.

Odd Fellowship is not a religion, the two groups say, though to become a member one has to believe in a "supreme being, the creator and preserver of the universe," as well as be loyal to one's country.

The name Odd Fellow arose in 17th century England, where it was considered odd to find a group of people whose purpose was providing aid to the needy and pursuing projects which "benefit all of mankind."

The movement made its way across the pond to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1819 and spread from there.

Their motto is "friendship, love and truth", otherwise referred to as the three-link fraternity.

The groups' objective is "to improve and elevate the character of man."

The Rebekah creed in part says, "I believe that my main concern should be my God, my family and my friends. Then we should reach out to our community and the world, for in God's eyes we are all brothers and sisters."



The Rebekahs in Sherbrooke celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Fads come and go but Lego blocks still favored

By Jeff Adams
Calgary Herald

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — In an industry that thrives on fads, few toys have stood the test of time better than Lego, those little interlocking building blocks that began entertaining children almost 40 years ago.

First produced in 1955, they've outlasted Transformers, Cabbage Patch Dolls and a long list of other toys that were once the apple of every child's eye.

"We're not as fad- or trend-oriented as some toy companies," says Lego Canada Inc. president Povl Arne Hier.

The native of Billund, Denmark, where the international Lego Group has its headquarters, was at the Banff Springs Hotel recently to meet with about 185 of the company's North American sales representatives.

Lego is privately owned and not required to publicize sales or other financial data. But Hier said it's one of the world's five largest toy manufacturers, rivalling household names like Nintendo, Mattel and Fisher-Price.

45 MILLION BLOCKS

Its plants in Denmark, Switzerland and Enfield, Conn., crank out 45 million building blocks and related items annually for sale in 100 countries.

Lego began with the late Ole Kirk Christiansen, who built wooden toys to make ends meet after the Second World War left much of Europe's economy in shambles.

Hoping to capitalize on the new trends toward plastics and mass production, he invented an interlocking building block for kids. What made Christiansen's blocks unique were the series of tubes inside each that enabled them to grasp onto the tops of other blocks for stable construction.

He patented this "clutching" system in 1955 and began manufacturing in Billund. The biggest market for Lego products today is Germany, followed by the United States.

Canada ranks seventh, thanks to aggressive marketing since 1988. That's when Lego bought back its manufacturing and distribution licence from the Samsonite luggage chain.

"We had become very high-tech, with an emphasis on mass production," said Hier, explaining why Samsonite could no longer meet Lego's needs and their 17-year-old partnership ended.

Lego closed its small plant in Stratford, Ont., and centralized North American manufacturing in Connecticut, while marketing efforts in Canada were stepped up.

The result, for a company whose senior executives are required to spend several hours a year playing with its products, has been a two-fold increase in Canadian sales.

Seventy per cent of those sales are standard Lego products, packaged into kits to build anything from a pirate ship to a space station, that normally appeal to kids aged five through 12.

Another 20 per cent come from the Duplo brand, with its large blocks geared to toddlers. The remaining 10 per cent come from Lego Technic, the most sophisticated line of Lego products.

Lego Technic kits enable children to make motorized vehicles, including cars, trucks, motorcycles and planes. They're aimed at youngsters outgrowing standard Lego.

"The key to our marketing strategy is collectibility — encouraging kids to want more," said Canadian sales director Steve Clarke. "Our core business is still the basic Lego system . . . but we see a lot of growth potential for Lego Technic."

Hier predicted Lego will continue resisting the temptation to produce kits to build tanks, warplanes, guns and other militaristic items — no matter how lucrative they become for rival manufacturers.

"We could make a military line, but we don't. That's a given."

How to prepare your child for a hospital stay

By Dr. Ilisse Perlmutter
For The Associated Press

Taking the time to prepare a child for a stay in the hospital can decrease fears and turn a potentially upsetting episode into an opportunity for growth.

Children adjust better to new situations if they are at least partially familiar with them.

Parents can take several steps before a child enters the hospital to make the stay less threatening.

One basic way to help allay fears is to emphasize that the medical treatment will help and is not a punishment.

Many hospitals offer pre-admission tours led by nurses or child life specialists, professionals trained to help children cope with hospital stays.

On the tour, youngsters generally visit areas that they will encounter during their stay. In addition to being fun and informative, these excursions also present parents and children with the chance to ask questions.

What's Going to Happen?

Playing out events that are going to happen in the hospital may be another good way to prepare children.

For example, children can use a stethoscope, perform make-believe surgery and "draw blood" from dolls — minus the needle.

Books specifically designed to explain trips to the hospital are often available from the hospital or a general bookstore. These books are often a good source of information, but they should be evaluated by parents to make sure they do not contain upsetting information.

Is Anyone Going to Stay with Me?

Children also may be better equipped to endure treatments and have a better recovery if a parent or caretaker stays with them.

Parents should find out in advance if the hospital offers a cot or pullout sofa in the child's room so that parents can stay overnight.

If parents can't stay, they should talk to youngsters about the coming separation. Children should know what time parents are going home and when they will be back.

Bringing a special toy or blanket to the hospital can also help ease the separation. Keep the item in the child's room for the duration of the hospital stay. That little piece of home can be a large source of comfort for children.

Reacting to Stress

Even well-prepared youngsters may regress and revert to earlier behaviors such as thumb-sucking or clinginess.

In very young children, recent developmental milestones such as walking or toilet training may be the first to succumb to stress. But after children return home, these milestones are generally regained.

Encouraging children to express their feelings can also help them come to terms with their hospital stay.

• *Dr. Ilisse Perlmutter is assistant professor of child psychiatry at New York University Medical Centre.*

Social notes

Happy 80th birthday

Friends of Mrs. Kathleen Durrell are invited to a "drop-in" party to celebrate her 80th birthday to be held at St. George's Anglican Church Hall, 124 Main St., Granby, on December 11 between 2 and 4 p.m. Best Wishes only.

Al is 77 years old today

Al. Morrison who is commencing his 5th year as President of Legion Branch 77, Waterloo, is celebrating his 77th birthday today. Al is very well known in Legion circles both in Montreal and the Townships. He is a CP Rail pensioner with some 40 years service in Montreal. During the war he was overseas with the Royal Canadian Engineers returning with the rank of Sergeant. He spent most of his youth winters in Montreal and summers at Brome Lake at the cottage and worked for some years at the old Brome Lake Dance Pavilion. Since retirement he winterized the family summer residence on Lakeside Road and is a permanent resident. Happy Birthday, Al.

'Flea-brained' females in dead-end relationships

Dear Ann Landers: Our bright, attractive, 30-year-old, college-educated daughter has wasted the last six years of her life either going with, trying to get over or getting back together with a bum named "Bud."

"Janice" met Bud in a bar. His wife got tired of his philandering and kicked him out. He and a roommate then moved into the same building where Janice lived. Before long, Bud decided to ditch the roommate and move in with Janice.

Bud was emotionally abusive. He had an explosive temper and drove away all her old friends. When Janice gave Bud the brushoff two years ago, her mother and I were relieved. We concluded that she had finally realized this jerk had no intention of providing a decent life for her.

Last winter, Janice was transferred to the East Coast. A month before she left, Bud's mother died, and Janice went to the funeral. She and Bud saw each other there and started up hot and heavy again. She left the funeral with him and ended up spending the night. Now Janice is on the East Coast, and Bud is "visiting" her. We are sure he is planning to stay indefinitely and enjoy the free room and board.

Bud owns nothing of value, drives an old pickup, works off and on and will be paying child support for the next 10 years. He has a long history of alcohol abuse. My question is this: Should we continue to remain silent, or should we try to wake Janice up? -- HER DISAPPOINTED PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS: Your bright, attractive, 30-year-old, college-educated daughter has a twin somewhere in Arizona. Her story appears below. The advice for my next correspondent also applies to you. I hope both of these flea-brained females will wake up and smell the coffee. Here's the letter:

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Six months ago, my younger sister, "Jennie," moved to Arizona when her employer relocated there. The problem is that she took her jobless boyfriend along with her.

"Mike" has been living with Jennie for two years and hasn't contributed a dime. Our family is appalled at her lack of self-respect.

Mike recently found his fifth job since moving out there. In Jennie's last letter, she wrote, "Mike hasn't received a paycheck in four weeks because he forgets to send in his time card." This sounds to me like the old excuse "My dog ate my homework." We doubt that he has a job.

Is there any hope for this relationship? I resent the way my sister is being used. What do you think about this? -- SLOW BURN IN WEST VA.

DEAR W.VA. AND DISAPPOINTED PARENTS: Women who allow men to sponge off them are almost always insecure and afraid to be alone. They know they are being used but are willing to buy companionship.

My advice is to say nothing. It's *their* problem. When Jennie and Janice get sick of carrying the load, they will dump those guys. Ending a relationship is strictly a Do-It-Yourself project.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter asking businesses to give ex-convicts a break. Well, Ann, ex-cons are not the only people that employers routinely discriminate against. Welfare mothers can't get a job either. I've been told by interviewers, "We don't hire welfare mothers."

I am a single mother with four years of college and 10 years of computer, secretarial and bookkeeping experience. I am on welfare. One of the first questions I am asked in an interview is, "How are you supporting yourself now?" When I admit that I am a single mother on welfare, the interview is quickly terminated. Often I am subjected to insulting remarks about lazy, good-for-nothing welfare leeches who are bleeding this country to death and what a tax burden they are to honest, hardworking people.

President Clinton's welfare reform program will require that welfare mothers go to work. Great! I'd love to have a job, but so far, no one will hire me. So what do I do now? -- CASPER, WYO.

DEAR WYOMING: Now you make an effort to find out *why* a college graduate with 10 years' experience can't land a job.

Go back to your most recent turndown and ask the person who interviewed you for some very frank answers and some advice on how to land a job. Good luck!



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Living

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Staggering choice of kid's books for Christmas

The array of kids' books lining bookstore shelves this shopping season seems infinite. Here's a sampling.

By Rod Currie
CP Arts Writer

When mystery queen Agatha Christie was a child, her mother felt that it was bad for the brain to teach children to read before age eight.

So young Agatha taught herself — before age five.

Nowadays, literacy is a goal hotly pursued and good books are recognized as the Christmas gift that keeps on giving. The array of choices lining bookstore shelves this shopping season seems infinite.

It wasn't so in the early days of children's literature in Canada when books tended to be serious and plodding, often heavy with moral and religious themes.

Books today are much more than merely instructive, as parents recognize the "togetherness" of sharing a book, and as studies show that children who are read to generally learn to read earlier than others.

CANADA DOING WELL

The booming Canadian industry, enjoying a bright international reputation, produces an estimated 350 kids' books a year.

The mind-boggling range spans bright, puffy, safe and even washable books for preschoolers through adventure stories and books on games, pets, arts, the environment and nature. Then there are how-to puzzle books and novels for those just starting high school.

Here are a few ideas:

Best Bedtime Stories (Oxford University Press, $19.95) — An exceptionally fine collection of domestic and international tales. Collected by Amy Friedman, widely recognized for her work in promoting literacy, and charmingly illustrated by Jillian Hulme Gilliland, both of Kingston, Ont., it includes 20 international stories to introduce children to other cultures. For ages four and up.

Tales the Elders Told: Ojibway Legends (University of Toronto Press, $24.95) — Although a bit pricey, this is a handsome little volume that kids may want to keep for their own children. Written by Basil Johnston of Ontario's Cape Croker Indian reserve and aimed at older children. It is enchantingly illustrated by Shirley Cheechoo, a contemporary native artist from Manitoulin Island.

Ping and Pong (HarperCollins, $14.95) — An appealingly silly story about babies — a bear cub and a human — mixed up at birth. David McPhail has reworked a Dennis Lee poem with charming results.

The Wink Eclipse (Stewart House, $19.99) — An unusual and fascinating kit consisting of a book and 45-minute audio cassette. The gripping story, for kids aged five and up, is set in the galaxy of the imagination and has read-along narration by actor Gordon Pinsent. Also featured is the voice of Michael Burgess, Regina-born star of such musicals as Les Miserables.

Somerville House Books — Somerville is the undoubted leader among the book-and-toy kits with such well-priced, ingenious successes as The Bug Book (with bug bottle), The Chalk Around the Block kit (including a 48-page instruction book and chalk) and The Tiny Perfect Dinosaur, all lauded by the Canadian Children's Book Centre and the Canadian Toy Testing Council.

New Somerville offerings are The Wildflower Field Guide and Press (for plant collecting and preserving) and The Make-Your-Own-Button-Book with reusable pin-on picture buttons, both priced at $13.95.

The Science Book for Girls and Other Intelligent Beings (Kids Can Press, $10.95) — This is a bright and breezy tour of daily scientific events around the house for readers aged eight to 12. Written by Valerie Wyatt, it focuses on the sciences that make your toast turn brown, your stomach rumble and your Frisbee fly.

The Games Treasury (Firefly Books, $19.95) — Among games and sports books, this is a champ. Described as a one-volume library of family fun, this well-indexed, clearly illustrated volume by Merilyn Simonds Mohr of Kingston, Ont., includes more than 300 indoor and outdoor games with strategies, rules and traditions. There's everything from ping-pong and liar's dice to gin rummy, 20 kinds of poker and 40 games of solitaire.

In Other Words (Annick Press, $4.95) — A remarkable book by 32-year-old John Walker, disabled by cerebral palsy but able to communicate through a complex system of eye contact. It tells a bright and rather angelic story of a boy who struggles with loneliness and frustration and finds a great friendship. Illustrated by Winnipeg artist Connie Steiner. Ages five and up.

Mummy Laid an Egg (Random House, $15) — Parental caution advised. A where-do-babies-come-from book in which a rather bewildered, hippie-looking couple are startled when their precocious kids give them a lesson on the facts of life, with childish but mildly graphic illustrations.

East of the Sun and West of the Moon (McClelland and Stewart, $19.95) — An old-fashioned tale about a courageous and cunning poor girl is lovingly retold and gloriously illustrated by Hungarian-born Toronto artist Laszlo Gal. A work of art that a young child could treasure for years. Ages five and up.

Lollypop's Potty and **Lollypop's Baby Sister** (Editions Chouette, $7.95 each) — In which lovable Lollypop experiences the perils of toilet training and the challenge of a new baby — and rival — in the household. Now in its sixth year, the Montreal-based publisher has been highly successful in Canada and Europe and is moving into the U.S. market with its range of brightly illustrated stories for tiny tots.

Nature in the Home (Stoddart, $6.95) — A family whose nature walk is rained out must turn to the discovery of nature within the home — sheets made from cotton, feathers from geese, silk from caterpillars, sponges from the sea. By environmentalist David Suzuki.

There Were Monkeys in My Kitchen (Doubleday, $16.95) — An opulently produced volume that depicts a zany romp. Befuddled Willa Wellowby finds a "baboon catastrophe" as her house is invaded by gorillas, chimpanzees and orang-utans. Or is it just a false alarm? Words by Sheree Fitch of Fredericton, illustrations by Marc Mongeau of Montreal.

The Bones and Skeleton Game Book (Somerville House, $9.95) — By bone expert Dr. Stephen Cumbaa of Ottawa, this is a liberally illustrated book of activities, quizzes, paper games and puzzles to introduce kids aged six to 12 to the mysteries of the body.

Stencil It (Firefly Books, $9.95) — Illustrated with how-to photos, this attractive book by Sandra Buckingham of Vancouver is aimed at older children interested in learning how to decorate almost everything they own. The step-by-step instructions include a list of inexpensive materials, many of which may be found around the home.

My Name Is Seepeetza (Groundwood Books, $7.95) — A first novel by Shirley Sterling of British Columbia's Salish Nation. This story in diary form is based on the author's sad experiences in an Indian residential school where her name, along with just about everything else in her life, was changed.

The Fabulous Ball Book (Oxford University Press, $9.95) — A collection of stories and anecdotes on everything from kick balls to stick balls, ball point pens, eyeballs and meatballs. The book concentrates on games — baseballs, tennis, bowling and so on. By Toronto writer Kathy Stinson, illustrated by Montreal-born Heather Collins.

Gifts from kitchen require something special

Gifts from the kitchen, popular at this time of year, have a "secret ingredient."

By Judy Creighton
The Canadian Press

Home-made truffles packed in glittering containers. Crystal jars filled with star-shaped shortbread. A festive tin of biscotti, the trendy Italian biscuit.

All gifts from the kitchen.

If these visions of Christmas sugar plums are dancing through your head, consider how practical they are, says food writer Monda Rosenberg.

"It's my experience that gifts from the kitchen often end up costing a lot more than you think they will," says the food editor of Chatelaine magazine.

"Because while you think you are 'just' baking up a batch of shortbread, the butter itself is expensive."

And then, Rosenberg adds, there is the tin container and the wrapping. It all adds up to a fair cash outlay.

On the other hand, for those who have the time and inclination, gifts from the kitchen have a "secret ingredient," says David Monn, author of 365 Ways to Prepare for Christmas (HarperCollins, $23).

SPECIAL

"Gifts from the kitchen deserve special consideration," Monn says, "because for almost everyone, food equals love, and that, of course, is what Christmas is all about."

Rosenberg says the most popular food gift is home-made cookies. "And lots of people like to get a pan of brownies because they are perfect for holiday snacking."

But many busy working moms would be thrilled if presented with a ready-to-heat lasagna or casserole.

"In a Saturday afternoon, a person could make five or six pans of lasagna or casseroles in aluminum tins," says Rosenberg. "People want something that can help them with their entertaining during the holidays and this gift would be ideal."

Not all food gifts need to originate in the kitchen. Last-minute gifts are often as close as the phone or the corner supermarket.

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Specialty coffees, for example, can be ordered through a toll-free number (1-800-267-BEAN) from Second Cup Coffee Co.

Amik Wilderness in North Bay, Ont., has an array of products including wild rice, smoked trout, maple syrup and crisp trail bread. To order, call 1-705-752-3938.

For the tea lover, Crabtree and Evelyn has a silver-plated English breakfast tea caddy and a box of tea. As well, from its private stock pantry there are boxes of coconut biscuits and spice cookies.

From Monn's collection of holiday gifts comes this not-too-sweet Italian biscotti.

This crunchy biscuit is perfect for dipping into dessert wine or coffee. Pack biscotti in an antique or reproduction tin, which Monn says is "the perfect reusable gift wrap."

Chocolate Walnut Biscotti

500 mL (2 cups) coarsely chopped walnuts
500 mL (2 cups) flour
500 mL (2 cups) unsweetened cocoa powder
500 mL (2 cups) sugar
5 mL (1 tsp.) baking powder
5 mL (1 tsp.) baking soda
Six eggs
.5 mL (1/8 tsp.) salt
50 mL (¼ cup) brandy or coffee
10 mL (2 tsp.) vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 160 degrees C (325 degrees F). Spread walnuts on a cookie sheet and toast in oven five to eight minutes, shaking pan several times, until walnuts are light brown. Let cool.

Lower oven temperature to 150 C (300 F).

In a large bowl, combine flour, cocoa powder, sugar, baking powder and baking soda. Stir or whisk gently until well mixed. Make a well in the centre.

In a medium bowl, beat eggs with salt until well blended. Mix in brandy and vanilla. Pour egg mixture into well in centre of flour mixture. Beat together until a soft dough forms. Stir in toasted walnuts.

With lightly moistened hands, divide dough in half. On a parchment-lined baking sheet, shape dough into two loaves. Bake 50 minutes or until dough appears dry. Remove from oven and cut loaves into half-inch thick slices. Arrange slices on baking sheet and bake 20 minutes. Turn over and bake 20 minutes longer, until firm and dry. Let cool. Store in airtight container for up to several weeks.

• *Judy Creighton welcomes letters at* The Canadian Press, *36 King St. E., Toronto, Ont., M5C 2L9 but cannot promise to answer all correspondence personally.*

Here's a few cooking hints

By The Canadian Press

Ideas for Christmas food gifts:

— Help fill the refrigerator of an elderly neighbor.

— For the gourmand on your list, give a gift certificate to a fine restaurant.

— For someone with a literary bent, give a wicker picnic hamper packed with a bottle of wine, a loaf of interesting bread and cheese, and a book.

— Fill an old cookie jar — whimsical, beautiful or just plain functional — with your own home-baked cookies. Write out the recipe on a card and attach to the jar.

— Make a basket of home-made cookies or other Christmas goodies for those you rely on throughout the year — the school bus driver, crossing guard, bank teller, nurse in your doctor's office, or the person who delivers the newspaper.

• Source: 356 Ways to Prepare for Christmas, by David Monn, published by HarperCollins, $23.

Kids can tell when parental spats resolved

By Malcolm Ritter

Children as young as five or six can sense when mommy and daddy have made up after a spat, new research suggests.

Children watched videotapes that included simulated arguments between a man and a woman. Their reactions to disputes that were apparently resolved off-camera were compared with how they felt after viewing disputes with no resolution.

The children showed less anger if the adults disappeared behind closed doors and later emerged acting friendly. Boys, but not girls, also seemed less sad.

Children also showed less anger and sadness after viewing different tapes that included an argument followed by a scene in which one of the participating adults briefly explained that the dispute had been resolved.

When viewing the tapes in which the adults went behind closed doors, about half the children ages five and six guessed when the adults disappared that they were resolving their differences. And "that's pretty amazing," said researcher E. Mark Cummings of West Virginia University in Morgantown.

About 90 per cent of children ages nine and 10 had the same suspicion, researchers found.

Timothy Moore, a psychologist at York University in Toronto who studies the effect of parental fighting on children, said the study "reinforces the idea that children are probably by and large a lot sharper than we suppose."

Moore said that although watching actors on a videotape is not the same as seeing one's own parents in a real conflict, prior work has shown that such videotapes can still provoke physical arousal and emotional reactions.

Cummings and colleagues report their study results in the November issue of the journal Developmental Psychology.

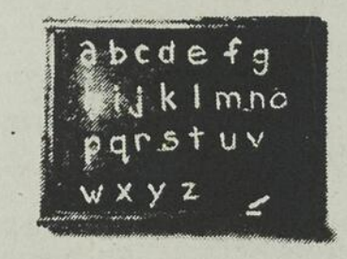
The fact that the children could interpret friendly behavior as a sign of dispute resolution shows "kids are more sensitive than we realize," Cummings said.

He cautioned, however, that children will probably not be fooled by faked affection because research shows they can detect silent anger.

The study on interpreting friendly behavior after a dispute involved 40 children, evenly split between the older and younger age groups. The study on the effect of hearing an adult explain the fight was resolved involved 48 children in the two age groups.

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COWANSVILLE
Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 32, Cowansville, are holding a 500 card party on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fraternal Hall, 910 Principale, Cowansville. Lunch and prizes. Come and bring a friend.

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SHERBROOKE
The Sherbrooke Christian Women's Club invites all ladies to their Christmas meeting on Thursday, December 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Le Baron Hotel, King St. West, Sherbrooke. Come and be inspired with creative gift ideas that you can make in time for Christmas. Dana Greer of St. Lambert will present some musical gifts, putting you in the holiday mood. Special speaker, Susan O'Sullivan, a young mother from Howick, will, with her sense of humour, share a gift from her heart. Preschoolers will be lovingly cared for in the free nursery. Please reserve for yourself, your friend and your children by calling Maureen Sullivan 849-6402. All ladies are welcome. Invite a friend. she'll be glad you did.

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LENNOXVILLE
On Friday, December 10, Alexander Galt presents "The Great Pecarve". This is a show on Hypnotism and Memory Expertise. The show starts at 8:15 p.m. Admission will be charged. Proceeds go towards the Spring Prom and Graduation ceremonies.

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WATERVILLE
The A.C.W. of St. John's Church will be sponsoring our last card party of the season on Friday, December 10 at 2 p.m. Welcome to all.

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GEORGEVILLE
The fourteenth annual Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols will take place in St. George's Anglican Church, Georgeville on Sunday, December 19 at 4 p.m. with Georgeville's three choirs directed by Sarah Hoblyn. The nine lessons tell the Christmas story and will be read by people representing various aspects of the life in the village, the first one being read by a very young person and the ninth by the presiding minister. The lessons will be interspersed with carols, some sung by the choirs only, and some by the congregation as well. Georgeville has three choirs, the Christmas Choir, the St. George's choristers (aged 7 to 11), and the Joyfulle Noyse Quire for the very young members (aged 2 to 6). This is an ecumenical service and all are welcome.

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LENNOXVILLE
A 500 and bridge card party will be held on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere St., Lennoxville. Prizes. Lunch will be served. Everyone welcome.

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MOE'S RIVER
Advance notice. The annual Moe's River Christmas Service will be held in the Moe's River Church at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 19. The service will be conducted by Rev. Deborah Laing. All are cordially welcome at this nostalgic event.

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WARDEN
There will be a Flea Market on Sunday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oddfellows Hall, 209 Main St., Warden. Proceeds from tables for the Grand Encampment of Quebec.

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BULWER
Bulwer Q.F.A. will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, December 9 at the Bulwer Community Centre at 8:30 p.m. Program will include Brent Cairns and his magic. Final details of Christmas party will be discussed also. Members and non-members are equally welcome. Pot-luck lunch.

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AYER'S CLIFF
The annual meeting of the E.T. County Fairs Association will be held on Thursday, December 9 at 10 a.m. at the Auberge Ayer's Cliff. Plans for the 1994 season will be brought forth. Delegates please note.

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This column accepts items free of charge announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to THE RECORD, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number of person forwarding the notice. Telephone requests cannot be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Canterbury
Muriel Mayhew
607-4479

Elmare and Ellen Barter, Bury, were Sunday visitors of Doug and Muriel Mayhew.

Laura and Michael Laprise and girls from St. Julie and Annie Guilette and two boys from Cookshire, were Sunday guests of Luvia and Sylvia Aulis.

Ted Bennett, Lennoxville, was a dinner and afternoon guest of Doug and Muriel Mayhew.

Mrs. Clara Chapman from the Strapps Rest Home, Bury, was an afternoon and supper guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Bill and Gloria Bélanger.

Marion Goodwin, Germaine MacAulay and Muriel Mayhew from the Canterbury W.I. accompanied by Jessie Herring from Bury, enjoyed a day shopping and their annual Christmas dinner at the Buffet Chinois Beni Won Ton which was a great treat.

Tanya Mayhew was one of the pianists at the Galt Awards Night in Lennoxville.

Huntingville
Alice Price

Mr. and Mrs. Dufferin Annesley and Mildred Learmouth attended the funeral of their cousin Allan Learmouth in Colborne, Ont. Sympathy to all the family.

Mrs. Christina Walker spent a month in Kansas City, Kansas.

Mrs. Dorothy Lambert has returned to Grace Christian Home after spending two weeks with her son and family in Brossard.

Sorry this news should have been in sooner, also while on my stay in Oshawa, I spent an afternoon with Irene Spaulding in Ajax.

Gary, Helen and little Joseph MacDonald, also aunt Alice spent a day in Lake Megantic visiting Mrs. Dorothy Moore and did some shopping. Enjoyed getting out to see the Moore cottage on beautiful Lake Megantic. On another day spent a day at the Wales Home.

Obituary

MARION N. CRITTENDEN
of West Brome, Quebec

On November 17, 1993, Marion N. Crittenden, nee Aitken, passed away peacefully at the Regal Nursing Home, Cowansville, where she had resided since her husband's death in May, 1991. She was in her 95th year.

Born in Holyoke, Mass., July 17, 1899, daughter of John and Alma Aitken. She moved to West Brome at the age of five where she resided all of her life.

In 1929 Marion was united in marriage with Preston G. Crittenden who predeceased by her sister, Ruth Hastings and brothers Harold and Florus Aitken.

She is survived by two sons, Malcolm Crittenden (Shirley Baker), Harold Crittenden (Evelyn Heron) and a daughter Myrna (Merton McPherson), also by her eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at Cowansville Funeral Home on Saturday, November 20 with Reverend S. Clarke officiating. Burial was in the Pettes Cemnetery, West Brome, Que.

The pall bearers were Robert Edwards, Dorson Johnston, Donald Soles and Bruce McPherson.

Donations in her memory were made to the Canadian Cancer Society and B.M.P. Hospital, Cowansville, Que.

Women's Institute meeting

ABERCORN — The W.I. met at the home of Arlene Bleser on November 15 at 9:30 a.m. President Pauline Wilkins opened the meeting in the usual manner.

Minutes were read by Secretary, Pat Lahue and found correct.

There will be no December meeting so Christmas cheer was decided and members will do this in December. Donations has been given to Sutton School Library.

Financial statement given by Treasurer, Peggy Steele and noted a term deposit had been bought with extra money on hand. Outstanding wills were paid.

Secretary told of receiving a letter from County Secretary about the Nomination committee for county officers. Pat Lahue has publicity for the county, but none of the members wish to hold county office.

Program for the day. Arline Bleser spoke of how the Veterans Affairs Minister told of having Remembrance Day to be for soldiers of peace as well as war. A local soldier is now serving in Bosnia.

Secretary reminded all convenors to send their report to the county by December 30.

Meeting closed for 1993, and lunch was served by the hostess with goodies brought in by members. All were pleased that Ethel Haggerty was able to be present.

Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 28 holds meetings

LENNOXVILLE — Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 28 met on the evening of November 17 with the Noble Grand Sister Marjorie White presiding and welcoming the members.

A card was signed for Sister Gertie Beattie who was in hospital after sustaining a fall. Sister Luella Brady reported a visit to Sister Mary Beattie. Sister Rhoda and Brother Herbert Pratt had visited members at the Connaught and Grace Christian Homes, also a visit to Brother Calvin Picken.

A letter of thanks was read from Brother Calvin and Sister Thelma Picken, also added words of appreciation for the acts of kindness done by members of the lodge.

Sister Bernice Maurice reported on the results of the November fund raiser. She had also purchased a gift for the 100th anniversary of Princess Rebekah Lodge.

It was noted by Sister Irene Hadlock that articles for a Christmas hamper would be collected at the next meeting on December 1st.

Sister Jean French laid the Remembrance Day wreath at the cenotaph.

Sister Carolyn Campbell displayed a beautiful spoonholder and knicknack shelf made by her father, Mr. Fred Wright. This to be donated to the Rebekah Assembly in May.

Brother Clinton French reported on the recent card party in Sawyerville.

At the close of the meeting the Noble Grand extended special thanks to the Brothers who had assisted the Sisters in so many ways when they were holding special events.

Refreshments were served in the lower hall by Gladys Davis and Fern Lapointe. Prizes for marked plates were won by Don Macmillan and Peter Maurice.

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LENNOXVILLE — Sister Marjorie White, N.G., presided for the meeting of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 28 on the evening of December 1st, welcoming the members and two guests, Sister Ernestine Whipple, President of the Rebekah Assembly and her Marshal, Sister Barbara Smith.

Sister Luella Brady reported that Sister Gertie Beattie is home from the hospital. Several members have had colds which seem to be making the rounds.

Corespondence included a letter from the Assembly stating that Sister Agnes McClay, Past President of the Rebekah Assembly passed away on November 4. A thank-you note from Princess Lodge No. 4 for the gift of a guest book. A letter from the Children's Hospital Foundation and the Townshippers' Association. The President's letter and other items were read from the Bulletin.

It was suggested by the Noble Grand that scrapbooks could be made from greeting cards and sent to the Children's Hospital.

A sum of money was voted for Christmas cheer for the shut-ins.

The Christmas party will be held on December 15 when a pot luck supper will be served at 6 p.m. There will also be an exchange of gifts.

Under Good of the Order, Sister Roberta Macmillan was escorted to the Altar by the Assembly Marshall, Sister Barbara Smith where she received a 50-year jewel. The citation was given by Sister Marjorie White. The jewel was presented by the President, Sister Ernestine Whipple and pinned on by Brother Donald. Sister Roberta was initiated on October 20, 1943. As well as serving as Noble Grand and District Deputy President, she became President of the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec in 1983. Sister Roberta responded with appreciative words saying how much she had enjoyed being a Rebekah.

Sister Thelma Picken spoke briefly noting how pleased she was to be present on this occasion. The meeting then closed in regular form.

Dorothy Geddes
For Publicity

Sawyerville
Alice Wilson
889-2932

Donald and Lillian Laroche, Alton, Bonnie and Deanna Fowler, Jim, Ruby and Angie Thompson with Omer and Reta Drouin of Rock Forest, David Parnell of Ascot Rd., and Wayne Gill of Cookshire, enjoyed a Chinese buffet at Beni Won Ton in Sherbrooke, celebrating Donald, Lillian and Deanna's birthdays, Omer and Reta's wedding anniversary. They spent the remainder of the evening dancing.

Donald and Lillian, Omer and Reta attended the 40th anniversary dance at the ANAF, Lennoxville.

Donald and Lillian visited Gordon and Norma Chute in North Hatley.

Birth

NIELSEN — Garry and Penny (nee Wightman) joyfully announce the arrival of their son, Brandon Dale, 8 lbs. 4 oz., at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Sherbrooke, Quebec. Little brother for Shawn. Happy grandparents are Orla and Vera Nielsen of Sawyerville, Quebec and Norman Wightman of Bedford, Quebec. Great-grandson for Mrs. Rita Wightman of Bedford, Quebec.

Card of Thanks

JOHNSTON — I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours for prayers, cards, visits, food and flowers received while I was a patient in hospital and since my return to the Wales Home. Your kindness will always be remembered.
ELROY JOHNSTON

In Memoriam

PATRICK, Wilfred — In loving memory of our dear husband, father and grandfather who lost his life accidently on December 7, 1980.
Remember him with a smile today
He would not want the tears,
Reflect instead on memories
Of all the happy years.
The smiles he brought
The way he spoke,
And all the things he said,
His strength, courage and laughter,
Remember those instead.
Lovingly remembered by
MARION
WENDY & BING
JENNIFER, JASON & AARON
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MICHAEL, ALINE
KEVIN & MEGAN

Death

FORTIN, Bertha (nee Galbraith) — Peacefully at the Stella Maurice Home in Bedford, Quebec, Bertha Fortin, in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Roy Fortin. Dearly loved mother of Joyce Blakeslee (Bob). Grandmother of Marilyn Piette (Bob), Sylvia Blakeslee and Linda Blakeslee Dussault (Nelson). Great-grandmother of Robin, Travis, Amanda, Alex and Caroline. Resting at Dion Funeral Home, 215 River St., Bedford. Visitation on Tuesday, December 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service at the Stanbridge East United Church, Wednesday, December 8 at 2 p.m. As memorial tributes, donations to the Butler School Library would be appreciated.

THOMAS, Vera Jane (nee Paige) — On December 1, 1993, at Los Gatos, California. Daughter of Burton and Jessie (Roberts) Paige. Beloved wife of the late Ivor Thomas. She leaves to mourn 2 brothers George (Velma) of Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Frank (Helen), Mansonville, Que., neices, nephews, cousins and families. Predeceased by 3 sisters May Hinchcliffe, Clara Heron and Evelyn. Funeral arrangements at Los Gatos.

In Memoriam

TAYLOR, Lloyd — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, December 5, 1992.
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Remembered by
POLLY (wife)
BRENT (son)

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Myrtle Rebekah Lodge holds meeting

LENNOXVILLE — Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 28 met on Wednesday evening, November 3 with Sister Marjorie White, N.G., presiding. Cards were signed to send to two members. A letter was read from the Lennoxville Library.

Sister Bernice Maurice of Ways & Means gave an outline of plans for the year. She also mentioned that 1993 marks the 80th anniversary of the lodge.

A donation was voted to the Lennoxville Library.

The installation of the Vice-Grand, Sister Jean French and her left supporter, Sister Fern Lapointe was performed by Sister Roberta Macmillan. Sister Althea Hansford was the Acting Conductor.

The Oddfellowss' children's party was held on December 5. Volunteers offered cookies for same.

Brother Clinton French announced the first of the card parties to be held at the Sawyerville Community Centre on November 13.

The meeting then closed in ritual form.

Male menopause: R.I.P., gentlemen

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

For all of us men who fear male menopause, the jig is up; we'll have to find a different excuse for our feelings and behavior. Speaking at the third annual meeting of the North American Menopause society last autumn, Dr. Christopher Longcope (professor of obstetrics and gynecology at University of Massachusetts) confirmed what experts have long suspected: There is no male menopause. Now we guys will have to survive our midlife crises without being able to blame our hormones.

This is a tough challenge.

Starting in their 40s, men's testosterone levels significantly decline — with as much as a 40 percent reduction by the early 70s. After this, the bottom drops out. Beyond 80, most men experience a marked decrease in sexual interest and performance that is directly attributable to low testosterone levels. This impaired sexual functioning is an inescapable consequence of testosterone deficiency — but it isn't menopause.

Some men, as they age, suffer from diminished energy and virility, associated with an increase in body fat and a decrease in muscle mass. This can lead to depression, frustration and anger that are often exacerbated by poor health, retirement, boredom and a general dissatisfaction with life. On occasion, such men may experience hot flashes, sweating and emotional unpredictability.

For the past few decades, this syndrome has been believed due to complex and poorly understood hormonal interactions that parallel similar changes taking place in aging women. Men with the syndrome were content knowing that it had a name, "male menopause," and that they had little or no control over it. Now Longcope and other authorities have rained on the parade.

It's true that males who suddenly lose their testicles — from surgery for prostate cancer or from infection, for example — do experience a constellation of symptoms (including hot flashes and fatigue) that is a true menopause. But, the experts argue, this is a precipitous event identical to female menopause, not the gradual testosterone decline of age.

There is no convincing scientific evidence that the typical sequential loss of male hormone causes a menopausal syndrome, because the body presumably has plenty of time to adapt to the new hormonal milieu. In short, it's the suddenness of the process that causes the majority of symptoms. (Also, older men do not have the hormonal surges that characterize the young, who have high levels of testosterone in the morning.)

Further complicating the issue is a very real and common phenomenon: Sexual ability and interest are frequently blunted by prescription drugs used to treat ulcers, hypertension and other cardiovascular disorders. In addition, older males are more likely to suffer from marital and psychological problems that affect sexuality. Previously, these problems may have conveniently been blamed on male menopause.

Although sound scientific evidence is lacking about whether supplemental testosterone will help men with "menopausal" symptoms, the medicine causes a higher risk of prostate cancer and may exert most of its effect by a placebo action. (Information about the testosterone patch, which is under development, is not yet available.)

Because aging men, being human, would pay anything for a magic potion to delay the inevitable, we have to be cautious about dishonest promoters who want to exploit a massive market with phony antidotes, such ineffective herbal "cures."

So, remember when you see a gray-haired sugar daddy with a voluptuous Vegas showgirl on his arm, you are looking at a man who made a choice that cannot be blamed on male menopause. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way.

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How to make those ivories sparkle

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: The keys on my piano have a yellow tinge. Do you know of any way to whiten them without ruining the mechanism of the keys? — **DORIS MORRIS, Whittier, Calif.**

DEAR DORIS: We spoke with the experts at Steinway & Sons and this is what they recommend: First, clean the keys with fine steel wool and denatured alcohol. Then apply hydrogen peroxide with a wet (not soaking) cotton ball. Do this several times and let sit for a couple of hours.

If you can move the piano so that the keys are exposed to sunlight, the peroxide will work that much better. When the keys are dry, buff them first with 4000-grit sandpaper and then 6000-grit. Finally, polish with a buffing cloth. If the keys aren't as white as you would like them to be, repeat the process.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I would like to have the address of the Lillian Vernon Catalogue Co. I need to order something from it. —**HELEN PALMER, Dunellon, Fla.**

DEAR HELEN: The address is Lillian Vernon, Virginia Beach, VA 23479 (804-430-1500).

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Could you tell me where to write for information on how to go about selling my barbecue sauce? I live in Oklahoma. —**GEORGE WILLIAMS, Panama, Okla.**

DEAR GEORGE: We have both good news and bad news for you.

The good news is that the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture has a very aggressive and forward-looking Development Services Division. For people who are interested in marketing their products, the division offers help in developing a business and marketing plan, has some financial aid available, will offer its expertise in obtaining low-interest loans for business start-up and finally, continues to actively promote Oklahoma-made products at food shows across the nation.

The bad news is that the market — both local and national — is glutted with barbecue sauces.

Gary Bledsoe, the gentleman with whom we chatted at the Development Services Division, said they get one or two inquiries a month about marketing new barbecue sauces; there are presently 25 to 30 that are being made and marketed in Oklahoma and of those only four or five are having any success.

He added that the barbecue sauce market is a very difficult one to break into, as one is competing not only against Oklahoma-made brands but the national brands that are on supermarket shelves.

If you still want to give your sauce a whirl, you can call Mr. Bledsoe at 405-521-3864 or write to him at Development Services Division, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, 2800 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Is there any way to keep deer out of my vegetable garden? This is the first year I've had any problem, maybe because it's the first year I haven't had a dog. — **B.P., Randolph, Vt.**

DEAR B.P.: As one of us has a high fence around her garden, and the other has a dog, we have never had to deal with deer invasions. However, we have it on good authority that hanging cakes of Dial soap around the perimeter of your garden will keep the critters away.

A couple of years ago, we suggested that human hair stuffed into a stocking and hung around the garden would also act as a deterrent, but feedback from our readers was not enthusiastic. Apparently, the hair trick works for a while, but its effectiveness as a repellent is lost after a few good rainstorms.

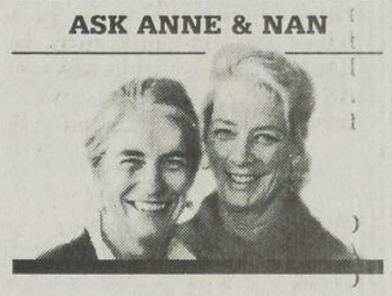
READER FEEDBACK: A writer who signed herself "Former World Traveler," Naperville, Ill., writes: "You missed the boat with your response to the Arkansan Traveler who wanted to know the easy way to convert Celsius to Fahrenheit! The easiest method by far is to remember that 20 degrees C equals 68 degrees F, what many homes are heated to in winter — a comfortable temperature. From there, every 5 degrees C equals 9 degrees F. Therefore, 25 degrees C equals 77 degrees F, 30 degrees C equals 86 degrees F, and if it's 15 degrees C you need a jacket!"

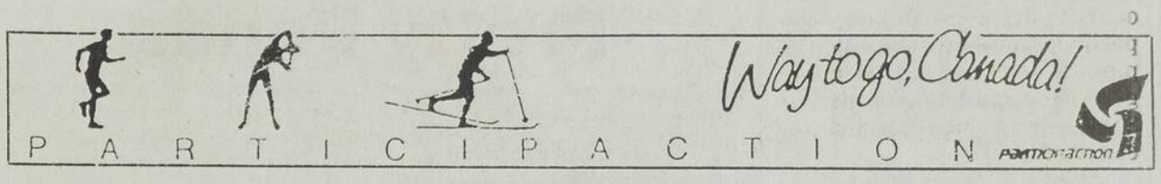
Write to 'Ask Anne & Nan' at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings are co-authors of 'Dear Anne and Nan: Two Prize Problem-Solvers Share Their Secrets' (Bantam).

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Kiddies' Corner



Care for the Animals

More than 600 animals and plants of the U.S. were listed as endangered or threatened as of 1991. Additionally, more than 500 foreign species have been listed. The names of some of these endangered or threatened animals are hidden in the word search. Circle each one you find.

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spotted owl
red wolf
blue whale
black rhino
walrus
cheetah
manatee
whooping crane
crocodile
bald eagle
condor

Africa's grasslands and tropical rain forests are home to many species of wildlife. Conservationists are working hard to protect these habitats. People from countries around the world travel to Africa every year to look at and take photographs of wild animals. Look closely at the pictures below and circle the hidden animals. The list indicates which of these are considered endangered



antelope-endangered
crocodile-endangered
elephant, African-endangered
gorilla-endangered
rhinoceros-endangered
snake-not endangered in Africa
lion-not endangered in Africa
giraffe--not endangered

Fun Facts

1. Since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, more than 500 species, subspecies, and varieties of the plants and animals in the U.S. have become extinct.
2. The giant panda must eat 20 to 40 pounds of food each day to survive, and spends 10 to 16 hours a day feeding.
3. Rain forests are home to more than half the world's species of animals and plants.
4. When certain birds, such as California condors and peregrine falcons, are raised in captivity the caretakers use hand puppets that look like the adult bird to feed the chicks. This is so the chicks will learn to recognize and identify with their own kind.
5. Man has threatened animal life in three main ways: by hunting certain species too much, by polluting the environment, and by destroying the animal's natural habitat.
6. An endangered species is any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. A threatened species is any species which is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all of a significant portion of its range.

Habitat = Home

The destruction of an animal's natural living space - its habitat - for man's own use is the single most serious worldwide threat to wildlife. The habitat includes the areas of land, water, and air space required by a species.

Fill in the boxes next to each letter of the word HABITAT to create seven 4-letter words. Plurals don't count and a word can't be used more than once.

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Possible answers: help, able, bear, inch, tree, aunt, tell

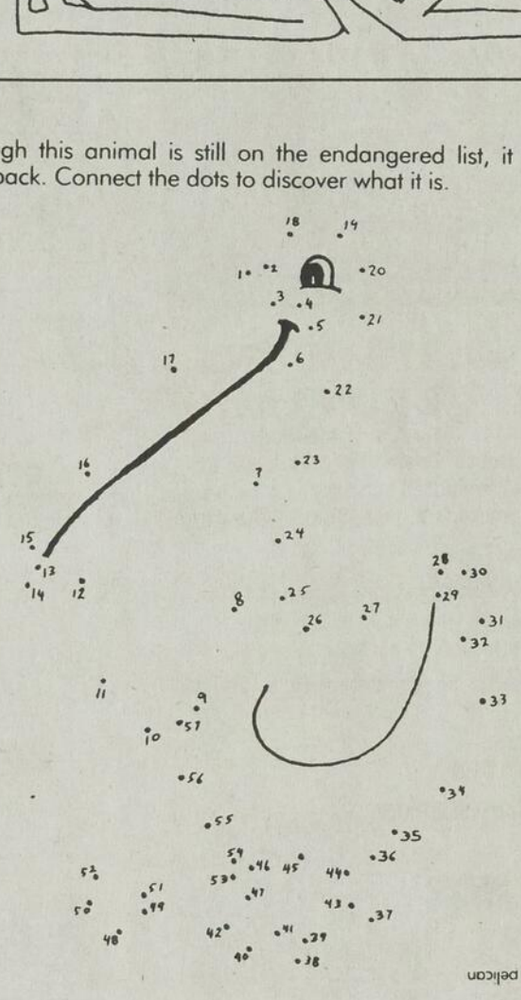
Pretty Panda

The giant panda, one of the rarest animals in the world, is found in the dense bamboo forest in the mountains of western China. This bamboo forest habitat is very important to giant pandas because they mainly eat bamboo leaves and shoots. Because of the protection the giant panda now receives, it has a good chance of survival.

Alfie Alligator is visiting China and hopes to see a giant panda, although he knows not to get too close. Help Alfie move quietly through the forest so that he can see the giant panda without bothering it.



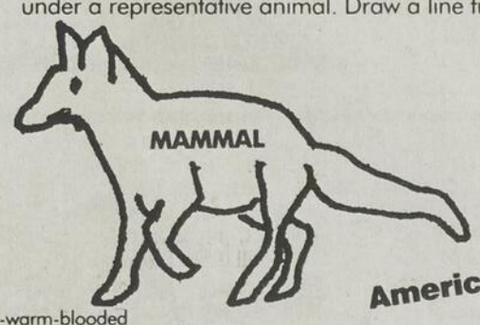
Although this animal is still on the endangered list, it is making a comeback. Connect the dots to discover what it is.



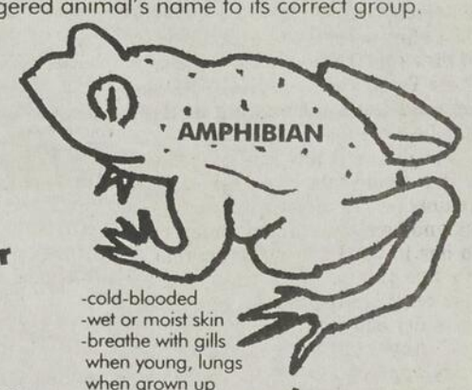
Answer: brown pelican

Mammal, Reptile, Bird, or Amphibian?

Characteristics of four of the vertebrate species - mammals, reptiles, birds, and amphibians - are listed under a representative animal. Draw a line from each endangered animal's name to its correct group.

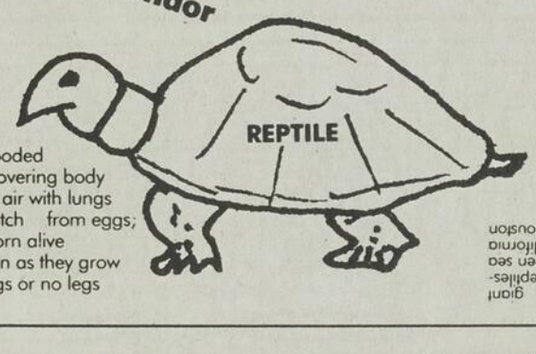


-warm-blooded
-have hair or fur
-breathe air with lungs
-most are born alive
-nurse their young with milk

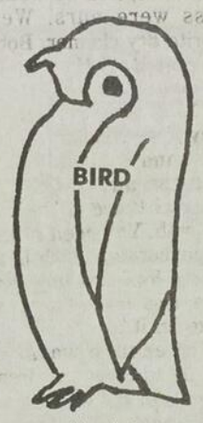


-cold-blooded
-wet or moist skin
-breathe with gills when young, lungs when grown up
-hatch from eggs laid in water

tiger
gorilla
American alligator
peregrine falcon
Houston toad
bald eagle
spotted owl
polar bear
green sea turtle
desert salamander
giant panda
California condor
black-footed ferret
American crocodile



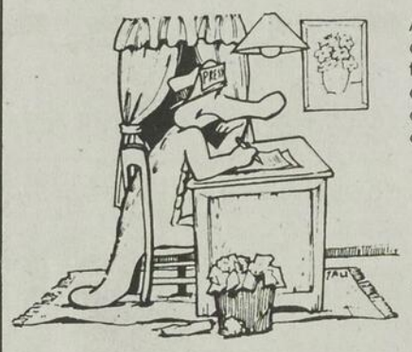
-cold-blooded
-scales covering body
-breathe air with lungs
-most hatch from eggs; some born alive
-shed skin as they grow
-short legs or no legs



-warm-blooded
-have feathers
-breathe air with lungs
-young hatch from eggs
-have beak but no teeth
-have wings

Answers: mammals-tiger, polar bear, giant panda, black-footed ferret, gorilla; reptiles-American alligator, American crocodile, green sea turtle, birds-spotted owl, bald eagle, California condor, peregrine falcon; amphibians-Houston toad, desert salamander

Speaking of Animals...



Alfie Alligator is very interested in animals and in helping endangered species and wants to write a cinquain, five-line Oriental poem, about one of them. In this type of poem, certain kinds of words are filled in for each line. Help Alfie choose an animal by looking at the names of some of the endangered animals in other activities on this page, then fill in the blank line with the types of words indicated directly below each line.

_____ (name of animal)
(the subject)

_____ _____
(2 words to describe it)

_____ _____ _____
(3 action words)

_____ _____ _____ _____
(a 4 word phrase that tells how you feel about it

_____
(sum up in one word)

BOOKS ABOUT ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Vanishing Habitats by Tony Hare. Ages 5-9. Explore ways in which endangered species can be protected from the life-threatening changes in their natural habitats.
The Children's Animal Atlas by David Lambert. Ages 7-11. How animals have evolved, where they live, and why many are in danger.
Protecting Wildlife by Malcolm Penny. Ages 9-14. This book examines the plight of wild animals, and looks at different methods of saving them.



Some of the things you can do to help the future for endangered animals are: find out which species in your area are endangered by writing to your state wildlife or conservation department, don't buy wild animals as pets, recycle and be careful not to litter.

A Little Bit Of Humor

Linda: When is a piece of wood like a queen?
Sally: When it's a ruler.

Milkman: Are you sure you want 62 quarts of milk?
Woman: Certainly, it's for my milk bath.
Milkman: Do you want it pasteurized?
Woman: No, just up to my chin.

Annual meeting of Compton County Historical and Museum Society held at Sawyerville Community Centre showing a good year and much business on the agenda

By Nina Rowell

The annual meeting of the Compton County Historical and Museum Society was held on Friday, October 22, in the Sawyerville Community Centre.

The evening began with a buffet supper consisting of casseroles, salad, home-made rolls and pies, provided by the directors. There were about 80 persent.

The guest speaker, Miss Marjorie Goodfellow of Sherbrooke was introduced by Muriel Prescott, outgoing director. Miss Goodfellow gave an interesting talk on genealogy, stressing how this and heritage work can be a source of income and a meaningful occupation. The speaker was thanked by Ben Hodge and presented with a small token of appreciation.

On behalf of the Society, the Fleury family of Bishopton were called on by the president, Ed Laberee to accept a 1994 Family Membership to the Society in recognition of their achievement in being the only family who had visited all seven museums in the 1992 Passport to History project. The family was also guests for the buffet supper.

The president thanked Janice Graham for providing background music on the piano while we gathered for supper. He then gave a brief outline of the year's work. We had continued with the Group of Seven. The theme for the year had been "Our Legacy". It was decided in February to hire a coordinator to assist with the operation of the museum in 1993. Admission prices were set. A student, Marcia Giguere, was hired and received funding under the Challenge '93 program. Life Memberships were reviewed and raised. The Society inherited the old grand piano from the Eaton Municipal Office.

The Treasurer's report was handed out by Karrold Lindsay and reviewed.

Sharon Moore gave the coordinator's report, explaining that her contract was from June 1 to September 30, 1993, with opening day on June 16. There were over 500 visits to the museum, coming from three countries in Euripe, five states in the U.S.A., six provinces, and one territory of Canada, which included five group visits. Three children participated in the Junior Museum Program. Sharon thanked directors and members for all their help and kindness.

A combined report of the Activities Committee and Chronicler was given by Nina Rowell. The program consisted of five events, two were fundraisers, the Brunch and Variety evening. The others were the Annual Lawn Party on Sunday, June 20, Hymn Sing on Sunday, July 25 and Fall Foliage Tour on Saturday, September 25. All were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

The custodian's report, given by Hope Evans showed that work had continued on the clothes hangers and a review of the Acquisition Book.

Keith Bennett reported for the building committee, new carpeting had been donated and installed on the ramp, and arrangements were made to have painting done in the spring.

Hope also gave the Membership report. There are 23 individual members, 99 family memberships (38 families) and 87 life memberships making a total of 209. A moment of silence was observed in respect of five members who had passed away during the year.

Wells Coates presented the report of the Personnel Committee.

The Nominations report was given by Ben Hodge which included the following list of directors for 1994; Keith Bennett, Wells Coates, Hope Evans, Bernard Hodge, Norma Humphrey, Edward Laberee, Karrold Lindsay, Gerald Lowd, Florence McVetty, Susan Ord, George Pinchin, Jennie Spaulding, Nina Rowell and Serena Wintle. Ben also thanked the two retiring directors, Connie Little and Muriel Prescott for their time and devotion to the Society.

The president informed the meeting that Chris Standish had presented his father's army uniform, also books and rolled time sheets relating to the construction of the Hereford Railroad to the Museum.

A donation had also been made from Mr. Pettigrew, the last agronomist in the Cookshire office, of office books and maps that had been used by agronomists in the past.

The Josiah statue still has not been moved to the Museum from Sawyerville.

Lionel Hurd expressed thanks to the Society for courtesies extended at the time of the Hurd Family Reunion.

Regular meeting of the Society

A regular meeting of the Compton County Historical and Museum Society was held in the Old Academy, Eaton Corner on Wednesday evening, November 17 with 12 directors and two guests present. The first order of business was the election of officers and committees for 1994. Karrold Lindsay conducted the election as follows: President, Ed Laberee; 1st Vice President, Karrold Lindsay; 2nd Vice President, Wells Coates; Ben Hodge, Treasurer; Secretary, Norma Humphrey.

The president, Ed Laberee, took the chair for the remainder of the meeting, and the following committees were appointed: Archives: F. McVetty, J. Spaulding, M. Ord, C. Bennett; Building: K. Bennett, G. Pinchin; Custodian: H. Evans, S. Nutbrown; Finance: B. Hodge, K. Lindsay; Nominating: F. McVetty, B. Hodge; Personnel: W. Coates, N. Humphrey; Publicity: N. Rowell, J. Spaulding; Program: G. Lowd, S. Nutbrown, N. Rowell; Townshippers': B. Hodge.

Ed Laberee and K. Lindsay will continue to represent our Society at the Group of Seven and the Steering Committee to plan the formation of a Chapter of the Federation of Quebec Historical Societies.

Tentative plans were made for holding the Irish Evening on Friday, March 18, the Brunch on April 17, 1994, and possibly a costume dance.

The next meeting will be held on January 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Academy, Eaton Corner, weather permitting.

Bridal gown remedy saves the day

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: My daughter was unfortunately affected by our recent floods. Her wedding dress got wet, even though it was in a sealed box. It was stained by the colored tissue paper. We took it to the bridal shop where she purchased it, and they said it would have to be sent to New York. We called New York and they said (without looking at it) it would be almost $400 to clean.

Do you know of any type of cleaner, etc. that would take blue stain out? It is mainly on the lace trim around the neck and hem. The taffeta under-skirt also has it, but I can make another. I have tried, in a small area, a cold water wash and some spray-on that you let dry and brush off, but it didn't work. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. — **JOAN BICKNASE, Palatine, Ill.**

DEAR JOAN: We offer you this alternative, and we would try it if the dress were ours. We called our favorite dry cleaner, Bob Holbrook of Claremont, N.H., who has recently retired.

This is what he said: "I've taken many a wedding dress home over the years and soaked it in the bathtub. Take the under-skirt off, the less material there is the easier it is to deal with. You need to get some sodium perborate, which is a slow-acting bleach. You can buy this at a drugstore, and if they don't carry it they can order it.

"Put enough warm water in the bathtub to cover the dress and mix in 2-3 cups of the sodium perborate and just enough clear liquid detergent to make suds. This helps the bleach to work. Swish this solution around so it's well-mixed and the bleaching agent is dissolved.

"Put in the dress and to keep is submerged put a white towel on it so no part will pop out of the water. Let it soak overnight. The next morning squeeze it gently and hang it up to dry where it can drip. If can be hung out of doors in the sun." Then iron it.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: My request is most unusual, but I hope you will bear with me. I have been a church soloist for over 20 years. I am 71 years of age, and had my first singing lesson just over 20 years ago. I love to sing. My favorite tenor is Luciano Pavarotti. On one of the cassette tapes of his is a number titled "Mille Cheribini in coro." I have visited or written many music stores in and around Philadelphia and New York with no success in trying to find sheet music for this number. I hope you can help me either directly or by referring me to another source. — **JESSE J. FREESE, North Wales, Pa.**

DEAR JESSE: We haven't been able to find this piece in print. We do have an idea, though. There's a sheet music lending library in Blue Hill, Maine. Why don't you write them: Bagaduce Music Lending Library, Greens Hill, Blue Hill, ME 04614.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I am writing for the second time for your help, but so far you have failed me. I want the address of Southern Living. Also, is it still in circulation? I've written to an address in Birmingham, Ala., and my letters are returned. — **MARGIE METZ, Port Arthur, Texas**

DEAR MARGIE: We're sorry to have disappointed you. We love our work and we receive around 400 letters a week. We have families, gardens and work out of our homes with no assistance. Unfortunately, we can't answer every letter, but here's the information you're seeking.

Southern Living is alive and well; it is published each month by the Southern Progress Corp. The address is 2100 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Is there any way to clean cast-iron skillets? I also have trouble with them sticking. I would appreciate any information you may have. — **MRS. LOU BORDERS, Ocala, Fla.**

DEAR LOU: Scour your cast-iron skillet with steel wool and dry it thoroughly. You could put it in the sun, in the oven on a very low temperature or use a hair dryer.

Now you need to season the skillet. Coat the inside with unsalted fat or cooking oil. Heat the pan in a 250-degree oven for several hours. After you've used your pan don't soak, scour or put it in the dishwasher, but rinse and either wipe it dry, put it on the stove over low heat or, if you have a pilot light, put it in the oven. The mild heat will dry it thoroughly.

To prevent rust, make sure the skillet is completely dry when you put it away; we don't stack ours, but hang them on the wall so that air can circulate around them. If you aren't going to use the skillet for awhile, wipe the inside with an oily paper towel. Sometimes iron from a skillet is transferred to food, but it is not harmful.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: On TV I heard the tail end of how to clean stuffed animals. They had said to put baking soda and some other product and the stuffed animal in a bag and shake. Could it be that easy? Would you know about that or can you tell me an easy way to do it? — **DOROTHY ALEXANDER, Orford, Ore.**

DEAR DOROTHY: It is, indeed, that easy. The other ingredient is table salt. Put equal amounts of salt and baking soda in a bag along with your stuffed animal and shake vigorously. Let sit for a while and shake again.

Remove the stuffed animal and brush off the residue with a soft brush. You can also clean dried flowers this way, but shake the bag gently and omit the baking soda.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I love flowers and usually have many vases filled with fresh flowers. I have a mahogany end table with a water mark. I also have a water ring on my kitchen formica. What should I do to remove these water marks? — **MRS. N.K. ABBOTT, Ocala, Fla.**

DEAR N.K.: Over the years, we've published a variety of solutions to water stains on wood. Here are a couple. Rub the stain with camphorated oil and immediately rub with any furniture polish. Take some cigar or cigarette ash and rub the ring using a cloth dipped in lubricating, vegetable or salad oil. Wipe immediately and apply furniture polish.

A product that we have used with great success is Santash, and it's been made for over 40 years. A 2-ounce container is $5, including postage; it can be purchased from The Shop of William Farwell, RR # 229, Chittenden, VT 15737.

For your Formica, clean it with a product called Sunny-Side plastic cleaner, available at most grocery or hardware stores. This is also good for cleaning and polishing Plexiglas, Lucite and other non-porous plastics.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Your column is so beneficial and helpful in every way, but I bet this is one time you can't help. I had two old paper dolls with clothes from a sister in Milwaukee, who bought all kinds of stuff at Good Will. By chance, I dug up the paper dolls and gave them to my granddaughter. She loves them so much and wants more. Lord knows, where could I find them? Please if you know of any place that still makes them, I'd be able to make her so happy. She is 6 and a child of divorce, as usual. — **LAVERNE E. STROSSNER, Hanover Park, Ill.**

DEAR LAVERNE: Nan loved paper dolls as a child. Her brother used to swipe hers, iron them and sell them back to her. She was determined to find some and discovered a slew of paper dolls at the Dartmouth bookstore in Hanover, N.H.

There's a series published by Dover Publications, Inc., 31 East 2nd Street, Mineola, NY 11501. Each set consists of a booklet, and the clothes need to be cut out.

The paper doll sets we especially liked are: Notable American Women; Movie Stars of the 1930s; Judy Garland; Martin Luther King Jr. and His Family; Greta Garbo; John Wayne; Great Empresses and Queens, and Carmen Miranda. There are several other titles available. They cost $3.95 a set.

We also found a series called "The American Girls Paper Dolls," which feature period dolls: Molly McIntire, 1944; Samantha Parkington, 1904; Kirsten Larson, 1854 etc. These sets sell for $5.95 and are published by Pleasant Co. Ask a local bookstore to

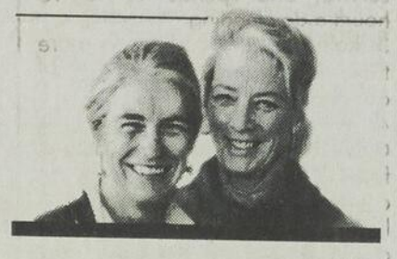
STUMPED: POEM — Alice of Medina, N.D., is looking for the words to a poem about a soldier who was saved by a deck of cards that he used as his Bible. Can anyone help?

TOILET SEAT — Annette McCormick of Baton Rouge, La., is looking for a toilet seat. She needs to replace one that was made by Church, "The Best Seat in the House," a company that is no longer in business. The toilet is Persian Brown, and she wants a seat to match (the seat is not round but elongated). Does any one have any ideas?

Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings are co-authors of 'Dear Anne and Nan: Two Prize Problem-Solvers Share Their Secrets' (Bantam).

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Frosted Dream Bars feature a chewy, butter tart-like filling between a shortbread base and a tart lemon glaze. NC

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BASE:		
1 cup	250 mL	ROBIN HOOD All Purpose Flour
1 tsp	5 mL	baking powder
1/2 cup	125 mL	Golden Crisco Shortening
1	1	egg
1 tbsp	15 mL	milk
1/2 cup	125 mL	raspberry jam
FILLING:		
2	2	eggs
1 cup	250 mL	lightly packed brown sugar
2 tbsp	30 mL	ROBIN HOOD All Purpose Flour
1/4 tsp	1 mL	baking powder
1/4 tsp	1 mL	salt
1 tsp	5 mL	vanilla
1 cup	250 mL	chopped walnuts
1/2 cup	125 mL	flaked coconut
ICING:		
1 1/2 cups	375 mL	icing sugar, sifted
1 1/2 tsp	22 mL	lemon juice
1-2 tbsp	15-30 mL	light cream or milk

BASE: COMBINE flour and baking powder. Cut in shortening until mixture is crumbly. Beat egg and milk together, Add to flour mixture. Mix well. Press firmly into greased 9" (2.5 L) square cake pan. Spread jam evenly over crust.

FILLING: BEAT eggs and brown sugar in small bowl on medium speed of electric mixer until thick and stiff about 4 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spread over jam. BAKE at 350°F (180°C) for 35-40 minutes, or until set and golden. Cool slightly, then frost while still warm.

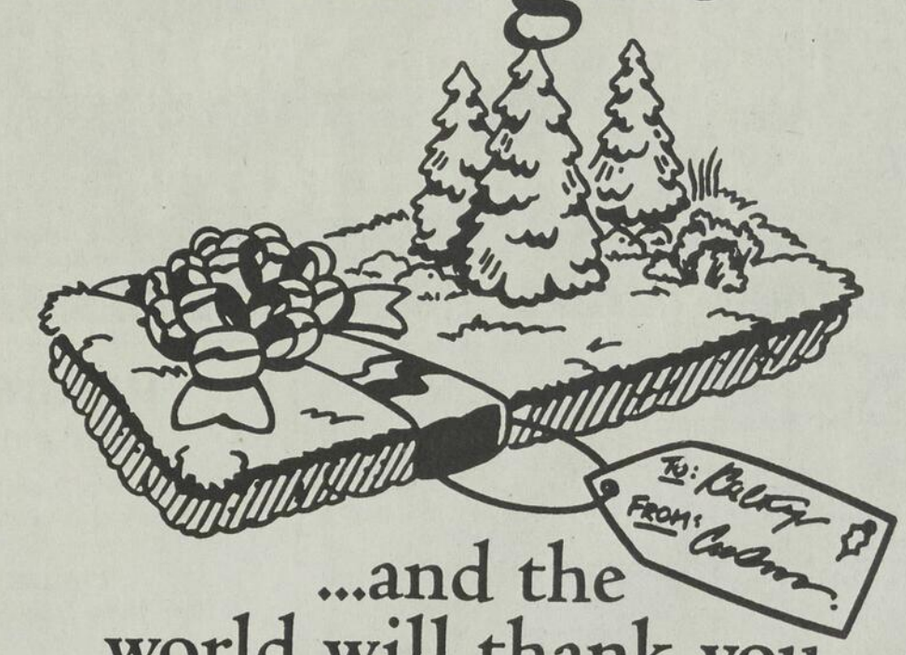
ICING: COMBINE all ingredients using enough cream to make a spreading consistency. Spread quickly over slightly warm bars. Cool.

Makes about 30 bars.

Helpful Hint: When frosting, the bar should be slightly warm. If hot, the icing will melt and seep into the filling; if cool, it will be difficult to spread smoothly. The icing is a tasty finishing touch which can be omitted if desired.

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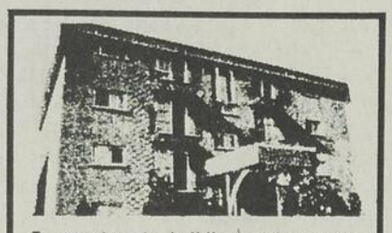
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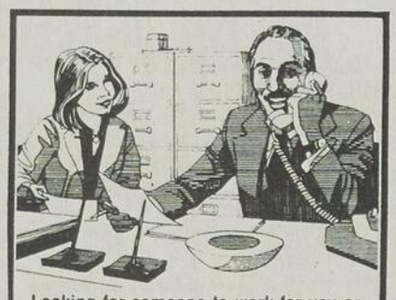
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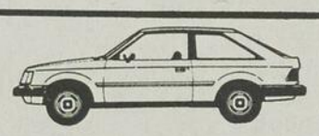
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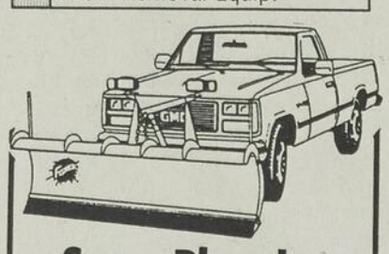


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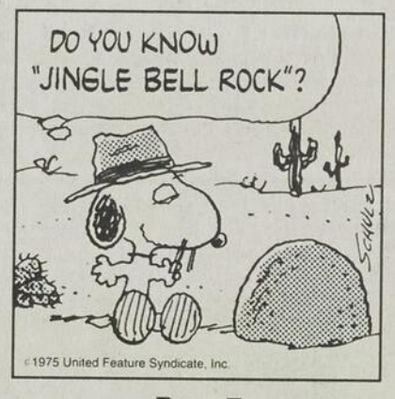
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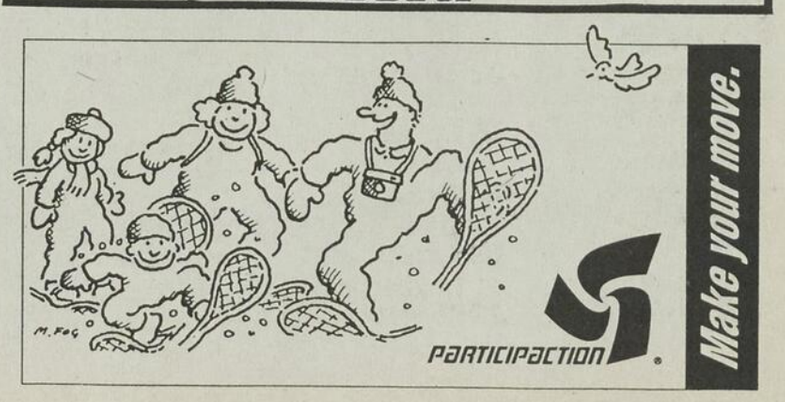
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Dealer: East

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Opening lead: ♠ 4

Francis of that ilk

By Phillip Alder

Alexander Pope obviously didn't have much time for Bacon or Cromwell. He wrote:

If parts allure thee, think how Bacon shin'd,
The wisest, brightest, meanest of mankind:
Or ravish'd with the whistling of a name,
See Cromwell, damn'd to everlasting fame!

Well, if Bacon was the wisest, he would solve today's deal successfully; but in his mean season, he would fail.

West, luckily not having a heart, led his fourth-highest spade. How should South plan the play?

Bacon, when in mean season, sees two spade tricks and wins East's spade king with the ace. Then he leads a club. East grabs the ace and returns the spade seven, West being careful to duck the trick to dummy's 10. South may take eight tricks: two spades, three hearts (including the finesse) and three clubs. But when he leads a diamond, East wins with the ace and returns his last spade to West's three winners: one down.

When in a sage stage, Bacon realizes that East must have both minor-suit aces for his opening bid. The correct plan is to lock West's long spades out of the game. And that is done by sacrificing a spade trick. Bacon ducks the first trick. West wins the second trick with the spade queen and leads a third round to declarer's ace, but now the contract is safe. South just plays on each minor suit in turn, coming to nine safe tricks.

It doesn't matter how slowly you start a race as long as you cross the finishing line first. Ask your local hare and tortoise if you doubt it.

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Your Birthday

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Your fondness for travel looks like it might be gratified in the year ahead. Numerous short trips are indicated, as well as one journey of considerable time and length.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Persons with whom you're associated might try to tell you today you're unduly optimistic regarding your expectations. Don't buy what they're saying because you're right. They're wrong. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed stamped, envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will be much more effective today if you keep your intentions to yourself. Plan your objectives, but don't discuss them with others until you've done what you have set out to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This could be a very interesting day where you might learn two valuable lessons from your personal experiences. What you discover will be put to use soon.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If your goals are clearly defined today you should do exceptionally well in competitive developments. However, if they are fuzzy or distorted, the opposite could be true.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Discussing complicated issues with associates could work out well for you today. You might find some exceptional counselors at your disposal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may have a special knack today for helping others sort out their financial dilemmas. If they follow your suggestions, it could put them back in the black.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your probabilities for success look very good today, because you'll realize it is people, not things, that makes the world go around. Getting along with others is your strong suit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you can enhance your efficiency by selecting tasks or assignments you truly enjoy performing. It's the sense of accomplishment that provides gratification.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be selective regarding persons with whom you choose to socialize today. If you pick people who don't think as you do, the day could be a bummer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This might be the right day for you to go bargain hunting, especially if you're looking for a big ticket item that fills a pertinent family need.

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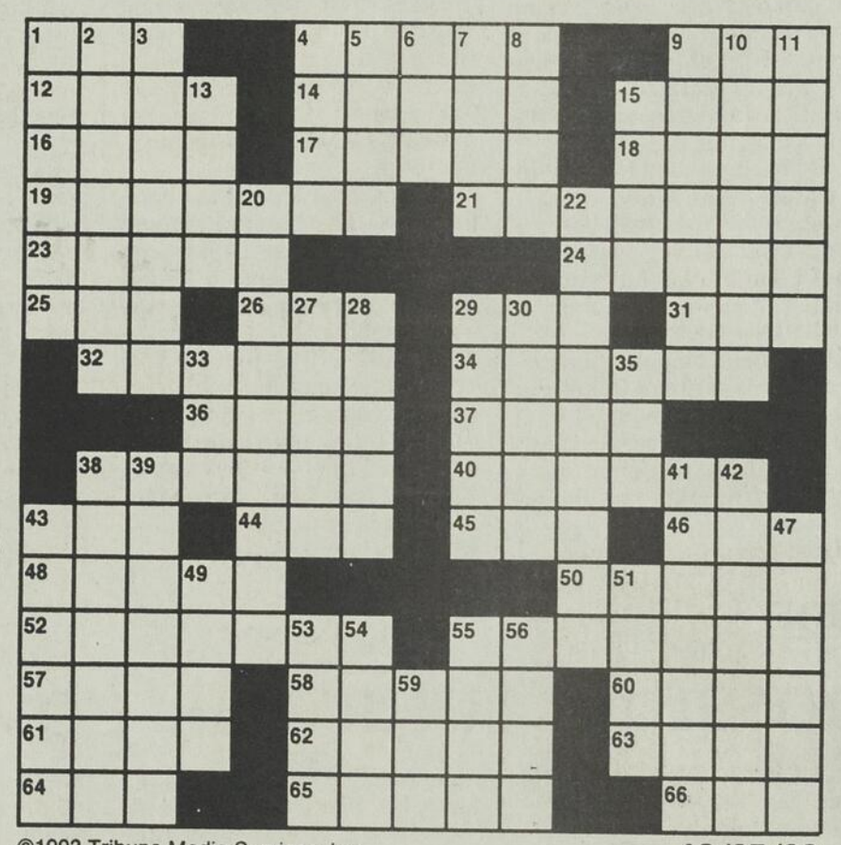
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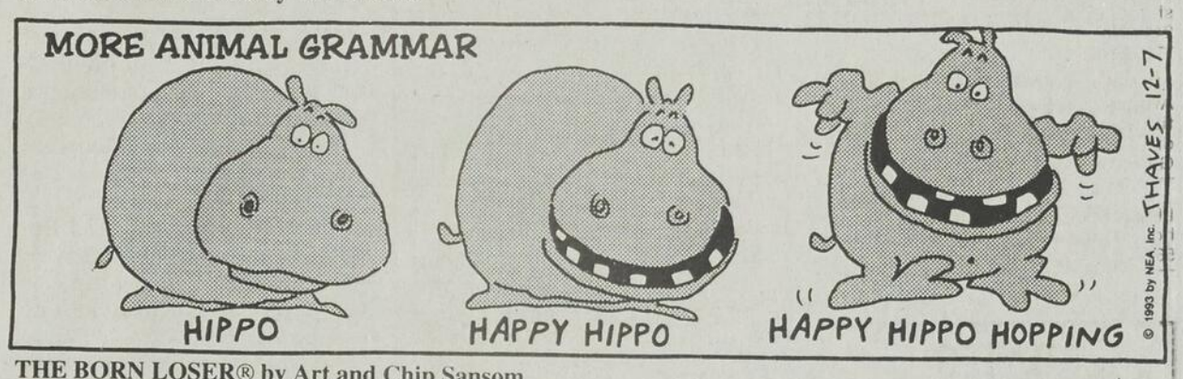
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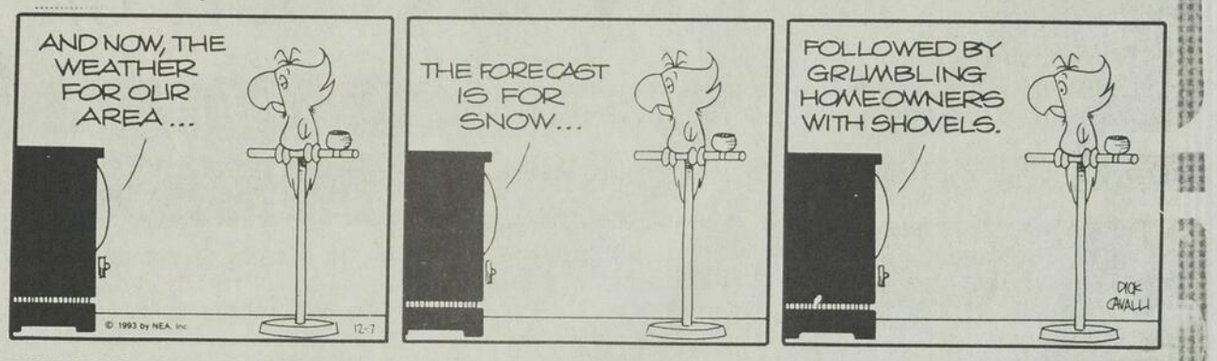
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Three-game unbeaten streak

Dionne sparks revived Habs to overtime win

By Bill Beacon

MONTREAL (CP) — Gilbert Dionne scored 3:21 into overtime to give the suddenly hot Montreal Canadiens a 4-3 NHL victory over the slumping Vancouver Canucks on Monday night.

Vancouver defenceman Dana Murzyn fell while checking Dionne, allowing the Montreal left winger to circle the net alone and slide the puck in off the far post.

Dixon Ward's power play goal 5:46 into the final period, on a deflection of Dave Babych's point shot, tied the game for Vancouver and forced the overtime.

Oleg Petrov, with his second goal in three games since being called up from the minors, Mathieu Schneider and Vincent Damphousse scored in the middle period for Montreal, which is unbeaten in its last three games.

Greg Adams and Trevor Linden scored in the first period for Vancouver, 14-13-0, which has lost seven of its last nine games.

The Canadiens, now 13-10-4, had snapped out of a slump with a tie and a win in two roads games last weekend.

Montreal outshot the Canucks 35-30 before an announced crowd of 16,468.

The Canucks were killing a penalty when Adams broke out of his zone behind Pavel Bure and drilled the Russian Rocket's rebound into an open side on Vancouver's first shots of the match at 6:41 of the opening period.

Linden was fed in the left faceoff circle by Geoff Courtnall's checking and put Vancouver's third shot behind Patrick Roy at 8:18.

Petrov jumped on a loose puck, wheeled into the slot and beat Kirk McLean to the top corner from in close 3:33 into the second period.

Schneider put a point shot inside the post on a power play at 13:37 and Damphousse took Brian Bellows' rebound off a post and slid the puck into an open net on another power play at 14:40.

The Canadiens lost rookie left winger Pierre Sevigny in the first period to torn left knee ligaments. He will be out indefinitely..

Notes — Canadiens forward Brian Bellows returned from a rib injury and defenceman Peter Popovic was back from a knee injury. . . Defenceman Patrice Brisebois is out 3-4 weeks with a fractured left ankle. . . Canucks winger Jose Charbonneau returned to Vancouver on Monday for treatment of a back injury suffered Saturday in Quebec City. . . Vancouver recalled centre Mike Peca, the OHL scoring leader, from the Ottawa 67's for his first NHL game.

Flames 6 Senators 1

OTTAWA (CP) — There's no place like home.

Gary Roberts scored three times and added an assist in his former junior hockey rink to lead the visiting Calgary Flames to a 6-1 win over the Ottawa Senators on Monday night.

Home for the Senators translated into their 10th consecutive loss on Civic Centre ice. It was Ottawa's third straight defeat and dropped the team's record to 6-18-3, second-last in the 26-team NHL. The Senators have been out-scored 20-3 in their last three outings.

Roberts, a native of Whitby, Ont., who won a Memorial Cup with the Ottawa 67s in 1984, scored a power-play goal to start the rout and added two third-period goals to lift his season tally to 11 goals and 13 assists. Theoren Fleury added two Calgary goals.

The victory improved the Flames' Pacific Division-leading record to 17-7-4, the third best in the league.

And Calgary's struggling special teams — rated near the NHL bottom — had a fine night, scoring twice on five power plays and holding Ottawa to one goal in eight chances.

Calgary outshot Ottawa 36-17.

Roberts deflected an Al MacInnis shot behind Ottawa goalie Craig Billington during a Calgary power-play at 4:23 for the only scoring of the first period, although the Flames had plenty of chances.

Fleury hit a post, Roberts snapped a shot between Billington's pads but wide of the net and MacInnis was stopped by a fine Billington toe save.

Ottawa rookie Alexandre Daigle, with his 10th goal of the season but just his second in 13 games, tied the score early in the second period during an Ottawa man advantage. Daigle, 18, batted a rebound out of the air past a fallen Mike Vernon in the Calgary net.

Wings 6 Jets 2

DETROIT (AP) — Vyacheslav Kozlov scored twice and Sergei Fedorov added one and two assists to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 6-2 victory Monday night over the Winnipeg Jets.

Fedorov moved into a tie with Mark Recchi of Philadelphia for second in the NHL's scoring race at 45 points. Fedorov has 19 goals and Recchi 15.

Goaltender Tim Cheveldae made 20 saves to win in his first home appearance since Detroit's Game 7 playoff loss last spring to Toronto. The Red Wings had lost 6-4 Sunday at Winnipeg.

Detroit took a 2-0 lead on a pair of power-play goals in the first period. Fedorov picked up the puck in his own end, circled the net, raced the length of the ice, beating Stéphane Quintal and goaltender Bob Essensa at 9:47.

Ray Sheppard's 15th goal came when he knocked in his own rebound at 11:40.

Steve Chiasson made it 3-0 at 7:10 of the second after intercepting Dean Kennedy's clearing pass. Kozlov got his 11th goal in 12 games at 8:46, but Winnipeg made it 4-1 when Teppo Numminen scored on a power play at 10:59.

Winnipeg pulled to 4-2 at 4:58 of the third when Teemu Selanne beat Vladimir Konstantinov and centred a pass that Quintal knocked home.

Kozlov, though, picked up a loose puck and scored on a breakaway at 6:51. Dino Ciccarelli added a goal at 13:31.

Says no ultimatum given

Damphousse responds to talk with Demers

MONTREAL (CP) — Left winger Vincent Damphousse says he is unaware of a supposed ultimatum to produce delivered last week by Montreal Canadiens coach Jacques Demers .

Reports last Friday had Demers stating he had given Damphousse two games to start producing on attack or he may be benched.

Damphousse responded with a strong game that night against the Washington Capitals and a four-point game in Saturday's 8-1 victory in Boston.

But he never felt he was playing under an ultimatum.

"Jacques didn't say that to me, although I heard about it," Damphousse said Monday. "We had a meeting and he said I had to get going, but he never gave me an ultimatum.

"Maybe he said that to you guys (reporters)."

Damphousse, the team's scoring leader with 24 points, said his coach's statements didn't bother him.

"I considered the situation," Damphousse said. "I wasn't doing things right on the ice.

"I can't criticize him for saying that."

Demers cracked down on his slumping team following a 6-3 home loss to Ottawa last week. He benched three regulars for a 2-2 tie in Washington and said he would have sat out more had enough healthy players been available.

Like most of his teammates, Damphousse had been struggling, with only two goals and two assists in 11 games in November.

He equalled those totals in one night in Boston.

"That took some pressure off," said Damphousse, who led Montreal with 97 points last season. "But I've got to get a streak going now.

"I can't be satisfied with one game."

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MONTREAL (CP) — Right winger Mike Keane has signed a contract for three years plus an option year, the Montreal Canadiens announced Monday.

Financial terms of the deal were not released. The Winnipeg native had been in the option year of a contract that was paying him $350,000 this season, his sixth year with the Canadiens.

Keane, 26, is one of the team's best checking wingers, who in recent seasons has begun to contribute offensively.

His best season was last year, when he scored 15 goals and added 45 assists in 77 games. He also had two goals and 13 assists in 19 playoff games to help Montreal win the Stanley Cup.

Quinn's triple duty raises questions as Canucks slide deepens

Time Out

By Grant Kerr
The Canadian Press

The many hats worn by Pat Quinn are getting a little tight-fitting for the busy president, general manager and head coach of the Vancouver Canucks.

The big Irishman doesn't smile much these days and is being second-guessed at almost every turn along the rocky road as the Canucks slide into mediocrity after two years as NHL regular-season division champs.

The Canucks have fallen on hard times and, as the losses mount, Quinn is the focus of intense media analysis in Vancouver. His ability to coach, manage and preside over the hockey team is in question.

PART-TIME COACH

One rival coach, who wished to remain anonymous, questions whether the Canucks can remain competitive while being directed by a part-time head coach. The observation merits closer observation.

Last week, for example, Quinn twice left the NHL Canucks to be in Hamilton, where the minor-league club was left ownerless last month. The Vancouver team has assumed control of the franchise under Quinn's supervision.

On Saturday, after the Canucks lost 3-1 in Quebec, it was off to Montreal to meet with the team's scouting staff, leaving assistant coaches to sort out the mess Sunday at practice.

The Canucks, in no particular order, are also plagued by selfish forwards, inadequate centres and a slow defensive corps. The only positive in the slide after a 7-1 start has been the magnificent play of Kirk McLean in goal.

The unflappable McLean had a sparkling 2.57 goals-against average before Monday night's game in Montreal against the Canadiens.

Quinn, 50, a two-time Adams Trophy winner as NHL coach of the year, is a teacher who often doesn't have enough time to instruct. Many practices are orchestrated by assistants Rick Ley, Ron Smith, Stan Smyl and goaltender guru Glen Hanlon. Quinn's front-office duties take time away from his true love of coaching.

He refuses to panic and make snap trades while some players go through the motions. One of the biggest teams in the league, the Canucks often are one of the least physical. They are 7-7 at home after going 18 conseucutive games without defeat at one stage last season at the Pacific Coliseum.

"If you guys want to point fingers, go ahead and do it," Quinn told reporters after a loss in Vancouver last week. "But I don't think that's appropriate for me at this point."

HELPING DEFENCE

Quinn does pinpoint one problem — players not being responsible when they don't have the puck. He believes forwards must help the defence more instead of breaking up the ice too soon.

Turnovers in the defensive zone have been a trademark this season. So has the individual play of scoring star Pavel Bure and tiny centre Cliff Ronning.

Bure, a 60-goal scorer last season, lost his touch around the net after missing eight games with a groin injury. Often he tries to beat defences by himself, rather than utilizing linemates.

On the other side of the coin, perhaps the Canucks should surround Bure with more talented players. Captain Trevor Linden plays on another line with Ronning.

Ronning is the team's best centre and that's part of Vancouver's problem. The team doesn't have a dominant centre. The five-foot-seven Ronning tries hard, sometimes too hard, and doesn't pass when teammates are open.

Quinn has not strengthened the team down the middle. The obvious deficiency was not addressed in the off-season. Greg Adams and Murray Craven are regular centres who are better suited on the wing. Free-agent holdout Petr Nedved, a moody centre with talent, remains unsigned after a 38-goal season.

Radio talk shows in Vancouver are inundated nightly with calls suggesting Quinn stick to management decisions and turn coaching duties over to someone else. Sign or trade Nedved, callers say, because the Canucks are in trouble.

Quinn manages to play a silent hand through all criticism. He'll trade when the time is right, and coach until he's ready to step aise. Nobody shoves the man with many hats until he's ready to be pushed.

Learned from Rush Limbaugh, Jesse Jackson

King Charles holds court on possible future as governor

By Bill Barnard

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Barkley can switch back and forth from man to child, from serious to playful, as quickly and efficiently as anyone.

One moment, he's muscling inside to score against a helpless opponent, then a split second later he's winking, pointing and smiling at a fan in the first row who was razzing him.

Later, he's concentrating hard on the basket for a couple of free throws — he hates missing them — then after a timeout, he's jiving with The Chicken, wrestling with a giant plastic Godzilla and sharing a joke with an opposing coach.

In the locker room, before or after a game, Barkley is no different.

JOKING SERIOUS

One moment, he's talking about the problems of the world, giving real answers to serious questions. Then, when a reporter asks him if the pain in his back is really bad enough to make him retire after this season, he replies, "It hurts as much as your face hurts you."

Not the kind of answer you'd expect from someone whose ambition — after helping the Phoenix Suns win the NBA championship this season — is to be the governor of Alabama someday.

"If you're going to screw up, it might as well be in a big office," Barkley said. "But this isn't something I just came up with. I've thought of politics for a long time."

Barkley certainly doesn't measure up to the kind of politician Alabama is used to, but it would be a mistake to guess what kind of a governor he would be.

"I don't label myself liberal or conservative," he said. "Every subject has to be evaulated differently. I've taken my opinions from a lot of people. I've learned from Rush Limbaugh and I've learned from Jesse Jackson."

Barkley isn't rushing into politics, however, just as he's not rushing into retirement. But he appears to be determined on both counts.

"After I retire from basketball, I'd just relax a few years," he said. "Politics is still a few years down the road."

BACK PAINS

Barkley calls his back problems his No. 1 reason for saying he's virtually certain to retire after this season, championship or no championship.

"It bothers me more when I'm not playing than when I'm playing," he said. "It hurts when I sit down for a long time and at halftime."

Some of his teammates and coach Paul Westphal aren't convinced the retirement ecision is etched in stone.

"I'd like to have everyone on the team have a bad back like Charles," Westphal said after a 34-point, 16-rebound performance on Friday at New Jersey. "I wish we had some surgery to make some other players have a back like his."

But there are other reasons that make Barkley say he's ready to get out.

"Athletes in the spotlight hear so much negativism," he said. "I'm tired of playing eight months a year. It's tough being in the spotlight every day. Of course, I'll still be famous, but I'll just have some peace and quiet."

Doesn't he like this verbal jostling with the media?

"Not really, but if I don't talk to the press, I'm a jerk, so I talk," he said.

Barkley says it's unlikely he'll change his mind about retiring.

TEN-YEAR GRIND

"Ten years is a long time to grind the way I've been grinding," he said. "I've earned enough money to give my family everything it wants."

So, if the pain isn't worth it, why doesn't he quit now?

"This is a year the Suns can win the title," he said. "I think I have to give one more shot at a world championship."

Barkley's preseason decision that this would be his last season was solidified recently by two punching incidents at the same Phoenix night club, both of which were investigated by police before it was decided that charges would not be filed.

"I'm not changing my social life," Barkley said. "I'm still going out. It causes me grief to do so, but I'm a black man, so I've caught grief all my life. I've been in the NBA 10 years and there have only been three incidents. Two of them came in a short time and got too much attention."

Frechette gets gold

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP-CP) — It took more than a year, but Sylvie Frechette of Montreal finally got her Olympic gold medal.

The International Olympic Committee executive board agreed Monday that Frechette was the victim of a judging error and should be awarded a gold in synchronized swimming from the 1992 Barcelona Games.

"I'm very happy, but also quite relieved," Frechette said by telephone from her agent's office in Montreal.

"I was so excited in October (when FINA, the international swimming federation, recommended Frechette be awarded a gold) but there was stress too, because of the wait.

"This resolves the Olympics for me. I can go on with other things."

Frechette, 25, has retired from synchronized swimming and now does public relations for the National Bank of Canada.

She is tentatively scheduled to receive the medal in a ceremony Dec. 15 in Montreal, said Barbara Koppe, spokeswoman for Synchro Canada.

The IOC's decision does not affect Kristen Babb-Sprague of the United States, who was originally awarded the gold and will be able to keep her medal.

Frechette was given the silver in Barcelona. The Canadian swimming federation filed a protest after a Brazilian judge wasn't allowed to correct the 8.7 score she mistyped into her computer. The intended 9.7 would have given Frechette the gold.

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Montana, Young could make it happen

How bout a K.C.—49ers Super Bowl?

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

Don't groan yet about about a Buffalo-Dallas rematch in the Super Bowl.

There's a possibility we could see a lot better — like Joe Montana and Steve Young bringing last year's Battle of the Bay Area right into your living room.

That possibility became even more distinct after Sunday's games.

Assuming that Montana stays healthy, Kansas City (9-3) has as good a chance as any AFC team of making it to Atlanta. The Chiefs are tied with Miami for the home-field edge in the playoffs and the 49ers are tied with the Giants for home field in the NFC.

The 49ers are a decent bet to finish 13-3, the Giants aren't, and that will do it. Remember, though, the 49ers lost the last two NFC title games they played at Candlestick.

The Chiefs probably have a slightly better chance than the Dolphins to get home field with Houston also in the picture.

But regardless, you have to root for Chiefs-Niners.

No matter what diplomatic things they say, Montana and Young dislike each other intensely.

Just think about the motivation each would have to prove he was the one who deserved to stay in San Francisco.

Another Super possibility is New York Giants versus Denver. John Elway has already said nasty things about Dan Reeves and Reeves has countered.

Besides, it gives Elway another crack at Phil Simms and Simms another crack at the Super Bowl.

There are more dream matchups:

— Giants versus Buffalo. Reeves is 0-3 in Super Bowls, Marv Levy is 0-3. Oh, and Scott Norwood is otherwise employed.

— Dallas against Houston. Texas would go bonkers, but there's more to this matchup than that. This would bring Buddy Ryan back to the national spotlight and Buddy and Jimmy Johnson do a great job of pretending they dislike each other.

— Chicago versus Houston. See Ryan, above. Much more fun if Mike Ditka were still coaching the Bears.

— Giants against Miami. Bryan Cox doesn't like Giants fans and Bills fans. He can't play Buffalo in the Super Bowl, so he settles for the Giants.

— Houston-Atlanta. We saw this one Sunday, when the Oilers made it all but impossible for Jerry Glanville to get to the playoffs (and, perhaps, to next season.)

— Cincinnati-Miami. Shula versus Shula ... oops, sorry.

'There's no damn controversy'

Bills playing happy family after loss

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The message was overwhelmed by the tone with which it was delivered.

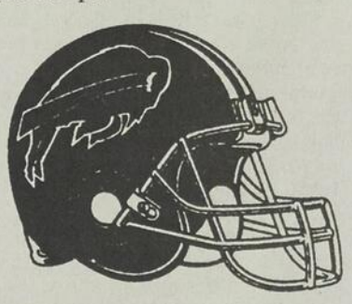
"There's no damn controversy around the Buffalo Bills. Let's get that straight right now, OK?" Thurman Thomas said Sunday after the Bills lost for the third time in their last four games, 25-24 to the Los Angeles Raiders.

Thomas was agitated at the suggestion his team had internal problems, and abruptly ended the interview after once again vehemently denying all was not blissful in Buffalo.

"There's no bickering Bills," he said. "We're a good football team, and if you don't like it, you don't have to write about us."

The Bills (8-4) provided much of the story material themselves last week following their 23-7 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs.

Several offensive players, including Thomas, talked about their frustration over not scoring like the Bills did when the no-huddle offence led them to three straight AFC Championships.



Some blamed the coaching staff, saying it wasn't creative enough. Others — specifically Jim Kelly — accused unidentified players of taking plays off.

It reminded many of 1989, when Buffalo earned the nickname Bickering Bills as players took turns backbiting each other.

Fearing a return of those tumultuous days, coach Marv Levy moved quickly to stop the public complaints.

Although the Bills almost never disclose information about player fines, it was learned that Levy did hit wide receiver Andre Reed with a $500 fine, apparently for saying the coaches ignore the players' suggestions for improving the offence.

Judging by comments in the locker room Monday, the players got Levy's message.

"Everybody's been pointing fingers and when you lose, I guess that's the way it is," Reed said. "It's just that frustration has set in.

"Everybody expects us to do this and do that and when we don't do it, it's even harder."

Centre Kent Hull said last week's remarks were blown of out proportion.

"Anything negative that comes out of this locker room is multiplied 10 times before it's ever stopped," he said.

In fact, Hull said the consecutive losses have helped the team re-focus.

"What adversity does, I think, is make this team a closer team. It resolves a lot of the problems.

"This football team, I feel, is closer now than it was five weeks ago."

There was one positive Sunday for the Bills. Their chief competitors in the AFC East — the Miami Dolphins and the New York Jets — also lost.

"We got a lift out of the fact that the Dolphins and Jets lost after our loss," Levy said "There's a beam of light that comes through, at least for me."

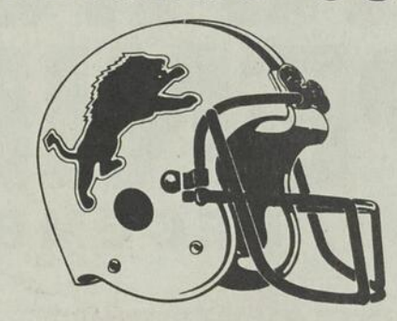
Anemic offense costs jobs in Detroit

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Three straight losses by the Detroit Lions, capped by an anemic 13-0 performance against the Minnesota Vikings, cost quarterback Rodney Peete his starting position and offensive co-ordinator Dan Henning his job on Monday.

Henning will be replaced by Dave Levy, in his second season as Detroit's assistant head coach. Peete, who was sacked seven times and threw four interceptions against Minnesota, was dropped to third string behind Erik Kramer and Andre Ware.

Coach Wayne Fontes denied he was making a scapegoat of Henning, who was in his second year as offensive co-ordinator.

"These were decisions I had to make that I think are best for this team," Fontes said. "We've been struggling on offence all year. You guys all know that.



"The bottom line is we couldn't get in to score touchdowns and couldn't score points, so I decided to make the change."

Henning was not available for comment.

The loss to Minnesota on Sunday was the first time Detroit was shut out at home since 1988. The offence, which earlier this season went 11 quarters without a touchdown, has a current scoreless streak of nine periods. Detroit has reached the opposition's 20-yard line just three times in the last three games.

The offence also has committed 11 turnovers the past three games while the Lions were dropping into a three-way tie for first place with Green Bay and Chicago in the NFC Central Division.

"You knew something was going to happen I guess," Peete said. "You had that feeling, but I was a little surprised something like this happened at this point in the season.

"I haven't played well the last couple of games, and naturally I want to be in there, but that's not my decision."

Levy and Kramer teamed in 1991 to help Detroit go 13-5 and win the NFC Central crown.

"I'm happy that I'm getting the opportunity to play again," Kramer said. "All I can say is I'm going to prepare the best I can and do the best job I can."

Kramer has played in only one game this season, a 27-10 loss to Tampa Bay on Oct. 3. He replaced Ware in the second half, and completed 11 of 24 passes for 120 yards with one interception.

Olympic rules need improvement

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Soccer, tennis and cycling remain the major sports which have yet to comply with the terms of an international anti-doping accord, a top Olympic official said Monday.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission, said "small differences" continue to hold up full ratification of an agreement to unify doping rules, procedures and sanctions.

The accord, reached in June by the IOC and the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, calls on all sports to harmonize their anti-doping regulations and apply a minimum two-year suspension for drug use.

De Merode, who briefed the IOC executive board Monday, said a special meeting has been set for Jan. 13 in Lausanne for federations to sign the deal. The meeting has been postponed several times.

De Merode mentioned the world soccer, tennis and cycling federations as those still falling short of compliance. Tennis and soccer don't have out-of-competition testing, while cycling only last week agreed to toughen its doping rules. The federations also differ on the length of doping suspensions.

De Merode said the cycling federation was in agreement "on 7.5 of the 8 points of the accord," while there have been no discussions yet with the International Tennis Federation.

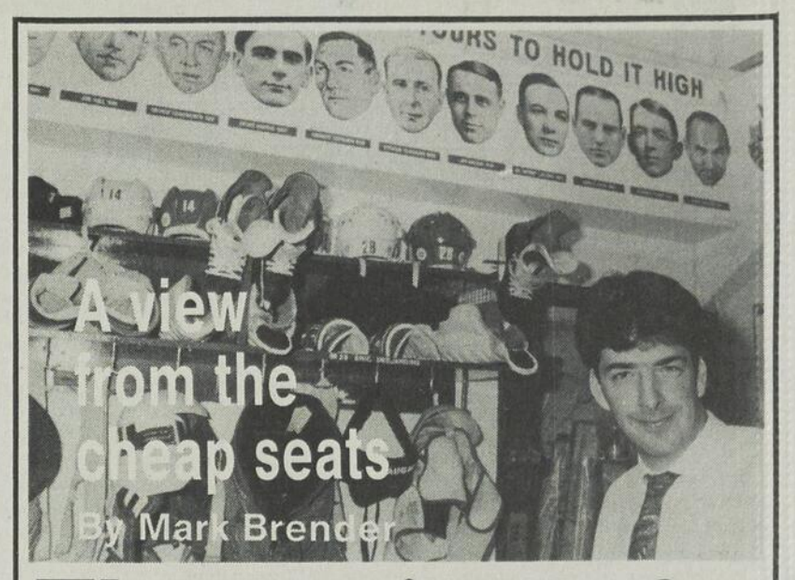
He said the IOC was willing to study the system used by FIFA, world soccer's governing body, to differentiate between international and national doping suspensions. Under FIFA's rules, an athlete can be banned from international competition for two years but still be allowed to compete and train on a national level.

"This is a very interesting approach and has to be discussed," de Merode said. "It will decrease the amount of money the athletes can earn, but it will let them continue to practise their profession and to possibly come back."

De Merode said he hopes 20 federations will sign the accord next month. Those who refuse to comply risk being expelled from Olympic competition.

However, de Merode said Jan. 13 was not a final deadline.

"If they say we are not interested, it means they are not interested in staying inside the Olympic program," he said. "But if they say they are interested and they are doing something to try to adjust their rules, and even if they don't join on Jan. 13, the do



The musings of a high school coach

There is a very fine line between male sports banter that bonds and that which disgusts. One of the most repulsive sports analogies I have ever heard came this year from the mouth of a local high school coach.

His team had narrowly missed victory in the game's dying seconds. In the post-game speech he told his players that when they get that close, just like when they have a girl for the taking, they've just got to score.

Believe it or not, the joke temporarily replaced the disappointment of losing with a common bond between boys and man. The coach laughed, and the players laughed along. There, there, it'll be okay.

Dammit, there were 15-year-olds listening to that speech. Any boy who knew better must have had the same sick feeling in his gut that I did.

The fact is I didn't hear the wisecrack first hand. The coach repeated it to me during a chat after the game.

What still amazes me is not that the joke got told — males in sport don't have a reputation for misogyny for nothing — but that the coach saw it as such an accepted part of athletics that he actually repeated it to a reporter.

Realizing what he had said, he asked me not to put it in the paper because it would get him fired. Yes, it probably would, and I didn't.

But now I wonder if the coach knows what yesterday's date was, or if the name Marc Lépine holds any special significance for him. I wonder if the players have any memories of Dec. 6, 1989 at all. And if they do, whether they are smart enough to realize the connection.

I, like the players, wasn't around in 1963, so Marc Lépine is what I think of when people talk about John Kennedy being shot. I was in a McGill University residence studying for exams. My aunt called long-distance in a panic to make sure I was okay. In the sketchy early hours after the shooting, she had heard on a radio report that 10 people were murdered at a Montreal university.

That's what I thought of yesterday. That and the coach's joke, which I hadn't previously thought of for nearly a month.

It should go without saying that many coaches wouldn't dream of saying such lines to anyone. Most would, hopefully, crack the whip if they heard such trash coming out of their players. As they say, winning and losing is secondary to teaching about life. But the fact is that gutter talk comes out in sports all too often.

The big question that needs answering is why some men and teenagers feel it so necessary to denigrate women in order to bond, console each other or relax together in athletic situations.

An answer isn't needed in order to give sports a good name. It's needed to make sure the next Marc Lépine doesn't learn his trade from the musings of a high school coach.

I wouldn't want to be that coach if the next Marc Lépine turns out to have heard our little secret speech. But then again, he didn't tell them to go out and kill any women. Just rape them.

Seniority

NBA teams with the most pro experience

Team	Avg. exp.	10-yr. vets
Knicks	6.29	3
Spurs	6.08	3
Jazz	5.69	3
Hawks	5.60	3
Suns	5.47	2

Source: NBA — NEA Graphic

According to the league's 14th annual survey, this year's NBA players are older, heavier and more experienced than ever. The survey examined season-opening rosters for every NBA club, including the active and injured lists — a total of 362 players. The New York Knicks, this year's most experienced team, is the only club with no rookies on its roster.

Sport shorts

By The Canadian Press

HAMAR, Norway (CP) — Sylvain Bouchard of Lorretteville, Que., decided to use his spare skates Monday and finished fourth in the 1,000 metres at the World Cup long-track speed skating competition, the best result of his career.

Winning gold was Dan Jansen of the United States, who set a world record of 35.92 seconds Saturday in the 500 and won that race again Sunday.

Jansen was timed in one minute 13.01 seconds. Sergei Klevchenya of Russia was second in 1:13.17 and Yoon-Man Kim of South Korea third in 1:13.31.

Bouchard followed in a personal best 1:13.51.

"What a boost for the confidence level," said an elated Bouchard, 23, who had eight top-10 results in his rookie season on the World Cup last year.

The Edmonton Oilers traded on Monday defenceman Geoff Smith and obtained defenceman Frederic Olausson.

The Oilers, last in the NHL with a 5-20-3 record, traded Smith to the Florida Panthers for third- and sixth-round picks in the 1994 Entry Draft.

Later, the Oilers gave up a third-round pick to the Winnipeg Jets for Olausson.

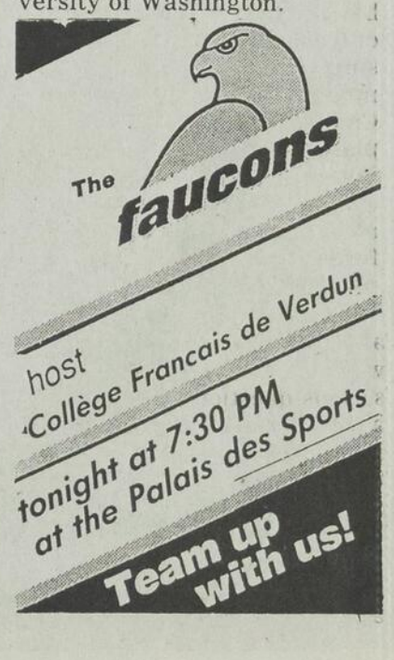
Olausson was Winnipeg's third-leading scoring defenceman with two goals and seven points in 18 games. However, he had been benched the last two games and had lost his power-play spot to Boris Mironov.

"Mike (Smith, the general manager) had been talking to Edmonton off and on, and this is what was out there," Jets coach John Paddock said in Detroit after Winnipeg lost 6-2 to the Red Wings. "He really didn't seem to fit in the lineup, and we wanted to go with Boris."

Smith, 24, had three assists and 12 penalty minutes in 22 games with the Oilers. He was named to the NHL's all-rookie team in the 1989-90 season.

SEATTLE (AP) — Girls who run cross-country are more likely to be injured than high school athletes participating in any other sport, including varsity football, a study has found.

One out of three female cross-country runners is injured in some way during practice or competition, according to the findings of Dr. Stephen Rice, a pediatrician and sports medicine specialist at the University of Washington.



Diabetes is linked to tingling pain

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: While watching a baseball game recently, the announcer mentioned that the pitcher experienced tingling fingertips until he gave up the use of smokeless tobacco. I don't use that, but take Micronase, Timoptic and one aspirin daily. Could my tingling fingertips be caused by the drugs I take?

DEAR READER: Nicotine in any form can cause tingling in fingers and toes because the drug is a vasoconstrictor: It causes blood vessels to contract, thereby reducing the flow of blood, which may stimulate nerve endings.

In diabetics, a disease that causes poor circulation because of the accumulation of plaque inside blood vessels, hands and feet may tingle, too — as well as being painful. This is also due to nerves that are denied an adequate blood supply. Called "neuropathy," this condition is common and can often be improved by more stringent control of blood sugar.

Consequently, I attribute your symptoms not to the medicine you are taking but to your diabetes (for which you were prescribed Micronase). Timoptic, a beta-blocker, is often administered as eye drops to patients with glaucoma; it ordinarily causes no significant circulatory problems. Continue with the aspirin, which your doctor probably gave you to prevent tiny blood clots from further affecting your circulation.

Because you are a diabetic and need to have your blood sugar closely monitored, I recommend that you bring your symptoms to your doctor's attention. He may wish to test you further — with nerve conduction studies, for example — to delineate the cause of your tingling.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 42 years old and have experienced pain and cramps in my feet for the past year every single day. Due to mental illness, I have been very inactive for the past 10 years and also am grossly overweight. What could be the cause for the pain?

DEAR READER: There are many causes of foot cramps in sedentary, obese patients, ranging from poor circulation to mineral imbalances. See your family doctor for an examination, testing and advice about how to overcome this problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A friend has been diagnosed with amyloid disease that has attacked his liver. Do you have any information on this condition?

DEAR READER: Amyloidosis is a fascinating disease that is characterized by an accumulation of protein deposits in various body organs, including the spleen, liver, kidneys, adrenal glands, and many others. The disorder may be secondary to other diseases, such as chronic infections and cancers, or it may be primary, for which no cause has been identified.

Symptoms depend on which organs are affected. Heart disease, liver enlargement, skin lesions, intestinal malabsorption, and goiters are common, as is renal involvement (excessive excretion of protein in the urine).

Amyloidosis is diagnosed by biopsy.

Treatment is directed toward the underlying cause, if discovered, or to the specific organ involved. For example, cortisone is often used to retard the development of kidney failure, which may ultimately require renal transplant. Because the basic cause of primary amyloidosis is unknown, the therapy is not altogether satisfactory. In most cases, the disease progresses slowly and does not cause early death unless vital organs are extensively affected.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from osteoporosis and have been taking Calcium 600 with vitamin D for years. Will these products help my condition?

DEAR READER: Yes, depending on the amount you are taking. Patients with osteoporosis need about 2,000 milligrams of the mineral a day. Remember that some products may not be absorbed into the body. You can check out your brand by putting a tablet in a glass of water. If it doesn't dissolve in about two hours, switch brands.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm of average health and weight. I drink about 16 glasses of water daily, in addition to a substantial amount of diet drinks. How much intake is too much? I urinate constantly and wonder if this is dangerous in the long run.

DEAR READER: Healthy kidneys are designed to rid the body of wastes and unused fluid. Therefore, when we consume large quantities of water, we urinate frequently and the urine is very dilute. While the kidneys can excrete a tremendous amount of surplus fluid, there are limits on consumption that vary from person to person depending on age. When those limits are exceeded, water toxicity can develop, causing lethargy, confusion and a dangerous imbalance of certain minerals in the body.

I don't know why you feel the need to drink so much water, on top of the usual fluids you consume with your meals. If you do this by preference, cut down to about six to eight glasses. If you are thirsty, despite your phenomenal fluid intake, you may have a disorder in the part of your brain that controls thirst — and you should see a physician for blood and urine tests.

The fact that you urinate frequently is a normal physiological response which will not harm you. I am more concerned about the reason you drink so much. Check this out with your doctor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My urologist indicated I have lumps in my prostate. Is it possible that stones can appear and, if so, are lasers ever used to break them up?

DEAR READER: Lasers are basically cutting tools, so they are not used for breaking up stones. A new technique (lithotripsy) using electromagnetic waves is used for that purpose.

I am not satisfied that "lumps in your prostate" indicate prostatic stones. In my view, you need a blood test (PSA) for prostate cancer, and — probably — a prostate ultrasound exam to determine the nature of these nodules. If they are not stones, you should have a biopsy.

Your urologist can advise you. Incidentally, prostatic stones are, by and large, harmless and require no treatment. On the other hand, nodules need to be diagnosed and treated, with either surgery, drugs or radiation therapy.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Please help me understand the ramifications of a high blood platelet count. My first count was in the 700,000 range. It dropped to 500,000 but elevated again. The specialist I was referred to, an oncologist, indicates if my count goes any higher, he will place me on hydroxyurea. Why?

DEAR READER: Platelets are the tiny blood cells necessary for normal blood clotting. The normal platelet count is 150,000-350,000 per microliter. As the number of platelets increases, certain consequences appear: Weakness, headache, dizziness, tingling of the extremities and hemorrhage are common.

An elevated platelet count can be caused by several disorders, including acute and chronic infections, iron deficiency, cancer, and excessive loss of blood. Primary thrombocythemia, a disease of the bone marrow, is a serious disorder (causing an overabundance of platelets) that requires treatment with anti-cancer drugs, such as hydroxyurea, even though this affliction is not itself cancerous.

Judging from your question, the oncologist believes you have primary thrombocythemia, and he quite properly is considering lowering your platelet count with appropriate therapy. The purpose of treatment is to avoid the consequences I mentioned, especially hemorrhage.

If your platelet count remains below 500,000, you probably can forego treatment. Therefore, you should follow the doctor's advice about how often to monitor your condition and whether therapy is necessary.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from frequent respiratory infections and have been diagnosed with bronchiectasis and pulmonary fibrous scars. Is there any new treatment for either disease? I'm a 41-year-old black female and have had a lung biopsy and bronchoscopy. I've also found that my niece has sarcoidosis and wonder if this could be inherited.

DEAR READER: Bronchiectasis is a serious chronic lung infection, marked by cough, weakness, weight loss, blood-spitting and breathlessness. It may lead to lung scarring (pulmonary fibrosis). It is diagnosed by special X-ray tests or by bronchoscopy (when a specialist examines the interior of the lungs) and is treated with antibiotics. If the infection is especially severe, portions of infected tissue may have to be surgically removed.

There is no new treatment for this disorder.

Sarcoidosis, a lung inflammation of unknown cause, is common in portions of the Southeastern United States. It is not inherited and is probably not the cause of your problem, inasmuch as it would have been diagnosed at the time of your lung biopsy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Approximately one week after the birth of my first child, I developed deep vein blood clots in one leg. The condition is partially controlled by wearing a custom-made vascular support stocking. I've been told by two different surgeons that there is no surgery available to repair the damaged valves in the veins. What are my chances of developing blood clots in future pregnancies?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, your chances are high.

During pregnancy, as the uterus grows and compresses the veins in the pelvis, the pressure in these veins (and those in the legs, by extension) rises, causing pooling of blood in the lower extremities. This blood may subsequently clot (thrombosis), requiring anti-coagulant medication, such Coumadin or heparin.

As ill luck would have it, these veins usually remain dilated after delivery and may provide a source of blood clots indefinitely. When you're not pregnant, the use of elastic support hose may help reduce the pressure in the leg veins.

But once you become pregnant and the uterus enlarges, the same pattern will be set in motion. Your chances of having more blood clots are great because the physical alterations in the veins are permanent.

If your obstetrician agrees with my analysis, he may choose to refer you to a vascular surgeon, and you may wish to consider surgery before becoming pregnant. The veins can either be ligated (blocked off) or small filters can be placed within them. Either technique will prevent blood clots from traveling from the veins to your lungs, a dreaded and sometimes fatal consequence of thrombosis.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a member of a senior citizen group that eats small, balanced meals, walks about eight city blocks per day while taking breathing exercises, feels healthy and full of vitality.

I was amazed that 80 percent of us wear absorbent pads because our bladders leak a small amount of urine. Do you have information of pelvic muscle-strengthening exercises for control?

DEAR READER: Urinary incontinence in the elderly has been called the "silent epidemic": Because it is so embarrassing, most adults fail to bring the symptoms to their doctors' attention. This is a shame, inasmuch as treatment is often successful.

Such therapy includes Kegel exercises (to strengthen the muscles at the bladder outlet), antibiotics (to treat hidden infection), and surgery (for women with uterine prolapse, a common affliction in older women).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 29 and addicted to coffee, drinking as much as 15 cups per day. As a result, my hands and feet are very warm all the time, even on cold days. My doctor has suggested a reduction in caffeine, yet I find this impossible. I'm a housewife and mother of four and need all the energy I can gather. When I don't consume coffee, I'm just plain grouchy.

DEAR READER: Fifteen cups of coffee is too much by any standard; you are ingesting an excess of caffeine. This amount, which would cause the heebie-jeebies in a normal person, may merely keep you going because your metabolism has adapted to it.

Nonetheless, even in a "coffee addict," you'll develop symptoms sooner or later. For example, excessive caffeine consumption can lead to hypertension and over-stimulation of the heart, not to mention insomnia and nervousness.

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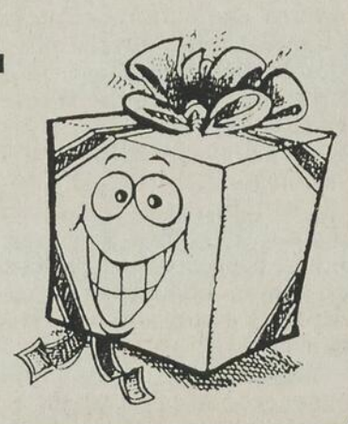
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