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Assembly committee eyes language plans

By Don Macdonald
QUEBEC (CP) — The tug-of-war over changes to Quebec's French-only language law moves to an ornate committee room in the National Assembly today for two weeks of public hearings.

The hearings, televised across the province, will give the main players in the debate — nationalist francophone and English-rights groups — a chance to take their case directly to the public.

The proposed changes would allow businesses to use English and other languages on their signs for the first time since 1977.

The bill includes tinkering with the rules governing access to English schools, the bilingual status of some municipalities and the use of English on highway signs.

Last week, Language Minister Claude Ryan revealed that he's considering a few amendments in response to national

list criticism.

But there is no indication the government is going to bow to nationalist pressure and back down on its decision to end the ban on languages other than French on commercial signs.

"There has been an important change in the direction of public opinion on the language question and I don't think that change can be reversed in the course of one week," Ryan said recently.

Indeed, public opinion polls

suggest that almost two-thirds of Quebecers now favor bilingual signs and there has been little hint that a massive public outcry is in the offing.

"The context isn't favorable and people are indifferent to what they hear about the bill," admitted Guy Bouthillier, president of the nationalist *Mouvement Québec Français*, who is scheduled to appear before the Assembly hearings today.

"We can't invent hostility if there isn't any there."

Meanwhile, anglophone

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Fabrikant wanted TV time to tell his story — Page 2

Wage freeze was just a start Quebec budget to slash government spending?

By John Davidson
MONTREAL (CP) — Quebec Finance Minister Gérard D. Lévesque announced Monday he will follow Ontario into a budget battle to control the provincial deficit.

Quebec will bring down its new budget on Thursday, one day after Ontario performs its fiscal bloodletting.

While Ontario is expected to tackle its huge deficit by raising taxes, Lévesque says he will go the other way — by slashing government spending.

Both Quebec and Ontario are following the deficit-cutting lead of Alberta, Saskatchewan, B.C., Newfoundland and other provinces facing threats from their bankers or tough election campaigns in coming months.

Quebec's projected deficit — the shortfall between revenues

and spending — for the 1992-93 fiscal year is \$4.6 billion. Its total accumulated debt now stands at \$47.5 billion.

The government has already announced \$1.4-billion in spending cuts. Most of those savings are slated to come from a two-year wage freeze for 350,000 pu-

blic-sector workers.

"We will look very closely at this budget," Ghislain Dufour, president of Quebec's largest employers group, the Conseil du patronat, said Monday.

"Our criteria (for success) will be reducing the deficit to \$3 billion."

A bill introduced last week by Treasury Board President Daniel Johnson will impose a wage freeze next fall on civil servants if the unions don't give up salary increases for 24 months.

The unions have already said they will fight the freeze.

Johnson also wants to eliminate three paid holidays for civil servants. That could result in savings of \$171 million a year.

Business groups have already praised the concept of a wage freeze, saying civil servants are paid 10 to 20 per cent more than comparable workers in private industry.

Lévesque finds himself in a corner with the budget.

Premier Robert Bourassa is expected to call an election next year and Lévesque knows taxpayers are angry about the province's hefty income and sales taxes.

The government said in a discussion paper earlier this year that there is no more room to raise income taxes. Additional revenue will have to come from other sources such as user fees for non-essential medical treatment, said the paper.

But user fees are also controversial because they are strongly opposed by groups which claim they discriminate against the poor and the sick.

The only option that appears open to Lévesque to reduce spending is to freeze wages in the civil service and reduce spending on programs which have already been well pared in the past two budgets.

Tory leadership

Charest: Don't take anything for granted

By Sandra Rubin
TORONTO (CP) — Kim Campbell seems to be taking the outcome of next month's Conservative leadership convention for granted and it could cost her support, fellow candidate Jean Charest said Monday.

"You can sense in Miss Campbell's attitude, from time to time, that she takes things a little bit for granted," Charest said in French as he made his way into a trendy uptown restaurant to meet with Toronto-area women delegates.

"That's one of the reasons why I think we're going to win June 13 — because they're taking it (victory) as a given."

Charest was referring to Campbell's call for a first-ballot leadership victory in the name of party unity and her recent suggestion she

would postpone calling an election until October in order to put her stamp on the government.

Campbell also said she would not move into 24 Sussex Drive until she is elected to the job, and would allow Prime Minister Mulroney and his family to stay there in the meantime.

In Halifax, Campbell denied she's overconfident and said she's never been involved in a campaign in which she hasn't run "flat out" from beginning to end.

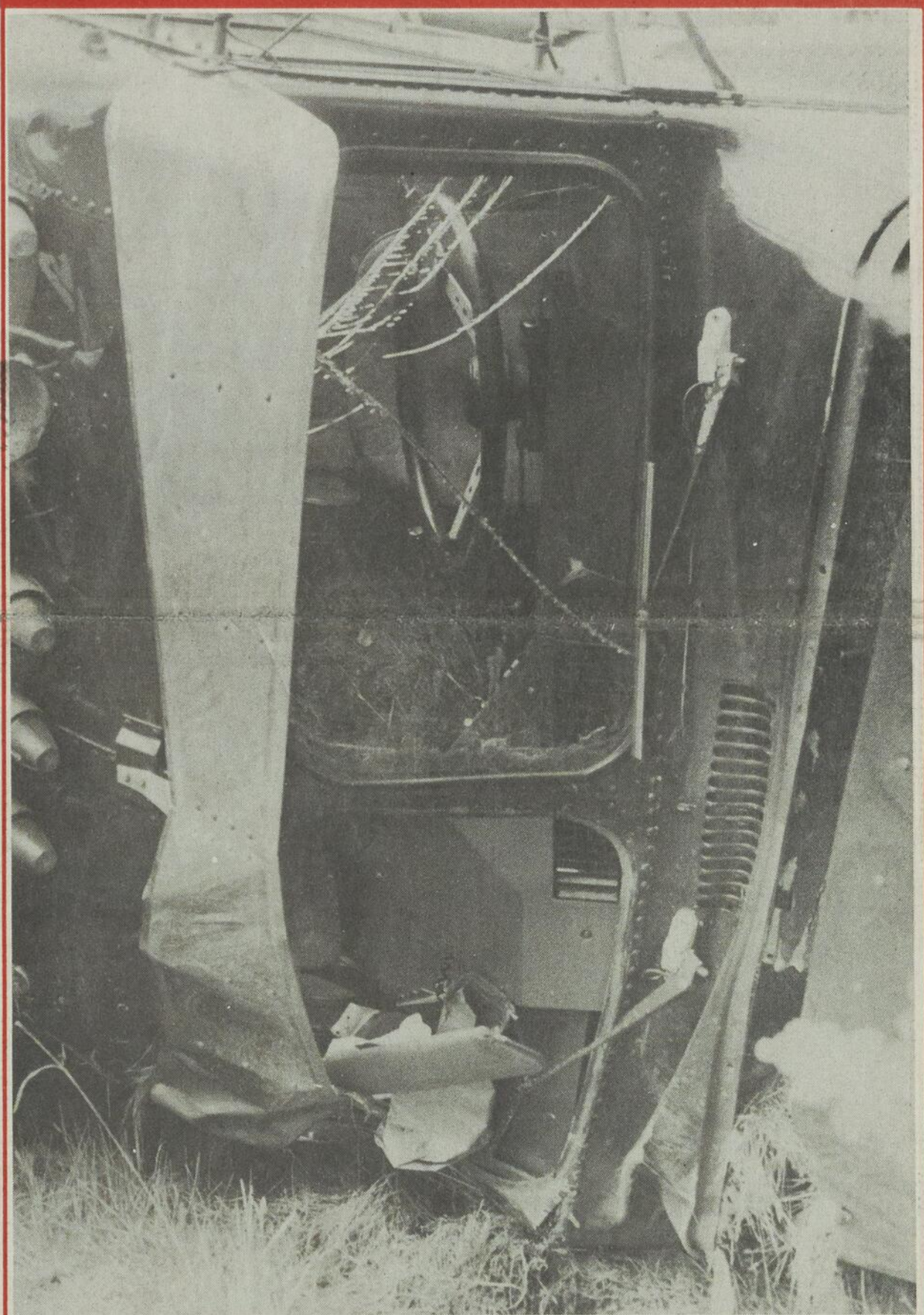
"I've never taken anything for granted."

Charest was curt when asked whether he would move into the prime minister's official residence immediately if he pulls off an upset victory on June 13.

"I haven't thought a lot

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Rough wake-up call



A Kingsley Falls trucker was injured Monday afternoon when he lost control of his 18-wheeler and rolled it over on Route 55 near Ayer's Cliff. Police say the driver, who crawled out of the wreck through the broken windshield, may have fallen asleep at the wheel. See page 3 for details.

RECORD/PERRY BEATON

Workers occupy paper mill in Port Cartier

PORT-CARTIER, Que. (CP) — About 60 people in this unemployment-plagued industrial town have moved into a bankrupt pulp mill, halting a move



On the job: The Lennoxville fire department's newly-acquired rescue truck has been used on four calls since it entered service last Thursday. For the full story, turn the page.

RECORD/DAN HAWALESHKA

to dismantle the plant.

They plan to stay there until May 28 when they can present their plan for reviving the mill to a scheduled meeting of the

bankrupt company's creditors.

"That's probably the only way now the equipment can be kept in the plant," commented Mayor Anthony Detroio who claims the bankruptcy trustee ignored a court order to leave plant machinery untouched until the creditors meet.

But Jacques Gauthier, who is advising trustee Raymond Marcoux on behalf of the plant owners, called the mayor's stance irresponsible.

"The occupation is totally illegal," Gauthier said. "I don't understand how the municipal authorities can support such a thing."

Currently, about 35 per cent of the people in Port-Cartier are either unemployed or receiving welfare.

"We absolutely need that plant," said demonstrator Michel Plante.

The plant's co-owners, Cascades Inc. and Rexfor, a provincial Crown corpo-

ration, closed the mill two years ago.

The move threw 170 people out of work in this town about 500 kilometres east of Quebec City on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River. Another 250 related jobs in tree-cutting and sawmills were also lost.

The plant, called Cascades Port-Cartier, says it lost nearly \$40 million.

Forestry Minister Albert Côté said Quebec poured \$120 million of taxpayers money over the years into the pulp-mill project — designed to make fluff pulp for diaper stuffing — and could give no more.

He urged the community to come up with an alternative which would not require more government funding. When he and Cascades owners, the Lemaire brothers of Kingsley Falls, were dissatisfied with the town's response, the plant was put into bankruptcy May 7.

The next day, a contract was signed to sell the plant's refining equipment to Boise Cascade in the U.S.A. for \$6 million.

This would go a long way to satisfying the requirements of the banks — the secured creditors who are owed \$8 million — said Gauthier.

But the mayor said it would cost up to \$50 million to replace the equipment, hamstringing any attempt to get the plant restarted.

Meanwhile, the mayor said the town had found two Canadian investors and one from the U.S. to put \$28 million into the plant and convert its production from fluff to fibres for strengthening recycled paper.

"Côté abandoned us," the mayor said. "The premier has to get involved. He can't just tell us we're going to die."

On Sunday, the town organized a mass rally in the local arena and Detroio told his fellow citizens to be firm.

"If we stand together, we can prevent the plant from being demolished," the mayor said in his speech.

"A dozen company employees aren't going to come to Port-Cartier with their tool boxes and dismantle our plant. We won't let that happen."

Shortly afterward some demonstrators blocked a major highway and five busloads of unemployed paperworkers and construction workers headed for the plant, east of town.

As a chain was cut and a plant gate opened, a town policeman warned protesters they were breaking the law. But the demonstrators ignored him.

About 60 security guards left quietly and protesters started tidying up and freeing fire exits.

"I don't think we can let it deteriorate," said protester Gérard Gagnon.

"We have to take care of it. It's our livelihood."

Brooks blames layoffs on free trade, slow market

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — A few months after employees at C. S. Brooks refused to make important wage concessions, the company has announced more than 150 layoffs.

According to president Ronald Audet of Brooks, formerly Dominion Textile and Domil,

two main economic reasons are forcing the company to "rationalize" operations at the Sherbrooke mill: the Canada-U.S. free trade deal, which has substantially reduced duties on imports of American cloth; and the surplus of raw cloth on the North American market. Since free trade was introduced

January 1, 1989, duties on textile products have dropped by 2.5 per cent each year, Audet said. That has caused the Canadian textile industry to make major adjustments in order to remain competitive.

The Sherbrooke plant on Pacific Street manufactures raw cloth which is then sold to the Magog C. S. Brooks plant to be printed and turned into sheets, comforters and other bedding.

IMPORTS CHEAPER

But producing the fabric, particularly on weekend shifts, has become much more expensive than buying surplus cloth from the United States, Audet said. Fabric produced on weekends at the Sherbrooke plant costs 17¢ a metre more than yardage from North Carolina.

Audet said Brooks' decision to import 7 million metres of cloth instead of making it on the weekend shift will save about \$1.6 million a year.

The Brooks labor contract requires the company to pay weekend-shift workers for 36 hours a week although they work only two 12-hour days. During recent contract nego-

tiations, the company asked the union for wage concessions to make the weekend shift more competitive but employees refused, despite the threat that the shift could be dropped.

Audet said the layoffs are not a punishment but the workers were warned that high production costs would endanger jobs.

"That was the threat," Audet said. "And today the threat has come true."

150 TO 170 LAYOFFS

Audet said 150 to 170 workers will be laid off August 1, with the total depending on whether some decide to take early retirement. Most will be weekend shift workers, although those with more seniority will move to weekday shifts. A few office employees and managers will also be cut.

The 630 or so jobs at the C.S. Brooks Magog plant will not be affected by the layoffs.

Company vice-president Henri Bourassa said he hopes the layoffs will be temporary, but Audet could not predict when the company would be in

position to expand once again. If the company increases operations, laid-off workers will be called back before new workers are hired.

The August layoffs will be the first at the plant since the free trade deal was passed. In 1985-86, when the weekend shift began, the industry faced a huge shortage of raw cloth.

Despite the layoffs, and

fierce competition due to declining duties on U.S. imports, Audet said he doesn't fear for the textile company's long term fate.

"Our survival will depend on flexibility," he said, adding that the company is looking at new markets in the U.S. and Europe.

"We got his far, we intend to keep going," he said.

BAPE hearings set on latest Hydro line

SHERBROOKE — The Quebec environmental assessment board will hold hearings starting Wednesday on a Hydro-Quebec plan to build a 735-kilovolt power line between its Des Cantons and Appalaches transformer stations.

The *Bureau des audiences publiques sur l'environnement* (BAPE) will hold one hearing Wednesday at Saint-Jean Chrysostome high school, 200 Place Centre Ville in Sherbrooke.

Another hearing will be held at the *Maison de la culture* in

Thetford Mines on Thursday.

A third is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, at Saint-Paul school in Chesterville.

All three meetings begin at 7 p.m.

The BAPE hearings are a chance for citizens, groups or municipalities to express their opinions on the Hydro-Quebec project.

Those interested in taking part should make their intentions known by phoning BAPE representative Daniel Germain free of charge at 1-800-463-4732.

Sewage works disrupt traffic on Wellington

SHERBROOKE — Work to connect the Galt pumping station to Sherbrooke's sewage treatment centre will disrupt traffic along Wellington St. South today.

The city of Sherbrooke will be closing lanes to traffic and is warning drivers to pay attention to increased trucks and machinery in the area on Wednesday.

Wellington is now open for traffic heading towards Len-

noxville until September 6.

In another part of Sherbrooke, the city permanently closed off access from Papi-neau Street to 20th Avenue, and Demers, Ovila-Noël and Louis-Bureau streets.

Drivers and residents in this sector can get home by King East.

Access to the roads was blocked following a public hearing into traffic problems in December.

Frantic Fabrikant wanted TV time to tell his story

MONTREAL (CP) — Valery Fabrikant told an emergency-line telephone operator the day four professors and a secretary were shot at Concordia University that he had just "made several murders," his trial heard Monday.

Fabrikant, 53, a former professor of mechanical engineering at Concordia, is being tried on charges of first-degree murder in the deaths of four professors.

He is also charged with the attempted murder of secretary Elizabeth Horwood, who telephoned emergency services last Aug. 24.

Horwood, 66, testified calmly Monday but was near panic on the tape-recorded conversation played for the Quebec Superior Court jury.

Her telephone call for help was cut off by a knock on the door from security guard Daniel Martin, who had time to enter and talk briefly with the telephone operator before Fabrikant appeared.

Seconds later, screams and a gunshot were heard and Fabrikant's voice shouted: "Don't move, nobody."

Horwood and another secretary escaped through a back door and Martin was left with Fabrikant and another professor, Georges Abdou.

In a phone conversation with Normand Major, Martin's supervisor, Fabrikant said: "I made several murders here and I want to explain the reason why... I want to do it on TV and I want to make it public."

In an almost hour-long

conversation with Fabrikant, Major succeeded in getting his exact location.

"I'm not a crazy person," Fabrikant told Major.

"I just couldn't take it any more."

The taped telephone conversation ended when Fabrikant decided to make another call.

Martin and Abdou have already testified that that was when they seized the opportunity to steal the gun from Fabrikant and get out of the office to the safety of a waiting SWAT team.

The cassette marked the end of the prosecution's evidence against Fabrikant. His defence is to begin Thursday.

On Friday Fabrikant gave some professional advice to Tremblay, the security guard

who disarmed him.

Martin, 26, was hailed as a hero after the gruesome tragedy but Fabrikant told him to "try to be more careful next time."

Martin testified that he was working as a Concordia security guard when he found himself locked in a ninth-floor office with Fabrikant and professor Abdou.

He said Fabrikant told him that "he had committed many murders and he wanted to state the reason why he had done this."

Fabrikant never got to explain his reasons to his hostages, Martin testified.

Police banged on the door.

Fabrikant told them not to come in "because someone could get hurt," then aimed his

gun at Martin and told him to stand between him and the doorway to serve as a shield should the police barge in, Martin said.

Police withdrew and the phone rang.

When Martin answered, a police negotiator wanted to know who was in the room and if anybody was wounded or armed.

Fabrikant asked Martin to hang up and dial another number.

Martin tried but couldn't get through.

Fabrikant asked for the phone himself and Martin handed it to him.

Fabrikant put his gun on the floor. Abdou kicked it out of his reach "and I jumped on the suspect and grabbed him by the two arms and was able to

master him," Martin said.

Fabrikant cross-examined the witness, indignantly asking Martin why he had told newspapers his life had been in danger when he himself had assured the security guard that it wasn't.

Martin answered that he was afraid because Fabrikant had pointed a gun at him.

Fabrikant asked whether Martin knew he had another gun in his pocket.

Martin said no.

"I could have shot you," Fabrikant said.

He asked Martin if he wasn't a very unprofessional security guard.

Martin disagreed.

"I hope next time you are more prudent," Fabrikant told the witness.

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Continued from page one about that," he replied sharply. "Quite frankly what I care about now is the delegates and going out there and convincing the people in the party (to support me), not whether I want to move into 24 Sussex.

"And I don't see why

anyone else is thinking about that now."

He declined to say whether he thought it was presumptuous of the defence minister to talk about specific post-victory plans.

"I'll let you judge that," Charest, who is trailing Campbell among decided de-

legates with less than a month left in the campaign, was reluctant to discuss the timing for an election if he scores a come-from-behind win.

But he too appeared to rule out a snap vote.

"There's a very limited scope of time one way or another, but I would take the time required to settle down as a government and to articulate what mandate I want,"

Charest said outside the Yonge Street restaurant as a handful of pedestrians stopped to watch.

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"We're just beginning, but essentially the group is thinking about the best way to proceed the day after (a victory) so we won't be forced to improvise. They're also thinking about how best to implement measures that have been talked about in the leadership race."

Charest said he is preparing for tonight's fifth and final televised leadership debate in Halifax, but downplayed its importance to his campaign.

"I don't think any one of the debates is more important than another, and I've prepared the same way for this debate as all the others, by going in and talking about the things we should be doing as a country."

Reform party Leader Preston Manning said Campbell made a "stupid mistake" when she called people opposed to deficit reduction the "enemies of Canadians."

Campbell, seen by many convention delegates as their best chance to win the next

election, seemed more than a little tarnished on the eve of the last of five Tory leadership debates in Halifax.

Instead of building her prime ministerial image, Campbell became a punching bag for several sharp jabs Monday.

And this happened as television executives wondered what voters would rather watch June 12 — final speeches of Conservative leadership candidates or a possible Stanley Cup final.

Candidates' final speeches at the convention will definitely be rejected on CBC TV's main service if they conflict with a possible sixth or seventh game of the Stanley Cup final.

"Clearly, we can't move the hockey playoffs," said CBC spokesman Tom Curzon.

"Either run the speeches on Newsworld (CBC's all-news cable channel), or if (the Conservatives) so choose, they could change the speeches to an earlier time."

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groups such as Alliance Quebec say the bill doesn't go far enough, especially by continuing the ban on immigrants from attending the ailing English-language school system.

"There's a tremendous openness to make improvements to this legislation in this province today," said David Ferrabee, a spokesman for Alliance Quebec, which is to follow *Mouvement Québec Français* before the committee today.

Besides language pressure groups, the committee is also

to hear from business groups, municipalities, representatives of ethnic communities and education organizations between today and June 2.

Premier Robert Bourassa is betting that the government has struck the right compromise with the bill and that it will stand up to any fireworks in public hearings.

"We are very conscious we won't be able to satisfy the two extremes," Bourassa said after the bill was introduced into the Assembly. "This won't stop us from fighting to make Quebec move ahead."

In Montreal, Mayor Jean Doré said the bill goes too far. He told about 400 business people Quebec needs more modest legislation that would allow bilingual signs for small businesses only.

Lucien Bouchard, the Bloc Québécois leader who told Montreal *Le Devoir* last week Quebecers are troubled by the French-only sign law, nevertheless backed the law at a news conference in Montreal.

"I wish there will be a time when it will be possible to adjust some provisions concerning the sign law but that must

be done in the right context, at the right time, with the right conditions."

Bouchard, Parti Québécois Leader Jacques Parizeau and leaders of 12 unions and Quebec nationalist groups gathered to announce a provincewide campaign against changing the language law.

Parizeau said Bourassa's proposal "took everyone by surprise" and represents a danger to Quebec. "It goes quite beyond anything that was suggested," the Opposition leader said.

Shopkeeper gets bail after shooting robber

MONTREAL (CP) — The owner of a convenience store was charged Monday with the attempted murder of a woman accused of robbing his west-end business at gunpoint.

The woman was disarmed and shot in the back Sunday as she fled the store, police said.

Quebec Court Judge Luc Trudel released Ali Ashabi, 59, until his next court appearance after his lawyer, Guy Cour-

noyer, requested a trial by judge and jury.

A trial date is to be set June 14.

Ashabi appeared tense and cast anxious glances at his 29-year-old son, Fariborz Ashabi, during the brief court appearance.

Trudel prohibited the accused from communicating with Patricia Hutch, who will be arraigned today on several

charges arising from the robbery.

Ashabi's son said his father was relieved to be released without bail.

"He feels OK now," he said, adding the entire family feels terrible about the ordeal.

"It was self-defence," Fariborz Ashabi said.

Police said Hutch wasn't as severely wounded as first thought. She is under guard in

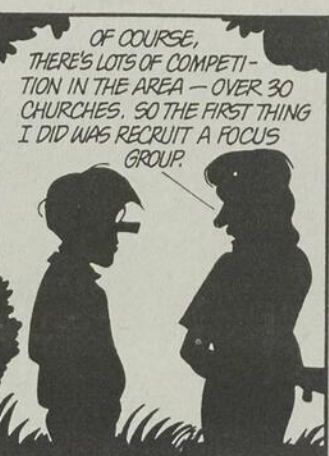
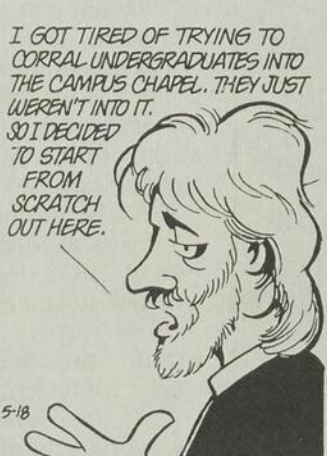
the Montreal General Hospital.

She is to be arraigned in her hospital room today on charges of armed robbery, possession and use of a firearm in the commission of a crime, and possession of a stolen .38-calibre revolver, police said.

Hutch arrived here from Vancouver a week ago, police said. She is visiting her daughter, who lives near Ashabi's store.

WEATHER

Doonesbury
Sunny with a few clouds in the morning and 30 per cent chance of scattered showers in the afternoon. Windy with a high of 15. Outlook for Wednesday: Cloudy with scattered showers.



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Lennoxville rescue truck has busy first weekend

By Dan Hawaleshka

LENNOXVILLE — The fire chief had just sat down to tell a reporter about the Lennoxville volunteer fire department's new rescue-equipment truck.

But John Nichol barely had time to catch his breath.

Moments earlier Nichol and his men had returned from answering a call in which a burning toaster almost resulted in a major fire. Quick thinking by the woman at 252 Queen Street in Lennoxville prevented the small counter-top fire from spreading.

Back in the office, Nichol sat down to talk about the rescue truck. Then the red phone rang.

"Is it serious?" he asked. It was.

CALL 'EM BACK

"Call the boys back." The volunteers on duty hadn't yet left the Depot Street station after the first call, and there was a brush fire that needed dousing in the View Point neighborhood of Ascot.

It was the fourth call in three days, and a good workout for the rescue truck, the latest jewel in the department's crown.

"It's got more horsepower than any other truck in the garage," Nichol said later after the excitement was over.

The new truck arrived in late April and was ready for service last Thursday.

"It's an excellent buy as far as we're concerned and as far as the town is concerned," Nichol said.

The truck, previously used only as a demonstrator in Quebec and eastern Ontario, will carry the hydraulic rescue shears used to open wrecked vehicles, first aid equipment and most of the department's breathing masks and tanks.

FOR THE FUTURE

"We want to be equipped so we can be here for years," Nichol said.

Even though it's a safety vehicle there are hazards associated with the new truck, as volunteer firefighter Marc Yergeau found out Monday.

Back from the toaster fire, Yergeau reached to switch on the truck's flashers for a photographer. The siren screamed.

"Oops, wrong button," said Yergeau, as his comrades teased him with a few good-natured barbs.

"He's a hell of a good kid," Nichol later said as he chuckled over the miscue. "You see how the guys teased him."

But Yergeau can take heart. Even his boss hasn't had a chance to figure out all the buttons.

"It's worse than a police car," Nichol laughed.

FOUR FIRES

Last year the Lennoxville volunteers had 24 calls, all minor.

On Saturday a portable gas barbecue ignited a wooden table on a veranda in Lennoxville. A grass fire Sunday had the men out a second time in two days.

And on Monday afternoon there was the toaster fire — in which the woman wisely unplugged her toaster before extinguishing the flames with water from the sink.

The fire trucks were barely back in the station when the brush-fire call came in.

Trudy Sparkes, who lives at 2525 Delta, made the call for help. Seconds earlier a neighbor had warned her about a fire in the field next door.

"She says, 'If you don't want

to lose your house you better call the fire department,'" Sparkes said. "It didn't take them long."

It has been a busy start for the rescue truck, a piece of equipment the department would never have obtained had it not been for residents and area businesses.

Firemen had raised \$25,000, in part through garage sales and raffle ticket sales at Bishop's University football games. Lennoxville town council paid the balance on the \$40,000 truck, bought from Con Amb Technology Ltd. in Laval. "We really appreciate the support," Nichol said.



Lennoxville's newly-acquired rescue truck has been used on four calls since it entered service last Thursday.



Lieut. Frank Wilson with Lennoxville firemen Brent Sutton and Rick Ward during a brush fire in Ascot Monday.

Student who raped colleague will be deported

By Dan Hawaleshka

SHERBROOKE — An African student at Sherbrooke University faces expulsion from Canada after pleading guilty Monday to two reduced charges of sexual assault.

Christian Nzogho, 25, of the central African country of Gabon, entered Canada on a student visa to study biology.

In December 1991 after a small party Nzogho tried to rape one classmate and raped a second in a Sherbrooke boarding house rented by several university students.

Police arrested him two weeks later and charged him with three indictable counts of sexual assault. He pleaded not guilty.

PLEA BARGAIN

After talks between lawyers

Nzogho agreed to plead guilty to a lesser summary charge of sexual assault, carrying a possible fine of \$2000 and six months in jail, instead of a maximum of 10 years imprisonment.

"It's 99.9 per cent likely he'll be expelled from the country," said Crown prosecutor Andrée Marchand, explaining Nzogho violated visa restrictions by committing a criminal act.

On the night of the attacks, Nzogho, a male companion and two female classmates spent an evening drinking and playing cards in one of the women's apartment, located at 1242 Léonard St. in Sherbrooke.

Nzogho and one of the women, a 23-year-old fellow student whose identity is protected by court order, left the

other couple and returned to her apartment upstairs.

The two talked for about 45 minutes. Nzogho then made sexual advances, removed his pants and grabbed the woman's breasts. She fought off his attack and forced him to leave.

SECOND WOMAN

Standing in the hallway afterward Nzogho encountered the other woman from the party. The 20-year-old woman, unaware of what has just happened, invited her friend Nzogho to her apartment after it became apparent he wanted to talk, lawyers said.

Nzogho raped her after they entered the apartment. Afterward she begged Nzogho not to tell her boyfriend about the rape. He agreed in exchange for sexual favors, lawyers said.

Then Nzogho again had intercourse with the second woman.

It is this third incident for which charges were eventually

dropped, Nzogho's lawyer Jean Couture said.

Quebec Court Judge Gabriel Lassonde ordered Nzogho back

to court June 14 for closing statements by lawyers. Witnesses may also be called to testify prior to sentencing.

Crown prosecutor: KKK membership drive legal

SHERBROOKE (CK) — Eight Ku Klux Klan members who passed out KKK recruiting

pamphlets in four Eastern Townships municipalities on Saturday weren't doing

anything illegal, police say.

Sherbrooke Crown attorney Michel Pinard decided Monday morning no charges could be laid because their activities weren't illegal, Quebec Police Force spokesman Tom McConnell said Monday.

The pamphlets, which were confiscated by police, complain about the reverse discrimination faced by whites in jobs, promotions and scholarships and how society is oriented towards the wishes of minorities.

HOODED KLANSMEN

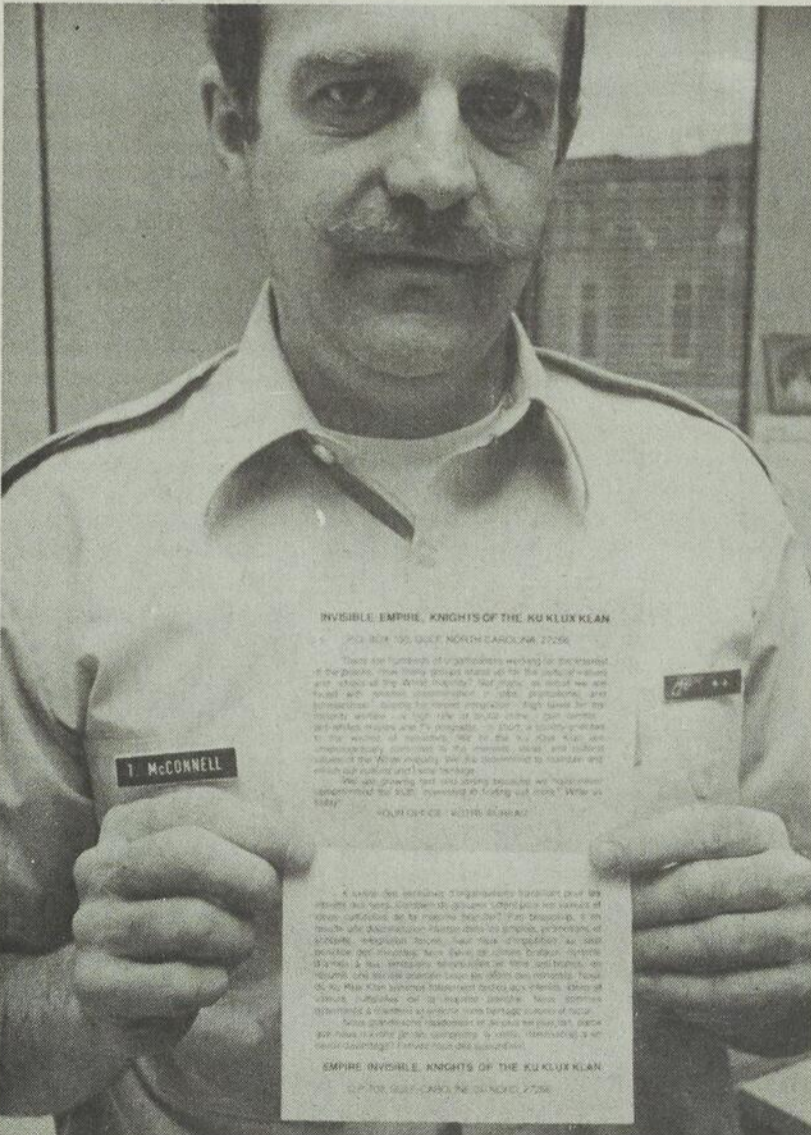
The eight, dressed in the traditional white hoods and robes, visited Bromptonville, Lawrenceville, Richmond, and Waterloo streets Saturday morning, handing out recruitment material which lists the North Carolina address of the KKK head office.

Police identified only Éric Vachon of Sherbrooke.

"He didn't have his hood on," McConnell said, adding "Éric Vachon is still the leader," of the Ku Klux Klan in Sherbrooke.

"They're still at the same phone number — we checked it out," he said, referring to an answering machine which the local KKK uses to spread its message and recruit new members.

"People should call us," instead of taking matters into their own hands when seeing members, McConnell advised.



KKK pamphlets complain about reverse discrimination faced by whites but aren't illegal. RECORD DAN HAWALESHKA

Ayer's Cliff town council wants Transport Quebec fence gone

SHERBROOKE (CK) — Ayer's Cliff council has passed a resolution to get rid of a controversial fence on Main Street.

The wire fence, put up last Tuesday by Transport Quebec around an empty lot it owns "is to be taken down within the briefest delay," Mayor Walter Hayward said in a telephone interview after the meeting.

The fence was installed to prevent locals from parking there when shopping along Main Street.

A Transport Quebec spokeswoman explained late last week that workers put up the fence in response to a request from Ayer's Cliff to prevent traffic blocking the main road. She added the town didn't specify what kind of barrier it

wanted.

"We want cement blocks, we want gravel or other material to keep the dust down and the fence is contravening two of our urban bylaws," Hayward said last night.

NO PERMIT

Transport Quebec didn't have a municipal permit to erect the fence which doesn't conform to existing bylaws, he said.

Hayward said council is leaving the decision on how to put in the cement blocks to Transport Quebec since it owns the property. The blocks are meant to prevent cars from exiting the lot by driving over the sidewalk onto the main road, he said.

Two local merchants complained publicly last week

the fence cut off parking for potential customers. They also said it was not suited for downtown core or for cutting down on dust.

Hayward added some citizens complained privately about the fence.

"This afternoon, it was windy and it was a duststorm up there," he added.

Councillor in charge of roads Roland Dupuis said last week cleaning streets of the dust from the lot was straining the town's budget.

The council is faxing the resolution first thing Tuesday morning to the provincial road department and Robert Benoit, MNA for the Orford riding, Hayward said.

"Then we'll see how quick the department of Transport Quebec moves."



Sleep sliding away. Driver Jean-Renaud Blanchard, 26, 'probably fell asleep' as he headed north on Route 55 near Ayer's Cliff with a full load of used cardboard for recycling on Monday afternoon. Quebec Police Force spokesman Tom McConnell said later the tractor-trailer 'went from one side of the road, hit the guardrail, went to the other side, and flipped.' McConnell said Blanchard climbed on his own out through the broken windshield of the 18-wheeler and up the embankment to the roadway. He was taken to Sherbrooke University Hospital with unspecified back injuries. His life is not in danger, McConnell said. RECORD PHOTOS/PERRY BEATON

Look before you light

With all the brushfires lately, landowners don't seem to be catching onto fire safety. At least, not as fast as the firefighters getting an early start to fighting them would like.

It's easy to forget that despite spring weather conditions — including heavy rains — forests, fields and brush are actually quite dry.

A few landowners recently discovered that after lighting the ritual spring fires to boost spring growth.

Not much damage has been done to the public, its homes or land. But how long can that continue?

The public had better not push its luck, considering the high cost of fires to humans, their homes and to forests, which are a valuable commodity here in the Eastern Townships.

In many municipalities, bylaws forbid setting such fires to improve growth. So make sure you're not breaking the law before you strike your match.

If you can set your field on fire, make sure you contact the local fire department and let them know you're about to set a fire. Fire departments are usually willing to advise the public to prevent a possible forest fire.

The second is to remember that the wind provides the oxygen little fires need to grow. Check weather conditions and watch the fire closely to ensure it doesn't get out of hand.

Third, fires like to sleep and are often forgotten smouldering somewhere in a log. Make sure your fire is out.

As beloved grandmothers the world over like to say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

This was not a normal procedure

The recently tabled conflict-of-interest bill is in the middle of a not-so-funny tug of war in Ottawa. From an editorial in the Hill Times, an independent publication for and about Parliament Hill:

This week's highly entertaining meetings of the Special Joint Committee on Conflict of Interests could have run as an episode of Yes, Prime Minister, the satirical television comedy that pokes fun at the tug of war between Britain's bureaucrats and its government.

In the series, the bureaucrats, who obviously believe they're the ones running the country, treat the politicians like a bunch of lost sheep, there to be guided by the superior-minded civil servants.

Here in Ottawa, things don't look all that different. But the MPs and senators don't find it at all funny.

The latest conflict-of-interest bill, C-116, tabled last month, was touted by Government House Leader Harvie André as a bill based on recommendations brought forward by the Special Joint Committee on Conflict of Interests.

Not so, said the MPs and senators sitting on the committee. They discovered that the bill does not include much of their report.

Moreover, they realized that not one high-level official from the Senate had been formally consulted by the Privy Council Office or the Department of Justice, the two departments responsible for drafting the bill.

Even the research staff working for the committee questioned the lack of consultation. This was not funny.

Meanwhile, (MP) Don Blenkarn, co-chairman of the committee, told the Hill Times that this was not a normal procedure.

"There's a tendency by some people in the bureaucracy to think they know everything. But we're going to do a butcher job on this bill."

You could almost see the smile on Blenkarn's face over the phone.

From *What Canada Thinks*, a regular feature of *The Canadian Press*

Today in history

By The Canadian Press

The Colonial Advocate, William Lyon Mackenzie's most famous newspaper, was first published in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., 169 years ago today — in 1824. Mackenzie used the paper as the leading voice of the new Reform movement and eventually moved its operations to York, modern-day Toronto, to be closer to the provincial parliament. In 1837, the fiery journalist led an abortive armed revolt against the Upper Canada establishment.

Also on this day in:

1783 — Seven thousand United Empire Loyalists landed at Parrtown, modern-day Saint John.

1846 — Kingston received a city charter.

Did you know that...

WINTER OLYMPICS

The 1988 Olympic Games held in Calgary were the first winter Olympics staged in Canada. Canadian athletes won five medals in these games.

ORANGE ORDER

The Protestant nativist organization which began in Ireland and spread to Canada in the early 19th century opposed the extension of special rights to Catholics in Canada.

Letters

No rhetoric speaks louder than action

English-speaking people of the Eastern Townships can applaud the Quebec Liberal Party's decision, to allow bilingual signs, and appreciate comments like those by Transport Minister Sam

Elkas, encouraging young anglophones to stay in this province. However, youth of this region are continually receiving mixed messages.

Those suggesting they have no

respectable rights here are louder than those beckoning them to remain. The pending decision, whether or not to change name of the Eastern Townships Autoroute to that of *Autoroute de l'Estrie*, is just one of those typical gestures, by likes of *Société Saint Jean-Baptiste*, which subtly says to English language youth, "Stick around if you must, but stay back, way back!"

When these young people realize that even their roots and identity here are no longer respected and tolerated, in ways, like identifying institutional, community and regional names, such slights convince them it's best to leave. On one hand we have a govern-

ment trying to make token amends, a top provincial minister saying "Stay", and their own agency, *Commission de Toponymie* allowing a debate over changing name of a highway, identified as Eastern Townships Autoroute.

Most of these young anglophones' forefathers had strong ties to the Eastern Townships, not *l'Estrie*, a borrowed name, that some French speaking radicals chose to give this area a more French flavor.

If Mr. Elkas and his party genuinely want English language young people to remain in Quebec, it's about time they did more about it, and getting into the act, to save long-standing names, like Eastern Townships, Cherry River and their likes. No rhetoric speaks louder than action. It's time for Mr. Elkas and his fellow Liberals to do more than just offer an olive branch, but to act more positively on behalf of their fast dwindling English-language population.

CHARLES CATCHPAUGH
Magog

The lustre of a lining

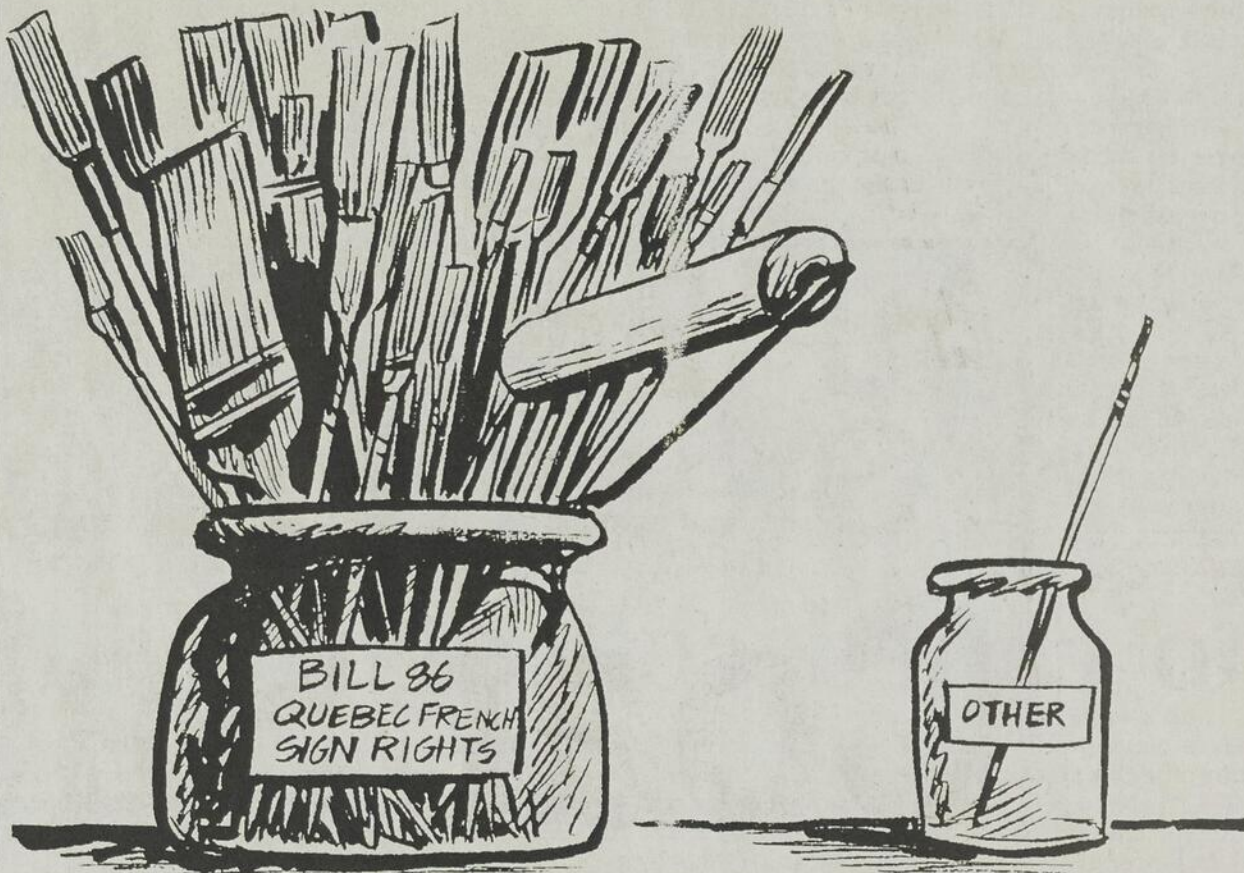
YO-HO-HO...

No wonder P.C. Party skies
Are filled with clouds of awesome size
(Tis not the sun alone that isn't shining!)

But there's a feeling, rife and strong,

That in the person of John Long
Lies at least the lustre of a lining!

DALE HIBBARD
(Bishop's '49)
Elliot Lake, Ontario



Canada is no longer No. 1 in UN ranking

By Bob Cox

OTTAWA (CP) — The United Nations has ranked Canada second behind Japan in its human development index this year, but even the UN concedes there is debate over just what that means.

Last year, Canada was No. 1 and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney repeatedly bragged that Canadians had the highest quality of life in the world.

The index takes into account life expectancy, educational attainment and income levels.

But it doesn't measure such factors as unemployment, inequalities between men and women, the gap between the rich and poor and crime rates. The UN lists those in its profile of human distress.

HAPPINESS INDEX

The UN report on this year's human development index notes it has been called everything from a simple measure of a country's standard of living to a "happiness index."

The UN itself says the index "is best seen as a measure of people's ability to live a long and healthy life, to communicate and to participate in the life of the community

and to have sufficient resources to obtain a decent living."

Canada scored well because Canadians' life expectancy at birth — according to the 1990 data used by the survey — was 77 years. They averaged 12.1 years of school and per capita gross domestic product was relatively

high. But the report also looks at other measures of life that put Canada in a different light:

- Canada's unemployment rate of 10.2 per cent — it is now 11.4 per cent and expected to stay high for some time — was the highest of the top 10 countries in the index.

- Canada, where women earned 63 per cent of what men did, was 11th in the UN's gender-disparity-adjusted index. Sweden, where women earned 89 per cent of what men did, led the list.

HIGH INCOME

- Canada was sixth in the income-distribution-adjusted index, which Japan led. The top 20 per cent of Canadians earned 7.1 times what the poorest 20 per cent earned. In Japan, the top 20 per cent earned 4.3 times what the poorest 20 per cent earned.

- Among western industrial countries, Canada had a relatively high crime rate. Only Australia and the United States had more drug crimes per capita and only the United States had more prisoners per capita.

The UN report says a country's overall ranking can often hide substantial inequalities among different groups within the country.

For example, the United States would top the world if only whites were counted. It would be 31st if only U.S. blacks were counted, just behind such countries as Lithuania and Uruguay.

How the others ranked:

OTTAWA (CP) — Here are country rankings based on United Nations measures:

- Human development index: Japan, Canada, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, USA, Australia, France, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Iceland, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Austria.
- Gender-disparity-adjusted index: Sweden, Norway, France, Denmark, Finland, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands, USA, United Kingdom, Canada, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Germany (Japan was 17th).
- Income-distribution-adjusted index: Japan, Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Canada, Belgium, United Kingdom, USA, France, Australia, Finland, Denmark, Israel, New Zealand.
- Drug crimes per 100,000 people: Australia (403), USA (234), Canada (225), Denmark (176), Switzerland (129), Norway (116).
- Murders per 100,000 people: USA (8.0), Denmark (5.7), France (4.6), Italy (4.3), Portugal (4.2), Bulgaria and Germany (3.8), Hungary (3.6), Canada (2.6), Switzerland (2.5).
- Prisoners per 100,000 people: USA (426), Poland (204), Bulgaria (160), Hungary (142), Canada (94), Austria (87), Germany and United Kingdom (77), Finland (75).

Nixon Watergate tapes still make news

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-one years after the Watergate break-in, the conspiratorial voice of Richard Nixon was heard again Monday on tape, plotting to deflect the blame and mistakenly calculating that Watergate was "a Washington son-of-a-bitching story" most Americans would shrug off.

The government made three hours of the 4,000 recorded by Nixon's secret White House taping system available for the first time to public listening. The 25 conversations covered the weeks immediately before and after June 17, 1972, when five White House-sponsored burglars made a late-night foray into the offices of the opposition Democrats.

On one tape, Nixon discusses G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate mastermind who offered to draw the heat for the burglary.

"He's a true believer... and we'll take care of him," Nixon said.

"What the hell," the president said to chief of staff, H.R. Halde- man. "Is the worst that he'd break into the Democratic committee? Christ, that's no blot on a man's record!"

Nixon has always maintained that he did not know about the break-in in advance — and the tapes had nothing to contradict that. But the month before, Nixon suggested sending a spy into the camp of Democratic presidential contender George McGovern.

The tapes showed Nixon grappling with the question of how deeply the White House was involved, and whether anyone — particularly the news media — could link the White House to the break-in. The conversation revealed a willingness to withhold evidence from investigators.

The scenes were played out behind White House doors as the FBI and journalists daily were uncovering new leads suggesting ties between the Cuban-American

burglars and the Nixon re-election effort.

In an Oval Office conversation on June 21, 1972, Nixon and Halde- man discussed the political impact of the episode.

"Anything that's as bizarre as this — and interesting — is going to be a national story," Nixon said. But he insisted: "the country doesn't give much of a shit about buggi... Everybody around here is all mortified about it."

In a mocking voice, he said, "It's a horrible thing to bug." He added: "most people around the country think it's probably routine, everybody's trying to bug everybody else, it's politics. That's my view."

"Now the purists probably won't agree with that but I don't think you're going to see a great, great uproar in the country about the Republican committee trying to bug the Democratic headquarters."

The affair culminated in the re-

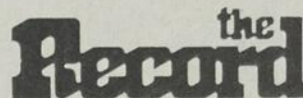
signation of Nixon in August 1974 and subsequent conviction and jailing of his top aides.

The National Archives, which holds Nixon's 42 million papers and tapes in an industrial warehouse in Alexandria, Va., allowed reporters to listen to three hours of tapes in a windowless room. The public now has exactly the same access. No transcripts exist and no copies of the tapes are allowed to be made.

Nixon has fought for years, and spent \$3 million US, to keep the content of the tapes secret and to regain their custody.

Five burglars wearing surgical gloves and carrying hundred-dollar bills in their pockets were caught red-handed early that Saturday morning wandering through the darkened offices of the Democratic headquarters. It was the second time they had broken in. They had broken in to repair bugs they had put in place three weeks earlier.

Farm and Business



Customers can't afford Bell's basic rates hike — critics

By Jim Bronskill

HULL, Que. (CP) — Bell Canada shouldn't be allowed to ding customers by raising basic telephone rates, several lobby groups and politicians told the federal telecommunications commission Monday.

"We do not believe that the commission should approve this increase," Marie Vallee said on behalf of an umbrella group of Quebec consumer organizations.

Recession-weary households should not have to foot the bill to help keep Bell profitable, said Vallee, representing the Federation Nationale des Asso-

ciations de Consommateurs du Quebec.

Bell is proposing average increases of \$3.85, or about 40 per cent, for a single residential phone line and \$6.50, or 25 per cent, for a single business line.

If approved, the rate hikes would take effect Sept. 1.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission is holding month-long hearings to weigh the merits of the proposed increases.

Bell, which earned record profits of \$931 million last year, has more than seven million business and residential custo-

mers in Ontario and Quebec.

The company says it needs to raise basic rates for the first time in 10 years because of the economic downturn and the loss of long-distance revenues — which subsidize local service — to competition.

It costs an average of approximately \$40 a month to provide a telephone line, yet the average price for basic residential service is only about \$10, says Bell.

The commission could approve the increases Bell wants, grant smaller hikes or even roll back rates.

Consumer associations, business groups and numerous customers have condemned the proposed hikes.

Florida Davidson, representing an Ottawa tenants association, said the phone is a basic resource — not a luxury.

"It is necessary for our safety, well-being and companionship," she told the commission.

Montreal Liberal MP Sheila Finestone said her constituents have been hit hard by the recession. "They are horrified at the thought of any kind of increase."

There was also a smattering of support for higher rates.

Bell offers excellent service and products to hearing-impaired customers, said John Ford, president of the Ontario chapter of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association.

It must remain in good financial health to keep developing these systems, he suggested.

Michel Forest, a former Bell employee, said he didn't think the firm was requesting too much. "I think we can all be proud of a company like Bell."

In late March, the commission turned down Bell's request for temporary increases, saying a full public review must be held.

Following the ruling, Bell delayed a plan to broaden local calling areas in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto until early next year.

Representatives of several communities located inside the designated areas expressed strong support for the plan, also being reviewed at the hearings.

About 70 parties plan to appear. Monday was reserved for short presentations from individuals and associations.

An economist is expected to testify for Bell today, laying out the economic case for higher rates.

Leaner businesses, fewer jobs, boosted productivity: StatsCan

By Portia Priegert

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian business sped up its efforts to get leaner in 1992 as it laid off staff and cut the number of hours worked.

Labor productivity, a key measure of business efficiency, rose by 2.2 per cent last year, Statistics Canada reported Monday.

That's up from 1.8 per cent in 1991 and 0.1 per cent in 1990, the year the country slid into recession.

"This performance reflects business efforts to rationalize production by reducing employment and the number of hours worked," said the federal agency.

Unemployment soared over 11 per cent nationally last year as businesses cut their workforce, trimmed spending and, in some cases, declared bankruptcy.

Productivity is a key indicator of the economy's efficiency. Rising labor productivity means that businesses, on average, are producing more goods and services for every hour their employees work.

"What we've done in the last two or three years is to make the Canadian economy much more competitive," said Peter Drake, an economist at the Toronto Dominion Bank.

"Not only productive in the sense of labor productivity and

labor costs, but also internationally competitive... that's the key because exports are leading the recovery."

While that will help Canada's economic growth, the gains carried a price tag, he added.

"One of the unfortunate and ironic things about improvement in labor productivity in this case is that part of that im-

provement came from firms shedding labor," he said.

Manufacturing made a big gain last year with productivity up by 4.2 per cent. Except for a 1.3-per-cent increase in 1990, its productivity gains have been under one per cent since 1985.

"Manufacturers responded to the reduction in demand by

drastically curtailing their use of labor," said Statistics Canada.

It said the number of manufacturing workers has declined by 16 per cent — a loss of approximately 300,000 jobs — since 1989.

Andrew Jackson, economist at the Canadian Labor Congress, said it would be good

to have productivity gains coming from new investment, training, research and development.

"I think really what we're seeing to this point still is productivity gains just resulting from idle capacity being put back to work," he said. "If it's to continue, that new investment has to be forthcoming."

Tax credit covers increases in employer UI premiums

In his Economic and Fiscal Statement dated December 2, 1992, the federal Finance Minister Don Mazankowski announced a new measure under which the government will pay any increase in Unemployment Insurance employer premiums in 1993 over 1992.

This assistance takes the form of a refundable tax credit for an amount equal to the increase in employer UI premiums in 1993 over 1992. The credit is available to all incorporated and unincorporated businesses, including those which are exempt from tax and partners within a company which employs others. It can only be claimed where 1992 employer UI premiums were below \$60,000.

This credit, which cannot exceed \$30,000 per enterprise or group of associated employers, is geared towards small businesses. Where the 1992 employer premium exceeds \$30,000, the maximum benefit is phased down on a dollar-for-

dollar basis. The refundable credit can reduce an employer's 1993 UI premiums in a number of ways.

For example, the business could pay its 1993 employer UI premiums throughout the year and receive a refund in early 1994. It could also choose to pay its 1993 employer UI premiums until it has paid a cumulative amount equal to its 1992 level.

At that time, the business could stop paying employer UI premiums until the maximum benefit level under this program has been reached. Once the maximum benefit level has been reached, the business would resume paying employer UI premiums.

Finally, the business could elect to make each remittance by paying, in lieu of its actual 1993 liabilities, its level of employer UI premiums for the corresponding remittance period in 1992. Once the maximum benefit level has been reached, the business would switch to paying its actual 1993 liabilities.

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Living

Letters help students prevent teen suicide — psychologist

Each spring at a high school in Laval, Que., thousands of letters are exchanged between students in an unusual exercise to combat the province's unusually high teen suicide rate.

By Peter Lowrey

LAVAL, Que. (CP) — Nicolas Chamberland received a disturbing letter last month. A classmate wrote that he was going to kill himself if his girlfriend left him.

"I only know him slightly from class and he seems happy at the moment," said Chamberland, a 17-year-old student with long wavy hair.

"But I'm sure he wasn't joking."

The letter has created a bond between the two youths. And a friend in need for the letter writer.

It was only one of many letters Chamberland received during an unusual exercise which takes place each spring at Horizon-Jeunesse High School in this city north of Montreal.

The object of the letter-writing exercise is to reach the most isolated students, the ones who may try to take their own lives if their problems become overwhelming. And it gives those shy students a chance to put their fears into writing and communicate with peers they might be too timid to

approach in person.

CLEAR SIGNAL
School psychologist Pierre St-Amour believes the letter Nicolas received was a clear danger signal.

"But I'm convinced the best moral support for the boy will not come from me but from someone his own age," he said.

It was that conviction — and the shocking fact that Quebec has the highest teen suicide rate in the industrial world after Germany — that led St-Amour to inaugurate Semaine du Mieux-Vivre (Let's Improve our Lives Week) in 1990.

The week's main feature is an exchange of thousands of letters between students.

Teens are urged to remember their more shy and less popular classmates when they pen their missives about love, friendship and their hopes for the future.

"I had a problem with my technology professor," said Julie Benard, a 15-year-old. "I don't know where it started but he wouldn't say hello to me in the hall. So I wrote him a letter."

ONLY LETTER

It turned out the professor needed some encouragement too. It was the only letter he'd received in the four years of the campaign.

Organizers monitor the letters in an effort to make sure everyone gets mail. This year,

when 30 per cent of the school's 1,325 students had not received a letter halfway through the week, volunteers were asked to limber up their pens. In the end, 98 per cent of students and staff were reached.

Students feel relaxed enough around the casually dressed St-Amour to sneak a smoke in his cluttered office just around the corner from the principal's.

Bright-eyed teens, some of whom helped him deliver the 13,000 letters exchanged this year, call greetings from his doorway. But he also hands out an appointment slip to an anxious looking girl in jeans and a sweater.

"I speak to five or six students a year who have tried to commit suicide," he says, making a cutting motion across his wrist to illustrate his point.

In Quebec, seven girls and 54 boys between the ages of 15 and 19 took their own lives in 1991, according to the coroner's office. That's the second largest cause of teenage death after car accidents.

St-Amour, who lost his own brother to suicide, believes that the letter campaign helps the students break down their isolation and shyness which in turn makes them less inclined to end their young lives. Writing about one's feelings is easier than talking about them, he says.

No gifts dog new puppy owners

Dear Ann Landers: We have a problem that's been bothering us and need to know if we are being too sensitive. "Bart" and I are a married couple in our late 30s. Over the past 10 years, many of our friends and co-workers have become parents. We've given all these people very nice baby gifts, some of which have been quite expensive.

We don't expect to have children. We've made it clear to one and all that we are having dogs instead. All our friends and co-workers know that our golden retrievers are our "children." Now for the gripe: We recently got a new puppy and sent out humorous birth announcements to family members and friends. Almost all these people received lovely gifts from us when their children were born. Only one person on the list bothered to reciprocate. She sent us some bones along with a funny card.

Most people know that one purpose of baby gifts is to help parents defray the cost of the new addition. But a puppy isn't cheap either. We paid \$500 for "Rex." His crate, feeding bowls, vaccinations and veterinary checkups boosted that figure considerably. It's not that we want or need financial assistance; we would just like our friends to acknowledge the importance of our dogs in our life as we acknowledge the importance of their babies in theirs. Is this asking too much? -- CALIFORNIA DOG LOVERS

DEAR CALIFORNIA: I'm afraid it is. While some folks may be into doggie gifts, most are not.

If you feel so strongly about this, why not have a puppy shower? It could be fun, and you would surely haul in some loot.

Dear Ann Landers: Some time ago, you printed a column about an elderly man who "had one foot in the grave." His family consulted a new doctor who took the man off his medication and started him fresh with greatly reduced doses. Everyone was stunned by the man's remarkable "recovery."

My grandfather, who is only 73, is on numerous medications and is seeing a number of doctors. Every time I talk to Grandma, it seems Grandpa is on some new medication and is doing about 10 times worse.

Why do most doctors insist on prescribing a new medication every time they see a patient? I'm afraid of what will happen to my

grandfather if he continues to take so many different kinds of medicine. I'm very nervous about this, but I am reluctant to interfere.

Ann Landers

My grandfather is on heart medication, but he also suffers from severe depression and periods of time when he is completely disoriented. The doctors say they suspect Alzheimer's, but it seems to me that when Grandpa is only on one or two medications, he has fewer

problems and is more coherent. I love Grandpa and am concerned that some of his problems are due to excessive medication. Please print my letter, Ann, it's crucial. -- BELLEVUE, WASH.

DEAR BELLEVUE: Over-medication is a serious problem these days and there is entirely too much of it going on.

Some patients go to three or four doctors, and each doctor prescribes something, not knowing others have done so. Then, of course, some elderly patients do not remember whether or not they have taken their medicine and repeat the dosage. If possible, can Grandma be put in total charge of Grandpa's medicine? This could be very helpful.

Youville celebrates ten years of geriatric care

SHERBROOKE — Youville Hospital is inviting the public to help celebrate the tenth anniversary of the day hospital and the short-term stay geriatric unit this week.

The main public activity will be a photography exhibit in the hospital's chapel. The exhibit is the result of a contest entitled "The elderly: who are they? What do they do?"

On display will be 67 photos from 31 participants showing "the different realities of the elderly."

Winners of the contest will be announced and awarded Friday, May 21.

Nurses form council at Sherbrooke Hospital

Nurses at Sherbrooke hospital recently formed a Nurses Council, following the 1991 the National Assembly proposal for the reform of health services.

On April 1, 1993, four registered nurses were elected. The new health care reform law called for "a complete reform of the present Act respecting health services and social services and certain legislative amendments to the Health Insurance Act and the Act respecting the Régie de l'assurance-maladie (Bill 120, Chapter 42, 1991)."

On behalf of all nursing assistants of the Sherbrooke Hospital, I wish to congratulate the four nurses, namely: Sandra Currier, Rita Duesterhoest, Susan Burns Young and Richard Rancourt. Along with the Director General; Mrs. Marie Trussell and the Director of Nurses; Mrs. Kristina Kouri.

I, Carole Gregory Woolgar; president of the Nursing Assistants will have the privilege of sitting on this committee. I look forward to this new experience.

I know we will all work in harmony to accomplish the mandate we have been given: "to improve and maintain good patient care within a safe and caring environment."

Carole Gregory Woolgar

Lennoxville youth centre calls on community for financial aid

LENNOXVILLE — Being a teenager can be hard these days. There is pressure all around. Teens have to perform at school, at home, and they have to prepare themselves for a future that often appears frightening, full of violence and mistrust.

Many of them don't know how to face the world ahead of them and many need a supporting hand to adjust to the changing values which surround them.

Sometimes they need to talk, to be listened to by someone who is not in the home, or in their school environment.

Someone who is objective and impartial, whom they know will have the time to spend with them and the patience to listen to them.

Teens also need friends. That means people their own age with whom they can talk, laugh

and cry, and through whom they can see themselves. It also means friends with whom they can share their daily experiences and friends with whom to try and build a future for themselves.

Mostly though, they want a place where they are wanted, welcomed, and appreciated for who they are and where their performance is not what matters most.

This is why the existence of the Youth Centre is important in our community. The 12 to 17 year olds have a place where they can "hang around", where they can have fun and where they feel respected and listened to by adults and peers alike. But, to remain alive and to provide teenagers with the guidance they need to succeed, we need your help.

We are asking you to consider a donation of \$20 or more,

so that we can assure ongoing activities which will keep our teens occupied and out of trouble.

At this point, we need the help of the entire community. Our community needs its young people and our young people need the Youth Centre. Let's all work together to make this campaign successful.

A charity receipt may be requested with a donation of \$20 or more.

The Lennoxville Youth Centre's board of directors are Danielle Roy, Carole Bergeron, Marylaine Gaumond, Linda Deacon, Michael Fox, Suzanne Meesen, Eliane Roy-Touchette, and Michael Sudlow (honorary member.)

Lennoxville Youth Centre, 101 Queen Street, Box 126, Lennoxville, Quebec, J1M 1Z4. Phone: 821-4805.

Plan aims to improve kids' lives

QUEBEC — Federal and provincial governments announced an agreement last week to implement the national Community Action Plan for Children (CAPC) in Quebec.

Benoit Bouchard, Health and Welfare minister and minister for the federal office of regional development in Quebec, and his Quebec counterpart, Marc-Yvan Côté, signed the protocol Thursday.

The plan's aim is to enable communities to implement measures to promote and protect the health and the best social development of children at risk and their parents.

In a statement, Côté said the CAPC program complements the provincial department's policies and actions focusing on children and families. Both ministers said the protocol recog-

gnizes Québec's constitutional jurisdiction over health and social services.

The Québec program's implementation plan, announced in April, 1992, aims to:

— promote the development of parenting skills, adjustment to the parental role, the importance of the father's role in parenting, and the quality of the parent-child relationship;

— promote the security, growth and optimum development of children on physical, emotional, cognitive and social levels; and

— provide particularly vulnerable children and parents with the necessary support to prevent problems.

The protocol also guarantees that there will be no overlap with or reductions to existing programs. Only those projects

which received provincial endorsement will be funded by the federal government.

Canada's allocation to Québec is \$34,827,000 for five years.

The Community Action Plan for Children is part of the Brighter Futures initiative announced in May 1992 by the federal government, to which it promised to commit \$2.6 billion over a five year period.

CAPC is a long-term program aimed at recognizing children's vulnerability from their early years of life, and taking steps to remedy the situation. The program supports the creation and expansion of prevention, intervention and health promotion activities for children under seven years of age in high risk communities throughout Canada.

Community

Perennials: slide show and conference by the Sherbrooke Horticultural and Ecological Society on the choosing and care of perennials. May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Rm 3 of the Eva Sénécal library, 420 Marquette St. Sherbrooke. Open to the public — free for society members, and \$3 for non-members.

Arthritis self-management program by the Arthritis Society. Consists of six two and half hour sessions, over six weeks, on arthritis, medication, exercise, relaxation. Fee: \$25 each. Classes start May 19 at 7 p.m. at the CLSC Val St. François at 110 Barlow in Richmond. For information, call Robert O'Donnell at 418-564-5267.

Volunteers needed for Foyer St. Joseph. There are some English-speaking residents at the home. For information: call 562-0053 at Résidence Don Basco, 510 Quebec Street, and Frère Gérard Poirier Salesian at 564-6655 at the Foyer.

Social notes

Princess Rebekah Lodge No. 4 holds regular meeting and initiation of new member

SHERBROOKE — Princess Rebekah Lodge No. 4 held their regular meeting on April 8 in the Masonic Temple, Prospect St., Sherbrooke with the Noble Grand Sister Jean Humphries presiding.

Lodge opened in ritual form followed by the roll call of officers. The Noble Grand welcomed 13 members.

Routine business was read

and dealt with. Balloting took place on the applicant Joel Brault. The ballots were found favorable. The candidate will be initiated on April 22.

The Lodge closed in ritual form with members repeating the Rebekah Creed.

Members then retired to the lower hall where refreshments were served.

SHERBROOKE — Princess Rebekah Lodge held their regular meeting on April 22 in the Masonic Temple with the Noble Grand Sister Jean Humphries presiding.

Lodge opened in ritual form, followed by the roll call of officers. The Noble Grand welcomed 15 members. Routine business was read and dealt with.

Our candidate Joel Brault was initiated and welcomed. It was also Past Noble Grands night. Our Noble Grand made needle point book markers with the year that the member was Noble Grand. Our many thanks to Sister Jean.

Those to receive them are: Sisters Margaret Currier, Rita Burczyk, Gladys Wheeler, Evelyn Graham, Joyce Wheeler, Jo-Anne Christie, Betty Patry, Nancy Barton and Jessie Pelchat. Absent were Sister Bettie Wheeler and Sister Mable Norton, the latter now lives in Stoney Creek, Ont. She was Noble Grand in 1938. Sister Jessie MacKinnon Pelchat was Noble Grand in Willowdale, No. 24, Windsor, Que. in 1949. She was re-instated in Princess Rebekah last fall.

The Lodge closed in ritual form with all repeating the Rebekah Creed, after which members enjoyed refreshments and a social time.



Belated 89th birthday wishes

To Grampa Frank who celebrated on May 14. Everyone's "Uncle Frank". Love from your family.

Birthday greetings

Happy birthday to Mrs. Hilda Cragg of Sawyerville on her birthday, May 22nd, from her family and friends.

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BEDFORD
 Wesley United Church Spring Rummage Sale, 53 River Street, Bedford, on May 19, 20 and 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Also Saturday morning bag sale from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. In addition to clothes for the whole family, books, dishes, shoes, boots, sometimes furniture and always dishes. Everyone welcome.

IVES HILL
 Ascot Lodge No. 30 will be holding their annual evening in the country on Friday, May 21 at Ives Hill Community Hall. Supper at 6 p.m. Masons and their wives and invited guests. For tickets call 566-6586 or 562-1032.

LENNOXVILLE
 The 6th annual "Let's Have A Ceilidh", i/c 3 pipe bands from Quebec and Ontario, Highland Dancers, on Saturday, May 22 starting at 8:30 p.m. at the Bishop's University Pub. For more information call 564-2303 or 562-2587.

ROCK ISLAND
 Dessert card party in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Rock Island on Thursday, May 20 at 1 p.m. Benefit of painting the interior of the hall.

BROMONT
 Advance notice. The Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley will hold their meeting on Wednesday, June 9 at 2 p.m. at the Chateau Bromont, Bromont. Speaker: J.R. Walker, Deputy Managing Editor, Ombudsman, "The Gazette". His topic is: "The Debt Threat". Guests are welcome. Admission charged.

WATERVILLE
 Card party in St. John's Church Hall on Friday, May 21 starting at 2 p.m. sharp. Everyone welcome.

BEDFORD
 Advance notice. The Township of Bedford Fire Department will be holding their annual Barbecue at the Township of Bedford Fire Station on Sunday, June 6 from noon to 7 p.m. Admission charged. For more information call Mary Gilman at 248-3341.

LENNOXVILLE
 Advance notice. Book Sale at the Lennoxville Library on Friendship Day, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of books would be appreciated.

LENNOXVILLE
 Story Time at the Lennoxville Library will be held on Wednesday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 6 years old. Everyone welcome. Wanted: volunteers for story telling.

BROMPTON ROAD
 The Brompton Hall Military Whist card party on chemin des Ecosais will be held on Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m. Please reserve your tables by May 18 by calling Betty 846-4217 or Irene 346-8714. Prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome.

RICHMOND
 Le Rivage du Val St. Francois is offering a series of brief training workshops for its Organized Companionship Program. If you would like to know more about mental health problems and how to help those who are suffering from mental health problems, then become part of the program or just sign up for the workshops. It's free and does not oblige you to sign up for the Organized Companionship Program. The workshops will be held for four consecutive Wednesday mornings, May 19, 26, June 1 and 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in room 316 of Le Rivage, 1010 Main St. North, Richmond. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Jo-Anne Anderson, coordinator of the program.

EAST FARNHAM
 The United Church Women are holding their Lilac Tea and Sale on Saturday, May 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Craft table, bake table and odds and ends table. It will be held at the Town Hall, 228 Principale St., East Farnham. Admission charged. Everyone welcome.

MAGOG
 Advance notice. A Flea Market will be held at Princess Elizabeth Elementary School, 420 Bellevue Street, Magog on May 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A great chance to sell your unwanted treasures from spring clean-up. A few tables are left, to reserve yours, call Joyce at 843-4805. Proceeds from table rentals help our school.

BULWER
 A 500 card party will be held in the Bulwer Community Centre on Thursday, May 20 at 8 p.m. Prizes, door prizes and lunch. Admission charged. Everyone welcome.

BULWER
 Advance notice. A Strawberry Ice-Cream Social will be held in the Bulwer Community Centre on Sunday, July 11 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored by the U.C.W.

SHERBROOKE
 Bake Sale, sponsored by Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, in the main lobby on Friday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be a variety of home-made goodies, including the ever popular bread, rolls, jams and jellies. So take advantage of this opportunity to stock up on these delicacies for the holiday weekend.

DANVILLE
 Green Thumb Sale of perennials and tomato plants, also home baking, at St. Augustine's Church Hall, rue du Carmel, on Friday, May 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Coffee, tea and doughnuts available. Hall open to receive items for sale on Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. on Friday.

This column accepts items free or 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.

Obituary

THOMAS WILLIAM DUSTIN
 of Ayer's Cliff, Que.

Passed away peacefully at Maple Manor, Ayer's Cliff on April 13, 1993, Thomas William Dustin in his 92nd year, son of Ozro C. Dustin and his wife Nettie Hartwell.

He was born at Brown's Hill on December 30, 1901. He had one brother Everett, two sisters, Mable and Maryella.

Most of his life was spent in this area. He operated a general store in Boynton, and also served as post master at the same time. The store and post office was destroyed by fire in 1927, he then took up farming for several years.

In 1936 he moved to North Hatley, where he worked for J.B. Reed for six years, then returned to Ayer's Cliff and worked in the feed mill for Lucien Després. He was also employed as store clerk for A.B. Graham and Roger LeBaron. He also served on Ayer's Cliff Council.

Being a farmer at heart, he again went back to farming. He became blind in 1966, but managed to get about and care for his animals, until six years ago when he had a stroke, from which he never fully recovered.

In 1925 he married Edith Hibbard of Boynton. They had five children, Weldon, Ayer's Cliff; Leta, Sherbrooke; Lorna Taylor (Ronald) of Lennoxville; Lillian Sharman (Donald) of Ayer's Cliff, Wynn (Faye Teechurst) of Tomifobia.

He is survived by his wife and five children, ten grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren; his sister Maryella Hartwell of Lennoxville, also several nieces and nephews.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Hatley

Mrs. Wm. Cutler

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bowen, Cambridge, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bowen, Bramalea, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bowen and Mrs. May MacDonald, Massawippi were supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cutler recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Drew spent a recent weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Smith and Bradley at Mansonville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jobel, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cutler attended the founding meeting of the North Hatley Historical Society at the North Hatley Community Hall on Saturday, April 24.

Mrs. Marie Hartwell, Sherbrooke, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hartwell and Mr. and Mrs. B. Cutler one day recently.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hartwell in the recent death of their brother-in-law Guy Martin of Lennoxville.



Birth

PAXTON — Jerry Paxton and Nanette Meunier from Coaticook are proud to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Jerry Paxton, born April 16, 1993 at 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 20½ inches. A little brother for their first child, Amanda.

Card of Thanks

BURNS — I offer thanks to all those who have been kind to me since my accident. The doctors and nurses at the CHUS gave me excellent care during the 5 weeks I spent there. Neighbours Verna Westgate, Ilah Batley and others have been most kind. My sincere thanks to all who visited, phoned or sent get-well cards, especially the United Church Women who remembered me so well. Thanks to all the members of my family who rallied around at the time of my accident and to my daughter and her husband, Howard Ryshpan, who stayed until I was well on the road to recovery.

ILEANA BURNS

ROSS — The family of the late William (Bill) Ross of Kitchener, Ont., wish to express their sincere appreciation for the many cards, flowers and donations during the time of sorrow of their husband, father and grandfather.

THE ROSS FAMILY

Death

BILLING-ROSS, Mae — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on Saturday, May 15, 1993, Mae Billing in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Arthur James Ross and dear mother of Basil of St. Elie d'Orford. Sister of the late Gladys, the late Stuart, the late Wesley Billing and sister-in-law of Greta of Richmond. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Resting at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil St., Sherbrooke, where funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1993 at 1:30 p.m., the Rev. Keith Dickerson officiating. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation on Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. On day of funeral at 12:30. There will be an Eastern Star service on Monday at 7 p.m.

Card of Thanks

BROWN — We wish to express our thanks to L.O. Cass and staff, friends and relatives who came to the funeral home and cards received. Also those who made donations to the Cancer Society, Children's Wish Foundation and A.D.S. Elementary School French Department in memory of George Alton Brown. It was very much appreciated.

DAVID, MARLENE & CRAIG
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 "THE BROWN FAMILY"

Deaths

EVANS, Elizabeth Anne (Betty) — Entered into rest at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, Ont. on Sunday, May 16, 1993 at the age of 70 years. Beloved wife of the late Lewis Evans. Dear mother of Anne and her husband Ian Bolton of Bolton, Ont., Lewis and his wife Catherine of Lennoxville, Tom and his wife Heather of Ottawa, Alan and his wife Jane of Lachine, Que. Loving grandmother of Ian, Carrie, Lewis, Emily, Sarah, Julia, Martha and Michael. Dear sister of William Morewood of New Jersey. Friends are invited to attend the funeral service at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Park at Pine Street, Brockville on Tuesday, May 18 at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at St. James Anglican Cemetery, Maitland. Memorial donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the Canadian Wildlife Fund would be greatly appreciated. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Irvine Funeral Home and Chapel, 4 James St. East, Brockville, Ont.

PATTENDEN, Freda (Vaughan) — Peacefully at the BMP Hospital, Cowansville on May 16, 1993, in her 85th year. Mrs. Freda Pattenden, wife of the late John Pattenden, former resident of Stanbridge Ridge. She leaves to mourn her niece Hilda Davis, her nephews, Bruce and Robert Davis, and Greg Vaughan. Resting at Dion Funeral Home, 215 River St., Bedford. Visitation on Tuesday, May 18 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the funeral home, Wednesday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m., the Rev. Wallace Sparling officiating. Interment in the Stanbridge Ridge Cemetery.

Cemetery Meeting

EATON

The annual meeting of the Eaton Cemetery Association will be held in the Bulwer Community Centre on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. Dorothy Loveland, Secretary-Treasurer.

Brookbury

Daisy A. Allison

Weekend guests of Mrs. Eva Lebourveau, Rita and George Lebourveau and Mary Lebourveau were Mrs. Sandra McCain and daughter, Jodie Beth, from New Jersey, U.S.A. This was the first time these people have ever visited Canada. They also called at the old Ord farm which is now the home of Robert and Penny Coleman and family.

Daisy Allison appreciates the many friends and relatives who have visited her in the past couple of months since she has not been well and unable to attend the many meetings and church. She also wishes to thank everyone for all the goodies, fruit and other things sent in to help with the meals and all the get-well cards and phone calls.

This may be the last news I shall be writing for the Record because by June 30, I plan to retire from this job, as my poor health will not allow me to carry on any longer.

Anyone wishing to renew their Record subscription prior to that date, please let me know and I will do it for them.

I thank everyone for their help in the past, I have enjoyed the work very much. Sincerely, Daisy Allison.

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

MEMORIES OF YOU

Oh, Herman, how I miss you on this day
 It was two years ago on May 12th, 1991
 That Jesus took you home to stay
 And I still miss you each day.

I have all of memories of the days gone by
 And how I cherish them as the time rolls by
 It was so hard to say goodbye
 But we will meet again in the Sweet By 'n' By.

When I awake each morning, my thoughts are of you
 We were so much in love, and to each other so true
 So after forty-four years there is bound to be tears
 No one to share my thoughts, no one to calm my fears.

Our Dear Friend Ernie left us to be with you
 You must have so much to talk about
 So many things to tinker on, and so much to do
 And we miss the both of you.

We will always love you, our dear dad
 The children talk about you and are so sad
 But we will look on the bright side and say
 We will be back together, on that Blessed day.
 We love you dad.

Mom, Mabel and Alan
 Adios Mia Amigo-God Bless
 Helen Brown Burton
 Ayer's Cliff, Que.

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Your Birthday

May 18, 1993

In the year ahead your opportunities might come to you in a serialized fashion. Each one could be important, so strive to develop it fully before moving on to the next.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The only thing that can impede your progress today is your own self-doubts concerning whether your ideas and methods are feasible. You'll never know whether they are or aren't unless you try. 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 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take care of projects today that require immediate attention, but, by the same token, start now to plan ahead a bit. What you conceive can be achieved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might have a second opportunity to try for something that you were unable to achieve through radical techniques. This time, use traditional methods.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you associate with people today who have integrity and are reliable, your chances for success are substantially enhanced. Avoid those who do not, no matter how clever they appear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A pal of yours has some get-rich-quick schemes that are alluring, but they might work out more on paper than in the real world. Spend your time and energy on something more productive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Being squeamish or bashful about calling and getting together with someone who is waiting to hear from you could be a mistake. You might be passing up something good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The quickest way to accomplish a tedious task today is to focus on what you're doing, and not on the lines of least resistance. Your shortcuts could put you on a dead-end street.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You know you're a nice guy or gal and so do your friends, and they like you as you are. However, you might try to please someone today who just can't be pleased.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You won't be unpopular at home today if you buy only the necessities and forego the luxuries. Your family knows the household budget limitations as well as you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you think before you speak today, your comments will have a profound effect upon your listeners. If your tongue is engaged before your mind is, it will be another story.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's no reason to feel guilty if you can't be equally generous to everyone today. Give and do what you can for those who have truly legitimate needs.

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He discards, you switch

By Phillip Alder

You are defending against three no-trump. Partner leads fourth-highest from his longest and strongest. You win an early trick and — all things being equal — do what? Right — you lead back partner's suit. But there is an occasion when you should know that this isn't the best continuation. (No, I don't mean when you have a solid suit of your own.)

You are sitting in the East chair. Your partner leads the heart four: three, 10, queen. Declarer plays the diamond queen: seven, three. How do you plan the defense?

Probably your first thought is to win with the diamond ace and return the heart seven. You hope partner can cash four heart tricks, having started with A-J-x-x-x.

However, there is another possibility: that your partner has five weak hearts and four strong clubs. How do you know which it is?

You don't, but you will if you have patience. Although the dummy has a guaranteed entry, you should hold up the diamond ace until partner has had a chance to make a discard. Here that is the third round. Then you should rely on your partner to make a helpful discard.

If he throws a low club, return a heart. But if he pitches one of his hearts, he is warning you that the suit isn't ready to run. Then you should switch to a club.

However, your problems aren't over. To which club should you switch? As you need to take four club tricks immediately, you should lead the jack.

When you aren't sure how to continue the defense, give partner a chance to signal.

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GRATITUDE

For every hill I've had to climb
 For every stone that bruised my feet
 For all the blood and sweat and grime
 For all blinding storms and burning heat
 My heart sings but a grateful song —
 These were the things that made me strong.

For all the heartaches and the tears
 For all the anguish and the pain
 For gloomy days and fruitless years
 And for the hopes that I lived in vain
 I do give thanks for now I know these were the things
 that made me strong.

Daisy Johnston Brome, Que.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Succor
 5 Discard
 10 Red as a —
 14 Indigo plant
 15 Gene Tierney film classic
 16 Bronte's "Jane —"
 17 Singer from Texas
 19 Boundary
 20 Run away
 21 Terminal
 23 High mountain
 24 Longest river in the world
 25 Actress Ursula
 29 Went back on a promise
 32 Yorkshire city
 33 To one side
 35 Ear: pref.
 36 Liquid meas.
 37 Gonfalons
 38 Small amount
 39 Under the weather
 40 As — (usually)
 41 Home of Arizona State U.
 42 Resolute
 44 Certain Navy men
 46 French menu word
 47 Doctors' gp.
 48 Surplus of goods
 51 Eloped to — Green
 54 Carpe —
 55 Singer from Melbourne
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 61 Clairvoyant
 62 "— as a judge"
 63 Straw beehive

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 2 Oklahoma city
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 4 Posters
 5 Declines

- 6 Quibble
 7 Seek office
 8 God of war
 9 Business associates
 10 — Bailey of the comics
 11 Singer from New York
 12 Therefore
 13 Lead-in to ager
 18 Chaucer's "The Canterbury —"
 22 "— it the truth?"
 25 Cold
 26 Greasy of football
 27 Singer from Detroit
 28 Port — (cheese)
 29 Fumes
 30 Day's march
 31 Cupolas
 34 Crony
 37 Some trains

- 38 Douglas and Lincoln, e.g.
 40 Charles' dog
 41 Less wild
 43 Kind of window
 45 Paid worker
 48 Pindar products
 49 Holding device
 50 Architect — Saarinen
 51 Autry or Barry
 52 Bismarck's state: abbr.
 53 Axlike tool
 56 Women's —
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Leafs coach furious, has to be restrained

McSorley takes L.A. loss out on Gilmour's head

By Neil Stevens

TORONTO (CP) — Doug Gilmour took apart the Los Angeles Kings, then Marty McSorley tried to take apart Gilmour.

Gilmour scored two goals and set up two others in a 4-1 Toronto victory Monday night. Game 1 of the Campbell Conference final ended with McSorley attacking Gilmour and Leafs captain Wendel Clark fighting McSorley in retaliation.

As the mess was being sorted out, Leafs coach Pat Burns charged toward the Kings bench, yelling and pointing his finger at Kings coach Barry Melrose. Burns was restrained in the corridor between the benches.

Talk about bad blood!

Amazingly, despite bashing bodies every second day since April 19, the Leafs skated circles around the Kings in the third period. Goals by Glenn Anderson, Gilmour and Bill Berg accompanied an onslaught in which Toronto outshot Los Angeles 20-1 in the first 17 minutes of the period, 22-1 overall in the third and 47-29 for the game.

Gilmour moved ahead of the Kings' Wayne Gretzky in the playoff scoring race with 26 points. Gretzky picked up an assist on a Pat Conacher goal and now has 24 points.

It was 1-1 starting the third period and caution was the course in the early going. Nobody wanted to make an errant pass or miss a checking assignment that would lead to the tie-breaking goal.

Kings forward Jarri Kurri made a bad pass in the seventh minute and Peter Zedel slapped a rocket that goalie Kelly Hrudey

somehow blocked. The Leafs picked up their pace and Hrudey made outstanding saves off Anderson and Clark.

The capacity crowd of 15,750 really got into it now.

"Go, Leafs, go," they chanted.

A roar of approval went up when Gilmour hipchecked Alexei Zhitnik head over heels away from the play.

The Leafs had grabbed the momentum.

Anderson put Toronto up 2-1 with a goal that only a player with his vast experience could have managed. Gilmour passed from behind the net and Anderson was all alone in front of Hrudey. He faked a shot. Hrudey went down. Anderson pulled the puck to his backhand and slipped it off the inside of the goal post at 9:49.

Gilmour put in a rebound while being felled at 10:55.

Berg rammed in another one on a pass from Gilmour from behind the net at 15:21. Zhitnik elbowed Gilmour to the ice as he made the pass.

McSorley charged Gilmour and floored him with an elbow with 2:34 remaining. Clark dropped his gloves and went for McSorley and the brawl was on.

Gilmour struggled to his feet and cruised by the Kings bench. Darryl Sydor shoved the butt end of his stick towards Gilmour, who grabbed the stick. The linesmen intervened.

Game 2 is Wednesday at the Gardens.

Los Angeles took six of the first seven shots on goal, then the Leafs had the next eight. On a power play, Gilmour pushed the puck from under Hrudey's glove and over the goal line but referee

Dan Marouelli had blown his whistle.

At 17:19, Gilmour, stationed at the front of the crease with his back to Hrudey and with Kings defenceman Rob Blake checking him, deflected in a Bob Rouse pass.

Los Angeles got a manpower advantage when Kent Mander-ville was nabbed for hooking at 17:50. The Kings had Potvin down, but Gretzky lifted the puck over the crossbar.

In the second period, Potvin showed his smarts when he lunged from his crease to thrust out his stick blade and block a Mike Donnelly-to-Millen cross-ice pass on a 2-on-0 Kings rush. The Kings pressed again after killing a Tony Granato tripping penalty at 6:49 and Potvin went down to stack his leg pads across the crease and rob Granato of a tap-in goal on a 3-on-2 rush.

Conacher tied it at 14:59. Defenceman Dave Ellett was concentrating on Gretzky on the right wing. Conacher skated down the middle, took a Gretzky pass, sailed past Ellett and his backhand zinged off the inside of a post.

The Kings got their second manpower advantage when Sylvain Lefebvre was sent off for interference at 17:28 of the second but they couldn't break the tie.

Notes: Going back 50 years, 71 per cent of teams winning the first game of a conference or Stanley Cup final have gone on to win the series. . . This season, the winner of Game 1 has advanced in eight of the 12 series played. . . Gretzky owns 15 NHL playoff records, including most points (330), most goals (103) and most assists (227).

Martinez drops to 2-5

Red-hot Braves snap Expos four-game winning streak

ATLANTA (AP) — Steve Avery, 0-4 lifetime against Montreal, gave up two runs in 5 2-3 innings to help the Atlanta Braves beat the Montreal Expos 5-2 Monday night.

Atlanta has won eight of its last 10 games, while the Expos had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Avery (3-2) gave up four hits, walked one and struck out four. It was his eighth career start against Montreal. Mike Stanton got the last three outs for his major league-leading 16th save.

Sid Bream drove in a pair of runs with a double for the Braves.

Atlanta tagged Dennis Martinez (2-5) for nine hits and five runs in five innings. Martinez, 8-4 lifetime against the Braves, hadn't lost since June 29, 1990, to Atlanta, winning five games in a row.

Bream's double was the key hit in a three-run third inning. Jeff Blauser led off with a double and David Justice drew a one-out walk. Ron Gant's bouncer got past third baseman Mike Lansing for an error, scoring Blauser. Bream then doubled to centre for two more runs.

The Braves scored a run in the second inning on Greg Olson's RBI single.

In the fifth, Justice doubled and took third on a ground out. Bream then walked, and intentionally got caught in a rundown between first and second. Second baseman Delino DeShields tagged him out, but fell over Bream in doing so, and Justice scored easily.

The Expos, held to only two hits in the first five innings, scored twice in the sixth and chased Avery.

Pinch-hitter Lou Frazier led off the sixth with a single and DeShields followed with another single, sending Frazier to third. Mike Lansing's sacrifice fly brought in one run and when Avery walked Larry Walker, reliever Marvin Freeman relieved.

Moises Alou, who had two hits, got the second run home with a single to left.

Pirates 9 Mets 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Met-killer Randy Tomlin did it again, pitching the Pittsburgh Pirates past Dwight Gooden

and New York 9-4 Monday night.

Tomlin (2-4) improved to 9-0 lifetime with a 2.05 ERA against the Mets. He won despite leaving in the sixth inning because of tightness in his left elbow.

The Mets have lost four in a row, seven of eight and 17 of 21. Gooden (4-4) gave up three runs in the first inning and the Mets trailed the rest of the way.

Tomlin had dropped his last three starts, but regained his form, as usual, against the Mets. He struck out Vince Coleman on three pitches to begin the first inning and held a 5-2 lead after the fifth.

Tomlin gave up a lead-off double in the sixth, and manager Jim Leyland pulled his injured pitcher. Tomlin gave up five hits, walked none and struck out two.

Reliever Blas Minor allowed RBI-singles to Bobby Bonilla and Tony Fernandez later in the sixth.

Gooden was in trouble from the start. He walked Al Martin to start the game, and a single by Jay Bell set up a two-run double by Andy Van Slyke. Orlando Merced singled home the third run of the first inning.

Bell hit his second home run in the fourth and Don Slaught singled home a run in the fifth. The Pirates scored four times in the ninth against three pitchers on a two-run double by Merced and sacrifice flies by Jeff King and Tom Foley.

Fernandez, back in the lineup after missing seven games because of a kidney stone, hit a sacrifice fly in the second inning and Jeff McKnight followed with an RBI grounder.

Giants 8 Astros 7

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds tied the score with a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Robby Thompson hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning as the San Francisco Giants beat the Houston Astros 8-7 Monday.

It was the first-place Giants' third straight victory, giving them a two-game lead over Houston in the NL West. The Astros had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Thompson's fly ball scored Kirt Manwaring from third base and gave the Giants their

sixth victory in seven games.

After winner Dave Burba (3-2) retired the side in the top of the 10th, Manwaring led off with a single off Doug Jones (1-2). Willie McGee sacrificed and Darren Lewis singled off Ken Caminiti's glove at third, moving Manwaring to third.

Jeff Bagwell's three-run homer in the top of the seventh inning on a 0-2 pitch from reliever Mike Jackson gave the Astros a 7-5 lead. But Bonds's two-run homer off Xavier Hernandez in the bottom of the inning tied the score.

Matt Williams hit his major league-leading 13th homer with a runner on base to highlight San Francisco's three-run third inning off Greg Swindell.

The Giants added two runs in the fourth on a two-out triple by Lewis. But Houston made it 5-4 with a pair of unearned runs in the fifth.

Caminiti's leadoff homer in the second inning, his fifth, opened the scoring for Houston and Swindell added a bloop RBI single.

Blue Jays 9 Red Sox 3

BOSTON (AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays batted around Roger Clemens in a five-run sixth inning, beating him in Fenway Park for the first time in five seasons with a 9-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Monday night.

Clemens (5-3), who pitched with an extra day of rest after throwing 143 pitches in a shutout against Baltimore, was tagged for six runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings, the first time he didn't pitch into the seventh since last Sept. 17. Clemens had won his previous six home starts against Toronto.

Pat Hentgen (5-2) pitched five-hit ball for seven innings, struck out four and walked three.

With the score tied 1-1, Alfredo Griffin and Devon White singled opening the sixth, and both scored on a single by Roberto Alomar, who then stole second and scored on Paul Molitor's single. Molitor stole second and scored one out later on Darnell Coles's sacrifice fly. Darrin Jackson then singled, and Pat Borders's RBI single chased Clemens.

Toronto, which has homered in 11 consecutive games, got solo shots from John Olerud in the fifth and Molitor in the seventh. Olerud has six homers this season and Molitor seven.

Boston scored in the first on an RBI single by Mike Greenwell, who bruised his lower-right rib cage on a swing in the fourth and left three outs later. He was listed as day to day.

Boston got a run in seventh on a Hentgen's wild pitch. Molitor and Olerud hit RBI singles in the ninth, and John Valentin singled home a run in the bottom of the inning.

Laval Titan start praying as Memorial chances grow dim

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP) — Bob Hartley believes in miracles.

That's good, because the Laval Titan is going to need one to reach the Memorial Cup playoffs.

"We're down, there's no doubt, but we've been down before and showed our character by coming back," says the general manager-coach with the boyish good looks that make him appear younger than his 32 years. "Back in November we were fifth in our division and

people were saying we wouldn't even make the playoffs. Now look where we are."

Representing the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League at the Memorial Cup, Laval is one loss away from going home in last place in the Canadian Hockey League's annual showcase event.

Yet, Hartley and the Titan are drawing solace from the fact that the two losses have been by a total of just three

goals. In the tournament opener Saturday night, Laval dropped a 3-2 decision to the Soo Greyhounds, then spotted the Peterborough Petes a 4-0 first-period lead before falling short 6-4 Sunday.

Laval, an incredible 12-1 in its QMJHL championship march, can't afford another setback. But up next are the Swift Current Broncos, who looked solid in defeating the Greyhounds 5-3 Sunday afternoon. That game goes Wednesday night (7:30 p.m. EDT, TSN)

Tigres' Daigle named the CHL's top NHL prospect

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP) — An American reached the peak of the Canadian Hockey League on Monday night.

Pat Peake, the high-scoring centre with the Ontario Hockey League's Detroit Jr. Red Wings who hails from Rochester, Mich., was named the CHL's player of the year at the league's annual awards banquet.

Peake, 19, is the second American to be named Canadian junior hockey's top performer. Pat LaFontaine, who now stars

with the NHL's Buffalo Sabres, claimed the honor in 1983 while with the Verdun Jr. Canadiens.

Also nominated for the award were forward Jason Krywulak of the WHL's Swift Current Broncos and goaltender Jocelyn Thibault of the Quebec League's Sherbrooke Faucons, who was named the CHL's top netminder.

Centre Alexander Daigle of the Victoriaville Tigres was named the CHL's top NHL prospect, which must have been no surprise to pro scouts, who

have touted the slick centre as a possible first-overall pick at this year's draft. The affable Daigle makes no bones about his intention of wanting to stick with the NHL.

"Playing in the NHL at 18 would be a great feeling," he said with a big smile. "I've got to think positive and work hard and be prepared to play because that's what I want."

"But if the coach tells me I have to go back to junior, then I will."

Thibault snags honor

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP) — Individual winners Monday at the Canadian Hockey League's annual awards banquet (finalists in parentheses):

Top Goaltender

Jocelyn Thibault, Sherbrooke Faucons (Manny Le-

gace, Niagara Falls Thunder; Trevor Robins, Brandon Wheat Kings).

Coach of The Year

Marcel Comeau, Tacoma Rockets (Guy Chouinard, Sherbrooke Faucons; Gary Agnew, London Knights).

Scholastic Player of The Year

David Trofimenkoff, G.

Lethbridge Hurricanes (Jocelyn Thibault, G.

Sherbrooke

Faucons; Tim Spitzig, RW,

Kitchener Rangers).

Jordan basket at the buzzer sends Bulls past Cavaliers

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — In a building where his heroics have become routine, Michael Jordan did it again Monday night.

He sank a remarkable fall-away jumper from the right side of the foul line at the buzzer, beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-101 and sending the Chicago Bulls to the Eastern Conference finals for the fifth straight time.

The victory was the Bulls' ninth consecutive in the playoffs, dating to last year's NBA finals. They swept Atlanta in three straight and Cleveland in four straight so far this season.

Jordan, still bothered by the sprained right wrist sustained last Thursday, scored 31 points on 11-of-24 shooting. He also grabbed nine rebounds.

With the score 101-101, the Bulls rebounded Craig Ehlo's missed shot and called time

with 18.5 seconds left. They then got the ball to Jordan, guarded closely by Gerald Wilkins. As the final seconds ticked, Jordan — his back to Wilkins — wheeled and faded, letting go of a shot that nestled into the net as the buzzer sounded.

"I knew I had three seconds to get off the shot," Jordan said. "They gave me room to work and by the time they sent somebody over to help it was too late."

The shot was only a few feet away from the spot where he sank a 16-footer over Ehlo to beat Cleveland at the buzzer in a deciding first-round game in 1989. It also came on the same floor where Jordan scored a career-high 69 points in 1990.

"I had a hand in his face," Wilkins said. "He just knew it was going in, and he had ended our season. He ruled."

Brad Daugherty led the Ca-

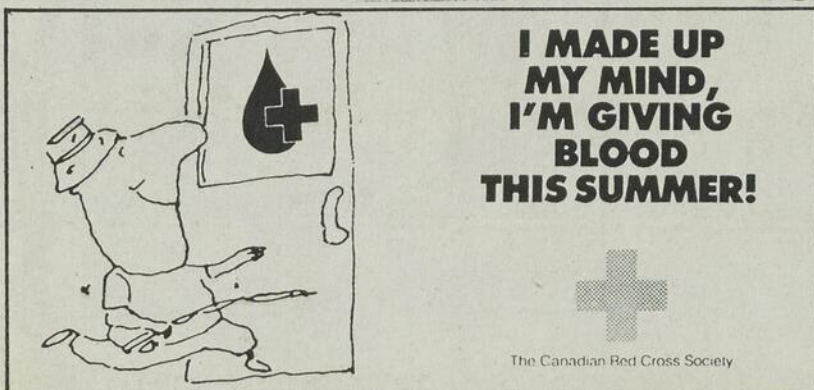
valiers with 25 points and 13 rebounds before fouling out with 1:16 to play. Wilkins scored 22.

Jordan, who scored 24 points in the second half, was backed by Scottie Pippen with 17 points and Horace Grant with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The Cavaliers led most of the second half and threatened to break it open several times. But each time they built a double-digit lead, Jordan answered.

His short bank shot cut Cleveland's lead to nine with 7:19 to go in the third quarter. He twice sank 3-pointers to reduce double-figure leads to single digits.

The Cavstook their last lead, 99-96, on Wilkins's 3-pointer, but Jordan outscored them 7-2 the rest of the way, hitting two foul shots, a three-point play on a twisting drive off a fastbreak and, finally, the winner.



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