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Grey to challenge French-test rule

MONTREAL (CP) — Constitutional lawyer Julius Grey said Wednesday he will challenge a provincial regulation that requires professionals to pass a French grammar test.

Grey announced his intention after abandoning a case involving a dentist who went to court when he was refused permission to practise because he had failed a grammar test. The case was dropped when the dentist passed the exam on his fourth attempt. Andrea Berardelli was originally refused the right to practise

after graduating from McGill University's dental school last year.

Although he passed the oral and comprehensive sections of French tests imposed by the Office de la langue française, Berardelli failed a written grammar exam.

In December, Berardelli took the exam again, passed and was

given a language-competence certificate allowing him to practise.

Since modifications to Quebec's language charter in 1988, high-school graduates have been considered sufficiently knowledgeable in French and do not need to take further tests before entering a profession. Berardelli finished his secondary education

in 1985.

Grey indicated in court documents that he is ready to challenge the government tests on two grounds.

Terming the requirement for French tests illegal, Grey said the province's mandate is to ensure only that professionals obtain the skills needed to carry out their tasks. Written gram-

mar, he argued, is hardly essential in dentistry.

The exams are also discriminatory, Grey contends.

Under the law, anglophones from outside the province can obtain exemptions from the exams for up to three years. Such exemptions are not available for permanent Quebec residents.

Bouchard bans breast implant

By Helen Branswell

OTTAWA (CP) — Health Minister Benoit Bouchard has told manufacturers of silicone breast implants to temporarily stop distributing them in Canada — two days after they did so voluntarily.

Three American manufacturers — who produce 95 per cent of the silicone gel implants sold in Canada — voluntarily agreed to withdraw them from sale worldwide two days ago in response to a plea from U.S. health officials.

Bouchard insisted it would have been irresponsible for his department to immediately parrot Monday's call by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a temporary moratorium on the use of silicone filled breast implants.

Critics, however, have suggested his actions amounted to too little, too late.

"Why have (they) waited 48 hours?" asked Liberal MP Don Boudria. "The minister says: 'Well, we mustn't automatically imitate the Americans.'"

"But I say to you if the product is made in the United States and it was banned in the United States... well what possible excuse or reason or otherwise do we have for waiting that extra 48 hours?"

NDP MP Lynn Hunter called Bouchard's announcement "a crisis management of the worst kind."

"We should be putting a moratorium on these," she said, her voice quivering with anger. "We should be instructing doctors that they (should) do no further surgery with these devices."

Bouchard didn't go that far, saying he trusts the professionalism of doctors.

As early as Monday, there were indications many Cana-

dian doctors would avoid using the silicone implants while the American moratorium continued.

Following Bouchard's announcement, Montreal plastic surgeon Carolyn Kerrigan said it wouldn't be advisable to ignore the clear intent of Bouchard's statement.

"I would not think it would be very prudent for somebody to (implant a silicone version) against a recommendation by the minister of health," said Kerrigan, who is secretary of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons.

The society hasn't told its members to stop using silicone implants. But Kerrigan said she planned to discuss the issue with the society's president.

"Presumably we will follow the recommendation of the health minister."

Bouchard took responsibility for the decision not to move until Wednesday.

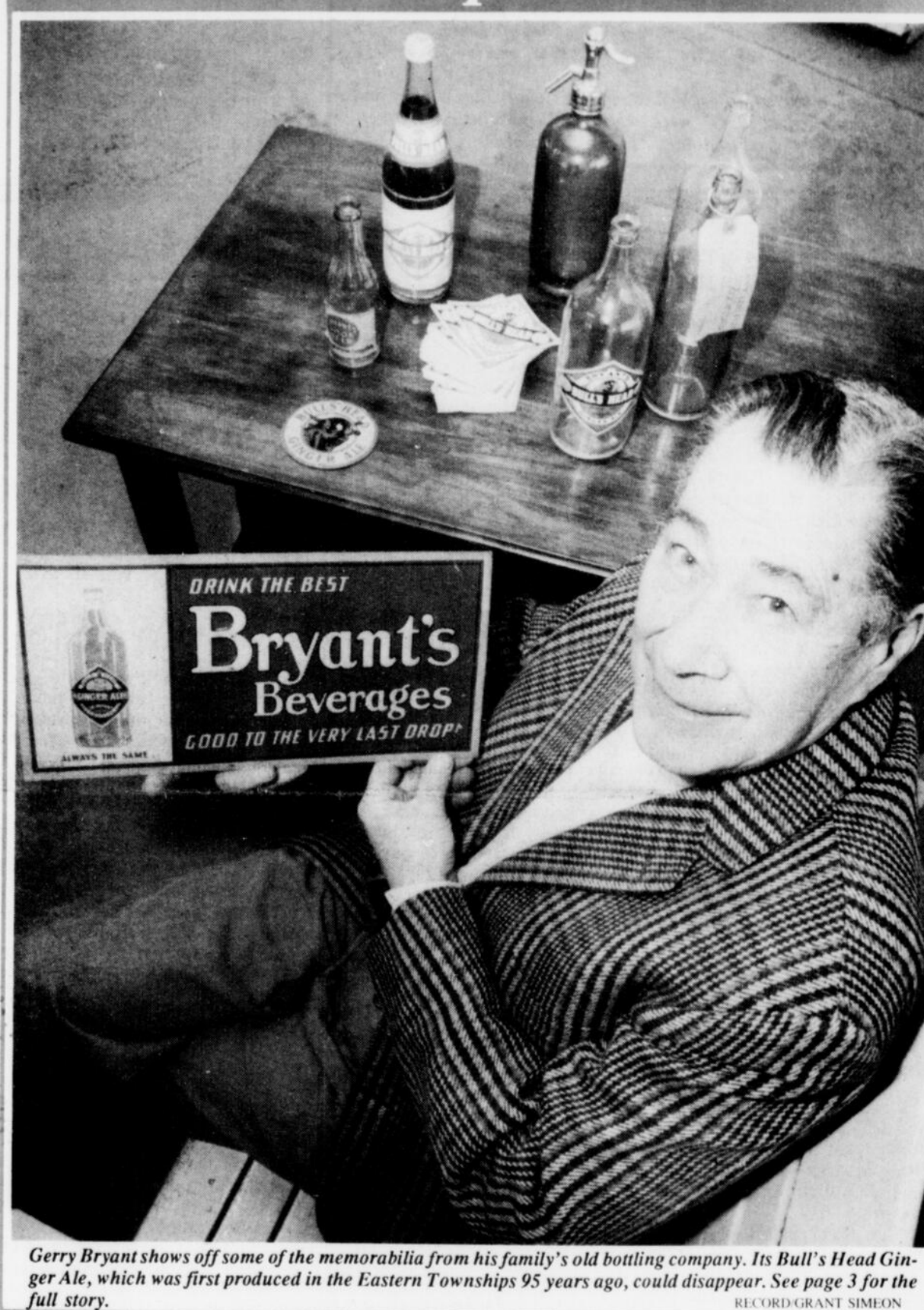
"I personally decided (Tuesday) to wait to make the decision until today, with the hope of having the necessary information that would let us judge for ourselves," he said.

But by late Wednesday, his department still had not received the new information which led to the FDA decision. "After two days, I can't wait any longer."

The FDA's action was based on information including the fact that some doctors were reporting an increase in the number of cases of auto-immune disorders — like arthritis and lupus — among women with silicone gel implants.

The Health Department estimates about 150,000 Canadian women have had implants since the products came on the market.

A Townships tradition



Gerry Bryant shows off some of the memorabilia from his family's old bottling company. Its Bull's Head Ginger Ale, which was first produced in the Eastern Townships 95 years ago, could disappear. See page 3 for the full story.

RECORD GRANT SIMEON

President is feeling healthier

TOKYO (AP) — President George Bush, who collapsed to the floor at a state dinner in the Japanese capital Wednesday, was reported "up and about" today and ready to resume his schedule for the final day of his trade mission.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Bush is suffering "some weakness" from stomach flu but he did not require further medication and planned to keep most of his schedule, including a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

"The doctors are certain that there are no other illness or problems related to this," Fitzwater said. "The president is human. He gets sick."

Fitzwater said Bush had a good night's sleep after the collapse and was "up and about" and making telephone calls at his guest quarters in Akasaka Palace.

Fitzwater refused to say whether Bush lost consciousness after vomiting and sliding to the floor during the incident at a state dinner hosted by the prime minister.

"He fainted. All his vital signs were normal. That's all I'm willing to say," Fitzwater said.

The president left the dinner immediately and went to bed early after taking anti-nausea medication.

The White House said he would skip a breakfast meeting today but then resume his schedule — a rigorous agenda calling for a trade talks, a speech, a helicopter trip to a Kodak plant, a news conference and another state dinner.

"I just wanted to get a little attention," Bush said with a wan smile and a wave to guests as he left Wednesday night's dinner, given by Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

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Yeltsin defends harsh reforms

MOSCOW (AP) — Shoppers angered by soaring prices heckled Russian President Boris Yeltsin as he began a two-day tour of the republic Wednesday and he told farmers the public that once "adored" him is "applauding no more."

Yeltsin's remarks, run on national TV, were his first admission the freeing of prices across Russia on Jan. 2 has cut into his popularity.

But he showed no sign of backing down.

"No one dared to start this reform for seven years," he told farmers near the southern Russian city Saratov.

"If we had done it two or three years ago, we would be living normally now."

Yeltsin is campaigning to quell unrest and urge Russia's 147 million people to give his economic policies a chance to work.

For weeks, he has told Russians freeing prices and privatizing industry will begin to raise living standards by 1993. But the largest and most powerful of the former Soviet republics will

first have to struggle through six to eight difficult months, he has warned.

Shoppers across the republic have shown their anger since Russia last week raised prices on staple foods and generally removed price controls.

Consumers smashed store windows in former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev's home district, the southern city Stavropol, this week to protest against the soaring cost of meat. Officials lowered the prices after death threats were made, Tass news agency reported.

SURROUNDED, HECKLED

Yeltsin was surrounded and heckled by shoppers at a state store in Saratov, a city of 920,000 people along the Volga River, about 750 kilometres southeast of Moscow.

Later, he told dozens of workers at the former Osinovskiy State Farm — recently privatized — "of course there is no applause" by the Russian people for his price reform.

"They applauded before the presidential election" last June, Yeltsin said, standing next to a rusty tractor.

OTTAWA (CP) — Public health officials are becoming frustrated with their inability to dispel what they see as greatly exaggerated public concern about meningitis.

They are also baffled about why each new case of meningitis is receiving widespread publicity, when hundreds of cases that occurred annually in past years didn't make the news at all.

"I think with the publicizing

of each case, that really takes on a momentum that can exaggerate the impact," Francoise Bouchard, director of the West Quebec public health department, said at a news conference Wednesday.

She was fielding questions about the meningitis situation as two new suspected cases were reported in the Ottawa-Hull area. Both cases involve young people.

Bouchard sparred with reporters who challenged her assertion that there is no epidemic of the disease.

"There's some kind of backlash about it because the more we try to be open about it the more we are being targeted," said a visibly angry Bouchard.

In the past month there have been 11 deaths from meningitis in Canada, most of them in Ontario and Quebec. The scare

began when three Ottawa high school students suddenly died from the disease within two days in mid-December.

"It's unusual to have this number of deaths clustered together in time and geographically," said Jo Anne Ford of the federal Health Department. "But you have to look at what is happening in the large picture."

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Meningitis fear excessive — official

Natives: Self-government key to unity

By Gerry Arnold

OTTAWA (CP) — The Assembly of First Nations said Wednesday it is willing to be a partner in a new Constitution if natives are treated as equals and granted self-government.

The assembly's presentation to Parliament's constitutional committee was the first time the committee heard from a native group since it began work in September.

"We are interested in building a new Canada," said Moses Okimaw, an adviser to the assembly. But he added that Parliament and the courts will first have to justify the myth of Crown title to lands held for centuries by natives.

"A new Canada would mean that we would be self-governing."

The assembly represents

about a half million status Indians in Canada.

There's no question native self-government will be a key to any constitutional deal. It's less clear what self-government means and what federal, provin-

cial and municipal laws will cover natives.

The government package for reform proposes a court-protected right to self-government for natives, who insist on an enshrined inherent

right.

Committee members admit it will be tough defining an inherent right to self-government that doesn't have international implications. For instance, the

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Warrant issued for Lasagna

ST-JEROME (CP) — A bench warrant has been issued for Ronald (Lasagna) Cross after the Mohawk Warrior failed to show up at his trial Wednesday.

Defence lawyer Julio Peris was at a loss to explain his client's absence.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Benjamin Greenberg adjourned proceedings Wednesday morning for a few hours in hopes that Cross would show up.

Greenberg told court that the

Crown was ready to deliver its closing arguments in the case, but that the trial would not go ahead without Cross.

He told the jury it should keep an open mind and not "draw any untoward conclusions" about Cross's absence.

Outside the courtroom, Peris said he will try to locate Cross before the trial resumes Thursday.

"I can't be mad, I don't know

what happened," he said. "I have no reasons to explain why he isn't here."

Cross is facing 40 charges, ranging from uttering threats to assault, stemming from the 78-day standoff at Oka in the summer of 1990.

Gordon (Noriega) Lazore and Roger Lazore are also on trial facing 15 and 10 charges respectively. They were present Wednesday.

A scary sight



RECORD/MIKE SHAHIN

Three men and one woman were injured in a two-car accident in Fleurimont Wednesday afternoon when this 1980 Cadillac apparently lost control and collided with a 1983 Ford car on Route 112, or King Street East, near Champigny.

Sherbrooke police say the four people — Cadillac driver Marcel Veilleux and passenger Luc Mercier and Ford driver Claude Couture and passenger Claudette Letendre — were treated for 'light injuries' at Hotel-Dieu Hospital. Three of the injured are from Sherbrooke, and one is from Ascot Corner.

Lennoxville youth centre looking for more interest

By Angela Christopher

LENNOXVILLE — When the Lennoxville CLSC conducted a survey in the mid-80s about kids in the 12-18 age group and recreation for them, they found out there was none.

So they asked the children what they wanted. "A place of our own," they said. In 1987 the Lennoxville Youth Centre (Maison des jeunes) was created to provide kids with a place where they could hang out.

The centre's board of directors will have an open house on January 27, which may be attended by Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Immigration and Cultural Affairs Minister and Jean Charest, Environment Minister, to promote the centre and encourage kids to visit.

There are as many as 200 maisons des jeunes in Quebec and 20 to 25 of those are located in the Eastern Townships. The centre in Lennoxville receives \$40,000 yearly from the Ministry of Social Affairs, which is used to pay the three staff members who work at the centre full time.

Carole Bergeron, coordinator at the centre, said that despite all attempts to encourage the

estimated 250 kids who live in the Lennoxville area to come to the centre, the attendance remains low. She attributes the problem to misconceptions about the centre.

"It is not an activity centre, nor a place where drugs or alcohol are permitted," she said. "It is a place where adult supervisors provide guidance for teenagers; a place that they can do their homework, socialize and have workshops on subjects that are

of interest to them."

"People don't know what a maison des jeunes is about," said Bergeron in an interview.

In September of 1991 the Board of Directors discovered that the place was not being used to its full potential. The centre counts a regular attendance of 15-20 kids, when the number should be closer to 30-35.

Bergeron said that in spite of the low attendance at the centre, there are no plans to close it.



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Talk begins on need for federal right-to-die law

By Helen Branswell

OTTAWA (CP) — The landmark Nancy B. case in Quebec illustrates the need for federal legislation concerning the right to die with dignity, a number of experts suggest.

In a decision released Monday, a Quebec judge said a woman identified only as Nancy B. had the right to demand to be disconnected from a respirator that has been keeping her alive for the past 2-and-a-half years.

Some ethics experts say if the federal government doesn't pass legislation that clearly sets out the rules on the termination of essential medical treatment, the law will evolve through the courts.

That could lead to a piecemeal and confusing legal situation and could place a chill on doctor-patient relations, some medical ethicists suggest.

Barry Hoffmaster, director of the Westminster Institute for ethical studies in London, Ont., is concerned about the federal government's inaction in this

area. "The facts of these cases are often very special," Hoffmaster says. "So what might be a reasonable solution for that particular case gets viewed as a general policy pertaining to a whole host of cases that are different."

Eike Kluge, the former director of medical ethics for the Canadian Medical Association, says the case may improve the chances that a private member's bill being studied by a Commons committee will pass.

"This case puts pressure on the House committee not to dismiss the concerns that were raised by (Conservative MP) Bob Wenman and by those who supported that bill, suitably amended," says Kluge, who teaches philosophy at the University of Victoria.

PATIENT RIGHTS

Wenman's bill is designed to ensure terminally ill people have the right to refuse or stop medical treatment.

So far, it has been up against stiff odds.

Private member's bills rarely pass.

Critics have said this one is too simplistic and would set the country on the slippery slope toward euthanasia.

Furthermore, Justice Minister Kim Campbell doesn't like the bill and, while she hasn't said it would be killed, her support is likely crucial.

Kluge believes Wenman's bill

can be salvaged and he says doctors need the clear legal guidance that can only be provided by a law or legal precedent that has passed the test of an appeals court.

In his view, the Nancy B. case probably won't be a valid precedent because it is unlikely to be appealed.

Without that, doctors don't know where they stand legally, Kluge insists. "So you always

practise under the shadow of the jailer."

Margaret Somerville believes it's better for society in general if the jurisprudence is developed slowly, cautiously through the courts.

"This is such a sensitive area...it's so delicate that it's not a bad thing that every individual case is looked at on a case-by-case basis and we work out all those tiny little bits," says

Somerville, director of McGill University's Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law.

"I think an amended version of (Wenman's) bill will certainly not do any harm and I think it will reassure people on what the general principles are. But I think that it will still be necessary in each individual case to carefully work out how that case is to be handled."

Marceau had said earlier that the door was closed to people who wanted to talk Nancy out of it.

Meanwhile, Bill Edmondson, a former lounge musician who came down with the disorder eight years ago, said he wanted to convey a message of hope to the Quebec woman.

Edmondson said he was paralysed from the waist down but slowly got better and is able to

walk again.

"I walk a bit like Donald Duck, but so what?" says Edmondson, 45.

And a Winnipeg woman who wanted to remain anonymous said her four-year-old son was born with Guillain-Barre syndrome and doctors said he would never get off the respirator but he proved them wrong.

"He goes to school, he plays with a computer, he talks," she said. "The possibilities are endless."

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Polish immigrant buried in paperwork

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — A new federal-provincial immigration agreement designed to boost Quebec's French-speaking population may discourage many from coming here unless the province is able to patch some of the holes in its welcome mat.

Polish-born Alicja Celer says her encounters with Quebec's immigration department have left her feeling less than welcome. Celer says the ambiguities and tangled web of bureaucracy that have greeted her may be enough to discourage many from seeking entry to Quebec.

Although she received her papers as a landed immigrant from the Canadian government in December, Celer has been told by Quebec immigration officials she doesn't qualify for universal programs such as medicare in Quebec. Nor, they say, is she eligible for French-language cour-

ses in Quebec without a "certificate of acceptance" from the province.

Celer says a Quebec immigration official told her, "We don't give them to people already accepted as an immigrant."

And all this in spite of the fact the new immigration agreement guarantees full mobility rights to Canadian immigrants.

"All immigrants, under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, are free to live where they want in Canada," a government fact sheet states.

The agreement also gives Quebec \$325 million — 32 per cent of the total federal budget — for language training and integration programs for new immigrants.

Celer's paper-trail began in 1990, following her second visit to Canada. As a supervisor in the engineering faculty at Szczecin University in Poland, Celer, 32,

had an opportunity to meet Canadian exchange-students who spent time at the university.

In the summer of 1988 she accepted an invitation from McGill engineering student Colin Ryan of Mansonville to visit Canada.

ENJOYED VISIT

"I enjoyed the visit very much," Celer said in an interview this week.

"I came back in March 1990 to visit, and decided I'd like to stay," she added.

She was informed that the only possibility for her to emigrate would be under the sponsorship of the Polish Canadian Congress. Because of the political situation in Poland, the Polish-Canadian Congress was sponsoring citizens who met certain criteria.

"I went to the Polish Canadian Congress in Montreal and they told me they weren't accep-

ting any applications," she says. Celer then decided to try the Polish congress in Ontario.

"The Polish Congress in Missauga agreed to sponsor me."

While Celer was waiting for her immigration papers to be processed, she returned to Montreal to have her visitor's visa extended.

REFUSED IT

"The immigration officer in Quebec refused to recognize the sponsorship program of the Polish Congress," she said. "He finally agreed to extend my visa after I got notarized documents from two co-sponsors."

Meanwhile, Celer read about a federal government program which would allow people sponsored by the Polish People's Congress to seek employment while waiting for their applications to be processed. Celer, who has a master's degree in engineer-

ing and computer science from the University of Kharkov, found a job doing office work in Montreal.

"The Quebec immigration officer told me he didn't know anything about the work program," she said. "He said he didn't have a chance to read all the documentation that comes into his office."

The new federal-provincial immigration agreement, which came into effect last April, gives Quebec the power to select its own immigrants.

Celer says its clear Quebec intends to exercise its new powers without interference from Ottawa.

"I'm very happy to be here, so I don't like to complain," Celer said. "But I wonder how many people will want to come to Quebec."



Alicja Celer... 'I don't like to complain.'

Bull's Head falls victim to 'progress'

By Shawn Apel

SHERBROOKE — Some hot Bull's Head ginger ale is just the thing if you have the flu, Gerry Bryant says.

He's not a doctor, but somehow you trust him. His grandfather, John Henry Bryant, introduced the local specialty 95 years ago, and it's been a big part of his whole life.

But Bryant and other Towns-

hippers could have to find another remedy soon, because Bull's Head may disappear.

If it does — as it seems it will — it would become yet another victim of an age where efficiency reigns supreme, and companies "streamline" to cut costs and make more money.

Pepsi Canada bought all soft drink rights last week from L. Lavigne Ltd. of Sherbrooke,

which bought the Bull's Head rights from the Bryant family 15 years ago. However Pepsi was not interested in Bull's Head and its local market, according to Richard Lavigne of L. Lavigne Ltd.

GINGER ALE

But the Bull's Head story is not really about economics. It's about a ginger ale.

No one appears to know for sure where ginger ale was invented or when. But an article in the June 1991 edition *Beverage World* magazine, called "A Brief History of Ginger Ale", says it was probably invented in Belfast, Ireland in the 1850s.

John Henry Bryant was born in the Eastern Townships, but his parents came from Belfast. So when he decided to get into the young soft-drink industry, it's no surprise he decided to include ginger ale, which the article's writer says was the most popular soft drink long before the colas took hold.

J.H. Bryant called a man from Massachusetts to show him how to make soft drinks, and Bryant hired Cubitt Gray to make Bull's Head for him.

"One Sunday afternoon they went to a warehouse on Depot St. and that man taught my dad how to make soft drinks," Gray's son Percy says. "And it gradually grew from there."

UNIQUE

The people who drink Bull's Head swear by its uniqueness. And the people who made it are proud of that.

As a "Belfast"-type ginger ale, it has a sweeter, and stronger taste than the dry ginger ales common today, according to Gerry Bryant.

"A rye mixed with a Bull's Head would taste lousy," he says.

The special way the ginger and the carbonation were handled are part of the recipe, which is still a closely-guarded secret.

"When you took the drink, and you put it up to your face, you'd almost invariably be ready to sneeze," Gerry says.

Lavigne toned it down a little when he bought the rights, but Gerry says "we still drank the stuff at Christmas this year."

Then there is Bull's Head's healing powers.

"I know of two or three doctors who would prescribe it," Gerry Bryant says. "It was the combination of the ginger and the hot liquid that did the job. You'd break right out in a sweat...I don't know if doctors would do it today. They'd probably pooh-pooh it."

HEALING POWERS

"It was as good as any tonic or anything in the pharmacy," says Irving Richards, a chemist for the Bryant Co. until the early 70s.

"Not only that, but if you ate well but not too wisely, and you took some Bull's Head, you'd be up and around in no time," Richards says.

Percy Gray, 84, who remembers J.H. Bryant well and who ran the plant for many years, speaks of the drink's "bouquet," its carbonation process, and of the care that went into every step of its production, as if he's talking about fine wine.

"I have no regrets spending my life making soft drinks," says Gray, whose 50 years with the Bryants were marked in 1973 with an electronic Omega watch. Gray also has the gold pocket watch and chain his father received in 1947 after his 50 years.

"I couldn't have asked for a better relationship with a company," Gray says. "They were unquestionably the best."

"I had the pleasure of going to work each day and enjoying it."

DAYS GONE BY

Gray speaks of the days when the company — long before it became the local Coca-Cola bot-

tlar — used to distribute its small amounts of soft drinks by sled or horse-drawn carriage.

Things have changed. More than 2.5 billion litres of soft drinks were sold in Canada in 1990, in what has become a cut-throat industry.

It was already getting harder to make money in 1976, Gerry Bryant says, when his family sold to the Lavignes.

"We decided it would be better to sit around and clip coupons," says Bryant, who at 67 is semi-retired and living in Hatley Township.

The disappearance of local brands is a trend across the soft drink industry, confirms the president of the Canadian Soft Drink Association in Toronto.

"I'm sorry to have to say it, but it's been going on for years," says Paulette Vinette. "To produce the lowest price for consumers, you have to bone up on efficiency."

"If you look at it more broa-

dly, it's more symbolic of current economic trends everywhere, and not just in soft drinks."

Lavigne, whose family has had the drink for 15 years, says he'll look for a buyer soon, and that Bull's Head continues to be popular in the area.

Not only that, but people come from all over to take some home.

"We sold more Bull's Head than Canada Dry, and that's a good reason to keep it," Lavigne says.

But he says the buyer would have to be someone already in the bottling business, or else the one product wouldn't make money.

Gerry Bryant agrees it would be hard to make a small label like Bull's Head successful now, the way his family did for the better part of a century.

"It's sad to see it go. But that's the way it goes, and you can't stop it."

"I don't know if you could call it progress or not."



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Thieves grab Bell cash Fake cheques lead to arrests

SHERBROOKE — A man who collects money from phone booths for Bell in the Granby area was robbed and held captive for a half hour Tuesday evening.

The 22-year-old man, who has not been identified, was accosted in Granby by two men with handguns. His assailants tied him up inside his own truck and drove off in it. They abandoned the

truck, and its bound driver, a half hour later in Bolton Centre, taking the phone-booth money with them.

The driver managed to untie himself and hailed a passing motorist, who called police.

The victim was not injured. About \$7000 was stolen.

Police want man for kidnapping

SHERBROOKE — Municipal police are asking for help to find a man who is wanted in connection with an abduction on Dec. 10, 1991.

The suspect was described by the woman he kidnapped — and later freed — as approximately 50-years-old, white, and French-speaking. She said he weighed about 70 kilograms (155 pounds), and was about 1.78 metres tall (5-foot-10). He wore a long gray coat, and dark pants. His hair was curly and graying.

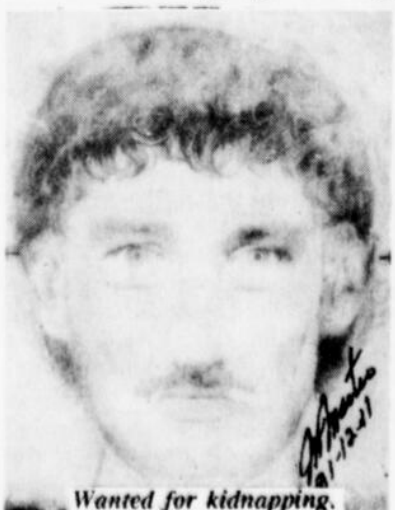
The incident occurred at around 8:30 p.m., as the woman was walking east on the Aylmer Bridge.

A car approached her. The driver asked for directions. When she came near, the driver pulled her into his car and sped off. She was released about 10 minutes later.

The woman described the man's car as a recent model, possibly a Corsica Beretta or Tempest 4-door.

She said many packets of Chiclets were scattered throughout the car.

Anyone with information should call Sherbrooke police at (819) 821-5555.



Wanted for kidnapping.

By Steve Meunier

SHERBROOKE — Police arrested four men Wednesday for passing three fraudulent cheques worth more than \$37,000 and are looking for other suspects believed to have nearly 200 more of the fake cheques.

The three cheques, worth \$25,000, \$11,800 and just over \$200, were used to buy unspecified products from three Eastern Townships merchants, said Quebec Police Force spokesman Tom McConnell. They were drawn from a fake account in a branch of the Bank of Montreal in Brockville, Ont.

The cheques bear the name of the Hole Sale and Retail Meat and Seafood Company Inc., which McConnell said doesn't exist. Another 197 of the cheques, all identical to the ones already used, are still in circulation, he said.

RAIDS

Thirty officers from the Sherbrooke and Montreal detachments of the QPF raided three Townships homes Wednesday following a two-month investigation into the fraud ring. The four men arrested, all of them Towns-



hips residents and all of them known to police, will face fraud charges today.

McConnell said identical procedures were followed in passing the three bad cheques. A product was ordered from a merchant and a man showed up with a certified cheque on the following Friday around 5:30 or 6 p.m. to pick it up. By the time the transaction was completed it was too late to verify the validity of the cheque.

As well, a hole was punched in

the magnetic band on the back of the cheque, making it impossible for a bank to make an electronic verification. The bank would have to check it manually, which takes up to 72 hours, McConnell said.

The cheques were passed in Durham, Sawyerville and South Stukely, but McConnell said the other suspects may try to use some of the remaining cheques in Montreal. Police don't know how many more suspects they are looking for.

People are turning deaf with fear

If there is one thing that can be agreed upon when talking about meningococcal infections these days, it's that the disease is a frightening thing. Unfortunately, that is about the only opinion people seem to be capable of sharing, as rational discussion on the subject has turned into heated debate and, at times in the past few weeks, has threatened to slide into mass hysteria.

The question that has been on the tip of everyone's tongues, if not in the back of their minds, is, "Do we, or don't we, have a meningitis epidemic on our hands?"

Up to now, the answer given by health professionals has been an unequivocal 'No'.

But one of the main problems we are facing is that no one seems to be listening. People are turning deaf with fear.

And the frustration is beginning to show. On Wednesday the director of the West Quebec public health department, Francoise Bouchard, held a news conference to tell people that their concern over the disease is becoming more and more exaggerated with each new case publicized in the media. It seems that she has a good point.

Despite 11 deaths from meningitis in Canada in the past month, there is no concrete evidence that tells us any of these cases are directly linked. This is crucial to understand.

When a case is discovered, anyone having had contact with that person is being given antibiotics to pre-empt the onset of the disease. That's exactly what was done after Knowlton's Danny Williams died from meningitis on Christmas Eve.

But, from what we are being told by professionals in the field, there is no reason to think we need to have mass vaccinations.

What we need more than ever is a leveling out of the emotion that has swept parents, and even children, of the country.

The numbers tell us that about 400 Canadians come down with meningococcal infections every year. This year is not radically different.

The health department's Bouchard said the media's decision to widely publicize cases is playing a large part in exaggerating public concern, and she may be right. At times, some media have grossly overplayed stories surrounding the disease. And this is wrong. The media should do its best to reflect reality as fairly as possible, without pumping baseless fears into the hearts and minds of its concerned audience.

Everyone is worried for their lives and the lives of their loved ones. And so the threat of meningitis is one that we should all take heed of. But that doesn't mean meningitis should start controlling the way we live. At this point, it hasn't grown so big that it should be allowed to do that.

MIKE SHAHIN

Answers to frequent questions on meningitis

OTTAWA (CP) — Meningitis deaths have received much media attention in recent weeks. Here are some answers to frequent questions on the disease:

—**WHAT HAS HAPPENED?** A number of people have died from meningococcal infections which lead to either meningitis, a swelling of tissues lining the brain and spinal cord, or meningococemia, which is blood poisoning.

—**IS THIS UNUSUAL?** Yes and no. There appears to be an outbreak in eastern Ontario and western Quebec where five people, including an unusually high number of teenagers — four — died in the short space of four weeks. But health officials say the overall number of cases reported is about the same as normal and there is no epidemic.

—**SHOULD YOU WORRY?** No, experts say, unless you have been in contact with someone who has the disease. When a victim is discovered, public health officials try to inoculate all people who have had contact with the person and often organize immunization clinics.

—**WHAT IS AT WORK?** Bacterial meningitis — as opposed to the relatively benign form of the disease caused by a virus. About 400 cases of bacterial meningitis occur annually in Canada. About one in 10 cases results in death, even if treated with antibiotics.

—**HOW IS IT SPREAD?** It can spread much as a cold moves from one person to another — sneezing, kissing, drinking from someone else's cup, sharing a cigarette. Bacteria enter the nose, then move into the spinal fluid and brain.

—**WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?** Meningitis starts suddenly with fever, headache, nausea and vomiting; the patient rapidly becomes lethargic, confused and comatose. Victims can die within a few days if not treated. Meningococemia usually starts with high fever. Patients may develop a reddish rash. Victims go from feeling fine to very sick in hours and can die within a day.

—**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?** Low. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of people carry the bacteria, for every one who gets sick.

—**SHOULD YOU TAKE PRECAUTIONS?** No more than normal, unless you will knowingly be in contact with someone with the disease. Mass immunization is not advised because the infection is so rare and supplies of the vaccine are limited.

Did you know that...

LONG-DISTANCE CALL

The world's first long-distance telephone call was placed by Alexander Graham Bell in Paris, Ont., to his father in Brantford, Ont. — 13 kilometres away — on Aug. 10, 1876.

CAMP X

During the Second World War, Ian Fleming, British creator of the James Bond novels, was trained in espionage procedures at Camp X, the centre for guerrilla warfare and intelligence operations near Oshawa, Ont.

Segal's impact on Constitution will be felt

By Robert Russo

OTTAWA (CP) — Hugh Segal's strengths may be in strategic planning and communications, but no one should play down his role in the development of a new Constitution, his predecessor says.

Segal, who will take over as Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's new chief of staff later this month, is not a constitutional expert.

"But I wouldn't underestimate the role that he will play," said Norman Spector, who is leaving the post of Mulroney's chief of staff to become ambassador to Israel. "He does have significant experience on constitutional matters."

That experience was gained as a key adviser to former Ontario premier Bill Davis, Spector said.

Davis was a staunch supporter of then prime minister Pierre Trudeau when the federal government intended to unilaterally patriate the British North America Act with a charter of rights in 1980.

"But he's got other skills that can be brought to bear on this file including his knowledge of the party, his knowledge of the caucus and cabinet and communications," Spector said.

Clues to how Segal believes the Constitution should be changed might be found in the report by the

Group of 22, which calls for the federal government to get out of health care, education and social programs.

Segal was a member of that group, which includes prominent academics, bureaucrats and ex-politicians.

But the man who will now serve as Mulroney's closest political adviser said he was then expressing his views as a private citizen.

CHANGING TIMES

"I had the right to argue my views publicly, as any private citizen can," Segal said in an interview Wednesday. "In my present circumstances, I don't have any public views."



Are Planter's Peanuts good for astronauts?

By Sylvia Strojek

CALGARY (CP) — A team of scientists from the University of Calgary will be flying high when the shuttle Discovery circles the earth later this month on the spaceship's 14th flight.

One of the experiments to be conducted in the shuttle's microgravity lab was initiated by the Calgary researchers to determine the amount of energy used by astronauts during space missions.

It is the first time such a study is being done and is one of more than 100 experiments being conducted in the lab. The projects represent the efforts of more than 200 scientists, 19 of them Canadian, from 13 countries.

Findings from the Calgary team's experiment will be used to help define nutritional requirements for astronauts and contribu-

te to improved care of patients on earth.

"We cannot do it on earth because we cannot mimic zero gravity for long enough," Dr. Roy Preshaw explained at a news conference Wednesday. "What we want to know is the effect on man, not rats, but man, in space, for long periods. And this is the first chance we have to do it."

Preshaw, a professor of surgery, said it is important to determine what effect weightlessness has on the human body.

"If we're sending astronauts to Mars in the year 2100, we want to know how many bags of peanuts to send along."

SUFFER IN SPACE

Astronauts can suffer from severe motion sickness, back pain due to growth "spurts" of up to two

inches and muscle atrophy. Some Soviet cosmonauts were unable to walk after prolonged periods in space.

Jayne Thirsk, manager of nutrition at the university's Foothills Hospital, says some of the space experiments — such as those involving the heart and nervous system — will have medical applications for earthlings.

"(They) will have ramifications for people suffering from various diseases here on earth. Control of motion sickness can certainly be applied to situations here on earth."

The Canadian experiment on energy use is simple to conduct. Two astronauts will be asked to drink water containing some stable isotopes of hydrogen and oxygen. Isotopes are forms of the elements which have heavier atomic weights.

"My job now is to put government policy in action. My own views are of lesser significance."

The group, which released its report in June, called for a massive transfer of powers to provincial governments. It suggested money used to run health care and other social programs — about \$24 billion this year — be shifted to the provinces.

A reformed, elected Senate called the House of the Federation was also part of their suggested package of constitutional reform as was the recognition of natives' right to self-government.

Mulroney and Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark praised the report without embracing any of its specific recommendations.

But Segal said the report would have no special weight in the prime minister's office.

"I view the report of the Group of 22 with no greater interest in my present role than I view any of the other submissions that have been made to the joint committee. It has no special status and nor should it."

Mulroney already has a team of high-powered officials, headed by Clark, working on the national unity issue. Segal pointedly said the top public servant on the file is Paul Tellier, clerk of the Privy Council.

Jocelyne Bourgon, secretary to the cabinet for federal-provincial relations, is also a strong influence on the development of a new Constitution.

With Segal preoccupied with trying to rebuild the battered image of the prime minister and the Progressive Conservatives, it would seem that there wouldn't be much time for him to spend on the unity issue.

That would be an incorrect assumption, said Spector.

From Russia with no clothes or money

By Fred Weir

MOSCOW (CP) — It's been hard enough for Russians to get used to the idea of advertisements in newspapers, let alone one that invites young women "with beautiful breasts" to try out for a lucrative career as strip-tease artists.

But there it was, in several Moscow papers last week, placed by the Aphrodite Academy of Strip Tease.

The academy claims that its graduates will go on to work in western countries for as much as \$150 US a day — an enormous sum in the former Soviet Union, where the average income now is equivalent to \$9 a month.

"I have visited schools like this in foreign countries, and that's how I got the idea," says Aphrodite's manager, Alla Kirmusova, a 35-year-old former ballerina.

"I know it's going to work well here, because living standards are very poor. This is going to be an

attractive option for a lot of girls."

However, only a few women turned out to apply at a local recreation centre on a cold Moscow morning. Several were too young, and Kirmusova angrily shoed them away.

"We have no troubles with the new authorities, and we don't want any," she says. "The only rule we must obey is they can't be under 18."

BLONDE FITS BILL

One who fit the bill was Lyudmila Vlasenko, a 22-year-old blonde with large brown eyes and a quick smile.

"This is my dream," she said. "It's what I want to do."

Vlasenko is married, but insists that "my husband is totally behind me on this. He wants me to be happy."

Her husband was not in evidence. But her manager, a dark, heavy-set man who gave his name as Genya, said: "Lyudmila will go

far in this business. She has magic."

Lyudmila's magic was soon displayed. One of Kirmusova's rules is that applicants must disrobe immediately and stand while she scrutinizes them in the cold public gymnasium of the recreation centre.

"If they express any reluctance to undress in front of strange men, I ask them why they bothered coming here at all? That's what the business is about."

Olga Markovskaya, a tall slender blonde who attends Grade 11, arrived in the company of her mother. She quickly shed her overcoat, showing nothing but panties underneath, and paced in front of Kirmusova.

"I'm 17, but please write that I'm 18," she said later, with her coat back on her shoulders. "I really want to do this."

Her mother, Albina, a 40-year-old waitress, nodded.

"I support this completely," she said.

BOYFRIEND ANGRY

The only problem is with Olga's boyfriend, Albina says. He has failed to show any understanding toward her ambitions.

"Actually, his attitude is that he would like to tear down the Aphrodite Academy brick by brick," Albina explains. "We're trying to find a common language with him."

Kirmusova insists she enjoys training young women to dance and strip with "seductive movements." After a two-month course in her academy, she claims they will be "fully professional."

One class of 28 Russian women has already graduated from the Aphrodite Academy.

"The whole class is now working in Germany," says Kirmusova. "They are getting \$120 a day, and I take 15 per cent of that. It's a business, and business is good."

Masse packs business trip with pleasure

OTTAWA (CP) — More than half of a 21-day tour of the Middle East by Defence Minister Marcel Masse is taken up with sightseeing and private activities, according to an itinerary released by his office.

The minister, criticized in the past for his penchant for unnecessary travel, has packed his itinerary with visits to historic sites, museums and the symphony. Only six days are being spent with Canada's 354 peacekeeping troops, the announced purpose of the trip.

Official business occupies less than half the three weeks in

Kuwait, Syria, Jordan, Israel and Egypt.

Masse, a ministerial aide and three senior military officers arrived in Kuwait Dec. 30 and are not due back in Canada until Jan. 19.

A senior aide to the minister defended the length of the trip and the visits to tourist attractions.

"The minister's not there to travel for himself," said scheduling assistant Marie Bender. "He's there for his country, for the department. . . . He's not there to do sightseeing at all."

But when Masse was in Jordan

for three days earlier this week, his schedule called for a single 90-minute meeting with the country's prime minister. The rest of his stay was given over to trips sightseeing at the city of Petra, an ancient fortress set in a canyon, and Mount Nebo, known for its panoramic view of the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea.

Masse moved on to Israel on Wednesday, a day where nothing but a short flight to Tel Aviv by military plane was scheduled.

A military officer accompanying Masse and who asked not to be named said the excursions to

archeological sites are necessary for Masse to understand the complex, centuries-old cultures in the region.

By understanding this culture, he said, Masse can better comprehend why the Middle East is such a political hotbed.

Several days on the trip are occupied with visits to Canadian peacekeepers on the Golan Heights between Syria and Israel, in the Sinai on the Egyptian-Israeli border and in Kuwait.

The final two days of his tour schedules Masse to be in Cairo.

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Farm groups can't agree on GATT proposals

By Alex Binkley

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government isn't getting much help from farm groups in deciding whether to support proposals for bringing order to the chaotic world trade in agricultural and food products.

The government is supposed to tell the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade next Monday in Geneva what changes it would like to a list of proposals released before Christmas.

But farm groups can't agree among themselves.

There's also no agreement among the provinces about what stand Ottawa should take.

Ottawa wants better protection for its marketing boards as well as big reductions in farm production and export subsidies and fewer border restrictions on agriculture and food products.

World prices for grains and oilseeds have been flattened in recent years by a subsidies battle between the United States and the European Community.

Trade Minister Michael Wilson and Agriculture Minister

Bill McKnight will discuss the proposals with 30 representatives of farm and food-processing groups today.

Spokesmen for dairy, egg and poultry producers are expected to say the proposals fall far short of Canada's demand for better protection for its marketing boards.

GOOD START

But groups representing livestock and grain farmers, who count on exports for a big chunk of their income, think the propo-

sals are a good start toward a set of comprehensive rules limiting subsidies and import barriers on farm and food products.

Food processors also support the basic thrust of the proposals from Arthur Dunkel, the director-general of the GATT.

They want lower prices for dairy and poultry products so they can compete against United States processors. They also want trade rules that will sweep away many of the barriers to their products in other countries.

Alberta Agriculture Minister

Ernie Isley says the GATT proposals are a good first step to boosting farm commodity prices to levels that would enable farmers to earn a living without government aid.

But Ontario Agriculture Minister Elmer Buchanan isn't satisfied.

He says Ottawa must insist on protection for marketing boards and get bigger cuts in European Community and United States farm subsidies.

The marketing boards say Dunkel's proposals would create

a bleak future for many of the country's 50,000 dairy, egg and poultry producers.

The proposals would replace the import controls the boards now enjoy with a system of tariffs which would gradually be reduced to zero.

Food processors, however, say that protection is saddling them with higher prices for poultry and dairy products than their U.S. competitors. Without changes, many Canadian food companies will be forced out of business.

Rise predicted in used car cross-border shopping

By Rob Carrick

TORONTO (CP) — An auto industry analyst is predicting a surge in cross-border shopping for used cars that could siphon business from Canadian dealers and ultimately shrink the country's auto industry.

Under the Canada-U.S. free trade agreement, the duty and age restrictions on bringing North American-built vehicles into Canada from the United States have gradually been easing.

As of Jan. 1, age limits changed to allow vehicles two years old or more to enter Canada. Last year, they had to be at least

four years old.

Transport Canada figures show that between 80,000 and 100,000 used vehicles were privately imported from the United States in 1990. Figures for 1991 are not yet available.

Before the trade deal came into effect in 1989, however, imports generally amounted to 12,000 to 15,000 vehicles annually, said Claude Roy, the department's acting chief of importations in Ottawa.

Analyst Dennis DesRosiers said easing import restrictions will add used cars to an increasing number of cross-border shopping lists this year and

next.

"The beginnings of it will surface this year in a big way," DesRosiers, president of DesRosiers Automotive Consultants in Toronto, said in an interview.

"Now we're dealing with the largest dollar consumable item that you cross-border shop."

PRICES LOWER

DesRosiers and other car industry figures said the chief attractions of American used cars are lower prices on expensive luxury models, and the number that have never seen road salt.

Next year, age restrictions on U.S. imports disappear, while

duty declines to zero by 1998. But DesRosiers said even a ready supply of two-year-old vehicles poses a threat to new car dealers in Canada, just off their worst year since 1983.

"Vehicles two years old can be a substitute for new cars," he said.

Car dealers, manufacturers, Ottawa and the Quebec and Ontario governments have funded a \$150,000 study that is looking at the competitiveness of the car business in Canada versus the United States.

The study is trying to find out why not only new and used cars, but also parts and service, can be

cheaper in the United States, said Kenneth Graydon of the Federation of Automobile Dealer Associations of Canada.

CARS FLOW IN

Graydon, the federation's executive vice-president, said the freer flow of used cars into Canada "won't help dealers, but the sheer magnitude of the hurt is speculation."

He also said the Canadian dollar must be worth at about 88 cents US or more for price savings on some U.S. models to be apparent. The dollar has recently traded around 87.50 cents US and traded well above

88 cents at times last year.

DesRosiers said cross-border shopping of used cars may have ramifications beyond the new car business.

"Ultimately, it undermines the entire auto pact," he said.

Safeguards in the 27-year-old pact require GM, Ford and Chrysler to build a car in Canada for each one they sell here, DesRosiers explained.

"Well, if consumers are shopping in Buffalo (N.Y.), then the car companies are not selling the cars in Canada," he said. That, in turn, could mean less vehicle production in Canada.

MPs opposed to Ottawa inflation-fighting plan

By Gord McIntosh

OTTAWA (CP) — MPs from all three major parties have concluded Ottawa should scrap a constitutional proposal to toughen the Bank of Canada's inflation-fighting powers.

An offshoot of the Commons finance committee resumes special hearings next week with testimony from Bank of Canada governor John Crow and central bankers from other countries.

But a consensus has already emerged among the MPs that one suggestion from Ottawa —

change the Bank of Canada Act to make inflation-fighting the primary goal of the central bank — should be dumped.

"What witnesses who have been before us have not generally been enthusiastic," said Liberal MP John Manley, who has been leading the special sessions.

NDP finance critic Steve Langdon said narrowing the bank's mandate "to do just one thing would not make sense."

"That's going to be rejected. There seems to be a fairly good consensus."

OPPOSES MEASURE

Conservative MP Don Blenkarn, former finance committee chairman, has joined Opposition critics of the measure. Other Tories, including Murray Dorin, have distanced themselves.

Dorin, chairman of the overall finance committee, agrees with Crow's campaign of price stability, designed to wrestle inflation to the ground.

But he says he doesn't believe the Bank of Canada Act needs to be changed.

"There is no question in my mind that the price stability

objective is clearly the right one," Dorin said in an interview this week.

"But one can ask if there is any real reason for changing the act."

The committee hopes to issue a report on constitutional proposals dealing with the central bank next month.

For the last 60 years the Bank of Canada has operated under a wide mandate to manage "fluctuations in the general level of production, trade, prices and employment."

BROAD MANDATE

That means the governor is legally obliged to worry about everything from inflation and currency strength to exports and employment.

In last fall's constitutional proposals dealing with the economy, Ottawa proposed amending the legislation "to make it clear that the mandate of the bank is to achieve and preserve price stability."

This change would, in effect, officially sanction the stance of Crow, who has taken a much harder line against inflation

than his predecessor, Gerald Bouey.

Critics claim Crow has battled inflation at the expense of the overall economy.

The committee will hear witnesses from the central bank's American counterpart — the U.S. Federal Reserve Board — which takes a collective approach to setting policy rather than relying on the views of one person.

"We seem to have a policy that is formed by one individual sitting in his ivory tower in Ottawa," Manley said.

National Library heads push toward 'permanent' paper

By Kathryn Young

OTTAWA (CP) — Those who never liked the 1982 Canadian Constitution can rest assured — it won't last forever.

And it has nothing to do with the current round of constitutional negotiations.

On a rainy day in April 1982, Queen Elizabeth signed a document printed on acid paper. Eventually it will yellow, crumble and turn to dust.

Jan Michaels, preservation coordinator at the National Library, said virtually all Canadian books published between 1860

and 1988 are printed on acid paper — and many have already disintegrated.

The library wants to change that.

Michaels is in charge of a campaign to persuade paper-makers, printers and book publishers to use permanent paper — an improved form of acid-free paper expected to last 500 years or more.

About 93 per cent of the National Library's 11-million-item collection is acidic. A program to microfilm all pre-1900 Canadian documents costs \$60 to \$100 per

volume. And another program to de-acidify books, costing about \$8 per volume, can only handle about 150,000 books a year.

"That's just a drop in the bucket," Michaels said in an interview.

"If we can convince all publishers in Canada to use permanent paper for their publications then we don't have to worry about the future and we can try to preserve the past."

CHANGE WAYS

The federal government —

one of the largest publishers in Canada — is set to announce next week that all government documents destined for the archives, such as annual reports and cabinet memos, will be printed on permanent paper.

The library's campaign is now focused on paper-makers. Michaels doesn't plan to repeat earlier mistakes when people were simply told Canada's heritage must be preserved.

"If we want to achieve change, the change has to be argued on economic reasons," Michaels said. "That's the new

game we're beginning to play."

The library argues that permanent paper is cheaper to make, is kinder to paper-making machinery, and that the U.S. market, to which Canadian paper-makers export about half of fine paper grades, is demanding more and more permanent paper.

The Canadian Pulp and Paper Association acknowledges those arguments and is moving in the direction of permanent paper anyhow to meet market demands, said Robert Wood, the

association's director of printing, writing and sanitary papers.

"If the printers and publishers want it, the companies will produce it," Wood said.

About 62 per cent of the fine paper produced in Canada for book printing is acid-free, and by the end of this year the figure will rise to 83 per cent as more paper mills set up the necessary machinery, Wood said.

However he couldn't say how much of the acid-free paper would meet permanent paper standards.

New system saves cash — for banks

By John Davidson

MONTREAL (CP) — At least three of Canada's banks have found a new way to save money — for themselves, not their customers.

The Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce have all bought a state-of-the-art computer system which makes it easier — and cheaper — to process credit-card slips and bank statements.

It reproduces, or "images," the slips on to computer discs. As a result, computer operators at the banks' data-processing centres can read the information faster and more accurately.

"This computer system will cost us about \$3 million and should increase our productivity in the processing of credit-card slips by about one-third," Burton McConnell, a Bank of Montreal vice-president for Eastern Cana-

da, said Wednesday.

"Banks have to be concerned about productivity — even though we're doing fairly well. We've been using a manual reading system for the past 15 years and this computer imaging process will allow us to stay ahead of the game."

His bank handles more than six million MasterCard sales slips each month at a national processing centre located in Montreal.

Over 200 people work in three shifts around the clock to process the slips within 24 hours. That information is passed to another computer system which bills customers and places the billed amounts — minus the bank's fee — in the accounts of almost 400,000 merchants across the country.

McConnell says the system could benefit merchants by catching any errors in their total-

ling of credit card receipts.

However, he admits it won't save customers any money.

"The customer won't notice any change in his credit-card bills. There might be a slight improvement in the error rate, but that was already pretty small with the old manual system."

"It won't lower interest rates because those decisions are made by the credit department rather than the computer department."

McConnell said the new system will mean 40 fewer jobs for the 200 non-unionized people — mostly women — who process the slips. Displaced workers have been given other positions in the bank.

Employees who use the new process say it makes their jobs easier.

"We used to get these stacks of credit-card slips and had to

look at the scribbled writing for hours on end," said Sylvie Bastien, 29.

"Now that they're in the computer, we just punch them up on a screen and they're ten times larger. Life becomes simpler when you can read the names and amounts."

The system is called Image-First and was developed by Bantec Inc. of Dallas, Tex.

Beth Lubert, Bantec's marketing director in New York City, said her company has already sold the system to two banks in Australia, one in England and three in Canada.

"Montreal and the Royal are using it for credit card slips and we've developed a system for the CIBC to facilitate bank statements," she said.

Lubert also said IBM is developing a similar system called ImagePlus, but "it's not ready yet."

Computers join tractors as farm equipment

GUELPH, Ont. (CP) — Computers are fast becoming an important piece of farm machinery, says an office automation expert.

About 12 per cent of farmers now have computers on their farms, said Barry Billings of Office Automation Solutions in Guelph.

Research by the University of Guelph in 1989 showed that out of 2,000 farmers contacted, 57

per cent use computers for financial accounting, he said.

Farm notes

"Agriculture is a small or medium size business and the first requirement is a need for something to automate or computerize."

Besides reducing costs for bookkeeping which can run as

high as \$1,000 to \$3,000 a year, computers can also be used to keep production records, he said.

Working in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Billings' firm holds seminars to train farmers in basic and advanced computer skills and accounting techniques.

Billings says in 1990-91, 1,200 farmers in central, eastern and southwestern Ontario took com-

puter training courses.

ARMSTRONG, B.C. (CP) — An Okanagan cheese plant has again proved it makes the best cheddar cheese in the country.

Armstrong Cheese of Armstrong, a co-operative owned by farmers shipping to Dairyland, took five of six awards for cheddar cheese at the British Empire Dairy Show in Belleville, Ont.

Some economic arguments

OTTAWA (CP) — The National Library is lobbying paper-makers to produce more permanent paper, a higher form of acid-free paper that meets specific chemical standards. Here are some of the economic arguments in favor of permanent paper:

—Permanent paper is cheaper to make. It uses less wood, and the filler material, which makes it smooth and white, is far less expensive.

—There is some evidence permanent paper is kinder to machinery — it's less corrosive since it's acid-free. Maintenance costs are therefore lower.

—The U.S. federal and about 14 state governments have laws requiring their documents to be on permanent paper, so American demand is high. If Canadian paper-makers want to supply the demand, they'll have to produce more permanent paper. They now export about half of fine-paper grades produced for book publishing, mostly to the U.S.

—The cost of converting one paper-making machine from acid to alkaline is about \$2 million, including lost production time and staff training. However, moving from alkaline to permanent requires no new machinery — just a new recipe.

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Elderly may get own TV channel Why do students sell, woman asks

OTTAWA (CP) — YTV, the youth channel, is an indisputable success story, making more money and attracting bigger audiences than it believed possible when it began five years ago.

So how about OTV, the old channel?

That may not be the name, but programming for people over age 50 is the concept behind one of two new licence applications YTV is preparing. The company thinks the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission will be testing the waters for new specialty channels before the year is out.

"We're absolutely convinced that the CRTC will call for a new round of licence applications this fall," YTV president Kevin Shea

said from Toronto this week.

Shea said YTV, whose owners include cable companies Rogers Communications and CUC Ltd., is working on an application for a third service as well, but declined to give details.

Shea says a channel aimed at an older audience would be unique to North America. Down the road it may be possible to market the Canadian service to U.S. cable companies.

The channel would carry programming such as talk shows featuring 60-plus hosts, travel shows, and programs on personal finance, says Shea.

At a broadcast summit in Montreal last month, creation of more Canadian specialty channels was proposed as one way

the industry could compete with services offered by a powerful new generation of U.S. TV satellites. The satellites — dubbed deathstars — are expected to arrive in the next two years.

However, Communications Minister Perrin Beatty issued a note of caution at the summit.

Responding to concerns that immediate expansion of specialty channels would hurt existing stations and networks, he asked the CRTC to use "extreme caution" in licensing new services for the next three years.

But given the time it takes to get a service up and running, the industry can't wait three years to consider new channels, applicants say. Nor do they want the programming niches they've

identified filled by someone else while they're waiting.

Shea said that if the CRTC does license new channels, it will have to widen the limited options of cable subscribers at the same time. Specialty channels such as YTV will have to consider allowing themselves to be removed from basic-cable service, so that cable companies have more flexibility to package groups of channels that viewers may want to watch.

"You can't just continually add more to the basic-cable system," Shea said.

Currently two Canadian specialty channels — The Sports Network and MuchMusic — can be either a basic-cable service or a discretionary service.

Body Shop queen bites hand that feeds

By Wendy McCann

TORONTO (CP) — Some analysts say her chain of eco-conscious cosmetics stores has made Anita Roddick one of the richest women in England.

But the 49-year-old founder of the Body Shop despises the beauty industry.

The opening line of Roddick's autobiographical account of how the retail chain mushroomed from a single store to 600 outlets is an unabashed condemnation of the industry that supports her.

"I hate the beauty business," she writes in *Body and Soul*, her recently released autobiography. "It is a monster industry selling unattainable dreams. It lies. It cheats. It exploits women."

"Look," she says matter-of-factly over a pot of herbal tea at a Toronto hotel on a tour promoting her book. "Beauty products do nothing more than cleanse,

moisturize and polish. Anything that promises more than that is a lie."

The Body Shop guru takes every opportunity to pitch her all-natural products — a dab of banana putty adds volume to the hair, peppermint cream soothes aching feet, while Moroccan mud cleanses grimy skin, she says.

Because the products are environmentally friendly, Roddick received a United Nations award for environmental achievement in 1989.

But, for Roddick, Body Shop beauty creams are simply a means to an end.

RETURNS PROFITS

Roddick returns some Body Shop profits to poor countries through product development. She travels around the world searching for beauty care rituals she can sell while pumping money directly into the hands of the poor.

What's more, Roddick uses

her shops to further her passionate environmentalism with campaigns to save the whales, protect Brazil's rain forest and end repression of political dissidents.

Her products are sold in refillable plastic bottles marked with hand-written adhesive labels. The defiantly plain packaging allows the Body Shop to keep prices well below those of cosmetics giants such as Estee Lauder, Shiseido, and L'Oreal.

"We happily filled old lemonade bottles with our products if a customer asked."

The former school teacher knows not every business decision was wise.

In 1976, she sold half the company for the equivalent of \$8,000 to raise money to open a second shop. The silent investor — who is not involved in running the Body Shop and hasn't even had a conversation with Roddick in

eight years — is now worth more than \$280 million.

"I don't think it was a mistake," she says. "At the time nobody else was going to give me the money. He was the only one who helped. I think it was a bloody good move."

But despite her irreverent approach, Roddick's sales savvy is the toast of business.

"This woman has changed business forever," wrote the American magazine Inc. And Harvard Business School has been dogging her (without success) for a chance to document The Body Shop's success in one of its case studies.

And why not?

The Body Shop is today a global business with more than 600 shops in 40 countries. Annual sales from the company's 85 Canadian stores exceed \$60 million and have increased as much as 38 per cent per store each year.

The product that sticks to its promises

By Catherine Dressler

PORTERSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — William Adams says his suction cups will stick stubbornly to just about any clean, smooth surface, including his bald head.

As the president of Adams Manufacturing Co., which makes 50 million suction cups a year, Adams has tested the devices on many kinds of surfaces. Apparently, he's not alone.

At trade shows, Adams says he has observed other bald people fulfilling "a deep-seated desire" by slapping a suction cup on their head.

The company, based in the small town of Portersville about 50 kilometres north of Pittsburgh, has a fat file of letters from customers who have come up with other off-the-wall uses.

One man screwed suction cups onto ice cube trays and stuck them on top of his cramped freezer compartment. He patented that design. Another man whose wife couldn't stand it when he forgot to put the toilet seat down turned to suction cups for help.

"He rigged up a contraption that would drop the toilet seat after a minute and a half," Adams said. "It may not have commercial possibilities, but it

was a good idea."

Adams Manufacturing makes suction cups of varying sizes with hooks, clips, rings, clamps, tacks or screws attached.

The company, the leading suction cup manufacturer in the United States, employs about 150 people during peak production. Annual sales total \$6 million US to \$10 million US, Adams says.

COMMON USES

The pliable, clear cups are commonly used to hang stained glass, thermometers, bird feeders, signs or stuffed animals in windows. The company's most successful line is for Christmas decorations, such as lights, wreaths and stockings.

Business was booming several years ago, when the fad of hanging Baby on Board signs in cars swept the nation.

"That was a wonderful craze," Adams says. "We wish there would be more crazes like that."

Steve Stadelmeier, an industrial designer at Carnegie Mellon University, agrees the portable vacuum is a handy device for dealing with "the mundane aspects" of life, but he says there

are some products that just won't ever be taken too seriously.

"It's like splat, and this thing sticks to you," he says. "Nobody would laugh if you shot an arrow at somebody, but they laugh at a suction cup."

But suction cups were no laughing matter in the 1600s, when physicians used glass bell-shaped cups with metal syringes instead of leeches in bloodletting.

The practice, called cupping, continued in the 19th century when hard rubber was used in the devices, says Robert Friedel, a University of Maryland history professor who has studied the development of rubber and plastics.

Suction cups developed along with rubber and plastics in the 20th century. In the 1940s, white or black rubber cups were used on rooftop luggage carriers for automobiles and as shock absorbers in World War II airplanes.

MADE IMPROVEMENTS

Vinyl and silicone rubber moved into the consumer market in the 1960s, allowing manufacturers to make clear cups with more staying power.

Adams has patented several

design improvements, including a pull tab that makes removal easier. He has tried unsuccessfully to develop a suction cup that would stick to wood.

"It's kind of a pipe dream," he says. "It's something we know we can't do but we don't want to give up on it."

Adams talks about suction cups with the fervor of an engineer or physicist, but he has no technical training.

He quit his job as a children's librarian in Pittsburgh in the late 1970s and spent about \$5,000 US he had inherited on developing plastic insulation that would be attached to windows by suction cups with tacks.

The idea didn't sell, and he was stuck with unpaid bills and thousands of boxes of suction cups. One day, he pulled into a gas station, and it hit him.

"There were dozens of signs taped in the window with duct tape," he said. "I told the owner, 'If you had these suction cups with the thumb tacks, you could hang up your signs and you wouldn't have any tape to scrape off the window.'"

The owner bought two boxes, and the seeds of Adams Manufacturing were planted.

Songs of fairytales attract older crowd Woman is no longer scared to fight back

By Jerry Nachtigal

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Judy Domeny sings and plays her acoustic guitar for audiences of all ages, but her music means the most to the silver-haired crowd.

Domeny is an aficionado of old folk songs. She's particularly fond of those sung by the Scottish and Irish pioneers who came largely from Appalachia to settle in the Ozark Mountains in the early 1800s.

"My best audience is 60 years and up," Domeny said during a break at the Ozark Empire Fair, where she performed. "That's my crowd. These songs really mean so much to them."

Domeny, who teaches art at an elementary school, says children enjoy her ballads about fair maidens, princes and castles. But it's senior citizens who grew up in the Ozarks who are her biggest fans.

"So many times they say, 'Oh, you made me think of my mother, or an old schoolteacher of mine, or when I was a kid,'" Domeny said. "It conjures up so many memories."

Domeny, 30, who grew up in the Ozarks, said her love of folk songs from the hills began in the sixth grade. During a visit to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum, she picked up a book of the songs and became enchanted with the lyrics.

DOES RESEARCH

She's been researching and singing those songs as a hobby ever since.

"I've sung just about everywhere you can imagine — libraries, nursing homes, conventions, festivals and concerts, birthday parties," Domeny said.

She estimates she has 200 folk songs in her repertoire, including *The Mistletoe Bough*, which dates to 11th century England.

It's a sad — and, according to Domeny, true — tale of a bride who accidentally locks herself in a trunk on her wedding day and isn't found until years later.

"Some are silly, some are funny. I kind of specialize in sad songs, some of which are murder ballads," she said.

Longtime fan Jenny Ladd first heard Domeny at a music festival at the Silver Dollar City theme park about 13 years ago. Domeny has released two records, and Ladd treasures them both.

"Her voice was and still is just as clear and pure as can be," she said. "With folk music, you need to understand every word said to understand the story. I just think she is very talented."

EARLY SETTLERS

Music was important to the early settlers who scratched out a living among the rocky soils and steep hillsides of the Ozarks,

said Bill McNeil, a folklorist at the Ozark Folk Centre in Mountain View, Ark.

"It was a time when you had to make your own entertainment more or less," McNeil said. "Unless you were in a larger city, there wasn't much professional entertainment around so people entertained themselves."

Even today, neighbors in the more remote areas of the Ozarks sometimes get together for jam sessions in homes or in the town square, with fiddles, banjos and guitars, plus a little singing and dancing.

McNeil said Domeny and other folk singers perform a service by keeping old Ozark folk songs in circulation for a new generation. Domeny says she's happy to do it.

"I think it's important to keep the music alive, to keep part of the past alive," she said. "You're keeping part of the pioneers alive, really."

Dolphin therapy works and presents new hope

LONDON (AP) — The parents of a three-year-old boy who has not learned to speak since suffering brain damage are hoping "dolphin therapy" might encourage their son to utter his first words.

Patricia Searle said her son Charles will make the trip to the Dolphin Research Centre in the Florida Keys in August for the treatment, which apparently helped other children.

"If you had a child like this you would try everything," Searle said Tuesday.

The treatment involves having the patient swim with dolphins. It is most effective with people who are autistic, depressed or have other mental illnesses. Experts say they don't know why it works.

Searle said the family was encouraged by the experience of another English boy — Matthew Boyd — who was diagnosed as autistic and did not speak until undergoing the dolphin therapy.

Yvonne Boyd, Matthew's

grandmother, said Matthew's therapy was "a definite breakthrough."

"He would never sort of concentrate for very long. But out there the dolphins held his concentration for quite awhile and he would actually say a word. When he actually said 'ice cream' and 'Pepsi Cola' it was unbelievable."

The treatment involves about 15 lessons over a three-week period and costs \$2,800 Cdn.

Searle said her son was a normal 11-month-old baby until he was given a vaccine for whooping cough. Two weeks after the vaccination, he began having epileptic seizures that led to brain damage, she said.

Dr. Horace Dobbs of Britain's International Dolphin Watch said dolphin swimming therapy has been around for about seven years.

"Nobody really knows why it works at the moment. It is as if there is some kind of communication that takes place."

I've been tardy for school twice in the last eight weeks and these black marks against me will hurt my grades. My mom says if I know I have no one to depend on but myself, I'll hear the alarm. So far she's been wrong.

This is causing fights between my mother and me. I've been reading your column for as long as I can remember and will go along with whatever you suggest. -- ALWAYS LATE IN N.J.

DEAR N.J.: Shop around and find an alarm clock with a loud, shrill bell instead of the newfangled ones that buzz. Put the clock in a metal dishpan or tin bucket. This amplifies the ringing and makes such a racket it could wake the dead.

Also, try getting to sleep at least an hour earlier than usual. In spite of your protestations, I suspect one of the reasons you don't hear the alarm clock is because you're not getting enough zzzzzzz and are too tired to greet the morn.

Life Shorts

Students practice their punching, kicking and gouging moves on an instructor who wears a padded 3.15-kilogram costume.

Robert Williams, who co-founded the course after a two-year study of assailants and their victims, discovered the survivors generally believed that they would prevail.

Any type of "mental gymnastics" that increase confidence and give the victim an edge are encouraged, said Williams, who added that reactions to an attack should be based on a conscious evaluation of the attacker.

The class was taught by A-Step, a Michigan-based self-defence program that teaches empowerment through a variety of strategies.

It was a totally defenceless feeling," recalls the 33-year-old nurse, who in 1989 unnerved her angry attacker by bursting into tears in the middle of a local tavern.

The tears may have saved her, but Catellier said she was pleased to have learned more aggressive options at a recent psychologically oriented self-defence class.

She could now kick her assailant in the groin, jab him in the eye, or take a more cerebral approach — perhaps surprising him by pretending to back down before attacking like a screaming banshee.

"I definitely wouldn't be as helpless," she said.

Memorial and reconciliation service commemorates 50th anniversary of the fall of Hong Kong

By Nina Rowell

BURY — A large congregation attended a most impressive memorial and reconciliation service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bury, on Sunday, December 29 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the fall of Hong Kong. The service included the administration of Holy Communion conducted by the Rev. Blair Ross, rector of Victoria Parish.

The large parade of veterans and Legion members from the surrounding area was under the direction of Parade Marshall Robert Harper. George Smiley and Archie Cairns acted as flag bearers.

Following the processional hymn, a welcome was extended by the Rev. Ross, followed by the singing of O Canada and God Save the Queen, and the troping of the colours; - the Canadian and Fleur de Lys flags were placed on the altar.

Readings were by Lionel Hurd, - Old Testament 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, George Pinchin, past District Commander - Epistle, Colossians 3:12-17, Sam Harbinson, - Gradual Psalm 111, and the Gospel Luke 2:41-52 by the Rev. Ross.

A brief history of the Royal Rifles of Canada was read by Captain Lionel Hurd, and the lists of fallen and deceased comrades were read by Jodie and Robin Coleman, granddaughters of the late Ralph Coleman, Hong Kong POW. Another of his grandchildren, Michael Coleman acted as crucifer and server.

The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by the Rev. Ross, with a brief silence in between. The recessional hymn was The First Nowell.

History of the Royal Rifles of Canada as told by Captain E.L. Hurd

"Much of what I will relate are from the books by Mr. Arthur

G. Penny of Quebec City and Mr. Grant Garneau formerly of Sawyerville, now with the New Brunswick Government in Fredericton, N.B. Also to Bishop's University for giving me permission to use the Garneau thesis.

"The cap badge for the regiment is based upon the Maltese Cross surrounded by a wreath and topped by a royal crown. The Latin motto is, "Volens et Vaend", ("Able and Willing"). The colours are red and green.

"Some time after the fall of Quebec, one of General Wolfe's officers, Sir Guy Carlton, Lord Dorchester, was made the Military Governor of Quebec. When the Quebec Fortress was attacked by American Forces, led by General Benedict Arnold in 1875, Sir Guy set about to mobilize a French and an English regiment. The French would become known as the Voltigeurs, while the English was called the Volunteer Militia of

Canada. This regiment would see its name changed over the years; 1877 - 8th Battalion Royal Rifles; 1900, - 8th Regiment Royal Rifles; and 1920, Royal Rifles of Canada. This last change allowed the Regiment to be affiliated with the Royal Rifle Corps in the British Army, who were the first used against Napoleon's forces in Spain during the early 1800's.

World War One saw many from the Royal Rifles serve in other units. This would all change in World War Two.

"June of 1940 called for the mobilization of one of Canada's oldest regiments. That year would see the boys stationed in Valcartier, Que., Sussex, N.B., Botwood, Gander, Saint John's, Nfld. The next year was no less hectic with stations in Valcartier, Quebec, Saint John's and back to Valcartier. It was in Saint John's that the word came down that the regiment had been selected to serve in the hot climate. The stay in Valcartier was only long enough to embark on a train bound for Vancouver, British Columbia. On October 27, 1941, the regiment boarded the Australian Liner, Awatea, and arrived in Hong Kong on the sixteenth of November.

"The regiment received a warm welcome by the people of Hong Kong. The boys marched sharply to their quarters called Shamshui PO Barracks in Kowloon, Main Land. These quarters would regrettably become the prison when the colony fell.

"I will not go into the Battle of Hong Kong nor the three years and nine months of brutal treatment the regiment suffered at the hands of the Japanese. Some would say that defending the colony was foolhardy at best. Nevertheless, a great deal of Canada's military history can be credited to one of the regiments composed of lads who came from the Eastern Townships; Gaspé Coast and Canadian Native people. Hong Kong was the first time Canadians have ever

fought in the Far East. It marked the first land battle for Canada in World War Two. It was the first time Canadian units bitterly engaged the Japanese Forces. Military historians who have studied the battle have found that the Royal Rifles performed more counterattacks and did not surrender until ordered to by the Governor of Hong Kong.

"The formation of the Battalion would not have been possible if it had not been for the 16 officers and 380 other ranks led by Lieutenant Colonel T.G. MacAulay, Officer in Charge of the 711 Hussars. He, along with Lieutenant Colonel W.A. Bishop, (Commander of C Company) reverted to the rank of Major. Many of the lads of C Company came from Bury, Quebec.

"After the war, a Roll of Honour of 262 names of officers and other ranks appeared on a Memorial tablet erected in the Drill Hall, the home of the Royal Rifles in Quebec City. This memorial was unveiled by the Right Honourable Louis Saint Laurent, then Prime Minister of Canada, on November 13, 1949. A second plaque was erected in French on December 7, 1991, to explain the original.

"The Royal Rifles were disbanded following the end of the Korean War. The 711th were soon after into the Sherbrooke Hussars."

The following was taken from a Sherbrooke Record following the fall of Hong Kong.

"The men came from the four corners of the Eastern Townships, from dozens of towns and villages — but by far the largest number came from the small community of Bury, which had thirty-one men in the Royal Rifles of Canada, one of the two regiments who participated in the defence of Hong Kong.

"Eight other Bury boys had enlisted in the Royal Rifles. Of these, J.A. Bergeron, N. Lasenba and H. Thompson were discharged as medically unfit after training for some time, and Ross

Wooten, Ronald Coates, Orton Coates, James Coleman and Charles Rawling were later transferred to other regiments and remained on duty in Canada."

Among the thirty-one men from Bury were two officers, Major Wells A. Bishop died August 1977 and Major Thomas G. MacAulay, died April 1984. The other Bury lads were: James A. Cook, died June 1990; Clifford Royer died August 1990; James Royer, died 1967; George Halley, K.I.A.; Arthur Lowe died November 1988; Ernest Bennett, died March 1983; Ralph Coleman, died February 1990; Allan Kelso, died August 1984; Howard Grey, died June 2, 1987; Maurice Latulippe; Howard Ward; Cameron Harrison, D.P.O.W.; Argyle Harrison K.I.A.; Leo Ross; Lawrence Ross; Raymond Ross, died April 1989; Elwin Herring; Murray Goode-nough D.P.O.W.; Russell Coates D.P.O.W.; George Everett, died July 1981; Eric Batley; Austin Batley; Frank Chapman, D.P.O.W.; Roland Lapalme died February 1977; Clarence Hunt; Gordon Grey, died February 1972; Earl Lasenba, died June 1947; Eric Olson, died October 1983 and Oswald Clark.

Other names from surrounding towns read from the Honour Roll were:

SCOTSTOWN: Glenn Coleman, John Coleman K.I.A., C.K. MacAulay, Lorne MacDonald, D.P.O.W.; Donald MacIver, Gordon MacIver, Malcolm Nicholson, Leo Valcourt, A. Wonnacott, K.I.A. COOKSHIRE: Arthur Alden, E.A. Brazel, F.G. Cameron, William Harlow, Gerry Lachance, C.C. Pope, D.P.O.W., W.R. Pope, D.P.O.W., Colin Standish, Ray Stoddard. EAST ANGUS: Emile Bernard, Gordon Conway. LAKE MEGANTIC: C.W. Fletcher. SAWYERVILLE: A.J. Davidson, Leo Dubois, D.P.O.W., E. Phillips, D.P.O.W., R.S. Taylor, D.P.O.W., Renwick Thompson.

Ladies Auxiliary Legion Branch 10 hold meeting

SHERBROOKE — On Sunday December 15th the Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Branch 10 in Sherbrooke met at the Legion for their last general meeting of the year. The meeting was opened by the President Reta Morin. 1st Vice Fern Fraser read the roll call with 20 members responding. Secretary Jessie Moore read the minutes of the last general meeting and executive meetings those were approved. There was also a few correspondence and thank you notes read and also a donation from a member of the Auxiliary. Birthday greetings go out to Eileen Richards.

Reports were read from some of the different Committees. Reta Morin thanked all the girls who helped in any way for our fall supper, she also mentioned that the success of it was due to all of your hard work. She also thanked all her executive and members who had supported her during the past six months of this year.

Coming events: January 11th will be the Installation of new officers for 1992 at 8 p.m.

New business: Ladies Auxiliary to present a donation to Senior Branch during the supper hour. It was also decided that seeing this was the last general meeting of the year that the ladies attending meeting would be paid a drink before supper. After the business discussion of the meeting, the president called on Comrade Adelard Dubois to come in to take over for the elections of the new executive. He was assisted by two scrutineers, Martha Lafleur and Margaret Tossell. Here is a list of the new executive for 1992.

Past President - Reta Morin
President - Fern Fraser

1st Vice-President - Margaret Smith
2nd Vice-President - Betty Patry
Treasurer - Violet McNab
Secretary - Jessie Moore
Sgt.-at-Arms - Marie Morin.
Directors - Rene Carrier, Beatrice Bolduc, Jean Thorne.

Adelard then wished the new executive all the best for the coming year. He was thanked in return by the President of the Auxiliary. After the meeting was closed the ladies went upstairs to the lounge where an exchange of gifts took place and of course there was the usual visit from

Santa Claus escorted by Mrs. Claus.

At 6 p.m. the ladies were asked to go upstairs to the hall where the men of the senior branch had prepared a nice supper for all. During the supper hour several toasts were made and one to the men thanking them for the meal they had served. The rest of the evening was spent socializing and dancing to the music of Roland Daigle.

Telephone committee will get in touch with members for next general meeting in the new year.

Violet McNab
Publicity

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

THE TEN DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a lot of white meat, from a big turkey.

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me a plate full of dressing from the big turkey.

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me the rest of the trimmings, a lot of white meat, a plate full of dressing, the rest of the trimmings for the big turkey.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me some warmed-over turkey, a lot of white meat, a plate full of dressing, the rest of the trimmings for the big turkey.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, in the form of hash from the big turkey, a lot of white meat, a plate full of dressing, the rest of the trimmings for the big turkey.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love served it to me as a batch of fricasse, a lot of white meat, a plate full of dressing, and the hash from the big turkey.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love said to me: I am sure fed up with all that old turkey - a lot of white meat, a plate full of dressing, and the hash from the big turkey.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love said to me: Let's have a holiday and go on a spree, and forget about the white meat, hash, dressing, and fricasse.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love said to me: It is not all Christmas you see.

So for the tenth day we can do, have a real big time and celebrate nineteen hundred and ninety-two?

Carl Mayhew
Ayer's Cliff, Que.

Is melancholy linked to winter?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in Anchorage, Alaska, and would like information on seasonal affective disorder, a change of mood triggered by light deprivation. How does it affect Alaskans, and what percentage of people suffer from this disorder?

DEAR READER: Seasonal affective disorder is an emotional affliction marked by cyclic depression occurring during the winter months when sunlight is scarce. The condition is common in northern climates, but no one has yet estimated how many people suffer from it. Patients often feel normal until midwinter (earlier in the northernmost countries) when days are shortest; then melancholy takes over.

Daily exposure to sunlight or special artificial lights, administered under the supervision of psychiatrists, will relieve symptoms and even prevent the affliction. SAD is epidemic in Scandinavia and, I am certain, in Alaska, too. The cause of the condition is not known.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister has been epileptic since childhood and suffers grand mal seizures that terrify me. The real problem is that she drinks between one and two cases of beer a week, smokes a pack of cigarettes each day, has no vision in her right eye because of a detached retina and looks older than her years. Is she asking for trouble leading this lifestyle?

DEAR READER: Yes, she is. Your sister's disregard of a healthful lifestyle certainly puts her at risk for an early death. For example, her intake of beer is clearly excessive; in order to avoid heart and liver disease, she should stop using alcohol. Further, her cigarette consumption may lead to cancer and heart attack. I hope she is taking medicine, such as Dilantin, for her epilepsy; uncontrolled seizures can lead to serious injury, even death.

In all likelihood, your sister is aware of the fact that she is abusing herself. Therefore, nothing you and I say or do will make the slightest difference. When she chooses to shape up, she will take the necessary steps to do so. Nonetheless, I think it's appropriate for you to mention your concerns to her, indicating that you (and other family members, too) worry about the risks she is taking and that you care. The rest is up to her.

To provide more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help II — Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After having a sonogram, I've been told I have an enlarged adrenal gland and an enlarged aorta. Can you explain this to me and indicate what I can do about my condition?

DEAR READER: Each adrenal gland lies close to a kidney, which — in turn — is close to the aorta, the major artery supplying blood to the lower body. Thus, a sonogram (ultrasound exam) of the upper abdomen often shows the size of the aorta, the kidneys and the adrenal glands.

The most common cause of an enlarged aorta is an aneurysm: Part of the aortic wall weakens and bulges. This condition is serious because as the aortic wall stretches, it becomes weaker and, after a time, may burst, causing instant death. More commonly, small amounts of blood leak through the dilated tissue, causing abdominal pain.

The only way to cure an aortic aneurysm is to remove it and replace the damaged area with a synthetic graft. As you can imagine, this is major surgery that carries risks.

Experience has taught vascular surgeons that not all aneurysms must

be repaired; small weaknesses can be monitored by sonograms, then surgically corrected only if they leak or reach a critical size (usually 6 centimeters in diameter). Therefore, I cannot comment about your options without knowing the size of your aneurysm and whether you have had symptoms. Follow your doctor's directives.

I suspect the adrenal enlargement was discovered by accident during the ultrasound exam of your aorta. The adrenal glands manufacture cortisone and other substances necessary for good health. Sometimes one or both adrenal glands enlarge; this may be due to a tumor or simple overgrowth of the glands.

To determine if your enlarged adrenal needs treatment, you'll have to undergo further testing. For example, serum cortisol and ACTH levels will tell your doctor whether your adrenal gland is functioning normally. If so, no therapy is necessary. Adrenal malfunction, however, would require an operation to remove part of the adrenal gland or a tumor. Again, you should follow your doctor's advice about how to proceed.

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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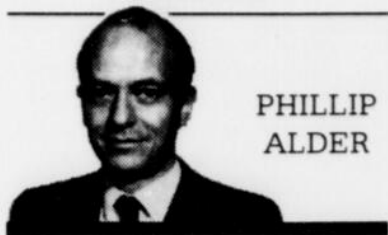
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2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	All pass
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drawn. But the unexpected 4-1 diamond split killed the contract. Did you spot South's error? When East drops the heart seven at trick two, South must unblock his eight. West does best to duck his king, but if he wins and returns the club king, South ruffs with the heart nine, cashes the heart ace, and leads the heart three for a finesse of dummy's six. The last trump is drawn and the diamonds run without hindrance.

With instant matchpoint scoring it is possible for the winning pair to finish under average.

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BRIDGE



PHILLIP
ALDER

Thursday, Jan. 9, 1992



Your Birthday

Jan. 9, 1992

The winning score was how much?

By Phillip Alder

Last September at a club in New York, a 13-table section played 12 two-board rounds. When the scores were computed, the East-West winners had 49.13 percent. With no irregularities of any sort, how could a winning score be under average?

In 1986 the World Bridge Federation introduced instant matchpoint scoring in the Epsom Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs. After each hand, you learned your score immediately. For example, if you were plus 650 on board 26, you received 56 matchpoints and your opponents got 44.

Today's deal is from a 1991 instant matchpoint event held by the American Contract Bridge League.

A common line of play in six hearts was to win trick one with dummy's club ace and run the heart queen. West won with the king and led the club king. South ruffed, cashed the heart ace and finessed the heart nine. The diamond 10 was overtaken with dummy's queen and the last trump was

The year ahead could be an extremely active one for you. Friends will play key roles in helping you realize your aspirations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't be fearful of taking on several endeavors simultaneously. Under usual conditions, this may not be a good idea, but this is a time of exciting change. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't toss in the towel now regarding secret desires that, thus far, you've been unable to fulfill. The harvest is much nearer than you may realize. Keep plugging.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Several new people you've recently met are definitely worth knowing better. Make it a point to open lines of communication to each one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In order to be effective today, you must not abuse your authority. Desirable results can be achieved by keeping a low profile and pulling strings from behind the scenes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Important changes in your social life could begin to transpire today. Also, friends and contacts you made in distant places could soon prove very valuable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Opportunities to increase your earnings or holdings through sources other than your usual ones look exceptionally promising at this time. Keep an open mind when listening to the material proposals of others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Alliances you form today for special purposes should work out as both parties anticipate. One could turn out to be significant and enduring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your instincts are on target regarding something you perceive as having potential value. Be patient, however, because it will require effort to change it from a liability to an asset.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Exciting changes could be in the offing at this time where your social life is concerned. You are now in a cycle that may enhance your popularity more than ever before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your probabilities for substantial success in your material affairs look exceptionally promising now. These positive trends could lead you to the cashier's window.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your ability to sell or promote products or issues you have a vested interest in looks better now than it has for quite some time. What you personally control could prove to be big winners.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Patience is essential in this time frame where your commercial affairs are concerned. You might not gain the edge you're hoping for until it's time to wrap up the deal.

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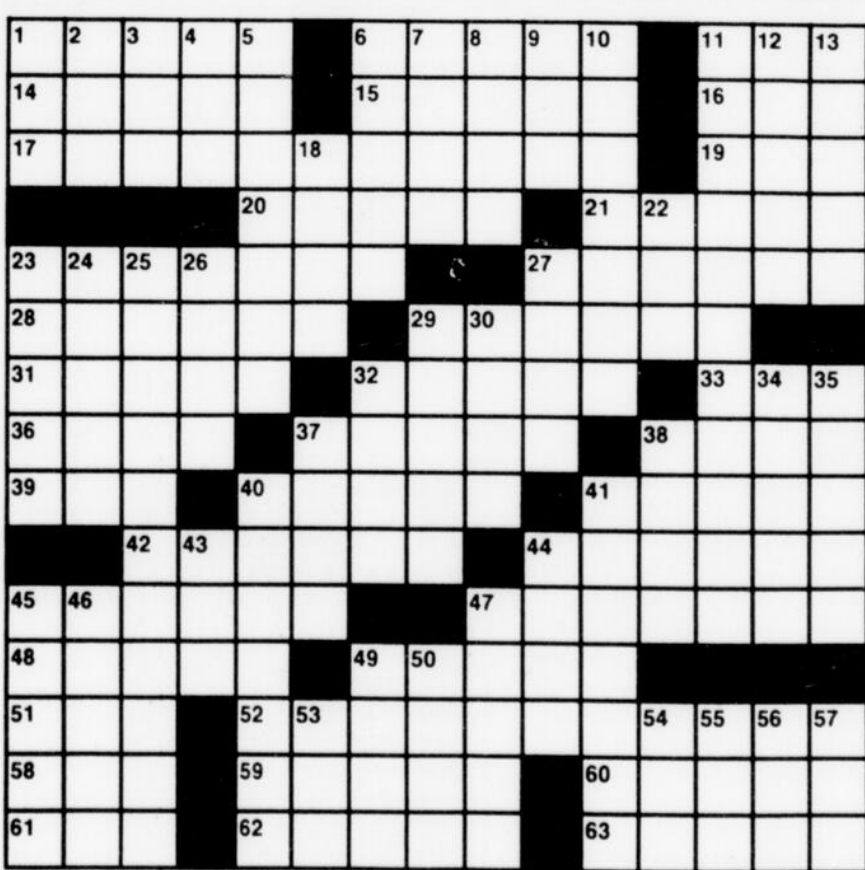
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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Punjab prince
 - Some coifs
 - Bandleader
 - Calloway
 - Tepee or igloo
 - Hag
 - loss (puzzled)
 - Flaunt
 - Yule quaff
 - Yeats and Keats
 - Kittery's state
 - They chew the fat
 - Corn bit
 - Wind about
 - Posture
 - Baby bird?
 - Listing
 - Bar bill
 - Seized
 - Remain
 - "— Love"
 - Remnant
 - Very salty
 - Antigone's uncle
 - Skid lid?
 - d'
 - Glee club
 - Big cat
 - Times
 - Where the action is
 - Wayfarer's stopover
 - Dixie fritters
 - Rorem or
 - Buntline
 - Bar at the bar
 - Great golf score
 - Balaam's mount
 - Jessica Tandy role
 - Leaf aperture

- DOWN**
- Bum — (frame-up)
 - Dhabi
 - Iota
 - Fuss
 - Nag
 - Yeans
 - Worry
 - Stewart and Serling



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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- Lennon's widow
- Part
- Cuspid
- Expiate
- Roll with a hole
- Pulled apart
- Curve
- "Beau —"
- Composer
- Bruckner
- Sleuths
- Pound sound
- Leafy vegetable
- Economize
- Neat
- Rose's love
- Love in Roma
- Comic John
- Provides weaponry
- Young of herring
- Turned red
- Hors
- d'oeuvres
- Goof

- Hindu "Adam"
- Dinnerware
- Sharpens
- Energetic
- spumante
- Letters from Greece
- Dos Passos opus
- Touch lightly
- "But — on forever"
- Tree
- Coral e.g.

Townships' Crier

SHERBROOKE

Royal Canadian Legion Col. J.S. Bourque, Branch 10, 470 Bowen St., Sherbrooke will have the installation of officers for the new year on Saturday, January 11 at 8 p.m. All members and guests welcome.

RICHMOND

La Leche League Richmond-Valcourt will hold its monthly meeting on January 14 at 8 p.m. at the CLSC Val St-Francois, 110 Barlow, Richmond. The topic will be: «Nutrition, starting solids and weaning». All mothers-to-be, mothers and babies are welcome. For information call Lee at (514) 532-2979.

SAWYERVILLE

The annual meeting of the Compton County Agricultural Society will be held on Saturday, January 11 at the Sawyerville Community Center beginning at 10 a.m. All members welcome.

HATLEY

A card party will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 8 p.m. in St. James Church Hall, Hatley. Benefit of the A.C.W.

AYER'S CLIFF

The regular meeting of the Ayer's Cliff Q.F.A. will be held on January 9 at 8 p.m. in the Legion Hall. Guest speaker will be Dian Cohen.

LENNOXVILLE

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 11 at 8 a.m. in the dining room at Bethel Bible Institute, 1175 chemin Woodward. Speaker: Ed Anderson. All men most welcome. For further information, please call Ron Drew 823-6191, Gordon Warnholtz 569-8815 or Gordon Bowker 889-2683.

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

HELLO TO ANOTHER YEAR!

I feel so great - how could it be
That I will soon be 'something' three?
Each time I see the dawn arrive
I feel such thanks to be alive
Oh sure - my pace is not so fast
At times I may relive the past
But when I do - I recall joy
Try never, with past sadness, toy
The younger folk Fate lets me meet
Nourish my heart - all ways a treat
My neighbours let me call them up
One knew me well, gave me a pup -
That pup into a Bouvier grew -
It eats most things - including stew!
As we go from the Old to New
As my associates are few
To all you readers - (aren't we friends?)
The Happiest of Wishes - I extend....

SHE ALWAYS FINDS TIME TO HELP

Teasingly I call her Scuby-duby
Because her name is really Ruby -
I want it known both far and wide
Her heart's as big as the whole outside
She gives a welcome when neighbours are new
Inviting them in for turkey or stew
She heard I was limping - a lame left flipper
In the midst of holidays she knit me slippers!
If people like her weren't so good at giving
A lot of lives would not be worth living -
It's family, church - then lonesome others
She loves, she works, - then foster mothers!

Dora Scott Parker
Glen Sutton, Que.

LENNOXVILLE

A.N.A.F. Ladies Auxiliary 318, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville meeting and elections will be held on Saturday, January 11 starting at 3 p.m. with supper after.

AYER'S CLIFF

Pat Hurley, Dave Donnachie and the singing friends will be at the Maple Manor, Ayer's Cliff on Sunday, January 12 at 2 p.m. Visit the home, see a friend.

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold FREE Blood Pressure Clinics on the following dates:

LENNOXVILLE: Tuesdays, January 14 and 28, at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere Street, Lennoxville from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WATERVILLE: Tuesday, January 28 at the Town Hall, Waterville from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

WARDEN

500 card party at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15 in the Odd Fellows Hall. Sponsored by Victoria Rebekah Lodge No. 19. Lunch and prizes. Come and bring a friend.

KNOWLTON

The Knowlton Golden Age Club is closed until January 23 due to renovations being done in the hall.

STANBRIDGE EAST

A series of four 500 card parties to be held on Fridays, January 10, 17, 24 and 31, in the Senior's Hall at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Maple Leaf Chapter No. 2. Prizes, lunch and sweepstake prizes.

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

Obituaries

MRS. GEORGE BUCKLAND of Beebe, Quebec

Gloria Jean Buckland, beloved wife of George Buckland of Beebe, Quebec, entered into peaceful rest at the University Hospital (CHUS) in Fleurimont on December 24, 1991.

The funeral was held at the Cass Funeral Home in Stanstead on December 28 at 2 p.m. Rev. Deborah Laing officiated, reading comforting passages from the Scriptures, offering prayers and speaking of the life of Gloria.

Hazel Laberee played the organ music and accompanied Conrad and Yolande Haselton who sang a favorite hymn «In the Garden» rendered so beautifully.

The bearers were Brian Embury of Lebanon, N.H., David Howe of Groveton, N.H., Andrew Bryant, Marc Keefe, Fred Mueller and Harold Markwell, all friends.

Spring interment will take place in Woodside Cemetery in Beebe.

The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends from Hamilton, Ont., St. George, N.B., Groveton and Lebanon, N.H., points of Vermont and the Eastern Townships.

Gloria is survived by her husband, George; a sister, Mrs. John (Joyce) Lepitre of Hamilton, Ont.; a brother and sister-in-law, Gordon (Vick) and Berdena Maxwell of Coventry, Vt.; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a favorite aunt, Mrs. Irene Hatt of St. George, N.B., and a host of friends.

Gloria was born on June 5, 1928 in Hampstead, New

Brunswick, a daughter of Harold G. and Evalyne (Newlands) Maxwell. As a young woman, she came to Beebe and for several years she was employed by The Beerworth Press in Beebe and when the owner, Clayton Beerworth, moved from Beebe to the Old Journal Office on Church Street in Rock Island, she continued working for him.

Gloria had a great love for all animals, especially dogs, and the German Shepherd dogs she and George raised for many years. She was an ardent bird watcher and could easily identify many types of these by their call. She was an official bird counter for the Birds' Association and spent many hours in this pastime.

Gloria possessed a cheerful and happy disposition and made many friends over the years. The many floral arrangements and the memorial contributions in her name testified to this indicating the esteem in which she was held and in sympathy to George and her family.

In July, 1950, she was united in marriage to George Buckland, and they were privileged to share 41 years together.

She had been a diabetic for many years, this and complications finally taking her life after a courageous struggle, especially since August 1991 when she was in and out of the hospital. However, she was home a few days prior to Christmas and was looking forward to her annual trip back to New Brunswick to visit relatives and friends. She will be missed in her home and community.

MELVINA ELEANOR (Wright) MASTINE of St. Felix de Kingsey, Que.

Melvina passed away peacefully at the Wales Home on December 8, 1991 in her 94th year. A memorial service celebrating her life was held at St. Anne's Anglican Church, Richmond, conducted by Rev. Ruth Matthews, assisted by a great-niece, layreader Marilyn Mastine. Two favourite hymns, «Nearer My God to Thee» and «The Lord is My Shepherd» were sung.

Her ashes were interred in Spooner Pond Cemetery beside her husband Harry who passed away 17 years ago December 9.

Left with many fond memories are her sisters Evelyn, Mrs. Grant Davis of Danville and Mrs. Addie Stevens of Richmond; her only daughter Frances (Mrs. Roland Dewar) of St. Felix; grandsons Brent of Calgary and Craig (Gina) of Dartmouth; granddaughter Heather (Marc Sener) of Ottawa and one great-grandson Daniel of Dartmouth; faithful friends Charles and Ruth Higgs of Pictou, N.S. as well as Nelson and Blanche Mastine and many other relatives.

Born on April 29, 1898, the eldest in a family of six, she was predeceased by an infant brother Charles and sisters May and Helen. This lady was blessed with a keen mind, a great memory and good eye-sight, and will be missed as a link to the past in local history.

Her early education (for 1st and 2nd grade) was at the home

of Mrs. Sykes in the village of St. Felix de Kingsey. After that, she was considered mature enough to drive the horse and care for her younger sisters on the three mile drive to Kingsey Consolidated School and to deliver milk to the cheese factory in the village and retrieve the cans on the way home. While performing chores night and morning, her education continued until she finished Grade 10.

She was married to Henry Guy Mastine at St. Paul's, Sydenham, at the age of 20. Like the women of her age, she assisted in the farm operation and raised her chickens to have «a little money of my own». Each of her grandchildren and many of the children of friends and neighbours were proud and happy to wear her knitted pattern sweaters with each row and each stitch as smooth and as even as the last. Her coheted runners and doilies were a sought after treasure. At the age of ninety, she started to crochet the old fashioned lace dress collars and had produced over 270 before she quit. This lady was sought out to add colour to our local history and will be sorely missed.

She was well spoken of by all her neighbours and spoke well of them.

Good-bye to a friend and one of God's faithful servants. Enter into the presence of thy maker and rest.

Card of Thanks

ABERCROMBIE — I would like to thank all my relatives and friends and all organizations for flowers and cards who remembered me on my 88th birthday and at Christmas.

ENID ABERCROMBIE

BUCKLAND — I would like to express my deep appreciation to relatives, neighbours and friends who have been so kind during the illness of Gloria and at the time of her death. To the Stanstead Ambulance, Dr. G. Bounhard, the staff at CHU, Johanna Britton, CLSC R.N. for excellent home care. Thank you for the many phone calls, letters, cards, memorials, for food sent in and the U.C.W. of Beebe for refreshments after the funeral. Special thanks to Rev. D. Laing, Cass Funeral Home staff, bearers, Conrad and Yolande Haselton and Hazel Laberee for the hymn selections.

GEORGE (husband)

MARTIN — In deep appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness to us during our sad bereavement. Special thanks for the Memorial contributions, cards, letters, phone calls, the food, to the girls that served tea after the service, flowers, to Rev. Curtis Patterson for his kind words, to L.O. Cass & Son Funeral Home, you're kindness will always be remembered.

VERLIE (wife)
PAULINE & ALVIN BUTLER (daughter)
AND FAMILY

ROYEA — Thanks to all of my family, friends and neighbours for the phone calls, cards and presents I received while in the B.M.P. Hospital, they were all appreciated. Thanks for your continuing phone calls, cards and visits while I remain in the Cote Nursing Home. I'd like to thank the staff in both places for their excellent care. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Sincerely,
LYNDON ROYEA

High Forest

Alice Wilson
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Roland and Theda Lowry were supper guests of Archie and Betty Moore on Robert Rd., Lennoxville, on December 22. On Christmas Day for dinner they entertained their family, John and Christine Robinson and children, Kent and Lynda Lowry, Garth and Marcia Lowry also Justin and Jeanne Lowry, James and Stephanie, Randy and Janice Hartwell and three boys, and Elden and Phyllis Lowry. In the evening Roland Theda were supper guests of the Robinsons on Spring Road. On another evening Albert and Roberta Sylvester joined Roland and Theda for supper.

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Deaths

PARKES, Ebba (Christofferson) — At Lachine, Que. on January 7, 1992, 86 years. Beloved wife of the late John H. Parkes, dear mother of Camilla (Frank Provost) and Carol-Ann (George Pompeo). Granny of Robert, Alan, Tina, Teresa and Allison Provost, Lorrie-Lyn, Leigh-Ann, Tony and Trina Pompeo, and 11 great-grandchildren. Also survived by her sisters Inger and Camilla. Resting at the Lakeshore Funeral Home Inc., 560 Lakeshore Drive, Dorval. Visitation on Thursday, January 9 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 4850 Grand Blvd., Montreal on Friday, January 10 at 11 a.m. thence to Mount Royal Cemetery. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Card of Thanks

DEWARMASTINE — Warm and heartfelt thanks go out to the relatives, friends and neighbours who shared their thoughts during the recent loss of my mother, Melvina Eleanor (Wright) Mastine. The thoughtfulness of the calls, the cards, the donations made in her memory and other expressions of caring helped to ease the loss. A special thank-you to the Central Infirmary Staff of the Wales Home for excellent care. To Carol and Blanche and Nelson for being there when needed. To those who joined in the service to celebrate her life. To Rev. Ruth Matthews and Marilyn Mastine for conducting the service and their words of comfort. To Mrs. Anne Clark and the choir. To the A.C.W. of St. Anne's for serving lunch. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

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Sports

Canadiens squeak past Bruins

By Bill Beacon

MONTREAL (CP) — Kirk Muller scored a goal and set up another as the Montreal Canadiens held off the Boston Bruins 3-2 Wednesday night.

Muller assisted on a goal by Denis Savard while Shayne Corson also scored as Montreal, first in the NHL's Adams Division at 28-14-2, won for the sixth time in its last seven games.

Cam Neely scored twice for second-place Boston, 18-18-5, to give him three goals in as many

games since missing the first 38 games of the season with a thigh injury.

Boston outshot Montreal 33-29 before a crowd of 17,715.

The Canadiens, who are 4-2 against the Bruins this season, jumped on starting goaltender Matt DelGuidice for three goals on 13 shots.

Andy Moog took over in goal after Muller scored at 2:33 of the second period and played brilliantly, particularly on a second-period stop on Sylvain Turgeon

on the doorstep.

Savard was sent in alone to beat DelGuidice with a high shot 1:25 into the game and Corson tapped in Stephan Lebeau's pass at 3:38.

Neely put the Bruins back into the game 19 seconds into the second period when he cruised into the slot to one-time Craig Janney's pass behind Patrick Roy.

Muller restored the two-goal lead at 2:33 on a high shot from a sharp angle, his 19th goal of the

campaign.

Neely got his second of the match with 1:49 left in the period, deflecting in Glen Wesley's point shot.

Notes — Rumors have Boston's Craig Janney going to St. Louis for Adam Oates . . . The Canadiens' previous home game was Dec. 22, a 3-2 win over Boston . . . The game was watched by Expos manager Tom Runnells and players Dennis Martinez, Tim Wallach, Larry Walker and Mike Gardner.

Expos' manager keen on upcoming year

By Terry Scott

MONTREAL (CP) — Listening to Tom Runnells speak Wednesday, you could get the impression he is the manager of a world champion baseball team, rather than the skipper of the last-place Montreal Expos.

In the city to launch the Expos' winter caravan — a goodwill tour with 30 stops throughout Quebec in the next three weeks — Runnells's optimism seemed at times to slip into hyperbole.

"Four days ago, when I got the itinerary for the caravan, I got goose bumps," said Runnells. "I got all fired up realizing the great players we'd have here today to launch the caravan."

Runnells was referring to Tim Wallach, Dennis Martinez, Larry Walker and Mark Gardner, who joined forces to meet the public in the first leg of the caravan.

Runnells then proceeded to compare Wallach's defensive abilities at third base to Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson. He said the Expos catching trio of Darrin Fletcher, Gilberto Reyes and the still unsigned Gary Carter "is the greatest combination of three catchers you could have in the game."

Describing newcomer John Wetteland, who will be tried in the short-relief role, as "nasty," Runnells added, "Dennis Martinez's and Mark Gardner's curve balls break from Crescent to Peel Street, but Wetteland goes beyond that. Twelve teams asked about Wetteland and he ended up with the Montreal Expos."

Wetteland was obtained from the Cincinnati Reds last month for outfielder Dave Martinez.



FEUDS IN OFF-SEASON

There were several undercurrents at the news conference Wednesday, including the presence of both Wallach and Dennis Martinez, who have feuded from long distance in the off-season.

Several weeks ago, Martinez said bluntly that if Wallach did not want to switch from third base to first, filling a void left by the trading of Andres Galarraga, then Wallach, too, should be traded.

In a radio interview Wednesday, before the news conference, Wallach said, "You can only take so much of what Dennis says. I plan to talk with him about it."

Wallach has been the subject of recent trade rumors which have him joining the New York Yankees in exchange for at least one of their outfield prospects. "I'd prefer to stay here, but only if we're going to build a winning ball club," remarked Wallach, who announced earlier that he would not exercise his veto rights if traded to New York.

Duquette acknowledged that boosting the team's run production is still one of his club's off-season needs. Wallach, who slumped to a .225 average with 13 home runs and 73 runs batted

in, was among the players whose decline contributed to a disastrous 1991 season, in which the Expos posted a 71-90 record, last in the East Division of the National League.

Whether Carter, the popular former Expo, will have input into that production, is still uncertain. Claimed on waivers by Montreal last November, Carter is seeking more than \$1 million, while the Expos are countering with \$550,000. Carter has threa-

tened to retire rather than play for that amount.

"We'll be talking again next week," said Expos vice-president Bill Stoneman.

Expos notes: The Expos have held the line on ticket prices, except for box seats, which go to \$15.25, a 25-cent hike. The team reduced its terrace seats to \$9, from \$11 and has a 50-per-cent discount for children for terrace, general admission and bleacher tickets.

Spring training won't be a party for Expos

MONTREAL (CP) — Among the pieces of mail that Montreal Expos third baseman Tim Wallach received recently was the spring training work schedule devised by manager Tom Runnells.

"It sounds like we're going to be out on the field for a while," commented Wallach on Wednesday. "That's all right. Everybody has their own way of going about spring training."

It is the first spring-training camp for Runnells as the Expos manager. He replaced Buck Rodgers last June, and David Dombrowski, the Montreal general manager at the time, said one should not evaluate Runnells's managerial abilities until he had the chance to run the team right from training camp.

That will occur starting Feb.

28, when the Expos hold their first full-squad workout in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"One of my main goals for spring training is that we're going to work harder than any major league team," stated Runnells. "We are going to be as ready as we've ever been."

"We're going to get all the fundamentals down because we had some shortcomings with fundamentals last year."

"How long will we stay out there? The players are the ones who are going to dictate that. If their intensity level is so good, maybe that will shorten the practices, but believe me, there would have to be a lot of intensity for that to happen."

"If I'm satisfied with the work, we'll finish, otherwise we'll stay out there. If they have a 2:30 tee-off time somewhere, screw the golf."

Seaver, Fingers say Rose a Famer also

NEW YORK (AP) — The newest members of the Hall of Fame hope Pete Rose can join them in Cooperstown someday.

Tom Seaver and Rollie Fingers appeared together as Hall of Famers for the first time on Wednesday to discuss their careers, their new status and Rose.

Seaver set the record most observers once thought would belong to Rose when he received a record 98.8 per cent of the vote by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"There have been few times in my career when I was speechless but last night was one of them," said Seaver, 311-205 lifetime. "There are moments that will stand out, that a person will take with him forever. I've had a few of those as a player and a few of those in my personal life and this is one of them."

Rose got 41 write-in votes that

didn't count. Three writers also sent in blank votes to protest Rose's name being dropped from the ballot.

Rose was placed on baseball's ineligible list on Aug. 23, 1989, by the late commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti. The commissioner concluded after a six-month investigation that Rose bet on baseball games, including those involving the Cincinnati Reds while managing the team.

ROSE PLUCKED

Rose, a three-time National League batting champion, had been considered an odds-on favorite for first-year election — maybe a record percentage — until the investigation that led to his banishment.

The directors at Cooperstown voted 12-0 last year to bar him from its ballot. Rose would have been on ballot for the first time in 1992, right there with Seaver and Fingers.

While the rule adopted does not specifically mention Rose, the former Reds player and manager is the only living person on the permanently ineligible list. Rose can become eligible for the Hall ballot only if the baseball commissioner reinstates him by December, 2005. None of the previous 14 individuals banned from baseball were reinstated.

"I think there's much to be said for the position for which baseball has taken through the years to guard very carefully against gambling influence in baseball," commissioner Fay Vincent said Wednesday.

"It's a major threat to our game and we've had a successful practice of keeping gambling out. Unfortunately for Pete it's a very sad situation."

TITLES WON

Rose batted .303 in a 24-year

career and set records for hits (4,256), games (3,562), at-bats (14,053) and singles (3,215). He was the NL rookie of the year in 1963, the World Series MVP in 1975 and won NL batting titles in 1968, 1969 and 1973.

"This is a country in which we forgive and we forget — and we do forgive," Seaver said. "(Rose) is one of the greats of all time. I (hope) that in the spirit of forgiveness that Pete one day will be able to be in the Hall of Fame."

Fingers would also like baseball to forgive Rose.

"You look at what Pete did on the field as a player and his numbers are the tops," said Fingers, the all-times saves leader with 341. "He has a black eye right now but black eyes have a tendency to go away."

Rose plans to ask Vincent to be reinstated, allowing him to be eligible for the Hall of Fame.

Hockey Pipers play exhibitions in U.S.

SHERBROOKE (LSR) — The Alexander Galt Pipers hockey team will take their successful show on the road this weekend.

The Pipers travel to Maine for three exhibition games against high schools from the Waterville region. Galt will play Coney of Augusta High School Thursday night, Waterville High School Friday night and Winslow High School Saturday.

Although the Pipers haven't played the Winslow Raiders this year, both teams participated in the Bishop's-Champlain High School Hockey Tournament in November. Galt won the tournament championship and the Raiders beat the Massey Vanier Vikings 10-0 in the consolation final.

Pipers head coach Brian Heath said he was surprised Winslow lost in the first round against MacDonald Cartier.

"We considered that game an upset," Heath said. Had the Raiders won the first-round match, they would have faced off against Galt.

Winslow won the 1990-91 State of Maine Class B Championships.

One thing Heath said he likes about the upcoming U.S. exhibition games is that the teams they're going to play are strong. "That's what we need,"

Heath said. "Those schools have had good (hockey) programs long before Galt was open."

"It's good competition. It keeps us sharp."

Heath said that most of the players have stayed sharp over the holidays by playing pick-up games of hockey, or the odd game of basketball. He said the practices on Monday and Tuesday were successful, whereas if the players hadn't kept up in some sort of activity, they would

have been sluggish.

"We skated pretty hard yesterday," he said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Heath said it will be important for the Pipers to get the continued good goaltending they have received from both Kevin St. Pierre and Jason Morse. St. Pierre has been at times superb in the Galt net, and Morse has been sharp when he's gotten the chance.

One player won't be in the same part of the States with the rest of the Pipers. Walter Pokora is vacationing in Florida and will miss the games.

"We'll miss his scoring,"

Heath said.

Danny Bibeau may also miss the trip because of an infected toe. Other than that, Heath said the Pipers are fairly healthy and looking forward to playing.

"It's fun for them," he said. "They play night games down there and play the national anthems." He added the crowds for games are usually quite larger as well.



Heath: "It's good competition."

Sunday's forecast is favorable for 'Skins

HERNDON, Va. (AP) — It's supposed to be Redskin weather for Sunday's NFL championship game — cold, rainy, and sloppy — and the forecast is putting smiles on the faces of many Washington players.

"Let it rain, rain, rain," defensive end Charles Mann implored when he learned of the forecast. "Let it come down like last week."

Other than umbrella salesmen, nobody will be happier with gloomy weather than the Redskins. While many of the league's run-and-shoot offenses stall in the mud and slop, Washington's no-frills attack succeeds.

Last week the Redskins let the rain roll right off their backs, the Falcons' run-and-shoot offense became waterlogged, and Washington earned a 24-7 divisional playoff win.

In the victory over the Fal-

cons, Washington didn't have a complex scheme. In fact, there were just four running plays in the game plan: The famous counter gap left, the same play to the right, and delays in both directions.

Although the Redskins scored their first touchdown on a draw play by Ricky Ervins, Washington stuck to its original game plan most of the day.

Washington's offensive line has two players — Joe Jacoby and Jim Lachey — who weigh nearly 300 pounds, and good blocking tight ends in Ron Middleton and Don Warren that complement the running game.

One man who discounts the effects of the weather — Redskins coach Joe Gibbs — warns that with star running back Barry Sanders, Detroit may not have to rely on wide receivers who will be battling to stay on their feet.

Sport shorts

CINCINNATI (AP) — Reggie White, Philadelphia Eagles defensive end, is this year's recipient of Athletes in Action's Bart Starr Award.

Starr, the former Green Bay Packers quarterback, will present the award to White on Jan. 24 at the NFL-sanctioned 1992 Super Bowl breakfast in Minneapolis.

The award, determined in voting by NFL players, is given to the player who shows character and leadership on the field and in the community. Cincinnati offensive lineman Anthony Munoz received the award in 1990 and Chicago Bears linebacker Mike Singletary was honored in 1991.

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Don't start digging through stacks of NFL cards for one of Detroit Lions quarterback Erik Kramer. You won't find one.

Kramer, the former Calgary Stampeder who has led the Lions into Sunday's NFC championship at Washington after starting the season as a backup, wasn't included in the sets printed by Topps, Fleer, Upper Deck or Score.

"There's not an Erik Kramer

card on the market that we know of," said Tom England, manager of the Troy Stamp and Coin Exchange.

Tracy McInnis, manager of Sports Cards and Concepts in Keego Harbor, said the store has received several calls from frustrated collectors unable to find a Kramer card.

"I guess it's not too surprising," said store manager Tracy McInnis. "After all, we're talking about someone who until recently was a journeyman player."

NEW YORK (AP) — Though he retired from the NBA last November because he had contracted HIV — the virus that's believed to be the leading cause of AIDS — Magic Johnson continued to run second to Clyde Drexler in fan balloting for the two guard spots on the NBA West Conference all-star team.

Drexler, of the Portland Trail Blazers, had 331,641 votes for the No. 1 starting guard spot to 243,373 for Johnson, who played for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Balloting continues through mid-January. The all-star game will be played on Feb. 9 at Orlando, Fla.

Scoreboard

NHL		BASKETBALL		NFL	
CAMPBELL CONFERENCE		TUESDAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS		NFL PLAYOFFS AT A GLANCE	
Norris Division		NBA		All Times EST	
W	L	T	F	A	P
Detroit	25	12	4	166	132
St. Louis	18	16	7	142	137
Chicago	17	17	9	147	138
Minnesota	18	18	3	127	134
Toronto	11	27	5	112	161
Smythe Division		Pacific Division		U.S. College	
Vancouver	23	12	7	149	123
Winnipeg	17	18	8	129	136
Los Angeles	17	16	7	149	153
Calgary	17	18	5	147	140
Edmonton	16	20	6	145	159
San Jose	9	30	3	102	177
Wales Conference		Tuesday's Results		NFC	
Adams Division		Atlantic Division		Second Round	
Montreal	27	15	1	154	140
Boston	18	17	5	139	143
Buffalo	15	18	5	121	134
Quebec	13	20	7	128	142
Philadelphia	11	24	5	127	160
Patrick Division		Central Division		Saturday, Dec. 26	
Rangers	27	15	1	154	140
Washington	26	14	3	187	144
Pittsburgh	23	15	4	191	156
N.Y. Islanders	20	14	6	152	117
Philadelphia	14	20	6	150	167
Pittsburgh	12	19	8	112	136
Tuesday's Results		Eastern Conference		Super Bowl	
AHL		Atlantic Division		Sunday, Jan. 26	
Frederick	6	4	1	154	140
St. John's	7	3	1	154	140
Capital	3	1	1	154	140
IHL		Central Division		AFC	
San Diego	7	1	1	154	140
Phoenix	3	1	1	154	140
Quebec Major		Western Division		Saturday, Dec. 26	
Beaumont	4	1	1	154	140
St. John's	5	1	1	154	140
Capital	3	1	1	154	140
NBA		Pacific Division		Sunday, Jan. 26	
Atlantic Division		Central Division		AFC	
W	L	T	F	A	P
New York	20	10	10	667	—
Boston	20	12	625	1	—
Miami	15	18	455	6%	—
Philadelphia	14	18	438	7	—
New Jersey	12	20	375	9	—
Washington	12	20	375	9	—
Orlando	6	25	194	14%	—
Central Division		Pacific Division		Super Bowl	
W	L	T	F	A	P
Chicago	26	5	839	—	—
Cleveland	22	9	710	4	—
Milwaukee	16	14	533	9%	—
Atlanta	17	15	531	9%	—
Detroit	17	16	515	10	—
Indiana	13	20	394	14	—
Charlotte	9	24	273	18	—
Western Division		Pacific Division		Super Bowl	
W	L	T	F	A	P
Utah	22	12	647	—	—
San Antonio	17	14	548	3%	—
Houston	17	15	531	4	—
Denver	13	18	419	7%	—
Dallas	12	20	375	9	—
Minnesota	5	25	167	15	—
Pacific Division		Central Division		Super Bowl	
W	L	T	F	A	P
Golden State	21	4	724	—	—
Portland	21	11	656	1%	—
LA Lakers	19	13	594	3%	—
Phoenix	19	13	594	3%	—
Seattle	17	14	548	5	—
LA Clippers	17	17	500	6%	—
Sacramento	9	22	290	13	—
Tuesday's Results		Pacific Division		Super Bowl	
Atlantic Division		Central Division		Super Bowl	
W	L	T	F	A	P
Atlanta	109	9	109	94	—
Cleveland	113	13	113	98	—
Chicago	102	12	102	98	—
LA Lakers	104	14	104	80	—
LA Clippers	104	14	104	89	—



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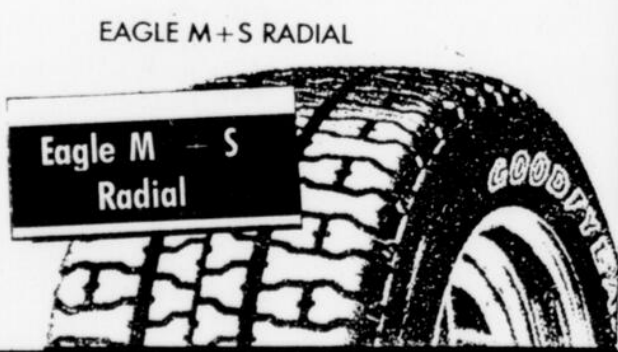
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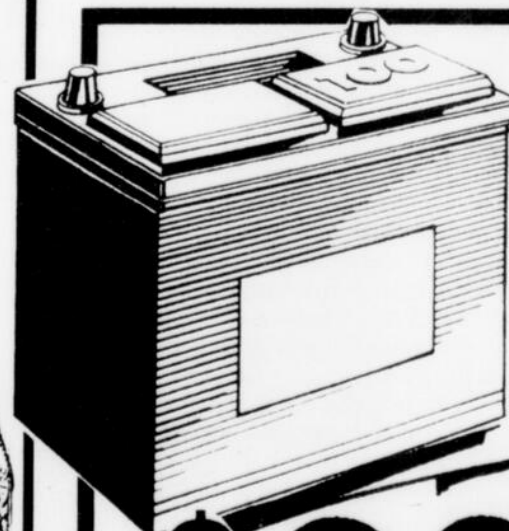
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