

## Quebec neglecting English schools, say Liberals

MONTREAL (CP) — Bureaucrats' attitudes are hardening toward foreigners on work permits who want to send their children to English public school, say Liberal MNAs.

The Opposition politicians went to an appeals panel with a U.S. couple who sought to over-

turn a decision denying their six-year-old boy access to English public school in a Montreal suburb.

Thomas Mulcair spoke of "a large number of decisions that show a toughening of attitudes within the department" in cases like that of the boy, his

mother Paula Eyler and step-father John Eyler.

Another Liberal member involved, Russell Williams, said "We want the government to respect its own law."

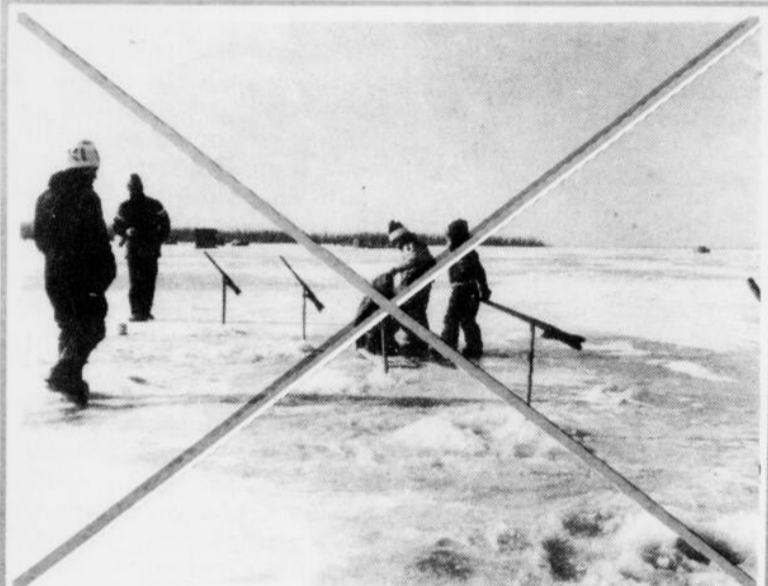
Meanwhile a Quebec government discussion paper says English-speaking students are

at an unfair disadvantage when writing provincial exams because of poor translations and inadequate textbooks.

"The lack of textbooks and the difficulty of language used on examinations create an uneven playing field for students in the English sector," said the

paper prepared for the Education Ministry.

Educators hope the study will be used to launch a pilot project that would allow anglophones to create examinations in English, instead of having to use exams that have been translated from French.



**Danger:** Ice-fishing season may be open but heavy early snow cover means local lakes aren't yet frozen hard enough to walk on. For the full story please see Page 4.

### Opens door for Bouchard:

## Ottawa can help Quebec with economy, says PM

By Bob Cox

OTTAWA (CP) — Jean Chrétien says he gets on the phone every day to try to persuade people to keep money invested in Quebec — and he doesn't always succeed.

"There's nothing more nervous than a million dollars. It doesn't speak English. It doesn't speak French," the prime minister told a French TV interviewer Wednesday.

Chrétien told both the Radio-Canada and TVA networks that he is regularly asked to talk to nervous investors concerned about political and economic uncertainty in Quebec.

"That's what I hear every

day," he told TVA.

"I have to make telephone calls at the request of friends regularly to ask people to stay in Quebec, to invest in Quebec and it's not always successful because the political uncertainty leads to economic

uncertainty."

The message — repeated in separate French interviews on the same day — seemed clearly aimed at telling Quebecers their province still faces pro-

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## 'The guarantor of sovereignty' Parizeau proud of role promoting separation

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Jacques Parizeau says keeping sovereignty in the spotlight was his biggest contribution to Quebec in recent years.

"I was the guarantor of sovereignty," Parizeau said in an interview Wednesday with RDI, the French-language news channel of CBC-TV. Sovereignty "was the objective and it stayed that way until the end," he said.

The 15-minute interview was a rare event for the retiring premier who has mostly shied away from reporters in the last couple of months.

Breaking with Quebec tradition, the 65-year-old Parizeau did not hold a news conference

at the end of this year's National Assembly sitting.

Bloc Québécois Leader Lucien Bouchard is expected to be acclaimed in January to succeed Parizeau as Parti Québécois leader.

That is presuming no late entry by a leadership rival. If Bouchard gets the job and wins a subsequent byelection, he would occupy the premier's chair when the Assembly's next sitting begins in mid-March.

In the interview, Parizeau said he was proud of restoring order to the party.

"I took over the PQ in 1988 and it was in a state of dreadful

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**New school downtown:** Work has begun on the latest addition to Sherbrooke's historic downtown: a fully-equipped school for would be workers in the restaurant and tourist industries. For the full story please see Page 4.

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# Foreign troops in Bosnia switch to NATO hats

SARAJEVO (AP) — The green and brown helmets of NATO troops replaced the blue headgear of UN peacekeepers Wednesday, as the new U.S. commander in Bosnia took control.

The no-nonsense style of the NATO command was designed to show the new force means business. The soldiers went straight to work, clearing blocked roads, digging in weapons and marking off territory.

At the Black Dog checkpoint in northern Bosnia, 30 kilometres south of the Serbian stronghold Banja Luka, and

the site of Croat-Serb fighting two months ago, two Croat soldiers watched as British troops cleared the front line.

Soldiers set up mortars. A bulldozer swept away a Croat road barrier, widening the dirt road. Other troops set up anti-tank traps and marked the route to the new NATO checkpoint with white rope.

Croats and Serbs both cleared mines from the road.

Few of the NATO soldiers who are to enforce the peace treaty signed in Paris last week have arrived in Bosnia — only about 1,000 of the 60,000

expected.

But thousands of UN peacekeepers from NATO countries simply switched helmets — replacing the blue UN hats with ones from their own armies, becoming part of the NATO mission.

Across Bosnia, UN flags dropped as NATO commanders took control of military bases.

The official change came at a battered, sand-bagged airport in the Bosnian capital Sarajevo, where officials surrounded in fog signed the papers that ended the UN mission and began that of NATO.

"Gentlemen, it's time," said

U.S. navy Admiral Leighton Smith, commander of the NATO military mission.

"Let's get on with it."

Smith missed the formal transfer of authority because fog prevented his plane from landing in the morning. But he arrived later to sign the papers in a brief ceremony.

It was the same story at the U.S. headquarters in the northeastern Bosnian town Tuzla, where only one C-130 out of a scheduled 30 flights made it in before heavy fog shrouded the airfield. So far, only about 670 U.S. soldiers of 20,000 expected

have made it to Tuzla.

The United Nations relinquished a frustrating mission charged with keeping a peace that never existed. UN commander Lt.-Gen. Bernard Janvier of France turned to Smith during the ceremony and wished him more success.

"Let me hand over to him not a trembling flame but a bright torch of peace," he said.

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blems as long as the threat of another sovereignty referendum remains.

In both interviews, Chrétien referred to joblessness and other economic problems in Montreal and elsewhere in Quebec.

He twice mentioned that there were almost no housing starts this year in Hull, across the Outaouais River from Ottawa.

"People won't dare invest," he said on Radio-Canada.

"This . . . crisis is affecting Quebecers quite a bit."

Chrétien predicted that economic circumstances in the province would force Lucien Bouchard, the Bloc Québécois leader likely to become premier next month, to work with the federal government.

Chrétien said he and Bouchard spent 40 minutes of a 45-minute meeting last week talking about the Quebec economy.

"If he takes Quebec's problems seriously he will realize he has to work with us and we'll find solutions together."

He said Bouchard can count on Ottawa for help if he addresses the immediate needs of Quebec.

Chrétien also tried to reassure his mostly Quebec audience that the province will always have a veto over constitutional change.

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# Canada calls for clear thinking from UN

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — Canada urged the UN Security Council on Wednesday to end the era of "half-hearted, half-baked" peacekeeping, as a more robust NATO force was taking over the UN role in Bosnia.

Canada's comments, along with those from other countries contributing troops to the United Nations, reflected a general dissatisfaction among UN members on the way peace missions have been conducted.

The Security Council debate on ways to improve the working relations between the United Nations and contributing countries came on the day the UN transferred its Balkan com-

mand to NATO at the Sarajevo airport.

UN troops in the Balkans had a frustrating mission. Their presence did not guarantee peace or stop the killing. The experience prompted contributing governments to demand more transparency and consultations from the Security Council.

Still, Canada's UN ambassador Robert Fowler said the United Nations Protection Force, or UNPROFOR, made impor-

tant contributions in the former Yugoslavia.

"UNPROFOR made it possible for the peace negotiations to proceed," he said.

"It was thanks to UNPROFOR personnel that humanitarian organizations . . . could bring essential humanitarian supplies to the isolated and needy populations."

But he had some critical words about co-operation within the United Nations.

"When it comes to peacekeeping, the Security Council and

troop-contributors need to work closely together," Fowler said.

"Without member states willing to contribute troops to operations decided and renewed by the council, there will be no peacekeeping."

"The council seems overly prepared to take ambiguous decisions about peacekeeping operations — decisions which have not been thought out, or which are obviously based on incomplete information. . ."



**Drop-in visitor:** Santa Claus was practising his house calls at the Ranch de Spaghetti on King Street east on Wednesday as 25 children and 15 parents were invited for dinner with ice cream. The restaurant's new owner Vivianne Lanctôt and manager and well-known sports figure Gilles Péloquin asked the group Arthur et son oeuvre and its president Normand Groleau of Photo Zoom to suggest some people in need who they could invite. Each of the children received a gift and a chat with the venerable Mr. Claus.

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## PARIZEAU:

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quarrelling — a sort of religious battle — and it was toned down."

At that point the PQ was divided over whether to put sovereignty on the back burner.

Parizeau said despite losing the Oct. 30 referendum by a narrow margin, the PQ hasn't been infighting.

"There is no atmosphere of fighting over dogma and no religious war," he said. "There is a party that is looking at its strategy and saying this worked that didn't."

"There is a maturity and I contributed to that."

## WEATHER

Continuing snow today, with total accumulation of between 10 and 15 centimetres and a high of -7. On Friday, intermittent flurries, a low of -12 and a high of -5.

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Blame Ottawa for retroactive R&D credit reversal

# Investors scream over back-tax grab

By Dwane Wilkin

**SHERBROOKE** — Thousands of Quebecers who bought into risky tax-shelter schemes in the late 1980s and early '90s accuse Revenue Canada and Quebec's Ministry of Revenue of trying to fleece small investors of \$42 million in retroactive claims.

The unprecedented action, thought to affect more than 100 Eastern Townships households, has touched off a provincial review of the way federal bureaucrats applied the Income Tax Act in Quebec between 1989 and 1993.

During those years Quebecers claimed and received millions of dollars in tax credits for investments intended to encourage research and development projects. Ottawa now says the credits were illegitimate and wants the money returned.

While Revenue Canada collectors step up efforts to recover the money, investors have only a few days to decide whether to accept federal offers to settle the claim. Ottawa is offering to forgive the interest on the disputed tax credits, but only if investors agree by Dec. 31 to waive their right to appeal the re-assessments.

The tax-shelter schemes were used to finance hundreds of R&D projects in a range of fields, from relatively low-tech engineering innovations to cutting-edge telecommunications services. Investors say revenue-hungry governments benefitted from the investment in jobs but are changing the rules now to rob them of their due.

Revenue officials respond that investors were duped by promoters who either didn't understand the law on tax shelters or misrepresented the risk to participants.

Whatever the case, many of the 8,000 Quebec taxpayers who invested in the tax-shelter schemes from 1989-93 are now on the hook for individual amounts as high as \$25,000, and some sources say many face personal bankruptcy.

Revenue Canada has strongly denied one Bloc Québécois MP's suggestion that federal assessors set a trap for investors by continuing to approve thousands of tax-credits even after it became obvious the schemes were straying from investment guidelines.

But some investors argue that because tax credits were issued for several consecutive years without question, it was taken to mean that the R&D

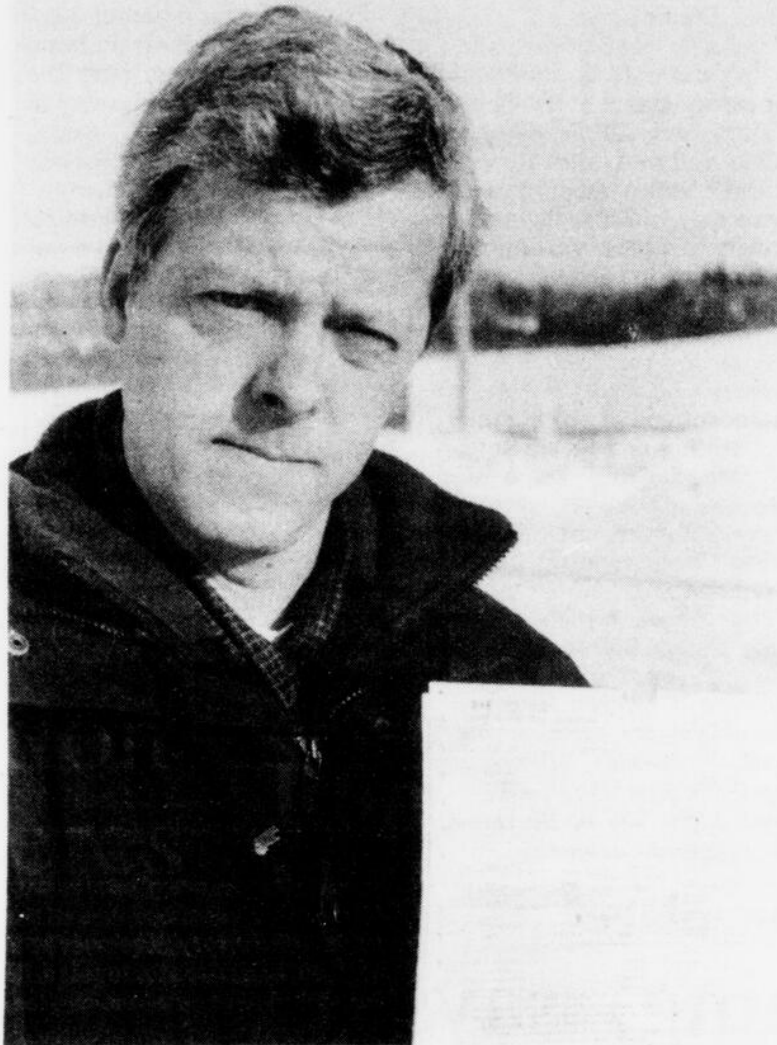
projects they were funding met with federal criteria.

**SCANDAL**

"It's a scandal," Denis Gauthier, an Asbestos notary assured *The Record* during an interview on Monday. "It's a scandal because the government knew there was going to

forms that were sent out to apply for the credit," Cléroux said, adding that it is common for Revenue Canada to go back at least three years to review past assessments "when we find a problem and the problem is widespread."

Federal tax form T-5003



Pierre Côté is on the hook for over \$20,000 in tax credits the federal government wants returned. RECORD: DWANE WILKIN

be a problem with the tax shelters, but they continued to allow people to invest."

Gauthier himself participated in two promoter-sponsored R&D projects in the early 1990s, for which he claimed and received tax credits in a "general partnership" with other investors from the region.

He says the vast majority of taxpayers participated in the R&D tax-shelter schemes in good faith, with the intention of creating or saving employment in their own communities. Suddenly, investors feel that the tax bureaucrats consider them to be nothing more than cheats and penny-ante fraud artists.

"They are treating us as though our projects were never approved," Gauthier said.

In fact, the projects never were approved, says Revenue Canada spokesman Michel Cléroux.

"Perhaps the people who got into it should have read the

sent to investors by promoters states that "tax shelter deduction claims are subject to verification and adjustment by Revenue Canada."

**MISUNDERSTOOD**

For starters, Cléroux said, promoters of the tax-shelter schemes and some investors appear to have misunderstood the standards tax assessors must consider when dealing with claims for R&D-related tax credits.

In hindsight, the eligibility requirements read like a legal minefield wide open to bureaucratic discretion. Among other things, assessors reviewing claims for tax credits must verify that:

- The research has been carried out and qualifies as scientific research;
- The expenditures claimed were incurred to earn income;
- The taxpayer was

actively engaged in the activities of the business on a regular basis;

- The partnership carries on a business with a reasonable expectation of profit

- The investment risk was not limited.

Gauthier and a group of associates, friends and relatives pooled their money in 1991 to help a Victoriaville-based firm, Groupe SCV, develop a specialized ventilation system for an ailing hydroponic greenhouse in nearby Danville. The deal was structured by Montreal entrepreneur Guy Cyr, who later promoted tax-shelter units to finance his own software-development project, OrdinoMath.

**GOOD FAITH**

"Here in the region," said Gauthier, "with the economic conditions so bad, we believed it was absolutely critical to take the initiative to try to improve the situation."

At least 40 people from the Asbestos-Victoriaville region participated in the greenhouse project, dubbed Technolaire, including the owner and several employees of Groupe SVC, Gauthier said.

The approach was essentially the same as in other tax-shelter projects promoted across the province. A promoter first applied and obtained a tax-shelter number from Revenue Canada. Next, investors each put a pre-determined amount of cash, say \$10,000, into a pool of capital used to finance a specific project, which they believed fulfilled the scientific requirements of federal investment guidelines.

Early the following year, the promoter would buy back half of the investor's initial loss — \$5,000 — and individual investors would apply for a tax credit on the remaining \$5,000. The \$5,000 R&D investment yielded a refund of \$6,600, for a net profit of \$1,600. The government now wants the tax credits returned.

Promoter Cyr, who was operating under the company name Gestion ATP at the time, said everything went smoothly from 1989 to 1993. Cyr said periodic audits of research projects were conducted by Revenue Canada, including inspections by scientific advisors. He even received letters from Revenue Canada officials approving the projects.

"In 1993 they detected a grey zone in their favor and that's when Revenue Canada started questioning investors," said Cyr in an interview from the

Montreal office of his new company, Informastock.

A computer software product, OrdinoMath, which Cyr developed with the help of Townships investors, has yet to be marketed.

**POLITICAL**

After months of preoccupation with the Quebec referendum, a handful of provincial politicians are finally beginning to look into the affair. Gaston Leroux, Bloc Québécois MP for Richmond-Wolfe, met earlier this week with anxious investors from the riding. After listening to constituents, Leroux blamed the whole affair on an overweening and overextended federal bureaucracy.

"Cases of injustices have become more and more common since the Martin budget," Leroux said. "The treatment of these people by the federal government has been very cold, without any consideration of how it will affect their lives or their families."

Pierre Côté, a Hydro-Quebec employee from Rock Forest who invested in tax-shelter projects four years in a row, has received a \$20,000 tax bill from Ottawa, and fears that Quebec's Ministry of Revenue could bill him for another \$15,000. Earlier this year, Côté was so exasperated he joined a lobby group of affected taxpayers called the *Association des contribuables ayant participé dans des projets de recherche et de développement* (ACAPDP) and has become its regional spokesman.

ACAPDP lawyers are recommending that investors accept the federal settlement offer, Côté said, because fighting the government in court could take years.

He warned other investors to seek advice before giving in to tax collectors' threats on the telephone.

"The government is treating this issue in a very incoherent, haphazard manner," charged Côté.

"Who's to blame is very difficult to say," remarked Alain Gilbert, a certified financial advisor with Midland Walwyn in Sherbrooke. "But investors like anyone else must respect the law."

Gilbert said it's unfortunate that investors bought into such risky schemes without seeking professional financial advice, and he's worried that the whole affair will scare potential investors away from legitimate tax-shelter investments in the future. "And there are some good ones out there," he said.

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## Restaurant school will be open next August



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SHERBROOKE — Work has begun on a new professional training centre for workers in the restaurant and tourism industry.

The *Centre de formation en alimentation et tourisme*, to be located across Wellington Street from City Hall, will be run by Sherbrooke's Catholic School Commission.

The new centre will allow cooking students to move out of cramped quarters at the Centre 24 Juin and Le Triolet high schools and move downtown to a larger, more modern home where they will also have more immediate access to diners.

According to CSCS president Noël Richard, the hotel and tourism school will provide skilled workers for the local tourism industry.

Renovations of the commercial building and its expansion into the parking lot behind have already begun, with the concrete footing poured just before Wednesday's official ceremony.

The school, which will be home to some 200 students and

*Shoveling it: Mayor Jean Perrault did the earth-moving honors Wednesday, offering up a symbolic first shovel of gravel at the site of Sherbrooke's new restaurant school.*

20 employees, is slated to open at the end of August 1996.

Construction and equipment will cost slightly more than \$4.4 million — of which \$3.9 million is being covered by the Quebec education ministry. The school board is kicking in \$300,000 and the rest will be covered by school taxes.

PQ MNA and regional delegate Claude Boucher, on hand for the sod turning, said the new school required close collaboration by the school board, the education ministry, the city and the hospitality industry.

"Everyone gets something

out of it," he said. "The school board gets to consolidate and diversify its teaching programs, the city of Sherbrooke gets to revitalize its downtown core with an influx of young students, and the government gets to bring a tangible contribution to the development of professional training."

Péquiste Boucher made a point of praising the contribution of St-François Liberal MNA Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, whom he said worked long and hard on winning approval for the restaurant school.

### Memphremagog:

## Two nailed in dope raids

SHERBROOKE (RL) — Two men in their 30s were arrested and may be charged today after Quebec Police Force officers swept over the Magog area with six raids between 3 and 5 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

The raids by the QPF organized crime squad aided by Memphremagog regional police, uncovered small quantities of various drugs including cocaine, marijuana, hashish, and mushrooms, said QPF spokesman Serge Dubord.

Dubord said about 30 officers participated in the raids which occurred at four different locations on Main and Deragon streets in Magog, Parent Road in Magog Township and Venise Road in Deauville.

Dubord said the raids followed a few days of surveillance by police and that after the two men were interrogated, other arrests could follow.

## 'There are soft spots all over the place'

# Ice too thin for fishing, says Brome Lake chief

KNOWLTON (SM) — Brome Lake fire chief Pierre Laplante is warning residents and visi-

tors to wait a while before skiing or ice-fishing on Lake Brome.

"It's too early," Laplante said. "The ice is very thin and very, very dangerous."

Laplante said despite warnings posted along the lakeshore advising people to stay off the lake, a number of skiers, hikers, and ice-fishermen have been spotted on the partly-frozen surface.

"Last weekend some people walked across the lake to the island," he said. "It's crazy. There are soft spots all over the place."

Laplante said that during a routine patrol of the lake Wednesday morning he noted that one fisherman had erected a small cabin on the soft surface.

"I don't know how he got it out there and I don't know how long it will stay," Laplante said.

"The ice-fishing season opened today — December 20 — but that doesn't mean it's safe to begin today," added the chief.

Laplante estimates ice thickness at four inches in some

places on Brome Lake but very thin in others.

"The snow has provided insulation and in some spots the surface is white and in others, it's yellow" — indicating incomplete freezing, he added.

Laplante said he has advised local retailers who sell fishing supplies to warn would-be fishermen who are planning to head out onto the lake.

A lot might be at stake, he added.

"It's not only for the safety of the people who venture out on the lake that we're issuing the warning, it's for our own volunteer firefighters who will have to go out there and rescue them if they fall in."

"I don't want to risk the lives of our firemen to go out there just because someone didn't heed the warnings."



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## Woman hurt but baby safe

Police, ambulance attendants and the fire department rescue squad moved quickly Wednesday afternoon to remove a woman from the wreckage and rush her to hospital after a two-car accident at the corner of Conseil and Normandie streets in east-end Sherbrooke. A baby riding in the car with her escaped unharmed as did both occupants of a second car in the collision. Traffic on Conseil St. was re-routed around the scene from about 2:45 to 3:10 p.m. while the firemen used hydraulic shears to free the trapped woman.

PHOTOS: PETER COLT

## Science

# In the fallout from the big bang Scientists seek clues to fate of dinosaurs

By Jim Loney

MIAMI (Reuter) — Ancient glass beads and sediment in the Caribbean basin may unlock one of Earth's great mysteries, what killed the dinosaurs, scientists say.

One of the world's most sophisticated research ships is set to sail from Miami this week seeking proof for a theory that the dinosaurs were killed off by a cataclysmic explosion when an asteroid or comet smashed into Earth and changed the environment radically 65 million years ago.

The scientists said Wednesday they hope to find the answer in the fallout from the big bang — glass beads, rocks and sediment buried 1,000 metres under the sea bed off the coast of Mexico, where according to prevailing theory an extra-terrestrial body left a giant crater.

They will spend nearly two months near the site of a buried impact crater called Chixculub, where they will drill into Earth's crust, searching for answers to the riddle of what

killed the great beasts of the Cretaceous era.

"I think I've got the answer. I'm looking for the proof," said Haraldur Sigurdsson, the mission's chief scientist and a professor of oceanography at the University of Rhode Island.

Current scientific theory says environmental changes from a comet or asteroid probably caused the mass extinction

of the dinosaurs. But scientists are not sure exactly how.

They believe the object, probably eight to 16 kilometres in diameter, plunged to Earth near what is now the city of Merida on the Yucatan peninsula, creating a crater 160 kilometres in diameter.

The impact alone, while triggering a giant tidal wave, likely

did not cause the extinction, scientists say. It has happened many times with less catastrophic results. But because it hit an area of shallow water containing a huge deposit of gypsum, or calcium sulphate, it was "like hitting a powderkeg," Sigurdsson said, causing an environmental disaster.

The impact, believed to have been the equivalent of one bil-

lion megatons of energy, probably sent a cloud of sulphur-laden gas into the atmosphere. "That forms a veil over the earth and blocks out sunlight, leads to total darkness and obviously immediate cooling," Sigurdsson said.

The darkness may have lasted for months or years, killing off plant life and the dinosaurs.

## Oviraptor with eggs is 'amazingly beautiful'

# Fossil treasure found sitting on nest

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have discovered a spectacular fossil of a three-metre-long, ostrich-like dinosaur squatting over a nest filled with eggs. The finding suggests birds inherited this behavior from dinosaurs.

The creature, its long arms wrapped around the nest, may have been engulfed by a giant sandstorm some 70 million to 80 million years ago in Mongolia's Gobi Desert.

Dinosaur experts were bowled over by the finding.

David Weishampel of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine called it astonishing. Scientists didn't know that dinosaurs brooded their nests, he said.

And the fossil itself is an "amazingly beautiful" freeze-frame image of the dinosaur, Weishampel said: "Without any imagination at all you can imagine this critter sitting on a nest."

Jack Horner, curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Mont., said he considers it "one of the two best specimens of dinosaur fossils ever found."

"We've had nests and babies and all sorts of things, but we had never had the direct evidence of the parent with the eggs," Horner said. "By far this is the strongest evidence of some kind of parental attention."

Scientists found the fossil in 1993 and the find is reported in today's issue of the journal *Nature* by researchers at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, George Washington University in Washington, and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences in Ulan Bator, Mongolia.

The dinosaur, called an oviraptor, looked like a wingless ostrich with a shorter neck and a long tail.

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Over its 51-year history, RCI has broadcast far and wide across the globe, keeping Canadians who live and work abroad in touch with affairs at home, while opening a window on our land for all the world to learn what makes this country the model of peace and tolerance that it is. Canadians who served in World War II and in Korea, our peacekeepers who served in the Suez and those, more recently, who were stationed in Bosnia — all can attest to the superior quality of RCI's programming in a world where shortwave national broadcasting is laden with jingoisms.

Which is exactly why this whole episode is such a ludicrous error. A large percentage of the world's foreign service radio broadcasts are little more than propaganda. But RCI has led the way in offering listeners the type of concise, intelligent information that Canadians have grown accustomed to from their national broadcaster. RCI is respected around the world as one of the world's best providers of news and analysis. The head of the BBC's world service was so astonished by Ottawa's decision to axe RCI that he sent a personal letter of protest to Prime Minister Jean Chrétien last week. He knows a bonehead move when he sees one.

Thankfully, the government already seems to be backtracking on its decision. A report on Tuesday suggested that Ottawa was trying to unload the cost of carrying the service onto the backs of those departments who might feel RCI is a valuable asset in their day-to-day work, such as Foreign Affairs. The move is typical of the type of "make it up as you go along" kind of governing that has been the hallmark of this government ever since the paper-thin federalist victory in Quebec's referendum.

Bad decisions can be reversed. In fact, politicians have a sackful of convenient buzz-phrases when they realize they've made a major gaffe. They can call it a "re-assessment of the situation," or "policy rationalization." At a time in our history when the country is scratching its collective head and wondering what it means to be Canadian, keeping RCI in place could go a long way toward answering the question.

ROMAN SOLONYSZNYI



## Letters to the Editor

### A few words of advice to pet owners

Dear Sir:

I am the owner of several animals who are all vaccinated, neutered/spayed and registered with the SPA. For the past 18 months or so, there had been a large black and white cat around. Since he seemed to be quite healthy and happy, I ignored him. This past summer, he appeared on the porch looking extremely thin and so I began to feed him. He gradually came to trust me, the other animals tolerated his presence and I started to allow him to spend time in the house. It was time to take further action.

On October 27, I took him to the vet to have him vaccinated, including rabies shots. On November 27, he was neutered and, for the first time, stayed indoors overnight. On December 4, neighbors who had identified him as a stray had him picked up by the SPA and by December 6, he was dead.

As I struggle to deal with the grief, anger and guilt that I feel over the unnecessary death of this beautiful animal, I have formed the following suggestions for all concerned.

**For all animal owners:**

If your animal disappears for even a short time, call the SPA. You have only 48 hours before his or her fate may be sealed. Better 100 unnecessary calls, than the death of a beloved pet. Tell all

your neighbors of your loss, make notices for lamp-posts, post an ad in the *Record*. Don't assume that, since he has stayed away for days before, nothing has happened to him.

**For those who think they have identified a stray:**

Check the condition of the animal. Unless you can see its ribs, do not feed. Maybe he will then go home. My particular cat weighed 12 pounds and was eating three meals a day. If you decide to feed, realize the cat will return time and time again since he won't understand that he isn't welcome. Tell everyone you know before you decide to take action. Ask them to spread the word. Make a few notices to put around if you can't afford an ad in the *Record*.

**For the SPA:**

Just because you are told that an animal is a stray, doesn't make that so. You were told that he had been around all fall but a cursory examination would have shown that he still had stitches from his

operation. Yes, he had fleas but a quick sniff would have alerted you to the fact that he had been sprayed the previous day and was under treatment by a vet.

If you feel that you must acquiesce to any request to remove an animal, leave prominent notices on surrounding lamp posts. Generic ones with a blank date area and a statement that an animal has been picked up will alert owners of missing animals.

Lennoxville residents pay enough in animal licenses to be given this information and the chance to retrieve their pets. Above all, remember that your mandate is the protection and not the destruction of animals.

While none of this will return my animal, maybe these steps will prevent others from experiencing similar grief.

Yours sincerely,  
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### Clothed all along?

Dear Editor,

Is the national debt a sign that we have squandered the dividends of stolen land or has the reality of progressive monetarization and the nature of "efficiency"

finally materialized? Has the emperor been clothed all along?

And who was that foolish child?

Yours truly,  
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## Competition bureau should probe Payments Association

# Interac breakup isn't enough, life insurers say

By Gord McIntosh

OTTAWA (CP) — Ottawa hasn't gone far enough to break up the stranglehold that banks have on the financial system, says the life insurance industry.

Last week the Federal Competition Bureau found the banks were abusing their dominance under the Competition Act by keeping membership criteria artificially high for entry into the Interac automated banking network.

As a result, the bureau said, consumers have been denied

the full advantages of developing technology, choice in selection of savings products and, in some cases, the best possible price for services.

Now the life insurance industry wants federal officials to take aim at what it regards as another banker-dominated cartel — the Canadian Payments Association, which controls the cheque clearance system.

The Canadian Life and Health Insurance Companies Association submitted its second brief Wednesday to the Department of Finance since

June.

Finance is currently conducting a five-year review of who should be able to do what in financial services.

To avoid prosecution, the six major banks have agreed to allow insurance companies and others to add their own automated banking machines to the Interac network — a development life insurers call a step in the right direction.

But the new Interac members would still have to work through the banks for their automated machines to have

access to the cheque-clearing system, and the insurance industry isn't satisfied.

"The refrigerator has opened up, but the front door to the house is still locked," Robert Astley, president of the Mutual Group, said on behalf of the industry association.

The insurance industry wants to be able to make payouts to its policy and annuity holders and bypass the banks. It also wants insurance companies to be able to offer new products such as homeowner loans, lines of cre-

dit and even cheque writing.

Much of this would match the U.S. market, where non-deposit-taking institutions have been able to offer services like this for several years.

The insurance industry doesn't believe it will be able to keep up with all the diversifying as long as banks dominate the payments association.

"No one can predict with certainty how our payments system and electronic highway will emerge over the next few years," Astley said from Waterloo, Ont.

## MIL Davie's order books empty

# Shipyard's fate under scrutiny

By Katia Gagnon

QUEBEC (CP) — Quebec Industry Minister Daniel Paille will decide the fate of the troubled MIL Davie shipyard at the end of January.

Two companies are vying to become the majority shareholder in the shipyard at Lauzon, Que., across the St. Lawrence River from Quebec City.

Dominion Bridge and Verreault Navigation had until midnight last night to table final offers for the shipyard.

Paille said Wednesday that the audit firm Price Waterhouse will analyse the offers and report to him early next month so that a deal can be struck by the end of January.

The minister said he wants the *Société gène-*

*rale de financement*, a Quebec-owned risk capital investment fund, to continue holding a minority ownership position in the shipyard.

"We're looking for a majority partner who will run the shipyard — that's a fundamental precondition," Paille said.

If the shipyard's order books remain empty by Jan. 1, MIL's labor force will be reduced to 50 employees instead of the current 350. Over the years, the company employed thousands to help build the navy's new frigates, ferries, off-shore oil-rigs and other projects.

But rationalization in the Canadian industry in recent years and completion of the frigate contract left the shipyard floundering.

## Exports take a fall in October

OTTAWA (CP) — Sputtering sounds came from the engine room of the Canadian economy in October.

Statistics Canada said today that exports during the month fell 2.5 per cent to \$21.0 billion, mainly as a result of lower shipments of machinery and forest and energy products.

Exports have been the economy's main source of strength all year so any sign the sector has faltered is worrying.

Imports slipped 1.9 per cent to \$18.3 billion, lowering the country's merchandise trade surplus to \$2.7 billion from \$2.9 billion last month.

Falling imports are also a sign of a slow economy because they suggest Canadian companies needed fewer raw materials for production.

Statistics Canada said one of the biggest export declines was registered by the previously strong pulp and paper industry.

Shipments fell 17.7 per cent, in part because of mill shutdowns for maintenance and a strike.

Sharply lower coal shipments to Japan helped pull energy product exports down by 11.7 per cent.

Car exports were down 2.5 per cent because of fewer shipments of pickup trucks to the

United States.

Exports were also hurt by a drop in foreign demand for Canadian office and industrial machinery.

On the plus side, there were higher exports of agricultural products and industrial goods

such as refined metals.

Trade in goods is only one part of Canada's balance of payments.

Statistics Canada said in another report today that retail sales in October fell 0.7 per cent to \$17.7 billion.

## Long-distance charges fixed in '96: Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP) — Consumers will pay \$2 more a month for local phone service in the new year, but won't get a scheduled break on long-distance charges, Industry Minister John Manley said Wednesday.

The decision was quickly slammed by interest groups and praised by phone companies.

"This is undoubtedly the biggest corporate bail-out in Canadian history," said Michael Janigan, the executive director of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre.

"When big telephone companies compete and don't make enough profits ordinary Canadians are expected to make up the difference," he said.

Bell Canada president John McLennan said the ruling will result in a better climate for investment in Canada's telecommunications industry.

"This is a strong turn-

around-signal," he said.

Manley's ruling is in response to a decision in October by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

The federal telephone regulator ruled that telephone companies could bump local phone service by \$2 a month starting Jan. 1, with a further \$2 a month increase in 1997.

But they would have had to offer offsetting price reductions for basic long-distance service used mainly by residential consumers and small businesses.

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# Megan Follows tackles autism role in new TV film

By John McKay

TORONTO (CP) — It's the same tilted head, wringing of hands, shuffling walk, middle-distance stare, and repetitive, monotone voice.

But Megan Follows isn't worried people will compare her performance as an autistic savant with Dustin Hoffman's famous Rain Man.

Follows is part of a powerhouse trio of actresses starring in *Under the Piano*, a Sullivan Entertainment film premiering on CBC-TV next month (Jan. 7, 8 p.m.).

Along with Amanda Plummer and opera soprano Teresa Stratas, they tell the story of Rosetta, a handicapped girl torn between a domineering, poisonous mother who tries to inhibit her daughter's development, and a loving sister who wants to nurture the savant side of Rosetta's mind.

Like Hoffman, Follows met and studied real autistic

savants for her role, including an elderly woman from Boston who was the real-life inspiration for the script's character.

But she insists that while the American actor did an "amazing job" in his 1988 film, her take on the disability was different.

"I wouldn't say I felt the need to embellish or change (the role) based on his performance as being the ultimate of something," she says.

The diminutive redheaded actress, known to most Canadians for her *Anne of Green Gables* miniseries of a decade ago, concedes she had some misgivings about tackling the Rosetta role at first.

For her, the challenge would be playing a character who could not express emotion.

"What I learned through the process wasn't that there was any less emotion," she says. "It was just a different means of expressing the same things

that you or I or anybody else might feel."

Under the Piano is the latest in a varied string of performances Follows has attempted over the years after the *Anne Shirley* part that gained her worldwide fame.

She has done *Romeo and Juliet* at Stratford, made some unsuccessful stabs at series TV, and will be doing some theatre work in Toronto next

month.

In 1991 she took on an even more challenging role when she married film-technician husband Christopher Porter. They now have two children, Lyla, four, and Russell, 18 months.

She's 27 now and the red tresses are shorter and darker. But in faded jeans and with a student book-bag slung over her shoulder, she still suggests the all-Canadian ingenue.

This despite a hectic professional schedule that involves frequent travel between her Los Angeles home and Canada and with no imminent plans to settle in anywhere.

"I feel my creative heart's up here and that's why I'm here right now," she says.

"I'm not projecting too far into the future. I'm basically taking things a day at a time in terms of where my goals are."

## CRTC issues direct-to-home satellite TV licences

OTTAWA (CP) — Two direct-to-home satellite TV services have been granted licences by the federal broadcast regulator.

The two companies approved to provide service nationally are ExpressVu Inc. and Power DirecTv. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission also denied a licence to Homestar, a consortium of cable industry companies.

The commission said Wednesday it was also licencing

five direct-to-home pay-per-view TV services, including one that delivers programming in French.

"By licensing two national DTH services, we have responded to the government's request that we promote a dynamically competitive market for DTH distribution," commission chairman Keith Spicer said.

Direct-to-home technology allows consumers to get television service via satellite recei-

ving dishes instead of cable.

Bell had no problem with a pay-per-view licence going to Power DirecTv. The commission had created a level playing field in that area, he said.

Anticipating the criticism, the commission defended its decision, saying the applicants chose their own technologies for business reasons. It noted ExpressVu was confident it could compete despite facing the same disadvantage against the cable companies.

## Short Cuts

**Stuntwoman dies, four injured in stunt gone awry**

NAPLES, Fla. — A boat used in the filming of a crash scene in a Disney comedy missed its mark and sent two boats smashing into a crowd of extras, killing a stuntwoman.

Janet Wilder, 29, of Woodland Hills, Calif., died at the scene Tuesday. Four other people, including her husband, Scott, were injured.

Lar Gregory, a spokesman for the Florida Marine Patrol, said Wilder "tried to dive out of the way, but the boat struck her."

Scott Wilder, who was holding his wife's hand at the time of the accident, was among four treated at a hospital and released. Also injured were Scott's father Glenn Wilder; Tony

Brubaker, who was Danny Glover's stunt double; and Roy Farfel, all of Los Angeles.

The boats crashed onto the swampy, southwestern Florida set of *Gone Fishin'*, which stars Joe Pesci and Glover. Neither actor was injured.

**Long joins list of Cheers alumni on Frasier**

LOS ANGELES — Shelley Long becomes the latest from the Cheers gang to reprise her role on the set of NBC's *Frasier*.

"Diane's more the old Diane in this episode . . . because she's in crisis," Long said Tuesday at a rehearsal with *Frasier* star Kelsey Grammer.

Long played intellectual Boston barmaid Diane Chambers on *Cheers* from 1982 to

1987. Grammer joined the cast in 1984, portraying her neurotic lover, psychiatrist Frasier Crane.

In the episode, to be aired in February, Diane arrives in Seattle from Los Angeles for the production of a play she wrote, only to find out that her producer pulled out of the project. She goes to Frasier for help, sending the radio shrink into an emotional crisis.

**ABC to launch three series in February**

NEW YORK — Three new shows will premiere on ABC in February, including one described as *Swiss Family Robinson* meets *Eight Is Enough*.


The one-hour drama, called *Second Noah*, is set to premiere Monday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m.

The new series focuses on the Beckett family, led by Noah and Jesse, who are parents of eight adopted children from different ethnic backgrounds.


Daniel Hugh Kelly and Betsy Brantley play the parents.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, *World's Funniest Videos* (from the producers of *American's Funniest Home Videos*) premieres at 8 p.m.

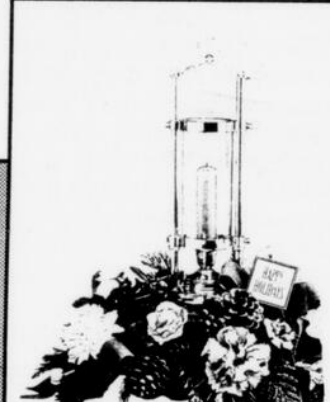
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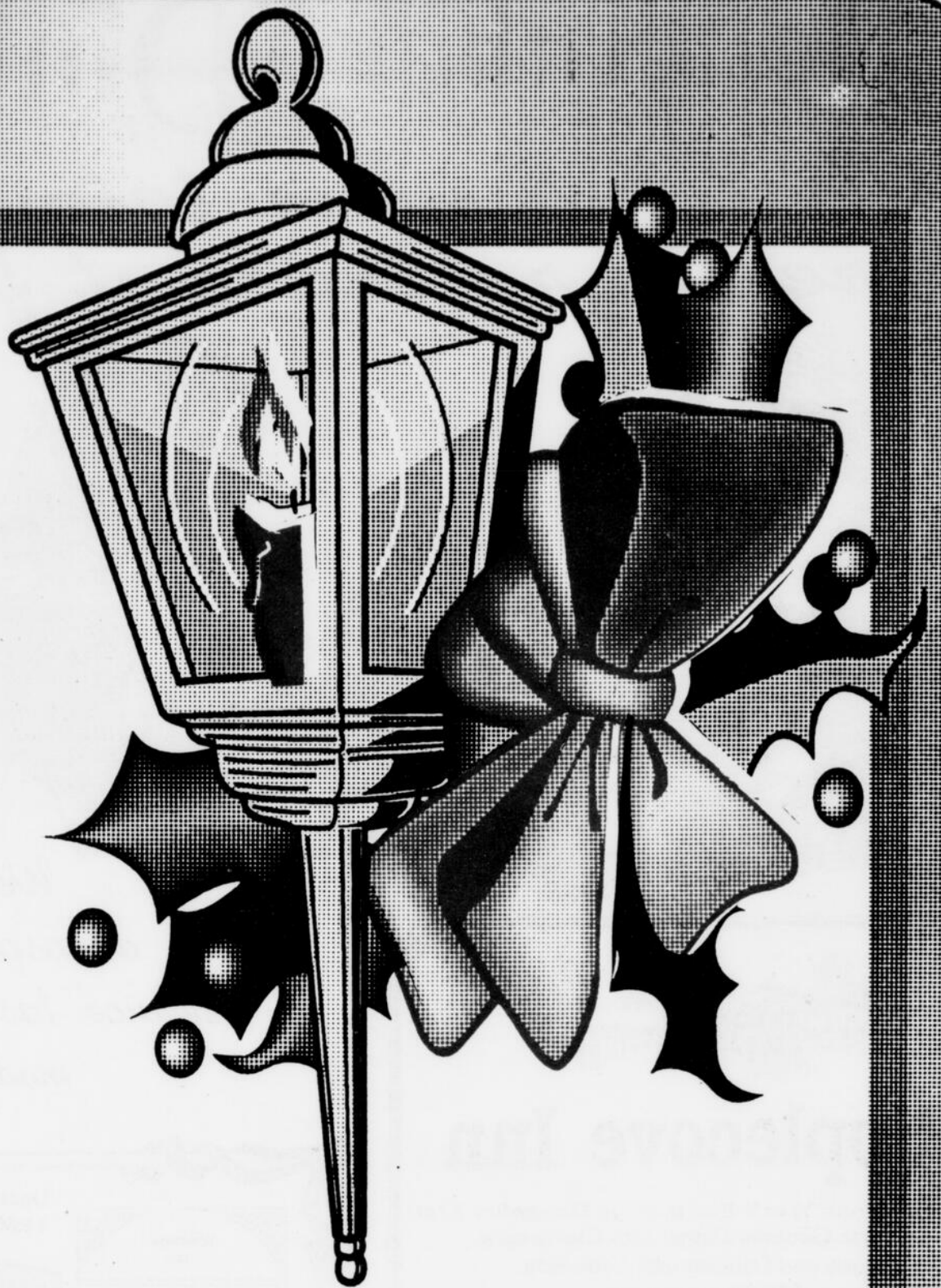


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# When they're home for Christmas Older parents struggle with family unity

By Deborah McDougall  
The Canadian Press

Donna Kumagai's Christmas wish list could be a photocopy of the dreams of thousands of parents of adult kids pushed together for the holidays.

A truce to the war between siblings. Peace between step-parents and step-kids. Harmony in the house, and to all a good night.

"You always can hope at Christmas," said Kumagai, 56, whose two daughters will be in Orillia, Ont., for the holidays with her and their stepfather.

"There's something about Christmas that brings extra expectations."

Christmas can be extra stressful for older parents of adult children, say therapists.

Careers have shoved kids further away from their parents than ever before. Many parents often get their brood under the same roof once a year — and that's Christmas. Toss in pressure to be jolly,

even if you're not. Add a dash of unresolved childhood conflict. Stir in a parent's pressure to create the perfect holiday atmosphere.

Call it a recipe for explosive high anxiety.

"There is a heightened pressure on families at Christmas to feel happy that everything is good in their families," said Carolyn Rosenthal, director of gerontological studies at McMaster University in Hamilton.

"That can make the smallest conflict tougher."

Families also live further away and come together much less often. Kids often leave home when they get out of their teens. The last strong impression they may have of each other could be a distorted one when when they're brought back together, says Dr. Elaine Rodino, a family psychologist in Santa Monica, Calif.

"It's quite amazing what families can experience," she says.

"That was their relationship

for so many years, day in and day out. Just because now they've gone separate ways, doesn't mean it changes after the years have gone by."

Parents like Kumagai try to provide a nurturing atmosphere.

Her two daughters are rebuilding their estranged relationship. But there's still tension between some of her children and her husband who's been struggling with cancer, she says.

### MORE PRESSURE

Holidays add pressure and anxiety among a family's dynamics no matter how hard they try to work through it, she adds.

While some adult children relive childhood conflicts over the holidays, some parents can

slip into treating them like kids, says Rodino.

That's a no no, say therapists.

Rodino suggests parents work hard at realizing their grown children are adults and need to perform their own life according to the personality they've developed and who've they've become.

"Parents seem to want to continue to parent forever, so they're still doing that kind of parenting, controlling, advice-giving, like, 'You must do this,'" she says. "This happens until the adult children are quite old."

If a parents sees an argument waiting to happen, give older children a chance to voice their concerns without having to solve it, adds Rodino.

"You may not be able to resolve it but it's like giving them air time."

Tension doesn't always have to mean a black Christmas either.

"Maybe that's the big utility of Christmas," said Dr. Jack Wayne, a professor of family sociology at the University of Toronto.

"Our children get together, we relive all these fights and reconfirm the important thing about family life — we nurture them and set them free as adults into the world."

For Kumagai, there's hope of joy and the gift of light at the end of a conflicted tunnel.

"If there can be one little thing that happens, a candle that somebody has lit, maybe that's enough this Christmas."

## What makes a Scrooge?

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Do you say "Bah humbug" at this time of year instead of "ho, ho, ho?"

Would you rather watch stock quotes instead of It's a Wonderful Life?

And is the patter of eight tiny reindeer on your roof usually followed by a call to the police?

If the answer to any of the above is yes, you may be a Scrooge.

Psychologists say the hard, misanthropic spirit of Ebenezer Scrooge existed long before Charles Dickens wrote A Christmas Carol in 1843 — and it continues to flourish more than a century and a half later.

"Scrooge is alive and well and new ones are coming along everyday," said psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers.

Businesses who announce layoffs before the holidays are often seen as Ebenezer's modern day counterparts.

"When you think about Scrooge, you think about companies," said Robert Butterworth, a clinical psychologist in Los Angeles.

### SPIRIT LIVES ON

But experts said the spirit of Scrooge extends far beyond the business world.

"There's a lot of Scrooge stuff going on today," said Samuel Roll, professor of psychology and psychiatry at the University of New Mexico, pointing to the current backlash against welfare and immigration as

examples.

"In a large number of ways, we tend to assault the people who have needs," Roll said.

Dickens' Scrooge is a miserly old codger whose only care in the world is making and hoarding money. He denounces Christmas as a waste of time and resources until he is shown the evil of his ways by three spectres from the past, present and future.

"Scrooge was a person who knew the price of everything and the value of nothing," Roll said.

It's that balance between money and family, success and happiness, work and fun, that lies at the core of the Scrooge Syndrome, several psychologists said.

### HARDER AT HOLIDAYS

Around the holidays, when charity, generosity and family are celebrated, Scrooges find it even harder to give of themselves than they normally do.

"The tightwad or the Scrooge hoards everything," Brothers said.

Experts said Scrooge was a case study in depression. He grew up away from his family, his sister died young and his beloved fiancée spurned him because of his greed. He grew old and alone.

Roll's diagnosis: "Scrooge is a obsessive-compulsive character with a severe anal fixation, together with an underlying, chronic moderate-level depression."

## Tips for Christmas conflicts

By The Canadian Press

Therapists offer these tips for older parents to cope with conflict involving adult children over the holidays:

—Relinquish the need to control. Don't make demands of putting on a front or getting along. Recognize you don't always get along and don't try to force them to.

—If your kids dislike each other, spend time

with each separately, for instance, doing kitchen chores with one or playing board games with another.

—Don't allow yourself to feel like a failure. Know your kids are individuals and their battles are best worked out between them.

—Focus on each child individually. Be aware of their strengths and don't just focus on their relationship with each other.

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## Researchers examining role of genetics and environment

# Osteoporosis study to seek possible causes

By Sarah Binder

MONTREAL (CP) — Drinking more milk and doing more exercise might not protect menopausal women against osteoporosis, the potentially debilitating disease that strikes 1.4 million Canadians.

It may also be false that bone loss accelerates during menopause.

On the other hand, these commonly held beliefs about the brittle-bones disease could turn out to be true after all.

There just isn't enough information about the disease in Canada, experts said Thursday.

And that data is needed because the problem of osteo-

porosis, which affects nearly one of four women over 50, is growing as the population ages. It is more common among women than either heart disease or breast cancer.

### HEALTH CARE BURDEN

There is a growing need for screening, prevention and treatment not only because of the pain and suffering osteoporosis causes but also because of its increasing burden on the health-care system.

To help separate myth from fact, researchers have begun a five-year, \$9-million study of who gets osteoporosis in Canada.

"One of the things we want to find out is whether a lot of

this kind of dogma, a lot of things that are taken as absolute truths, are in fact true," Dr. Alan Tenenhouse said Thursday.

Tenenhouse, a McGill University expert who is heading the study, said it aims to establish the role genetics and environment play in bone density and fractures.

Some of the risk factors, such as age, gender and genetic composition, can't be changed, he said.

"But many of the other things that are purported to be serious risk factors, like diet, exercise patterns, smoking, medication, can be modified by the patients," he said.

### RISK FACTORS

"We don't know how important each of these relative risk factors is.

"We talk about calcium as if everybody should take calcium. But I have a hard time finding data showing that calcium truly is important in a post-

menopausal woman."

The study will interview 9,000 people — two-thirds of them women — aged 25 and up, for a population cross-section. It will not test medication or offer compensation but Tenenhouse said those found to have risky bone mass will be referred to medical treatment.

The federal government has contributed \$2.5 million to the project. Pharmaceutical companies are funding the bulk of the rest.

## Some facts about osteoporosis

By The Canadian Press

Some facts about osteoporosis:

**WHAT IT IS:** A thinning and weakening of bones.

**WHO GETS IT:** Of those aged 50 or older, one in four women and one in eight men.

**SYMPTOMS:** None. Bone fractures are usually the first sign.

**CURE:** None. Vitamin, drug and hormone therapies can be used as treatment.

**MOST AT RISK:** Small-boned, slender women, Caucasian or Asian, around the age of menopause.

**OTHER RISK FACTORS:** Family history of

osteoporosis, excess caffeine or alcohol intake, Vitamin D deficiency, low-calcium diet, sedentary lifestyle, cigarette smoking.

**DETECTION:** Bone densitometer measures bone density by ultrasound. Painless procedure that takes 10 minutes.

**WHO SHOULD BE TESTED:** Persons with four or more risk factors or those with back pain, height loss or broken hip.

**PREVENTION:** Regular exercise, calcium-rich diet, hormone therapy during and after menopause.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Osteoporosis Society of Canada, 1-800-463-6842.

## Seniors seek alternatives

OTTAWA (CP) — Forty three per cent of Canadians over the age of 65 are more likely now than at any time in

the past to look for an alternative to a doctor's visit, suggests an Angus Reid survey.

Among women who took part in the survey, 48 per cent said they're aware of alternatives to regular health care services and 67 per cent said they had used one.

In addition, 58 per cent said they're more likely to look for alternatives to a doctor's visit than they were in the past and 91 per cent believe diet and

lifestyles changes are a major part of curing any condition.

The survey of 3,000 adults is considered accurate within plus or minus 1.8 per cent 19 times out of 20.

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# United Church Women hold December meeting and socializing together

WATERVILLE — A meeting of the United Church Women was held in the church hall on December 6 with Doris Fidler presiding and opening the meeting with the UCW purpose and

a reading concerning judging others, as we never know the difficulties they might be enduring — do not judge.

The devotions were conducted by Carolyn Bureau on the

theme of Christmas. She told the story of Jesus' birth which brings peace and love to Christians worldwide. The hymn "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" was sung. A prayer and the Lord's Prayer closed the worship period.

A special monetary offering was received and this with the contents of the birthday box amounted to \$73.44. This sum will be used to purchase canned goods for the Galt Christmas baskets.

The adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting was moved by Shirley Barter. Letters of thanks for donations sent to St. Columba House, John Milton Society, Francis Sandy ministries and the Mon-

treah City Mission were received.

The treasurer gave a favorable report which included the cost of the Christmas gifts for shut-ins. Vi Derby has prepared all the Christmas cards to be sent and volunteers agreed to deliver the gifts. Lists of addresses of those who might enjoy hearing from church friends were distributed.

The president read excerpts from a Communications Quebec pamphlet on the importance of wearing seat belts. She also emphasized the need of having a notarized mandate in addition to a will, should one become incapacitated and incapable of dealing with who should look after them and

their property.

There will be an executive meeting on January 10 at 1:30 at the home of Edith Swanson. The first meeting of the new year will be held on January 17.

Following a benediction by the president, Carolyn Bureau took charge of the program. Various games were played, carols were sung and an enjoyable time spent.

The afternoon closed with the serving of cookies and tea with Verna Hirtle presiding at the tea table.

## Stanbridge East

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The family of Flora Rhicard held an 80th birthday supper celebration in her honour at Conrad and Cheryl Rhicard's home. In lieu of gifts each person wrote a tribute to their mother or grandmother with even the great-grandchildren having contributed by drawing a picture if they weren't able to write. All had been compiled in an album which was presented to her, followed by every-

one enjoying the scrumptious birthday cake made and decorated by Cheryl.

Norman and Norma Miller drove to Hartford, Conn., where they spent the American Thanksgiving with Floyd and Audrey Derick.

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Since two guests insisted on helping to do kitchen duty, further activities were postponed as many regulars joined in. Items of general interest discussed in the interim were: monetary donations in lieu of gift exchange; the forthcoming Christmas activities; a reminder that the Green Form had been received; and that minutes of the last Quebec-Sherbrooke U.C.W. Presbyterian executive would be shelved until the January meeting.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burden of Magog. Jim has been our pulpit supply for several months and our group was very pleased to meet Gail for the first time.

Mr. Burden was asked by the President, Bertha Smithers, to preside over the election of the official executive for 1996. He very

obligingly accepted and, on cessation of nominations, and a motion that the present slate of officers be returned, being seconded and voted a unanimous decision; the executive for 1996 will be: President, Bertha Smithers; Vice-President, Mary Jewett; Secretary, Kathleen Barnett; and Treasurer, Ruth Bailey.

A short worship followed: Walter Smithers read the December 7th daily reading from 'Today' — The Family Altar — entitled 'Simple Celebration' with Bible reading from Luke 9:57-62. The singing of Christmas carols concluded this Christmas celebration. Incidentally, each guest was requested to choose his/her favorite carol — it was a lengthy sing-along but everyone seemed to be in fine 'voice'!

Gail and Jim Burden unfortunately had to leave due to other engagements. Mr. Burden will be in the United Church pulpit indefinitely — we are happy to announce.

Following a few unfinished discussions around the sale on Saturday at the Catholic Church under the management of Roseleen George to benefit the United

Church and at which the UCW have a sale table — workers were organized; to remember to support the Partage Share Barrels which help the Christmas Basket Program sponsored by the Citizens Advocacy Inc. with volunteer labor to carry out the program really needed.

Soon a lively game of table bingo was under way with Merry Webb calling numbers. Prizes were brought in by the members and lucky winners were: Holly Webb, Bertha Smithers, Elaine Jewett, Mary Jewett, Verlie Aiken, Ruth Bailey, Sylvia Cote and Bessie Brown.

Of course, the end of the day included stripping the room of all Christmas decorations, packing up winnings and left-overs with many cheery good-byes — 'See you at the Sale — or at the Church!'

The next meeting is planned for the 11th of January unless otherwise designated.

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Murielle White of 101 White Road (West Hill) is now residing at the Cote Nursing Home Inc., South Bolton, JOE 2H0. She welcomes visitors and mail.

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## MILBY

There will be a Christmas Eve Carol Service at St. Barnabas Church, Milby on December 24 at 7 p.m. This family service will be conducted by the Reverend Keith Dickerson. Come celebrate the spirit of Christmas in a quaint country setting.

## SAND HILL

Christmas Eve Service at St. Luke's Church, Sand Hill at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion with carols. St. Luke's is on Highway 108, about five miles from Lennoxville. A warm welcome to all, especially children.

## LENNOXVILLE

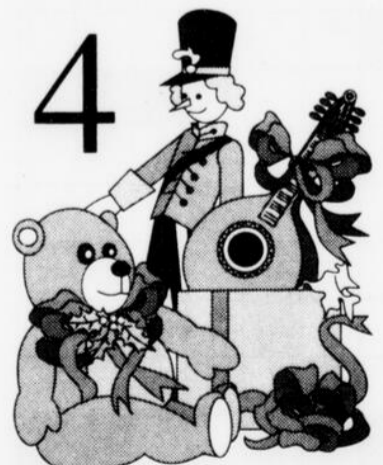
There will be a Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 7:30 p.m., at St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's/Champlain Campus. Fellowship time following the service. Everyone welcome.

## UPPER MELBOURNE

A Christmas Eve Service, with special music, will be held December 24, 8 p.m., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Upper Melbourne. Everyone is welcome.

## FRELIGHSBURG DUNHAM

The Anglican Parish of Dunham and Frelighsburg will celebrate Christmas Eve with services at 7:30 p.m., Bishop Stewart Memorial, Frelighsburg and at 10:30 p.m. at All Saints in Dunham. There will be a processional, blessing of the crib, Holy Communion and favorite Christmas carols sung at both services. Come and share in this joyous occasion. You are welcome.



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## SAWYERVILLE

A Candlelight Christmas Service will be held in the United Church on Christmas Eve at 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Refreshments to follow.

## COWANSVILLE

Advance notice. Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon Blvd, Cowansville are holding Country Line Dance Lessons 1996. Beginners classes on Monday nights starting January 8, 1996 and intermediate classes on Thursday nights starting January 11, 1996. Whether you have never line danced before, or if you have some line dancing experience, come in and join us anytime. Great exercise and lots of fun. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission. Information: 263-3543.

## SUTTON

Grace Church, Sutton: On Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, there will be the regular Sunday Church Service at 10:30 a.m. with the evening Christmas Eve Service starting at 11 p.m. There will be another service on Monday, Christmas Day, at 10:30 a.m. Church of the Good Shepherd, Glen Sutton: The Christmas Service will be held as usual on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. Every effort will be made to warm up the church, but please come prepared with warm clothes. All Saints, Abercorn: Christmas Eve Service at All Saints, Abercorn will be held at 9 p.m.

## BURY

Bury United Church of Canada is holding a Christmas Eve Service, December 24, at 7:30 p.m. Leader: Mr. Justin Lowry. Welcome all.

## LENNOXVILLE

Advance notice. 2nd annual Irvin Bradley Dart Tournament on Friday, December 29 at the A.N.A.F. Hut, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Registration: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. 3 on 3 (at least 1 woman). Benefit of the Elementary School's Hot Lunch Program. This tournament was previously cancelled due to poor turn-out, so come and play darts and help children get hot lunches!

## BULWER

A Christmas Eve Service will be held in the Bulwer United Church on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m., followed by a light lunch.

This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$4.00 fee, \$7.00 for 2nd insertion of same notice, \$10.00 for 3rd publication. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number and \$4.00 (taxes included). Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

# First Ladies Night and new members welcomed at the club

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## SHERBROOKE SNOW SHOE CLUB INC.

The first Ladies Night of the Year of Corn got underway on December 6, as 1st Vice-President Edward "Hawkeye" Hardy called in the head table. The banging of spoons told us our time had come. In order to beat the traffic we came in the side door (which is usually only an emergency exit) with the secretary leading the way. An entrance almost made head first as I forgot there was a small step up. Being a little unbalanced at the best of times, no one knows whether that was corny on purpose, or a near accident, and I will never tell.

Following was my better half Frances, then Honorary President Richard Goodhue, George and Elma Jobel, Past President Cecil Blenkhorn, president Malcolm Juby and Beatrice; Rosalind Hardy, 2nd Vice-President Louis Champoux and Beth. Irving Richards balanced the other end. The rest of the group, being better coordinated, all made it to their places without incident except Treasurer Phil Kerwin who was busy collecting loonies. That's money, not members!

President Mac after welcoming one and all, called on Rev. Blake Walker to ask the blessing. As quick as a flash, the soup appeared and disappeared almost as fast. Seconds were offered, but since my red jacket seems to have been shrunk by the cleaners last summer I had to regretfully decline. The main course of ham with pineapple, potatoes and green beans filled all the available space.

It was necessary to walk around a bit to collect some papers, the shake down provided the necessary room for the chomeur pudding.

Supper proceeded without any untoward incidents and guests were introduced. We were also happy to welcome two honorary members Jane Aikman and Blake Walker. The drawing amongst the ladies for the head table centerpiece brought a big smile to Roxianne Walker. The drawing for the 1/2&1/2 had Tom Bowen beaming. The paraphrase a quote - to those who have - more shall be given.

Next was the induction into the club of three new members: Nigel Kilby, Jack Noble and Stanley Logan. Stan was accompanied by his wife Betty. The new members were welcomed by President Mac Juby and signed into the big book by the Secretary. 1st Vice Ed Hardy had been given the job to pin flowers on the ladies. When only one showed up he went looking and ended up decorating Bea Juby. The neophytes were sternly lectured by Honorary President Richard Goodhue. He told of the three parties - The Red, The Blue, and the colourless Snowwalkers. He also told of the three rules - No strong drink - No strong language - No sour faces. We intend to shorten the winter by enjoyment.

The new members were greeted with a round of applause and an introduction to Honorary purveyor Melvyn Bryant. Next meeting they will be working for him.

Before the next event got underway there was a short pause while The Club sang to the Asst. Chorister to celebrate his birthday. Then came a singing highlight for the year as Chorister Roger Te-trault called on his assistant John Foster; and with Irving Richards at the piano they led a carol sing. It definitely got everybody in the Christmas mood and was finished off with a special presentation involving four Past Presidents - Russ Gillam played the rhythm section; Angus McElrea banged the rhythm sticks; Cecil Blenkhorn scratched his rhythm and Wyatt Savage played the guitar to accompany the banjo playing Roger while John took charge of the vocals. Together we made some joyous sounds!

After the singing concluded there was a short break while George and Elma set up for the annual bingo. Bruce Patton helped out to call occasionally to give George a break - he even had people jumping up to holler to all present - I've Got B.O. Usually this causes problems, here it won you a prize. By some methods not usual to standard bingo, the tables full of prizes were distributed. As usual, some won, most complained. Everybody had a good time, and went home after another enjoyable evening.

Submitted by  
R. Dewar  
SSSC Secretary

## Island Brook

Mrs. Garfield Spaulding  
875-3671

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hutchinson who were in Baie St. Paul working at a fish hatchery decided they want a change, so have moved back to Massawippi where they have purchased a home. Mr. Hutchinson had temporary work for a time, and his wife is working in Waterville.

Mr. Bruce Batley received word of the passing of his first cousin, Shannon Batley who lived in the Eastern Townships with her mother in Brookbury. Sympathy is extended to her mother, many cousins and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns returned home recently after spending awhile in South Carolina where they visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Spaulding enjoyed a surprise visit from Mrs. Gregory Goode, Matthew, Tammy and little Brooke of Cambridge, Ont. who all spent the weekend and celebrated a 51st anniversary and the birthday of Connie Spaulding and Garfield Spaulding and had dinner at the restaurant on the Angus Road.

## A Christmas poem

PEACE TO THE WORLD  
A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL

A truly Blessed Christmas, if Peace will only stay  
Within the hearts of folk at home and in lands so far  
away;  
Where hurt and pain have flourished, for far too many  
years  
While babes and children paid the price, and parents  
paid in tears...

We have so much, e'er we lose touch, with those who  
have nothing at all  
May we with open hearts and purse, react to their need  
or call;  
Responding with every penny, we would otherwise  
spend on ourselves  
While we experience the joy of giving, and helping San-  
ta's little elves.

May God shower Eternal Blessings, on all people near  
and far, and  
May we give, that others might live, under  
His bright Star, of Hope, Charity, and

PEACE

Marjorie P. Ferris  
Rougemont, Quebec

Learning the  
Ropes Pays Off

Be a Leader



# More comments on inter-generational wars

**Dear Ann Landers:** The older and younger generations seem to be waging a war in your column. I'd like to add my comments.

My wife and I are 30 years old. When the "old-timers" talk about how tough they had it, we don't complain. We listen. Here's why:

The older folks have Medicare and Social Security, which are both nearly bankrupt. It may not last long enough to help them, and they worry about it. These programs were meant to keep the elderly from living on dog food and dying in squalor due to poverty and lack of medical care.

My wife and I can afford medical insurance by having a high deductible. We insure only against catastrophic need, not the sniffles. If we need treatment for something minor, we go to a doctor and try to negotiate a price, cash in advance.

For retirement, we save and invest those savings carefully. Although we make only about \$40,000 a year between the two of us, we own our home and manage to put money in the bank. Our secret is plain, old Yankee thrift—don't buy it unless you need it, don't buy it new if used will do, and don't buy it at all if you have to use credit.

The days of lifelong employment are over. I have been laid off three times and my wife twice because of downsizing. Each time, we tightened our belts, hit the pavement and were working again within a month. We have no special skills or education (I did not finish high school), but we do have the old-fashioned "can-do" attitude that a job -- any job -- is better than none.

We learned these lessons by heeding the advice of the older

generation. My advice to others our age is to stop whining and listen to what those who have been there have to say. It could be valuable, and it might even give you some wonderful stories for your grandkids. -- OPEN EARS IN CALIFORNIA

## Ann Landers

**DEAR CALIFORNIA:** You and your wife have a great attitude, and your warning about buying on credit shows maturity and wisdom. The next letter is from another wise member of the younger generation:

**Dear Ann Landers:** I'm writing in reference to B.E. in Florida who thinks kids today want to start where it took the older generation 20 years to get. Well, let me tell you something. I'm a 19-year-old female student, and the response I have to that statement is this: The only way kids will have that point of view is if their parents raised them to believe it.

I've been working since I was 14 years old. I'm now working 30 hours a week, plus going to school full-time. I work very hard in school. For what? To get one of those thousands of jobs that are accessible. I'm scared that I won't be able to find a job, or support myself, or find a husband without AIDS, or even stay alive in a world where there is so

much hatred and violence.

I'm getting tired of hearing adults say we have it easy. We have a lot of fear growing up in the world today, and it sure as hell isn't easy. If people want things to change, the only place to start is at home by teaching children peace, love, respect and independence. -- C IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR NEW JERSEY:** You

certainly have a smart head on those 19-year-old shoulders. You are going to make it. I'd bet on it.

**Gem of the Day:** There is now an atomic clock that counts over 9 billion times a second. That means it is now possible to measure the interval from the time a teen-ager hits the front door to the moment the refrigerator is opened.

## From the Pens of E.T. Writers

### FULL OF COLOUR


The world's full of colour, not just black and white;  
Reds and yellows blend and meld, evading our sight  
Of sharp distinctions with borders clear to see;  
Only a healthy eye can plumb without the worm of bias free.

The world's full of colour, not just black and white;  
It takes a man of wisdom to see the colours right;  
With stirrings deep and long and vengeful  
Man's mind clouds with grinding pain so terrible.

The world's full of colour, not just black and white;  
Bigotry and bias infect the mind's sharp sight;  
The world's a rainbow of skins and values deep;  
It takes a man of wisdom to care and share and weep.


Kenneth A. Elliott

Inspired by George Fox's song  
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  - 17 Kind of guide
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  - 20 With keen judgment
  - 22 Blood bank suppliers
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- DOWN**
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  - 11 Above
  - 12 Writes
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- 41 Caravansary
- 44 Creator of Tristram Shandy
- 46 Swiss waterway
- 48 Not mounted, as a jewel
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- 50 Elec. units
- 51 Lopez theme song
- 52 Pull
- 53 Unauthorized disclosure
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- 55 Afr. river
- 56 Pleased
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### Wednesday's Puzzle solved:

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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: T equals M

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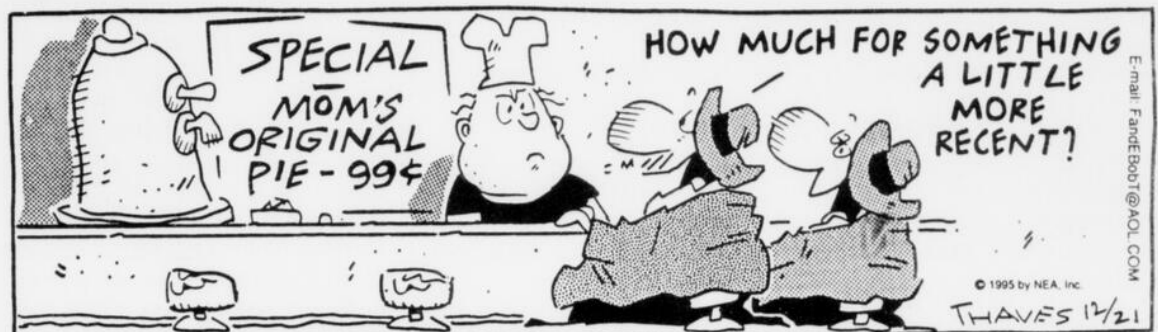
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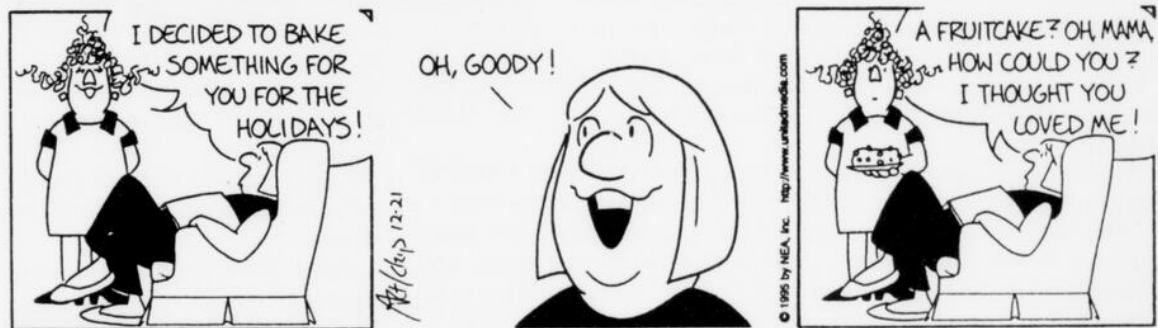
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# Obituaries

## ALDEN C. BOREHAM Formerly of Danville, Quebec

Alden C. Boreham passed away peacefully on November 1, 1995 at the Huron Lodge in his 88th year.

Beloved husband of Lillian Searle. Dear father of Betty, Iqaluit, N.W.T., Robert (Mavis), Elliot Lake, Ont., Bernard (Helen), Erickson, B.C., Margaret, Richmond, Que., Charles (Denise), New Zealand, Ronald, Algoma Mills, Ont. One son, William (Bill), predeceased him in May 1994 of bone cancer. Twenty-one (21) grandchildren and nineteen (19) great-grandchildren mourn the loss of their beloved grandfather.

Alden worked for C.J.M. in Asbestos over 25 years. He was a loyal and faithful member of the I.O.O.F. No. 13 Lodge.

The remains rested at Lemaire and Lockwood Funeral Home. An Oddfellows service was held November 5 at 7 p.m.

The funeral service was held November 6, 11 a.m., at the Trinity United Church with Rev. Margaret Jennings officiating. Six members of the I.O.O.F. were pall-bearers. A favourite hymn of the deceased, "How Great Thou Art", was sung. A dear grandson, Danny Boreham of Whitecourt, Alberta, read Psalm 23 and a dear granddaughter, Jolene Ashmore of Oshawa, read Psalm 121. Rev. Jennings expressed sympathy to the bereaved family and read chapter 14 of the Gospel of St. John. A hymn, "Abide With Me", was sung.

Interment was held in the Danville Protestant Cemetery.

## ALBERT J. NUTBROWN of Compton, Quebec

Albert J. Nutbrown peacefully passed away at the Sherbrooke Hospital on the 21st day of November, 1995. Albert Johnson Nutbrown in his 68th year, youngest son of Robert Jamie Nutbrown and Ida Stevenson.

Beloved husband of Ruth Hamilton. Loving father of Isabel (Richard) Price, Heather (Jack) McAuley and the late Judy Nutbrown Hatcher. Also survived by five grandchildren whom he dearly loved, Ben and Tom Price, Angela Hatcher, Nathalie and Ryan McAuley, and his brother Rupert Nutbrown of Lennoxville.

Albert was born in Leeds, Quebec and moved at the age of nine to Compton where he lived until his death. He loved farming and enjoyed sugaring in the springtime. Besides farming, Albert drove school bus for 25 years for the Eastern Townships Regional School Board. He enjoyed the children and was very devoted to his duties. However Albert's first love was his music. At the young age of eight, Albert was taught the violin by his mother who also loved music.

Albert played many years with Sam Hopper and the Hoedowners where he made many friends, he later formed his own band, the Western Swingers, in his final years he was part of the Hoedowners with Stewart Deacon and John Foster. He always cherished his acquaintances he had made over the years playing music. He loved to play special pieces for his friends at the dances.

The remains rested at the Cass Funeral Home in Lennoxville where relatives and friends of the family came to pay their respects.

The funeral service was held at St. James Anglican Church in Hatley on November 23, 1995 at 2 p.m. with Canon Curtis Patterson officiating. Organ music was played by Mrs. June Patterson. Requested by the family, two violin pieces, Tennessee Waltz and Amazing Grace, were beautifully played by Winston Nutbrown (nephew) and Harold and Wayne Nutbrown (cousins).

The bearers were Winston, Wayne and Harold Nutbrown, Stewart Deacon, Jimmy Piper, musical friends, and Lyle Roarke, close friend of family and former student whom Albert drove on the bus.

The interment was held at the Malvern Cemetery in Lennoxville, Quebec.

Following the service, lunch was provided by the Hatley United Church in Hatley.

### Birth

**COCHRANE-BILODEAU** — Carol and Marc, of Bury, are delighted to announce the birth of their first-born son, Abraham Victor, on December 9 at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Sherbrooke, weighing 9 pounds 3 ounces. Baby and parents are doing well. Proud grandparents are Joyce and Jack Cochrane of Sherbrooke and Pierrette and Victor Bilodeau of Ascot Corner.

### Death

**BAILEY, Alan** — At the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville on Monday, December 18, 1995. Alan Bailey in his 60th year. Beloved husband of Sharon Lyons of West Brome. He also leaves to mourn his children, Brian and Shelley; his parents Agnes and the late James of West Brome; his brother Jim (Fernande) of Knowlton and his sister-in-law Carole of West Brome; many nephews, nieces, other family members and many friends. At his request there will be no visitation. A funeral service in the presence of the ashes will be held Saturday, December 23, 1995 from the Ste-Rose de Lima Church in Cowansville at 11 a.m. Interment of ashes will be held in the spring. Arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, Que., J2K 2N5 — (514) 263-1212. In lieu of flowers, donations to the BMP Hospital Foundation, 950 Main St., Cowansville, Que., J2K 1K3 in his name, would be gratefully appreciated by the family.

### In Memoriam

**MORGAN, John Alexander** — Who passed away on December 21, 1992 in Amherstview, Ontario.

As time unfolds another year, Memories keep you forever near.

Silent thoughts of times together,

Holds memories that will last forever.

Lovingly remembered by your wife

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son and daughters  
JOHN, HELEN & MARJORIE  
AND THEIR FAMILIES

### Death



**HAGGERTY, George** — At Drummondville on December 18, 1995. George Haggerty, age 78. Husband of Florence Price Haggerty of Drummondville. Father of Robert (Susan Glead), Drummondville; Clifford, Drummondville; Patrick (Pamela Keenan), Sherbrooke; Brian (Linda Boucher), Drummondville; William, Vancouver; Colleen (George Galanidis), Drummondville. Grandfather of Carey, Kevin, Patricia, Amy, Sean, Stacy, Emily, Melissa, Philippe, Kosa and great-granddaughter Mary Ellen. Brother of Woodrow Haggerty, Ingersol, Ont. and Eileen Haggerty Morrier (William Morrier), Drummondville. Brother-in-law of Margo Leblond Price, Drummondville; James Price (Thérèse Couture), Drummondville; Henriette Price (Gilbert Emilienne Belsville Haggerty, Black Lake. Also left to mourn, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Resting at Centre Funéraire J.N. Donais Ltée, 191 Lindsay, Drummondville — (819) 472-3730. Visitation on Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m., day of funeral from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Funeral service on Friday, December 22, 1995 at 11 a.m. at St-Thérèse Church. Interment at St-Pierre Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the Fondation de l'Hôpital Ste-Croix will be gratefully appreciated by the family.

### Death

**HAMILTON, Frances (née Wilson)** — Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 20, 1995 at the age of 91, formerly of Cookshire. Loving wife of the late Walter Hamilton. Devoted mother to Emily and Sam Benaroya, Edwin and Marie Hamilton, Edith and Bob Sutherland. A dear grandmother to Charles, Anne Rachel, Peter, Anne Marie, Stephen, David and Jennifer. She was also cherished by six great-grandchildren. Frances with her love, courage and generosity will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere, Lennoxville. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral service will take place on Saturday, December 23 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University, Lennoxville. Please note that there will be visitation on Saturday, December 22 beginning at 12 noon at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Wales Home Foundation, 506 route 243 N., Richmond, Que., JOB 2H0. Grant her rest eternal and everlasting peace.

### Card of Thanks

**NUTBROWN** — The family of the late Albert Nutbrown would like to express sincere thanks to all those who were so kind to him during his lengthy illness, to everyone who sent cards, flowers, food, phone calls to us, and also charitable donations. A special thanks to Canon C. Patterson for the nice service and many thanks to the three violin players, Winston, Wayne and Harold Nutbrown who so willingly played their violins during the funeral service, also Mrs. June Patterson for playing the organ. Thanks to the nurses and doctors on the 3rd floor and I.C.U., also Gordon Turner at the Sherbrooke Hospital. Also thanks to the pall-bearers and Mr. Barter of the Cass Funeral Home, Lennoxville, also special thanks to the Hatley United Church who provided the lovely lunch after the funeral. These people will never be forgotten by our family. Please accept this as our personal thank you.

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## Women's Institute meeting and Christmas party was an enjoyable time

FORDYCE — Isn't it a lot of fun when you can get all dressed up and have somewhere to go? Well that is what the members of Fordyce branch W.I. did on December 6 when they attended the Christmas party meeting at Emmanuel United Church hall beginning at 11 a.m.

The President, June Royea, greeted everyone, especially Verna Patterson, Irene Williams and Reda Lewis, who had missed meetings due to family commitments or illness. She welcomed our visitors Janet Snider, Susan Dover, Barbara Nadeau, Teddie Ruiter, Violet Beadoin, Kathleen Dunn, Mary Safford, Leila Peron and Wilma MacMillan. It is hoped that someday we may call them members.

With joy there is always some sadness, as with us some members were not there because of illness — Hattie Bowling, suffering

a broken arm due to a fall; Gert Barrand and Annie Lahue recovering from surgery and Frances Willis, Norma Sherrer and Gisele McCallum. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Following the Collect and Salute to the Flag with O Canada sung, as Charlotte Domingue presided at the piano, she continued with happy Birthday to our December ladies — Esther Mason (December 1st), Else Syberg (December 5th), Charlotte Domingue (December 15th) and Edith Shufelt (December 31st).

Motto: "Let's gather by the fireside with friends both old and new. Let's light a Christmas candle to shine the whole year through," was read by all and the roll call: bring \$2 for school hot lunches and were a corsage, was answered by all, even our guests.

Eunice Stowe read the minutes of the previous meeting and the

correspondence. Letters and cards were from Charlotte Domingue, Verna Patterson, June Royea, Noella Smith and Annie Lahue with thanks and best wishes. A letter from Emmanuel United Church re parking around the church was also read. Verbal thanks were received from Else Syberg and Marion Harvey.

As Gert Barrand, Treasurer, was absent, there was no treasurer's report. Bea Alger was kind enough to fill the office in order to collect any monies for the day. It was moved and accepted that all bills be paid. Verna Patterson gave a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of her mother, Mrs. Mahannah. Mary McClure offered an afghan to the branch to be included in a drawing in the new year.

As this was County President's Day, Evelyn Lewis, a member of the branch was asked

to present her report of the recent Board meeting which she had attended at Macdonald College. She was later presented with a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

The meeting then closed with June Royea asking Reverend Stewart Clarke, who had joined us to say a prayer. Besides asking for a blessing for all the members, he especially prayed for those who were ill naming each one and wishing them a return to good health soon.

We then repeated our grace before approaching the punch bowl. The bountiful turkey dinner, catered by Eileen Menec, was certainly enjoyed by all. Eileen had taken the time to decorate the tables with candles, lovely serviettes and a gilded pine cone at each place — a gift to each person. This greatly added to our enjoyment of the meal.

Following the dinner, a sing-

song with Charlotte at the piano was most enjoyable. The members then in turn either read or spoke with the theme being Christmas. Some were humorous, some thoughtful and some were best wishes for the members. As we were coming to the end of this, we could hear sleighbells in the distance and Lo! and Behold! Santa had arrived.

Besides telling us about all the troubles encountered getting here, there were gifts for all, even two boxes of chocolates to be enjoyed then and there. While we were enjoying all this, we did manage to notice that Verna Patterson was missing from the room. We couldn't help but wonder??

It was time to draw our fun day to a close, but there was still time for fond farewells, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year before saying good-bye to meet again in 1996.



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## Magog's Lloyd Langlois third, Nicolas Fontaine 12th Canadians win three medals in freestyle skiing

PIANCAVALLO, Italy (CP) — Canadian skiers, led by Veronica Brenner's gold-medal performance, starred in aerials competition at a World Cup freestyle meet Wednesday.

Brenner, of Sharon, Ont., earned her second gold medal of the season in women's aerials, while Caroline Olivier

of Lac-Beauport, Que., won bronze on the third stop.

Lloyd Langlois of Magog, an Olympic bronze medallist, wound up third in men's aerials.

Brenner, who won her first career gold two weeks ago in France, had 173.01 points Wednesday, while American

Nikki Stone was second at 167.42 and Olivier third at 163.84.

"This one is a little hard to explain," said Brenner, 21. "I was sick and had a terrible week training."

"I figured I made the final so I can't do worst than 16th. But I was able to concentrate very

well on my jumps in the final."

In men's aerials, Alexis Blanc of France won his second straight competition earning 231.27 points. American Chris Feddersen was second with 230.29 and Langlois third at 230.15.

### FONTAINE TWELTH

Andy Capicik of Toronto was

eighth, while Nicolas Fontaine of Magog was 12th, David Belhumeur of Pierrefonds Que., 15th, Darcy Downs of Manotick, Ont., 18th, and Dennis Capicik of Toronto, 20th.

The World Cup season resumes Jan. 5-7 at Lake Placid, N.Y., and then Jan. 12-14 at Blackcomb, B.C.

## Expos deal Berry to Houston for reliever Veres

MONTREAL (CP) — In a move to bolster their bullpen the Expos sent third baseman Sean Berry to the Houston Astros on Wednesday for reliever Dave Veres, a deal that also saw Montreal acquire minor league catcher Raul Chavez.

Veres, 29, led all National League relievers in innings pitched in 1995, compiling a 5-1 record, 2.26 earned-run average and one save in 103 1-3 innings. His 72 appearances were second in the league to Colorado's Curtis Leskanic.

Berry, who started last season as the Expos No. 1 third

baseman, finished the year sharing the position with Shane Andrews, who was expected to get the bulk of the load in 1996.

Despite his limited playing time, Berry, who joined the Expos in 1992 following a trade from Kansas City, established personal bests in 1995 for batting average — .318 — and his 55 runs batted in and 100 hits were also career highs. He matched a career best with 14 home runs.

While Berry thrived offensively, his erratic play in the field frequently exasperated

Montreal manager Felipe Alou.

Veres figures to be a set-up man for closer Mel Rojas, a role that largely went unfilled in 1995.

Two members of the 1995 relief staff — right-hander Gil Heredia and left-hander Dave Leiper — were not tendered contracts by the Expos on Wednesday and they thus become free agents, although Montreal still might re-sign them.

Chavez, who is rated as an excellent defensive catcher, hit .287 with four homers and 25 RBIs in 58 games with Class AA Jackson in 1995. He posted

a .262 mark in 32 games at Class AAA Tucson.

Chavez will be signed to a Class AAA contract with the Expos' affiliate in Ottawa, as will infielder Andy Stankiewicz, picked up by the club Wednesday.

Stankiewicz hit .115 in 52 at-bats with Houston last season.

Reacting to the trade, Berry, in a telephone interview from his California home, said he wasn't surprised to learn he was leaving Montreal.

"I knew there were going to be changes after the season we

had (last in the East Division)," explained Berry.

The third baseman said one of his regrets was that he didn't accomplish more in Montreal.

"I wish I could have had a season with 500 at-bats to really see what I could do," he said.

Berry added that he never went to manager Alou to ask why he didn't get more playing time.

"I never knew whether it was orders coming from upstairs (then general manager Kevin Malone) or what," said Berry. "I'm a quiet guy who just sets out to do his job."

## Harness-racing tradition to end in Trois-Rivières

TROIS-RIVIERES (CP) — The harness-racing track in this city will close its doors at the end of the month after more than 165 years of operation.

Mayor Guy Leblanc said at a news conference that Trois-Rivières city council voted to close the municipally-run track because of substantial financial losses over the last two years.

The track, which has had racing since 1829, lost \$360,000 in 1994 and is projected to lose about \$375,000 in 1995.

The closing of the track leaves Blue Bonnets Raceway in Montreal and Hippodrome Jacques-Cartier in Quebec as the only two harness-racing tracks in the province.

Parimutuel betting at Trois-Rivières, which reached a \$117,000 average for a nightly racing card in 1992, fell to an average of \$57,000 in 1995.

Race-track officials attribute the reduced betting to the arrival of provincial government-run casinos in Montreal and Charlevoix, both within a two-hour drive of Trois-Rivières.

### LOST JOBS

Eight full-time and about 100 part-time jobs will be lost because of the track closure.

"We were hoping for a firm commitment from the provincial government to ensure the track's survival, but that hasn't come so we have to reach this conclusion (to close)," said Leblanc. "We didn't want taxpayers to have to shoulder the burden any longer."

Agriculture Minister Marcel Landry said he felt the decision to close the track is premature since the provincial government has a financial program in the works to help the horse-racing business.

## Sport shorts

### Sampras and Graf honored in tennis

LONDON (AP) — Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf have been selected 1995 world champions by the International Tennis Federation.

Sampras won the award for the third straight year, while Graf was honored for the sixth time in the last nine years.

Sampras won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, each for the third time, and was runner-up in the Australian Open. He won three other events and led the United States to victory in the Davis Cup final against Russia.

Graf won all three Grand Slam tournaments she ente-

red: the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She also won the season-ending WTA Tour Championship and had only two losses the whole year.

### Lugano chosen as host of 1996 event

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The Swiss city of Lugano was chosen Wednesday as the venue for cycling's 1996 world road championships.

The international cycling federation selected Lugano over another Swiss bidder, Bern, to play host to the Oct. 9-13 event.

The championships will include men's and women's

individual time trials and road races.

### North Korea may still enter Olympics

ATLANTA (AP) — North Korea, the only country that has not accepted an invitation to compete in the 1996 Olympic Games, might come after all, former president Jimmy Carter said Tuesday.

Carter, who led a 1994 peace mission to the country, recently sent a letter inviting the North Koreans.

"I have notified Olympic officials that North Korea's leaders have informed me that they are reconsidering participating," Carter said.

## After surprise start

## Raptors face reality

By Doug Smith

TORONTO (CP) — The euphoria of November has given way to the harsh realities of expansion basketball as the Toronto Raptors struggle through their second month of existence.

Winners of just two of their last 10 games — after a startling 6-10 first month that created somewhat unrealistic expectations — the inconsistent Raptors are finding things difficult.

When they play fast-break basketball (creating manpower advantages going quickly from offence to defence), they win — or at least stay close.

When they get mired in a half-court game (running set plays in the opposing team's half of the court), turn out the lights, it's over.

Trouble is, no one knows for sure which style the team will play each night.

### NOT CONSISTENT

"We're just not consistent," moaned coach Brendan Malone after the latest setback, a dreary 94-82 loss to the Detroit on Tuesday. "For us to be good, we have to push the ball up the court and get some easy baskets."

Trouble is, teams aren't letting Toronto get out and run. Tuesday, Detroit smothered point guard Damon Stoudamire in a six-point first half and then kept him in check by not

allowing him to penetrate into the key.



It's a bit of videotape that will undoubtedly make its way around the NBA illustrating one way to limit Stoudamire's effectiveness.

It also severely curtails Toronto's chances of winning.

"We have to prepare ourselves to execute better when they trap Damon," said guard Alvin Robertson. "I'm sure other teams will try it and I'm sure our coaching staff and brain-trust are working on ways to beat it already."

One of the few Toronto bright spots of late has been the play of centre Oliver Miller. The wide-bodied six-foot-nine pivot is finally getting in shape and gives the Raptors a solid inside game.

"In the last month, he's really stepped up," Malone said of Miller. "Can you imagine if he could get into the best shape of his career, he could be an all-star in this league?"

## The puck stops here

# City hosts world's largest bantam tournament

By Roman Solonysznyj

SHERBROOKE — The largest bantam hockey tournament in the world is coming to town.

Over 2000 players from nine different countries will lace up their skates for the 14th annual Tournoi International Bantam de Sherbrooke to be held December 26 until January 7 in Sherbrooke.

The two week tournament will feature 13- and 14-year olds from as far away as Siberia and as close as the Townships. All games will take place at the Eugène Lalonde arena and at the Sports Palace.

The first week of the tournament will feature games involving some of the finest European teams in class AAA.

### RED ARMY VS HOSTS

Opening night promises some of the event's best matches with the Moscow Red Army team battling the host

team from Sherbrooke. The same evening will also see the Kharkov squad from the Ukraine going against Beau-bourg from Quebec as well as Kosice from the Republic of Slovakia facing off against a team from La Mauricie.

In addition to the highly touted class AAA division, teams from six other groupings will compete for honors and a chance to win some great prizes.

Winners of the class AAA, AA, as well as the class BB division will receive a hockey equipment bag courtesy of Sherwood Drolet, one of the tournament's major supporters.

Finals for the AAA and AA divisions will take place on December 30 at 3:45 at the Sports Palace. Class B, A, CC, and BB teams fight for top prize on January 7 at 2:15 at the Eugène Lalonde arena.

Admission for the first week of the tournament will be \$5.00 for those 17 years and over,

\$2.00 if you're between 12-16 years old, and free for kids 11 and under. For the rest of tour-

namment the adult rate drops to \$4.00, while the other rates remain the same.



Tournament president Gaeten Fortier (centre), honorary president Denis Drolet (right) and vice-president Jean-Marc Nolet (left) sit for a picture with directors and organizers of the tournament.

## Lafontaine and Trefilov gang up to beat Habs

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Pat Lafontaine handled the offence and backup goaltender Andrei Trefilov handled the defence Wednesday for the Buffalo Sabres.

LaFontaine scored both goals and Trefilov stopped 37 shots to lead the Sabres past the Montreal Canadiens 2-1.

The Sabres (15-14-3) won their fourth straight and moved one point behind second-place Montreal (16-14-2) in the Northeast Division.

Buffalo was outshot 17-2 in the third period but Trefilov, filling in for injured Dominik Hasek, came up with several big saves at close range to deny Montreal. Trefilov is 3-3 this season.

LaFontaine's goal at 8:13 of

the second gave Buffalo the lead. Brent Hughes sent the puck behind the net to LaFontaine, who dug it off the boards and wrapped a backhand shot over Pat Jablonski's pad.

LaFontaine scored his second goal shorthanded at 11:42 of the second after stealing an errant pass from Saku Koivu. LaFontaine skated in and after three fakes put his shot under an outstretched Jablonski and gave the Sabres a 2-0 lead.

### FIRST GOAL

Montreal pulled to within one at 14:14 on Chris Murray's first goal of the season. Vincent Damphousse's shot from the point bounced off the post and Murray swatted the puck past Trefilov.

Matthew Barnaby's hit on

Peter Popovic knocked a section of the glass out of its frame at the end the first.

Hasek was sidelined with an abdominal strain and is expected back in the lineup Friday against Boston.

### Blackhawks 4 Leafs 2

TORONTO (CP) — Chicago right-winger Tony Amonte, who had been firing blanks most of the NHL season, mowed down the Toronto Maple Leafs with a machine gun blast Wednesday night.

Amonte scored two goals in the Blackhawks' 4-2 victory. He'd managed only four on 75 shots in 31 previous games.

Joe Murphy and Brent Suter also scored for Chicago (14-12-7).

Doug Gilmour and Kenny Jonsson scored for Toronto (17-11-5), which had won three straight and six of its last seven games.

Toronto outshot Chicago 27-23. Jeff Hackett got the win over Damian Rhodes.

### Flames 3 Whalers 2

HARTFORD (AP) — Zarley Zalapski had a goal and an assist against his former team Wednesday night, leading the

Calgary Flames to a 3-2 victory over the Hartford Whalers before the smallest announced crowd in franchise history.

Just 6,563 attended the game at the Hartford Civic Centre due to more than 30 centimetres of snow that fell in the past two days. The previous low was 7,232 on Nov. 10, 1993 against Ottawa.

Only 1,362 attended the March 3, 1993 game against Buffalo due to a blizzard, but 10,011 tickets had been sold.

## No more hope for Canada at Izvestia

MOSCOW (AP) — Martin Stepanek capped a wild third period by scoring with 10 seconds remaining Wednesday, giving the Czech Republic a 6-6 tie with Canada in the Izvestia Cup hockey tournament.

The goal climaxed a flurry of seven goals by the teams in the final period and ended Canada's hopes of winning the round-robin competition, which concludes today.

After the Czechs' Tomas Chlubna tied the game 3-3 on a goal early in the third period, Dale McTavish of Eganville, Ont., responded three minutes later for Canada, which made it 5-3 midway through the period.

Jiri Zelenka and Patrick Martinets pulled the Czechs even again going into the last four minutes.

When Jim Hiller of Cranbrook, B.C., gave Canada a 6-5 lead at 18:02, it appeared the North Americans would vault to the top of the five-country standings. But the Czechs pulled their goalie for an extra skater in the final minutes and got a last-gasp goal from Stepanek.

The tie left Canada with a win, one defeat and two ties, while defending champion Russia has a 1-0-2 record and Sweden is 2-1-0, all with four points. But the Canadians are flying home early today, while Russia and Sweden play each other in the six-day tournament's final game that night.

The Czechs (1-1-1) could finish in a three-way tie for the top if they beat Finland in today's first game at Moscow's CSKA Ice Palace and Russia and Sweden draw.

First prize is worth \$92,000 US for each team, second is \$69,000 and third is \$46,000.

## Muller decides to stay away

By Alan Adams

TORONTO (CP) — Kirk Muller has gone home, prompting the New York Islanders to take him off the payroll.

Muller informed the Islanders on Wednesday that he won't be reporting to the team. The club responded by cutting off his \$1.9 million salary.

"He is certainly not going to be paid," said general manager Mike Milbury.

The Islanders had been paying Muller since sending him home in mid-November while they tried to work out a trade.

"We regret that it has come to this," Muller's agent, Mike Barnett, said in a statement Wednesday. "It was never his intention to leave the team by his own choice until today."

"At this point, we are now in a no-win situation for either side. It will only improve when the trade is completed."

Muller plans to stay in Kingston, Ont., and work out with the major junior team there until traded.

That can't happen for a week. The NHL has a trade moratorium in effect until next Wednesday in respect of the holiday period.

Earlier this week, Milbury said that Muller would rejoin the team either Wednesday or today in Dallas and that he had assurances from Barnett that the veteran left-winger would report.

But Milbury said he had no idea that Muller changed his mind until Wednesday morning when Barnett called him.

"I think he (Muller) made the decision," said Milbury when asked whether he thought the veteran was getting bad advice. "I get the feeling it was entirely Kirk's decision."

Don Maloney, former general manager, cast Muller adrift Nov. 12. Muller, obtained last April in a trade with the Montreal Canadiens, had been unhappy playing with the Islanders and Maloney said he did not want such an attitude to spread to the younger players.

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