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Surprise: Toronto's latest Iraqi refugee

By Warren Caragata and Gord McIntosh

OTTAWA (CP) — The former Iraqi ambassador in Washington received landed immigrant status — as a retiree — in Canada without the knowledge of government ministers, Immigration Minister Bernard Valcourt said Wednesday.

Both opposition parties found this news unbelievable as did the minister himself, who says he only

learned about it Tuesday. "I find it incredible, unacceptable that this could happen," Valcourt said, saying an inquiry has been ordered on how the slip-up occurred.

Valcourt said Mohamed Al-Mashat, 60, and his family were granted admission as legal immigrants to Canada on March 27, having met all requirements as an independent retired applicant.

He arrived in Canada — Val-

court wouldn't say where — three days later.

Mashat, who often appeared on American TV in the runup to the Gulf war to defend Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, applied for status at the Canadian embassy in Vienna in late February, Valcourt said.

Mashat's entry to Canada comes at a time when more than 100,000 people are stuck in a refugee backlog. Some have been waiting as long as four years for their deter-

mination hearings.

Mashat's application was fast-tracked because of concerns for Mashat's safety, Valcourt said.

Immigration officials knew full well who Mashat was, Valcourt said.

Valcourt said the officials were satisfied that Mashat met all the requirements under the Immigration Act.

But at a news conference, the minister did not seem comfortable with the decision.

NOT INFORMED

"The minister of immigration, the then-minister, and the minister

of state for external affairs, were not informed through memo or any alert system," Valcourt told reporters. "I'm as furious as you are."

At the time, Joe Clark was external affairs minister and Barbara McDougall, now at External, was immigration minister.

Valcourt said a procedure exists for informing ministers about such cases. But for some reason, Mashat fell through the cracks.

Because officials followed the letter of the law and Mashat met the rules for admission under the

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Freezing on the bench



Sitting on the bench during the girls' softball game between Galt and BCS turned out to be a chilling experience for this BCS student. But she was soon joined by teammates, who, unable to get enough hits to keep warm by running around the bases, were frozen out of the game 21-11. For the details turn to page 11.

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Parizeau: Getty is not exactly my kind of guy

By Daniel Sanger

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Don Getty's refusal to meet him when he visits Alberta later this spring has prompted Parti Québécois Leader Jacques Parizeau to question the ex-footballer's intelligence.

Parizeau maintained Wednesday that he did not feel insulted by the Alberta premier's declaration that he does not meet Opposition leaders from other provinces.

"No one can be insulted by Premier Getty... it's impossible. When someone is that afraid of discussing basic issues you don't feel insulted, you rather pity the man."

He said he does not know how to make Getty change his mind.

"I don't know how to convince a football player — it depends exactly what their level of intelligence is," he said, chuckling.

And he said other premiers have not been reluctant to meet him, citing former Ontario premier David Peterson who "might not have been a football player but he was a man."

Parizeau, calling himself "a well-mannered man," made the hostile cracks after Getty said in Edmonton, "I just don't meet with Opposition leaders from other provinces."

"Why would I make an exception with Mr. Parizeau? I'm sure he's a wonderful man but I don't meet with Opposition leaders."

Getty admitted he met former Ontario opposition leader Larry Grossman but said it was because they were discussing Conservative party policy.

He laughed at suggestions he is afraid to meet the portly economist who leads the Parti Québécois and sometimes fancies himself as an elder statesman.

"Why would I think that?" Getty said.

Getty did not show any emotion when told that Parizeau had questioned the intelligence of a former football player.

He said, "I never comment on second-hand reports."

Parizeau said Getty, a Montreal native who led the Edmonton Eskimos to the Grey Cup, is afraid of being taken to task for "blackmail-

ling" Quebec when he met with Premier Robert Bourassa in Montreal.

"When Mr. Getty comes to Quebec and exercises, with his hand on the shoulder of the Quebec premier, the sort of blackmail that he sent out two weeks ago, well, I think that in the name of good manners he has to be confronted with it and has to comment."

"But of course his answer is 'No, no, no, I won't meet Mr. Parizeau.'"

WARNS QUEBEC

After their meeting, Getty said he had been convinced that Bourassa "wants Canada" and warned Quebec can't expect to maintain economic union with the rest of Canada if it separates politically.

cally.

Portraying Bourassa as a wimp and Getty as a bully, Parizeau said the Alberta premier forced his Quebec counterpart to "make all sorts of reassuring noises to Canadians."

"It's as clear as springwater" that he's afraid of meeting, said Parizeau.

He also said he doesn't think that Getty's opinion are shared by many other Canadians.

"You have to distinguish between politicians and the real country."

He added: "He knows very well that what he said in Quebec City is largely silly and that there is not a chance he can convince business people in the rest of Canada."

Parizeau will address a Chamber of Commerce meeting when he visits Alberta either in late May or June. He said he will try to set up other meetings in Vancouver and Winnipeg.

"I don't know whether I'll meet the Reform Party or who but I'll try to schedule a certain number of meetings there — you've got to take advantage of these things."

Spicer: All that talk was not enough...

By Portia Priegert

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadians want to keep talking to each other about the country's future even after a controversial citizens' forum reports on July 1, its chairman said Wednesday.

"A lot of them have got hooked on this, the simple business of listening to each other in groups and just talking seriously about the country," said Keith Spicer.

Spicer, speaking after an all-day meeting behind closed doors with the 11 commissioners on the Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future, said he has no idea what form such discussions could take.

"It may just happen spontaneously, I honestly don't know," he said.

"There's a big thrust for that."

But Spicer said he's heard enough and has no desire to return for another round of cross-country meetings with ordinary Canadians.

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Letters: Some natives like Tom Siddon

By Bob Cox

OTTAWA (CP) — A group of Indian chiefs lobbied to keep Tom Siddon as federal Indian affairs minister before a cabinet shuffle last month, according to a letter sent to the prime minister's office.

The group included about a dozen chiefs who have been advising the Department of Indian Affairs on land claims and other possible changes to legislation that affects natives.

Two of the chiefs — Neil Sterritt and Bill Montour — are running for the leadership of the Assembly of First Nations. The assembly has been highly critical of Siddon's performance since he became mi-

nister 14 months ago.

An exchange of letters between Sterritt and the prime minister's office was obtained by The Canadian Press on Wednesday.

Siddon survived the April 21 shuffle, to the surprise and disappointment of many native groups.

Shirley Martin, the junior Indian affairs minister, was replaced by Monique Landry.

In a letter to Norman Spector, Mulroney's chief of staff, Sterritt asked that both Siddon and Martin be left in their jobs.

"This wish on our part may come as somewhat of a surprise to both you and the prime minister in light of the remarks often made in the

media about Mr. Siddon's alleged lack of performance," said the letter, dated April 12.

It urged Mulroney to keep Siddon and Martin.

SOLVE GRIEVANCES

"We feel that a movement is discernible towards redressing our grievances since those two ministers assumed their portfolios," said the letter.

"Chiefs feel that a trust is now developing between themselves and the ministers and their staffs."

It said shuffling the ministers would hurt work the chiefs are doing on self-government issues.

Sterritt was travelling Wednesday and did not return a telephone

message left at his Ottawa office.

Sterritt, the Ottawa representative for the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs of British Columbia, is considered a more conservative native leader.

The group of chiefs, of which he is chairman, has faced criticism from some other natives for working with the Department of Indian Affairs.

They say natives need more radical changes than simply amending the existing Indian Act to give them a few more powers.

Sterritt and other members of the group have defended their work as a way of taking practical steps toward self government that

will lead toward eventual entrenchment of a right to native self government in the Constitution.

Other chiefs who signed the letter to keep Siddon include: Dan Bellegarde, vice-chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations; Harrison Bull of the Louis Bull Tribal Administration in Alberta; Strator Crowfoot, chief of the Siksika National Tribal Administration in Alberta; Harold Der-

rickson, president of the Intertribal Forestry Association of British Columbia; Manny Jules, chief of the Kamloops band in British Columbia; Harry Lafond, chief of the Muskeg Lake band in Saskatchewan; Robert Louie, chief of the Westbank band in British Columbia; Joe Miskokomon, grand chief of the Union of Ontario Indians; Paul Stewart, chief of the Tobique band in New Brunswick.

Mohawks: Someone should be blamed

MONTREAL (CP) — Two of the most prominent women in last summer's 78-day standoff between armed government forces and Mohawks at Oka said Wednesday they were disappointed by a Commons committee report that refused to allocate blame.

The report, issued Tuesday, called for a full-scale judicial inquiry into the events and said the federal government should "invite" Quebec's participation.

Linda Simon, who runs the food bank at Kahnésatake which is still a going concern eight months after the army left, said there are a lot of unanswered questions.

The questions, she said in a CBC

Radio interview, relate to "The lack of food, the lack of medicine, the lack of human rights, the abuses that we all felt in this community."

FOOD BANK

"Working at the food bank we know a lot of food didn't come through after the government agreed to let it through," she said.

"Why did all that happen?"

"I want an inquiry that's going to tell me that."

Simon is not Mohawk herself. She married a Mohawk, has four children and lives in the community which she said has barely recovered from the crisis.

About 30 families still rely on the food bank to get by.

Simon said the report does not address the issues that led to the crisis in the first place and added that she is very disappointed that the recommendations skirt the land issue.

Ellen Gabriel, who spoke regularly on behalf of the Warriors and other people behind the lines at Oka during last summer's events, agreed.

CONFEDERACY

Gabriel, a member of the traditionalist Six Nations Confederacy, said the Commons report appeared to be intended to appease all

sides but that by refusing to allocate blame it failed to get to the root of the problem.

She said all Canadians should be deeply concerned about last summer's events.

"It seems last summer there was a dictatorship in Canada," she said.

"You lost your democracy and an army took over a political situation."

Gabriel said she would willingly participate in any royal commission or judicial inquiry because she has nothing to hide.

But she said enough time has to be taken by any inquiry to "really deal with the issues."

Report: In Oka it's golf that needs help

MONTREAL (CP) — A report commissioned by the prime minister's Quebec lieutenant urges Ottawa to help the town of Oka get back on its financial feet following last summer's Mohawk crisis, says Montreal *La Presse*.

The newspaper obtained a copy of the report, which was submitted to Benoit Bouchard last week.

Bouchard commissioned a committee led by Guy Belisle — a former mayor of St-Eustache — to prepare the report and recommend ways to restore social peace and the local economy in Oka.

The report says the government should advance funds to the Oka golf club to mitigate the latter's losses in the Oka crisis, which began with plans to expand the golf course onto land claimed

by the Mohawks.

La Presse said Wednesday the report also urges Ottawa to assume the costs of a lawsuit the golf club plans against an insurance company and to reimburse the club for costs incurred before the expansion project was halted.

The committee report includes 26 recommendations concerned largely with the economic revival of the region and calling for a financial contribution from the federal government.

As for re-establishing harmony between Mohawks and Oka residents, the report suggests an intercultural festival would allow both groups "to reclaim and develop their respective cultures, while rebuilding the links of solidarity and co-operation that can unite them."

Shopping: Ontario leads cross-border fight

By Marilyn Ronald

OTTAWA (CP) — Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek has promised Ontario mayors he will immediately begin developing tailor-made solutions to customs issues involving cross-border shopping in Ontario and other provinces.

"There are no two border communities that have the same problem," Jelinek said at a news conference after meeting representatives of a coalition of 14 Ontario communities affected by cross-border shopping.

"I gave the mayors my commitment we will begin doing that forthwith," he said, adding he will look at going to cabinet to get the additional money needed.

A meeting will be held possibly by late this month on the issue in Ontario with representatives from the federal and Ontario governments, labor, the retail sector and consumer groups, Jelinek added.

WANTS IDEAS

People at the meeting will be expected to arrive with a list of things they can do right away to help alleviate the problem.

John Millson, mayor of Windsor, Ont., said municipalities acting alone don't have the money to cope with the cross-border shopping problem.

"You've heard the ministers indicate that they're taking back messages directly to cabinet for some very immediate response and resources to back up those responses," said Millson, who led the Ontario delegation.

The consumer should be the winner from any programs that result from the meeting, Millson said.

The Ontario municipalities want to be as competitive as their American counterparts whether they're selling gasoline or clothes "so that Canadians want to come back and shop in their own community."

The coalition estimates Ontario will lose \$1 billion in retail sales to American stores this year. That would mean a loss of \$50 million in provincial retail sales taxes.

Jelinek said "What we can do from the customs perspective is a fine balancing act between collecting as much duty and taxes that are owing legally to the government as possible."

At the same time, the government must try to relieve long lineups and congestion at border points where it's become a problem.

Jelinek also said he would consider a request from the Ontario government that Ottawa collect provincial sales tax on cross-border purchases at border points.

NOT EASY
"There are great difficulties in

the way, including the potential free-trade agreement jurisdictional problems," he added but said he would listen with an open mind.

Harmonization of the Ontario sales tax with the GST would make such collection easier, Jelinek said.

No resolutions that are reached on the cross-border shopping issue will penalize consumers, Jelinek said.

"This government does not intend, never has and never will, to tell Canadians where to shop and where not to shop."

Jelinek said he didn't consider cross-border shopping a sign of tax revolt because it was a problem that had been increasing for several years.

Earlier this week, Millson called cross-border shopping part of a tax revolt across the country.

Study, study, study on sales tax

OTTAWA (CP) — If the stream of Canadians crossing the border every day to pick up bargains is such a crisis, why doesn't Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek act quickly and decisively?

Ontario bordertown mayors met Jelinek on Wednesday to plead for action to stop the hemorrhage of consumer dollars across the line to Piggly Wiggly, Grand Union and J.C. Penney.

Jelinek has so far resisted pressure to do something major — such as striking a deal so that federal customs officers can collect provincial sales taxes at the border.

Instead, he announced a task force to study solutions.

In Ontario, slapping the eight per cent sales tax on TV sets or compact discs at the border might wipe out some of the incentive to shuffle off to Buffalo — or Minot, N.D., Blaine, Wash., or Newport Vt.

Bob Rae's NDP government has

already made the request.

LIKE THE IDEA
The easy answer why Jelinek hasn't acted is that cross-border shopping is popular. Canadians like the idea of slipping across the border to get a bargain.

CP News Analysis

By Clyde Graham

It's almost like legal smuggling. For a Tory government that's overdrawn at the popularity bank, clamping down would be tough.

But Jelinek also has a deeper motive.

The GST. Jelinek says he would consider a request from any provincial govern-

ment to have Ottawa collect provincial sales tax at border points.

But for the last year, he's also put on a tough condition.

Jelinek says the government won't do it unless the provinces harmonize their provincial sales taxes with Ottawa's seven per cent goods and services tax.

"This is caught up in the whole dogfight over the GST," says Gordon Ritchie, former deputy Canadian trade negotiator for the free-trade deal.

He said the border problem could be largely solved if provincial sales taxes were being collected.

"I would suspect to the extent there is a problem it is almost entirely due to the failure of the Ontario and federal governments to get together on sales-tax collection," said Ritchie, now an Ottawa consultant.

TICKED OFF
The Tories have been ticked off

since 1989 when the provinces, sniffing the political wind, stalled talks on combining their existing sales taxes with the proposed GST.

Michael Wilson, then finance minister, took the bold decision to go it alone. But he was widely attacked for setting up a costly and complex system of parallel federal and provincial sales taxes.

Wilson was angry. Government popularity plunged.

He accused the provinces of secretly wanting a GST-type tax, but of attacking it publicly for political reasons.

Quebec and Saskatchewan have since both moved to a broad-based tax similar to the GST, proving Wilson partly right.

Wilson, Jelinek and the Tory government in Ottawa may finally realize their dream for a national tax system.

But in the meantime, border towns will face a cross-border nightmare.

Cross-border complex

By The Canadian Press

Some figures on Ontario-U.S. cross-border shopping:

- Those making same-day car trips shot up by 22.2 per cent in February over the same month last year — 1.7 million compared with 1.4 million.
- Loss in Ontario retail sales expected to reach at least \$1 billion this year; loss in provincial retail taxes, \$50 million.
- About 1000 jobs lost in Sault Ste. Marie last year because of shopping in the U.S. The city estimates its loss at more than \$140 million.
- Ontarians will spend about \$250 million at U.S. supermarkets this year, the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors has said. That represents a loss of 1,700 retailing jobs.
- The tax bill for small Buffalo, N.Y., retailers is typically between 50 and 70 per cent of their Toronto counterparts.

Native leaders: Border? What border?

By Glenn Cheater

DAKOTA TITI, Man. (CP) — The four native leaders at the folding table look quizzically at the TV cameras, then doggedly launch into another explanation of pre-existing rights.

The mostly non-native reporters stare back in bewilderment and ask once again what it all means to the average Joe.

Only a few feet of linoleum separate the two sides but the culture gap between them is profound.

It's a gap the native leaders say they want to close, preferably through forums such as a royal commission on aboriginal issues or constitutional talks.

But if not, last summer's events at Oka may be replayed again, warned Phil Fontaine, head of the Manitoba Assembly of Chiefs.

"But if they (Ottawa and the provinces) give us a very clear indication that they're prepared to sit

down with us and negotiate a new future... then of course we're in for some very positive developments," Fontaine said at the beginning of a conference this week on native border rights.

But what would this new future hold?

How about an Indians-only lane at the United States border?

That would allow natives to speed through customs without paying the duties that apply to every other Canadian who braves hours-long line-ups at border stops.

SPECIAL MEANS FAIR

"We have special rights, we are a special people," said Fontaine when asked if native demands on the border issue constituted a demand for special status.

Special only means fair, argue Fontaine and other Canadian native leaders at the conference.

"The most dangerous idea fac-

ing this country right now is that only the white people have rights," said Ovide Mercredi, vice-chief of the Assembly of First Nations, the national political voice of Indian organizations.

"It's the concept that says that the aboriginal people who have treaties with Canada or rights under international treaties... cannot exercise these rights unless someone like a white parliament says they can have them."

The words, spoken in terse, angry tones, are a warning that Canadians will have to change their way of thinking when it comes to dealing with native issues such as border crossing rights or land claims.

Non-native Canadians tend to think in terms of individual rights, said Leroy Littlebear, professor of native American studies at the University of Lethbridge.

But the notion that all individuals should have the same rights

and privileges is actually unfair to natives, he said.

Indian people never gave up their right to move freely across the border and to bring goods into a country without paying duty, he said.

Restoring that right would give natives additional rights, but denying that right is fundamentally unjust, he said.

Border rights are one example of a pre-existing collective right — a

right natives enjoyed before the arrival of European settlers and a birthright natives today are still entitled to, Littlebear said.

It remains to be seen is how far those rights would go.

lot of things that are wrong but what you did tonight wipes all that away."

Ernie grabbed headlines in the local paper four years ago when he took his father's car for a drive through Hamilton and onto the Queen Elizabeth Way, a six-lane highway.

But that's all behind Ernie now. "Ernie is definitely a hero," said Cassandra's father, Larry. His daughter was not hurt.

Police have arrested Krzysztof Kaszowski, of no fixed address.

Better not mess with Ernie

HAMILTON (CP) — Ernie Wheeler has always been a little too much for his mom to handle but Monday he punched and kicked his way to a place in the hearts of everyone in his neighborhood.

Ernie, 12, saved eight-year-old Cassandra Gowland from the clutches of a man who was trying to pull her into a van.

"I was scared myself but I was just trying to help her," Ernie said. "He just took a couple of punches. I thought he was going to cry."

Cassandra had been playing

with a friend beside her townhouse at about 5 p.m. when the man approached. She was able to break free when Ernie arrived and the man fled.

Ernie ran to Cassandra's house and told her parents, who got the van's licence number and called police. A 31-year-old man was later arrested for attempted kidnapping and assault.

Ernie's mother Linda said was proud of her son and made sure he knew it when she tucked him into bed: "I said 'Well, Ernie, you do a

secret police on the campus of the University of Baghdad where he was a teacher.

The Iraqi expatriate who reported his presence in Toronto — and who demanded anonymity because he still has family in Iraq — claimed Mashat was a leading member of the governing Baath party on campus and co-operated with the Mukhabarat, the secret police.

"He helped to establish the influence of Saddam Hussein at Baghdad University," said the expatriate. "He was trying to show his boss, Saddam Hussein, he was very loyal."

The U.S.-educated Mashat left Washington on Jan. 15 after the State Department ordered Iraqi diplomats out of the country.

On Jan. 25, he turned up in Vienna, where he said he was delaying the trip home to Baghdad because his wife was ill.

An Austrian government official said a visa was renewed weekly several times on compassionate grounds before he made contact with the Canadian embassy.

Meanwhile in Washington the U.S. State Department said it played no role in helping Mohamed Al-Mashat, Iraq's former ambassador to the United States, gain admission to Canada.

"The Canadians didn't ask us before they approved whatever they approved for him," spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday in response to questions at the daily State Department news briefing.

He left Washington when Iraq was told to reduce its U.S. diplomatic staff, although he was not specifically ordered out. Austrian officials said Mashat explained his visit to Vienna by saying his wife required hospital treatment there.

"It appears to be one instance in which a senior Iraqi official discerned the difference between his own interests and those of Saddam Hussein," Boucher added dryly, sparking laughter through the room.

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Immigration Act, there is nothing that can be done now about his presence in Canada, said Valcourt.

"What can I say? He's now here."

Mashat's place of residence has not been officially disclosed.

But one Iraqi expatriate who knew him at the University of Baghdad in the 1970s, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he is hiding out in Toronto.

He will be eligible for citizenship in three years.

An unanswered question is whether Mashat received a thorough security check before admission.

Gerry Cummings, a spokesman for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, would confirm only that a check was done. He would not disclose the results or say how far-ranging it had been.

CSIS often has difficulty checking on people from totalitarian countries. The service refuses to deal with the secret police in such nations, for fear of compromising the safety of the immigrant.

However, Canadian security officers consult the American CIA or other western allies in such cases. Often, it ends up relying on their opinions about an applicant.

Opposition MPs were furious, accusing Ottawa of giving red-carpet treatment to an unacceptable applicant.

"This makes us look like a dumping ground for one of the chief apologists of (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein," NDP external affairs critic Svend Robinson said.

"The world must be shaking its head in bewilderment that Canada has been prepared to accept this kind of nonsense."

Liberal immigration critic Tom Wappel said the minister's expla-

nation of the speedy treatment was unsatisfactory.

"If you happen to be an ambassador, then you're more equal than others," he said.

"What I find fascinating is how immediate the application was and how quickly it was approved."

Both MPs want an inquiry into why Mashat was admitted.

MAY REGRET MOVE
One Toronto-based terrorism expert speculated that Ottawa may regret its decision to allow Mashat into the country.

John Thompson, assistant director of the Mackenzie Institute, said some Iraqi dissidents believe Mashat was once an informer for the

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"I don't think so," he said with a wry smile. "No, thank you."

The commissioners met to plan their report, which will compile the views of the 300,000 Canadians who took part in the \$27-million forum created Nov. 1 by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Spicer said the meeting went well, a sharp contrast to a stormy session earlier this year.

He sounded hopeful that commissioners will agree on recommendations to the government.

"If it goes the way it did today, I wouldn't be surprised if it were unanimous," he said. "And then, if we were not quite unanimous, it wouldn't be a tragedy."

He said one contentious issue among commissioners is bilingualism.

"There's a lot of complaints

about the way it's been implemented... and yet there's no intention on anybody's part to throw the baby out with the bathwater."

Even commissioner Robert Normand, the publisher of the Quebec City newspaper *Le Soleil*, sounded conciliatory.

KEEPS THE PEACE
"I would not like to add some oil on the fire," he said when asked about his earlier criticisms of the value and the cost of the forum.

Elsie Wayne, the mayor of Saint John, N.B., said commissioners still have strong opinions but are now trying to reflect the views of Canadians.

"It will probably take some give-and-take on everybody's part," she said in an interview.

She said commissioners are de-

termined to have a big role in this report after the forum's Ottawa office released an interim paper without their knowledge.

Commissioner Tom Kierans, head of the C.D. Howe Institute, said he wants the report to take a broad-brush approach.

"My own wish would be that we don't get too (technical) with this thing," he said.

"I think what we really want to do is tell the government in a far more meaningful way than Gallup can... that people are really concerned and what they are concerned about."

Like other commissioners, he is reluctant to predict whether the final report will be unanimous.

"The issues are mind-boggling," he said. "It's just too soon to tell."

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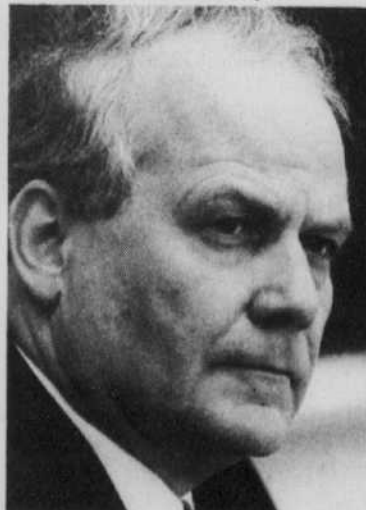
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Gérin: Referendum to be a *Bloc* buster?



François Gérin... Short lifespan for Bloc.

By Steve Meurice

SHERBROOKE — The Bloc Québécois will hold its founding convention June 15 in Tracy, Megantic-Compton-Stanstead MP François Gérin announced at a press conference Wednesday.

Five delegates from each of Quebec's 75 federal ridings will be chosen to attend the meeting. They will discuss the "fundamental basis" for the Bloc and adopt a constitution, Gérin said.

They will also choose a party leader. So far only current leader Lucien Bouchard is officially in the running.

The party's basic principles will be kept "as loose as possible because we hope we won't be around for long," Gérin said.

SHORT LIFESPAN?

The Bloc would no longer be needed if Quebecers opt for sovereignty in a referendum which could be held in the fall of 1992, he added.

"That would make us very happy. We could pack our bags and

come back to Quebec."

The Bloc, formed last summer in the wake of the Meech Lake accord's failure, currently has no party status. Its seven MPs sit as Independents in the House of Commons.

Gérin said in the next election the Bloc won't benefit from certain tax advantages recognized parties get if they have run 50 candidates in the previous election. But he said that wouldn't hurt the Bloc very much.

The party plans to elect riding executives by the fall and run candidates in all Quebec ridings in the next federal election.

Gérin said that since he quit the Conservative caucus last May he has had very little contact with his English-speaking constituents. They don't call his riding office and they don't invite him to any of their functions, he said.

"It's a little sad. As their MP I still have to deal with their problems. I have a sort of ombudsman role, even if they don't like my posi-

tion.

'I HAVE A DUTY'

"If in Hatley or Bury they decide to have a Canada Day party and they want their MP there, I have a duty to go," he added.

In response to a question about a recent poll that found many English-speaking Quebecers plan to leave the province, Gérin said he doesn't think that will be the case

in the Eastern Townships.

"The problem is that the younger people have already left. Those who have stayed are very well integrated.

"It's mostly older people who are still here, and I don't think they're going to leave. We'd have to do something really terrible to make them leave. They're *Québécois pure laine* as much as any franco-

phone."

He said conversations with his French constituents don't reflect a decline in enthusiasm for sovereignty that some recent polls have suggested. But he said people are less idealistic than they once were.

"They tell me they don't want to hear poetry anymore," they want the facts and figures of sovereignty, he said.

Mouvement Québec wants you

SHERBROOKE — Another group pushing for Quebec's separation from Canada will hold a public meeting here on May 14.

The Eastern Townships chapter of *Mouvement Québec 1991*, a group formed in February to lobby for a referendum on sovereignty as soon as possible, will unveil its plan of action and try to attract new members.

Speaking at the meeting will be CNTU president and Bélanger-

Campeau commissioner Gérard Larose, and local *Mouvement* leader Marie Malavoy.

The group, which claims to be non-partisan, has about 400 members in the Townships so far, according to spokeswoman Monique Larocque.

The *Mouvement's* statement of principles says all elements of Quebec society, including English-speaking people, should take part in decisions about the province's

future.

It says Quebec should achieve complete sovereignty, which it defines as having control over all law-making and taxation as well as foreign policy.

All legal means will be used to push for a referendum on sovereignty, it says.

The meeting is Tuesday, May 14, at Le Baron hotel at 7:30 p.m. It is open to everyone.

Dog bite: Stray shepherd caught after attacking woman

By Dan Hawaleshka

SHERBROOKE — A North Hatley woman bitten by a stray German shepherd was happy Wednesday that the dog has been found.

Sylvie Lawrence, part owner of *Equitation Massawippi*, suffered a five centimetre gash on her left

hand and another 15 cm cut on her left arm Tuesday. She was injured after her dog was attacked by a male German shepherd, which had been roaming around the stables for the past four or five days.

After the dogfight Lawrence tried to shoo the shepherd away. When she touched its hind leg the

dog turned on her. A client at the stables tried to help but the dog jumped on him too, she said. After the attacks her husband chased the aggressor away.

Lawrence received several stitches at Hôtel Dieu Hospital and was told by Dr. Jean-Luc Bergeron that she'd have to get rabies shots

within 24 hours if the dog wasn't found.

Rabies is an infectious disease that destroys the nerve cells of part of the brain and almost always causes death. The disease is caused by a virus.

On Wednesday Lawrence called the *Record* to warn North Hatley residents to be on the lookout for the dog.

WORRIED

"We lost the dog and we can't find it," she said Wednesday morning. "That's what worries us the most."

She was also worried that she might have to have her dog put down since it was bitten by the German shepherd. It was the fourth time the two dogs had fought, she said, adding that she hadn't reported the stray until now because she thought the two dogs were only fighting over territory. She said the dog doesn't belong to neighbors because she would have recogni-

zed it.

In the afternoon Lawrence said the dog had been found and coaxed back to the stables, where it was chained up.

"It doesn't bother me if he's alive or if he's dead. I just want him out of here," she said, adding the dog looked sad and unaggressive.

Guylaine Lessard of the Society for the Protection of Animals said the dog was to be killed Wednesday evening. The animal's brain will be tested for rabies by a veterinarian from the Ministry of Agriculture, Hunting and Fishing. Results are expected in eight to 10 days, she said, adding the dog "looks healthy".

NO IDENTIFICATION

The animal had no identification collar. Quick action had to be taken because of the seriousness of Lawrence's injuries, she added. Instead of killing animals suspected of being rabid they are sometimes quarantined for 10 days to

see if the disease develops.

SPA director Alain St-Martin said it was unlikely the dog was rabid. Very few cases of rabies have been reported in the Eastern Townships and it generally isn't a problem here, he said.

"There's nothing to panic over but we have to be careful," St-Martin said.

What's important in these cases is that people don't kill the animal," he said. Instead they should call the SPA.

According to information St-Martin received, the German shepherd ran away when Lawrence's husband yelled at it. It lowered its ears at the sharp sound of the man's voice.

"If it was rabid that wouldn't have happened," St-Martin said, adding "If everyone put their dog on a leash, this wouldn't be a problem."

St-Martin said it's important that people take responsibility for their animals.

Family loses chance at new life

SHERBROOKE (DH) — Four members of a Vietnamese family in Sherbrooke may have lost their chance for a new way of life Wednesday when a handbag containing \$21,000 in cash was stolen.

Sherbrooke Municipal Police spokesman Serge Fournier said the couple and their two children were in the Jean Coultu pharmacy at 445 King Street East when the theft occurred around 10 a.m.

The bag contained 210 \$100 bills, as well as airline ticket receipts for a trip to Vancouver, where the

couple planned to use the money to start a new life, Fournier said. They were to leave in a few days.

He could not say why the family carried cash instead of traveller's cheques.

The couple noticed they had left their bag on one of the store's shelves when they got to the cashier. When they went back to get the bag, it was gone, Fournier said.

"It was money given to them to help them establish themselves in Vancouver," he said, adding that a

brother in the United States had supplied some of the funds.

As a precaution the couple had written down the serial numbers of the \$100 bills, said Fournier, adding the bills could possibly be traced. The family is offering a reward for finding the bag.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the bag and its contents should contact detectives Guy Chouinard and Marc Chateleau at 821-5553.

Only chimney left after fire destroys farmhouse

SHERBROOKE (DH) — Only the brick chimney was left standing after fire razed an Austin farmhouse early Wednesday evening.

The blaze erupted around 5:30 p.m. and spread quickly, destroying the old farmhouse of Ferme Emanuelle Cosmique — Pomiculture, situated at 2110 Lake Road.

"It was only about 10 minutes and the whole house was ablaze," said witness Brian Fancy, 16. "It's right down to the ground. It's only the chimney standing now."

Arthur Bryant, chief of the Austin volunteer fire department, was still at the scene late last night and could not be reached for comment. About 20 firefighters responded to the call.

"When I got there the porch and that was on fire, and soon the whole place was on fire. There wasn't much they could do," said Fancy, who was out riding his bicycle when he heard the Austin fire siren blow.

Fancy said firefighters had to concentrate on saving a barn and three greenhouses by regularly spraying them with water. One greenhouse got especially hot.

"The plastic one close to the fire was bubbled up like a big balloon," Fancy said, adding that every time firefighters shrunk the swelled plastic with water it would only puff right out again once they stopped.

The owner of the house arrived when the house had already burned to the ground.

"By the looks of her, she almost fainted. She took a few steps back and started crying. I didn't see much of her after that," Fancy said.

Firefighters were busy hosing down the rubble and cleaning up more than three hours later. The three greenhouses and the barn appeared undamaged.

One theory circulating among bystanders was that the fire was started by an electrical failure, Fancy said.

Coaticook: Help needed for hospital

By Rita Legault

COATICOOK — Ste-Catherine Latoure Hospital, known today as the Centre Hospitalier de Coaticook, has received a grant from Quebec to build a new emergency wing. But it needs public support to furnish and equip it.

For the first time ever members of the hospital foundation are planning a door-to-door blitz of the town to seek donations for the cause.

Roger Jean-Marie, the semi-retired publisher of *Le Progrès de Coaticook*, is one of many spearheading the drive. He said the hospital's present emergency room has been out of date for years and desperately needs to be replaced.

"The emergency room is not at all adequate," Jean-Marie said. "It should have been replaced five years ago."

There is no space for essential equipment and what they are using is out of date, he said.

ADVANCED FIRST AID

"Right now what we have is more like advanced first aid," he said, adding that new equipment must be adequate or else the hospital

will have a hard time serving the population.

The new equipment is particularly important because the region is far from large general hospitals and needs adequate facilities to treat patients and accident victims, he said.

The emergency wing, which is crucial to maintaining emergency services in Coaticook, is slated to be built next fall.

The tiny 130-bed hospital, which has served the population of the area for more than 35 years, caters to an aging population, much of it anglophone. It is mostly a geriatric hospital which also serves the nearby Bois Castel seniors' home.

Jean-Marie, who has been a member of the foundation for the past three years, has been active in the community for more than 40 years. He said the hospital is a good cause that all locals should support.

The goal of the funding drive is \$25,000, but Jean-Marie said he is convinced they will meet and surpass that goal.

"For the past few years our goal has been \$25,000 and we collected \$35,000," he said. "And our needs are greater this year because of the new wing."

BEST STRATEGY

He also said the blitz is the best strategy for meeting their goal.

"In order to have a really effective campaign, we need to go door-to-door," he said.

The blitz will take place Wednesday, May 22, between 5 and 8 in the evening. Foundation volunteers hope to be able to knock at the approximately 2200 doors in the town, population 6500. They are also hoping to spearhead campaigns outside of town.

"The population of the MRC (regional municipality) of Coaticook

belongs to the region and is called upon to participate in the drive," Jean-Marie said.

The foundation is looking for volunteers to canvass. If you are interested contact Yves Mongeau, head of recruitment, at 849-6723 or 849-4811.

"Anything that's good for the future of Coaticook, the population must participate in," Jean-Marie concluded. "Our goal is achievable and is very worthwhile."



Roger Jean-Marie... 'Our needs are greater this year because of the new wing.'

Cocaine case: Divers find ship but not its precious cargo...

With CP files

SHERBROOKE — Eighteen suspects in the alleged Eastern Townships cocaine connection will learn today if they have to stay in jail until their trial, but prosecutors will have to keep waiting for news on whether the connection actually had any coke.

Quebec Court Judge Michel Duchesne will rule in Sherbrooke today on bail for the men, accused of conspiring to import more than a tonne of cocaine.

But a navy diving operation aimed at recovering the cocaine from a sunken cargo ship off Newfoundland has been delayed by bad weather, a military spokesman said in Halifax Wednesday.

HMCS *Cormorant*, a navy diving vessel with a crew of 75, arrived off Cape Race, Nfld., on Monday and has conducted initial video reconnaissance with a remote-controlled submarine called DART.

"It was determined the wreckage is lying in 180 feet (60 metres) of water on her side," said Lt.-Cmdr. Jeff Agnew.

"Cormorant divers did four dives to take additional photos to determine if the cargo can be recovered. However, due to deteriorating weather conditions, the diving was stopped."

The dives will resume as soon as the weather clears, he added. "They have not determined

whether the cargo can or cannot be recovered."

Last month, 22 people were charged with conspiracy to import cocaine in connection with a shipment believed bound for drop-off points near Yarmouth, N.S. As well as the 18 in jail in Sherbrooke, three are still fugitives while one awaits extradition proceedings in Florida.

But the alleged mother ship, *Marine Transport*, sank after hitting ice.

RCMP believe the Honduran-registered vessel carried a substantial amount of cocaine. One source pegged it at 45 tonnes.

LENNOXVILLE
Neighborhood
Watch

Working Together To Prevent Crime

Lost kids should know what to do

By Capt. Jacques Gagnon

Sooner or later, every child gets lost.

It may only be for a minute or two in a crowded store, but even that can be traumatic. So don't wait until it happens to your child to explain what to do when it does; otherwise, he or she may panic — and accept help from the wrong person.

Make a game of it: "What would you do if you got lost in the supermarket?"

"I'd cry."

"Then what?" Explain that he or she must never, never leave the store, alone or with someone who says "I'll help you find your Mommy."

Point out who the clerks are — they usually wear a uniform of some kind and a name tag — and explain that one of them can always be asked for help. The clerk can take the child to the manager if necessary, and the manager will find you.

Explain similar things to do if he or she gets lost in another place: the department store, on the way home from school, or anywhere on

the street.

Very early, teach your children to use a pay telephone. Make sure they always have a quarter or whatever it takes to use one in your area. Stress that this is not spending money — it's to be used only for an emergency telephone call. See that they memorize their telephone number and perhaps the number of a neighbour who's likely to be home if you're not.

BLOCK PARENT

If yours is a Block Parent neighborhood, explain what the signs in the windows mean. Make a game of finding the houses with the signs so your children will know at all times where the nearest one is. (If yours is not a Block Parent neighborhood, perhaps you are just the one to get the program started. Call your police for information.)

If your child needs help on the street, and doesn't see a Block Parent sign, point out the kind of stores it is safe to go into if he or she is scared. Most neighborhood or convenience store operators will call if something is wrong, and keep your child safe until you get

there.

Of course the store owner cannot call you unless he or she can find out from your child whom to call. So teach your children to say their name, address and telephone number clearly — and then let them know when it's okay, or even important, to give out that information. Impress on them, however, that they should not tell just anybody who asks who they are and where they live.

UNWELCOME ATTENTION

Ask what they would do if they thought someone was following them. Tell them if they think someone is, to walk faster, to go into a neighborhood store, or head for a busy street.

If you want to get involved as a Block Parent, just call your local police to register. Being a Block Parent doesn't take any time, and any responsible adult who cares about the well-being of children, has been screened by the police and is available during peak school traffic hours can do it.

Capt. Jacques Gagnon is in charge of crime prevention and community relations for Lennoxville-Ascot police.

WE'VE TOUCHED THE
HEART OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW.

Let's not have them in the first place

I hope you are deeply disturbed. Is it possible not to be, after seeing results of a federal study on violent crimes against children?

During the 1980s 542 kids were killed by murder, manslaughter or infanticide in Canada.

The world is a crazy place, you say, there are crazy people out there, and they do crazy things. It happens, you say.

Maybe. But these are not just any crazy people doing the killings.

Nine out of 10 of the kids were killed by someone they knew. And that's not all.

In two-thirds of the cases where an accused was identified, it was a parent of the child.

This is one statistic that had better make us stop, look and listen.

What is going on here? Have we all gone crazy?

One answer to that question would be: "No, but we've certainly let things get a tad out of hand."

So from where do we start bringing this society of ours back to a decent level of sanity? How do we stop killing our own children?

Let's start at the top, and work our way down to the very roots of the problem.

We have to teach people to recognize abuse as it is happening in our homes. Doctors, nurses, day-care workers, babysitters — all need to be educated to recognize warning signs of violence.

But why should we let it get that far? Let's also educate parents on how to be better parents.

Nobody said being a parent is an easy job. Parents need help doing what they do. They need to be better prepared for parenting, and they need family support in times of trouble.

But wait, you say. What about parents who have children — but don't really want them, or simply aren't ready to have them.

Good question. The answer leads us to family planning for young couples. We need to sit down with people who are not quite sure what their futures hold, and help them understand what having a child means.

They need to be shown the effects a living being can have on their lives, and on the lives of those around them.

Next comes abortion.

It may be a dirty word to some, but for those who simply didn't plan right, abortion must be more easily accessible. If a child cannot be properly cared for, he or she must not be brought into our world.

Of course, none of the above would be terribly needed if we could teach birth control — how it's done, and of what value it is. It's obvious that the children being killed are not wanted. So let's not have them in the first place.

As helpful as these things would be, they are really just band-aid solutions.

We must, above all else, teach our own kids love and respect for human life, so they don't continue the cycle of violence that our parents have started.

MIKE SHAHIN

No feelings of guilt

Excerpts from an April 16 column in the London Free Press by Morris Dalla Costa:

I arrived at the Blue Water Bridge in Point Edward at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

By Saturday 9:30 p.m., after a shopping and dining trip, I was headed back to London, convinced that unless the federal government does something to reverse the tide, which is quickly becoming a flood of Canadians shopping across the border, many businesses in Canada would be damaged beyond repair.

The funny thing is, I don't feel guilty about spending almost \$200 in the United States. As I crossed the bridge, I expected to be driven to feel like a traitor, an uncaring sleazebag only interested in saving a buck, or worse yet, an American.

We have been bludgeoned with this guilt complex, most times by merchants who would rather complain than become competitive.

...I like most of you work more than seven months a year for the government... Ontarians pay 15 per cent in a variety of sales taxes. Many would even gladly pay the federal, seven-per-cent goods and services tax if it was applied directly to combat the deficit instead of going into the general waste fund. Instead, they feel used, abused and unprotected.

The Canadian taxpayer has nothing to apologize for. We do enough.

The taxpayer feels the frustration of paying all this to a government which has no idea how to spend our money, whose policies have done nothing to protect workers' jobs or businesses hurt by cross-border shopping. The government refuses to respond to businesses with legitimate concerns about inconsistencies and unfairness in government policies that prevent them from being as competitive as possible.

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

Today in history...

May 9, 1991

Thomas Berger, in a one-man royal commission, recommended 14 years ago today — in 1977 — a 10-year ban on pipeline construction in the Mackenzie valley of the Northwest Territories because of social and environmental hazards. The former B.C. Supreme Court judge also called for a permanent ban on any pipeline construction from Alaska through northern Yukon. The recommendations followed two years of hearings on proposals to build pipelines from Alaska and the Canadian Arctic to deliver natural gas to southern markets. The pipelines were never built.

Letters

An eyesore for anyone passing on main street

The Editor:

A short time ago I attended a Lennoxville council meeting and listed to the pros and cons of Mr. Neville being allowed to sell his plants from a vacant lot in town. For several years Mr. Neville rented the lot across the

street from my place. Each spring we looked forward to him bringing in his beautiful flowers and plants, we could even smell them.

Then the lot was sold and Mr. Neville was evicted. I don't know who

owns the lot now, but he must be a very uncaring, selfish person, because after taking possession during the night, he hauled in a bunch of old dead trees and surrounded the lot so that people from the church could no longer park there.

Now since the council is busy drawing up new bylaws to beautify the town, I suggest they make one to force this fellow to clean-up his act. Not only are these old logs an ugly sight for us who have to look at them everyday, but they spoil the appearance of our new restaurant and the little white church, and are an eyesore for anyone passing on our main street.

So Mr. Gagnon what number is the bylaw going to be?

T.E. ALDRICH
Lennoxville

Invaluable experience

Dear Mr. Bury,

We wish to thank you very much for the important part you have recently played in our Co-operative Education Program. The opportunity you gave to our student to work with you on a daily basis was greatly appreciated, not only by the student, but by his teachers, and all of us associated with the program.

The experience gained by the students is invaluable. For many of our students, Job-Shading is a key step toward selecting a future career. Often the experience in the work force leads to a new maturity and a greater self-confidence.

Yours truly,
DON NIXON
In School Co-ordinator
Co-operative Education
Richmond Regional
High School



Anglophones are in vogue with francophone community

By Don Macdonald

MONTREAL (CP) — They're the last people you would expect to be the subject of hand-wringing in Quebec's French media.

But over the last two weeks, the province's English-speaking minority has been put under the microscope in newspapers and on the airwaves.

And in the process, the beleaguered "anglo" community actually seems to be taking on a trendy, almost hip status.

The current preoccupation with anglophones was sparked by two events.

The first was a poll suggesting that almost one-third of Quebec's 800,000 anglophones don't plan to be living in the province in five years.

The second was an emotional letter in Montreal *La Presse* from U.S.-born traffic reporter Janet Torge, setting out her reasons for leaving Quebec after 18 years to return to Ohio. Torge reports for the local English CBC radio station and had a column in the *Montreal Gazette*.

In her letter, Torge says she is tired of hardline nationalism and having to

fight to be accepted as a true Quebecer despite learning to speak French, supporting Bill 101 and voting Yes in the 1980 sovereignty-association referendum.

'PHONE EXPLODED'

Torge said "her phone exploded" after her letter appeared last week and a similar commentary ran on the CBC's English national radio network.

"I was just getting it off my chest," Torge, 44, said in an interview. "And I've been basically managing media stuff ever since. I can't even work."

Torge has been doing the rounds of French-language TV and radio talk shows and has been the subject of newspaper columns. She has also been flooded with letters and sympathetic calls from individual Quebecers appealing to her to reconsider.

"I think I'm just the symbol of getting the anglophones to stay. If we can convince Janet to stay the whole community will feel better," she said.

The reaction to Torge's letter is

proof that "our trendiness continues to grow at a rate that astonishes me," wrote Josh Freed, the *Montreal Gazette's* wry city columnist and co-editor of the *Anglo Guide to Survival in Quebec*, a collection of humorous essays which was published in the early 1980s.

Freed predicted in a recent column that if Torge's fame persists, "it could lead to a 'Gardez Janet a Montreal (Keep Janet in Montreal) movement, climaxing in a live TV show."

He also predicted that a distinctive English culture is sure to mushroom along with "the growing hip-minority mood of the anglos."

SERIOUS PROSPECT

But there is a serious side to the prospect of another massive departure of anglophones suggested by the poll conducted by the Montreal-based CROP organization.

The survey indicated that while 29 per cent of anglophones plan to leave the province within five years, the number goes up to 44 per cent if Quebec separates. Another 21 per cent say they aren't sure what they'll do.

Those figures prompted Parti Québécois leaders, along with nationalist union officials and Bloc Québécois Leader Lucien Bouchard to make conciliatory comments about the English minority.

Another exodus of English-speaking Quebecers like the one after the PQ's 1976 electoral victory would sap Quebec of one of its most vibrant economic and cultural assets, said *La Presse* columnist Francine Pelletier.

"I don't want Quebec to close up, to become homogeneous. I don't want to lose people (among them many friends) who are among the province's most dynamic," Pelletier wrote in a column.

But not all French Quebecers are worried. On Tuesday, a person-on-the-street feature in the mass-circulation *Le Journal de Montréal* tabloid didn't include anyone who fears an anglo outflow.

Stephane Beaudet's reaction was typical of the seven people interviewed: "I couldn't care less. Quebecers (les Québécois) will know how to get along without them."

Some scientists think electromagnetic fields promote cancer

The harnessing of electricity has caused profound changes in the environment, bathing modern society with invisible forces called electromagnetic fields. Some scientists suspect these fields might promote cancer and perhaps other health problems. Here is a report on these Fields of Peril.

By Lee Siegel

AP Science Writer

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — In the basement of a Pacific Bell telephone office, 11 of 65 workers developed cancer in recent years, and three died. Yet on the second floor, not one of 75 employees had the disease.

Some of the stricken staffers suspected their cancers might be caused by electromagnetic fields — invisible forces produced by anything electrical, from workplace equipment and power lines to hairdryers and can openers.

They feared dangerous doses of electromagnetic radiation were emanating from an adjacent power room where incoming electricity was converted to run phone systems.

"There was so much paranoia going on in the office," said Judy Parker, a 47-year-old data processing worker with breast cancer. "People were asking 'Who's next?'"

A company investigation failed to implicate any environmental cause, including asbestos recently removed from the building. But Pacific Bell says it didn't think to measure electromagnetic fields, either from the power room or employees' computer video screens.

RAISE CONCERN

Inconclusive but increasing evidence from a number of studies suggests workers in electrical industries develop cancer at unexpectedly high rates after prolonged exposure to electric and magnetic fields, known collectively as electromagnetic fields, or EMFs.

Yet the possible hazard isn't limited to the workplace. Virtually everyone

is bombarded with EMFs — at home, at the mall, even outdoors. Power lines, home appliances and office equipment all emit the fields.

Some studies have associated prolonged EMF exposure with higher rates of cancer in children. Inconclusive studies also link EMFs with other health problems, including birth defects, miscarriages, nervous system and behavioral problems, and possibly immune system disorders.

But other scientists consider the studies linking EMFs and health problems badly flawed. They say it's ridiculous to believe human lives are endangered by radiation that is weaker than the Earth's magnetic field or the natural electrical activity in the human body.

Skeptics also note that research has failed to reveal a biological explanation of how EMFs could promote cancer. And if such a risk does exist, they say, it is much smaller than other environmental hazards such as smoking.

But even "low risks applied to a lot of people are unacceptable," said Raymond Neutra, chief of special epidemiological studies for California's Department of Health Services.

POTENTIAL COSTS

The potential consequences reach beyond human health.

If researchers eventually determine electromagnetic fields are harmful, it could cost industry billions of dollars to fight lawsuits and redesign electric power facilities, appliances and workplace equipment.

"We're talking about rewiring America," said Ram Mukherji, an electromagnetic expert at Southern California Edison, a power company. "We may have to reduce our standard of living."

But so much about EMFs and their effects is unknown.

Unlike cigarette smoke and toxic chemicals, there is evidence that electromagnetic radiation may not be worse in larger doses. So U.S. government agencies say they can't yet de-

termine what levels are safe or unsafe.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency abandoned its research into EMFs a few years ago for budgetary reasons, leaving it in large part to the utility industry.

The American industry's Electric Power Research Institute funds about half the \$15 million spent annually on EMF research, said Greg Rauch, an institute project manager. The EPA resumed a small amount of research — \$750,000 worth — during the current fiscal year, agency spokesman Dave Ryan said. The U.S. Energy Department also is financing studies.

HOUSEHOLD CURRENT

Scientists say it's unclear whether EMFs generated by common household current, which is measured at a frequency of 60 hertz, pose a peril.

A 1990 draft report of the Environmental Protection Agency identified 60-hertz magnetic fields from power lines and perhaps other sources in the home as a "possible, but not proven" cause of cancer in humans.

The agency said studies were inconclusive as to the dangers of electromagnetic radiation in the higher, so-called radio-frequency fields, such as radio and television signals. It did, however, urge more study of elevated rates of leukemia discovered in recent years among amateur radio operators.

Radio-frequency fields are generated by radio and TV transmitters, cordless and cellular phones, microwave communication equipment and cooking ovens, and a variety of medical devices.

The EPA staff initially recommended classifying 60-hertz fields as "probable human carcinogens" and radio-frequency fields as "possible" carcinogens.

But those recommendations were deleted by Dr. William Farland, director of EPA's Office of Health and Environmental Assessment, because he felt existing evidence didn't justify the conclusions.

While scientists sort the evidence, citizens in the United States worried about the electromagnetic fields have gone to court or regulatory agencies to fight planned or existing power lines and other facilities in Seattle, Los Angeles, Boca Raton, Fla., Houston and elsewhere.

Florida has adopted standards limiting magnetic field intensities near transmission lines. The issue is being studied by officials in California, New York, Oregon and Maryland. Restrictions on new power lines were imposed last year in Whatcom County, Wash., and East Greenwich, R.I.

In one notable case, the Klein Independent School District in Texas forced Houston Lighting and Power to spend \$8.6 million to remove a transmission line from school property.

Because electromagnetic risks remain debatable, utilities are winning most lawsuits in which workers or others blame cancer, miscarriages and birth defects on EMF exposure, said Tom Watson, a utility industry lawyer in Washington.

But there are exceptions.

Last year, Boeing Co. worker Robert Strom won a \$500,000 settlement in Seattle after arguing his leukemia was caused by occupational exposure to electromagnetic pulses used to test missiles. Boeing agreed to monitor 700 exposed workers.

Even if the U.S. utility industry wins most of its EMF battles, public fears remain that these invisible waves are responsible for cancer hot spots — clusters of cancer cases in workplaces or neighborhoods, reported in cities ranging from Darrington, Wash., to Rochester, N.Y., to Portland, Ore., to Guilford, Conn.

In virtually every cluster, health investigators couldn't establish any link to the fields. Instead, they attributed the disease to other possible factors such as toxic substances or said the seemingly high numbers of cancer cases weren't excessive or happened by chance.

Farm and Business

Farmers want border shut to American wheat imports

OTTAWA (CP) — Farm groups have asked Brian Mulroney to keep the border closed to U.S. wheat until Washington stops what they say are massive subsidies being used to steal Canadian grain customers.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture said Wednesday in an open letter to the prime minister that the United States has ignored a provision in the free-trade agreement by offering subsidized wheat to traditional Canadian customers.

Federation President Ralph Jespersen said the federal government should "ensure the situation will, at the least, not get any worse."

Maintaining import permits for U.S. wheat and flour will show Canada "does not condone U.S. violations of both the spirit and the law of liberalized agriculture trade."

The federal cabinet is supposed to consider today a proposed regulation to end the import permit requirement which has effectively kept U.S. wheat and flour out of Canada.

If passed, the permits would likely be cancelled Friday.

The government said last week that under a provision in the free-trade agreement, it would end the permits because subsidies to Canadian growers had risen to the same levels as those paid to American growers.

The agreement also contains a provision which says both countries will respect the interests of the other in the use of any export subsidies in farm sales.

PRICES FALL

But the United States has pumped

millions of dollars into its export-enhancement fund and along with hefty European Community subsidies has pushed world grain prices to record lows.

That has been a devastating blow to rural Canada, which exports about 80 per cent of its grain and oilseed crops, says the federation and 19 of its member organizations.

"We cannot compete with the massive export subsidies being used by the United States, in some cases in direct contradiction to the Canada-U.S. trade agreement," says Jespersen.

The number of countries singled out for sales under the U.S. export program rose to 69 in 1990 from four in 1985.

Among Canadian markets the United States has gone after are Iraq, Colombia, Mexico, Algeria and the Philippines.

Jespersen says Australia got the United States to say it will try not to disrupt Australian grain markets and Canada should be able to do likewise.

In Winnipeg, the Canadian Wheat Board advisory committee also called on the government to stall opening the border to American wheat and flour.

The committee is made up of 11 farmers, elected by wheat board permit holders across Western Canada.

"Canadian farmers cannot compete with European subsidies or the U.S. treasury through its export-enhancement program," said committee chairman Wilfred Harder of Manitoba.

Apple marketing board proposed for Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — A national marketing agency for fresh apples should be established, the National Farm Products Marketing Council said Wednesday.

The proposed agency should have the power to limit production and set prices for growers in British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, says the Council in a report for new Agriculture Minister Bill McKnight.

McKnight said he will review the council's report and see how the apple agency would fit with proposals for so-called second generation marketing boards which place more emphasis on marketing and

sales. The council said in public hearings across the country last summer it found support among growers for an improved market system.

Before any agency would be established, an independent vote by all apple growers would be required.

"Clearly, further work still needs to be done, including more public debate," McKnight said. "I will be listening closely to the views expressed in these on-going consultations."

The council is the watchdog for national marketing boards.

Agri briefs

FREDERICTON (CP) — New Brunswick gardeners are allowed to grow potatoes in their home gardens this year if they use certified seed from provincial growers.

"We have not followed Prince Edward Island in banning home gardeners from growing their own potatoes," says Agriculture Minister Alan Graham.

"We are asking gardeners to purchase only N.B. certified or better seed from reputable sources. This seed carries an Agriculture Canada inspection tag which ensures these potatoes are free of the virus that caused a lot of problems earlier this year."

The minister said gardeners should not plant potatoes they grew last year or those sold as table potatoes. These potatoes have not been inspected and may be carrying diseases and other plant pests that could spread to commercial potato growers.

The value of potato sales to the New Brunswick economy can exceed \$70 million annually — more than \$20 million in sales to the United States alone.

Graham said the continued success of the industry requires strong and expanding markets and is only possible if the health status of the potato crop meets national and international standards.

The United States has banned the import of seed potatoes from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island because they carry a virus that can affect other plants.

WINNIPEG (CP) — Manitoba's on-farm stocks of wheat are the highest in history for this time of year and almost double last year's stocks, suggest recent Statistics Canada figures.

With three months left in the crop year, there are 3.05 million tonnes in grain bins.

The Canadian Wheat Board has had trouble finding buyers for last year's bumper crop but a spokesman says things are looking brighter.

"We've filled out our sales program a little more," said Brian Stacey.

Job index suggests recession nearing end

By Clyde Graham

OTTAWA (CP) — Jobs could get easier to find in the months ahead after the number of help wanted advertisements stopped falling in April, economists said Wednesday.

Michael Gregory, an economist at the Royal Bank of Canada, said it's more evidence that the year-long recession is nearly over.

The April help wanted index, which tracks changes in the number of newspaper advertisements for jobs in 20 cities, was unchanged from March at 74, Statistics Canada reported.

That was just slightly lower than the level of 79 in January. The index is based on a level of 100 in 1981.

"The fact that it has plateaued might indicate that the worst is behind us," said Gregory.

The downside is that the improving economy also means that the slide in short-term interest rates is just about over, he added.

Interest rates have fallen more than four percentage points since May 1990.

The Bank of Canada is expected to hold its key bank rate relatively steady at about 9.22 per cent today, down from 9.33 per cent last week.

But the market for longer-term mortgage rates is still extremely competitive.

Both the Royal and the Bank of Montreal trimmed their two- and three-year mortgage rates Wednesday.

The Royal Bank cut its rates by a quarter point to 10.75 per cent for two-year, closed mortgage and to 11 per cent for three years.

The Bank of Montreal dropped its two-year rate to 10.70 per cent

from 10.90 per cent and the three-year rate to 11 per cent from 11.25 per cent.

Statistics Canada also released a survey of 23 leading economists whose average forecast is for a 10.7 per cent unemployment rate in April, up from 10.5 per cent in March.

The April unemployment rate will be released Friday.

The help wanted index, considered a key indicator of the job market ahead, peaked at 157 in April 1989 and has fallen steadily since then.

The decline in the index picked up speed in 1990 as the recession deepened and employers stopped hiring or laid workers off.

But the index has been relatively stable in the first four months of this year, falling five points from 79 in January to 74 in April.

George Saba, chief economist at Montreal Trust, said it's too early to celebrate, but the numbers are consistent with a recovery.

"It adds to the smatterings of evidence that we are close to the bottom of the recession."

Most economists expect the current economic slump, which began in April 1990, will end some time this summer or fall.

Regionally, the help wanted index's largest increase in April was in Quebec, a rise to 86 from a level of 78 in March.

It also rose in British Columbia to 80 from 78 in March.

The index fell in Atlantic Canada to 107 from 114; in Ontario to 67 from 71; and in the Prairies to 55 from 56.

Statistics Canada adjusts the index to take into account seasonal changes in the economy.

Hydro profits from cut-rate deals: chairman

By Allan Swift

MONTREAL (CP) — Hydro-Quebec expects to make the same profits on its controversial cut-rate contracts with aluminum smelters as it does with regular industrial customers, chairman Richard Drouin said Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters after a speech to financial analysts, Drouin defended the utility's decision to attract huge smelters with cheap electricity rates, and to tie those rates to the international price of the metal — mainly aluminum — they produce.

There are 13 risk-sharing contracts currently in force, he said. And "Hydro-Quebec does not discount the possibility of concluding new ones."

An energy analyst said in a report published Wednesday that four major risk-sharing contracts signed in 1989 could end up costing Hydro-Quebec between \$110 million and \$220 million.

Ian Goodman, acting on behalf of Cree Indians opposing the \$12.6-billion Great Whale project in northern Quebec, said those contracts were signed on the basis that producing the power cost an average 2.7 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Hydro says it will cost 4.5 cents a kilowatt-hour to produce power from the new projects. Goodman says that electricity is needed to meet the needs of the smelters being built now.

EXPECTS EARNINGS

But Drouin maintained that those risk-sharing agreements will, "over the life of the contracts, bring in the same revenues as regular industrial rates.

"One year we might lose, another year we might win. There are cycles in the aluminum price; we made projections based on the historical price of aluminum."

Profits are not the only factor to consider, Drouin added. Between 1989 and 1992, during the construction period for new smelters, 50,000 direct and indirect jobs will be created, as well as 4,000 permanent jobs to run the smelters, he said.

Drouin said that despite its efforts at conservation, Quebec will have to increase its capacity by 6,500 megawatts — about one-quarter of its current capacity — by the year 2000.

The utility plans to invest about \$60 billion during the next 10 years to meet the growing demand in Quebec and to export power,

Drouin said in his speech. Of this total, \$4.4 billion will be spent this year, \$5.1 billion in 1992 and \$6.1 billion in 1993.

As a result of the high borrowings, Drouin said Hydro-Quebec will not pay a dividend to the Quebec government — its sole shareholder — for at least the next three years because its ratio of debt to capital will be too high.

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Furriers are facing a fuzzy future

By Eric Siblir

MONTREAL (CP) — Trapped in recent seasons by the recession, animal-rights activists and global warming, the fur industry is banking on better times this year.

"Business is looking very good," said David Sebben, one of the organizers of the North American Fur Fashion Exposition which opened Wednesday.

"Mink prices have increased about 40 per cent over last year and we seem to be finally coming out of the recession," said Sebben, marketing director of the Fur Council of Canada.

Security was tight at the downtown exhibition hall Wednesday, where smartly dressed buyers took in slick mini-fashion shows and visited kiosks filled with coats, hats, pelts and fur-clad ultra-thin models.

But many said the luxury industry is fighting an uphill battle.

"It's a shrinking market," lamented New York fur wholesaler Marc Berman.

"People feel we've been hurt by the economy and the animal rights activists. But what's hurt us most

has been warm winters."

Displaying his fur wares at a small kiosk, Berman said both the recession and the anti-fur movement have taken a bite out of sales.

"I speak to women who say they're afraid to wear their fur in Manhattan," he said, referring to incidents of anti-fur activists spraying fur-bedecked pedestrians with red paint.

Montreal anti-fur activists said the only activity planned in conjunction with the fur fair will be an animal-rights demonstration Saturday, when the four-day exposition ends.

JOINTLY PRODUCED

The event, a joint U.S.-Canadian effort for the first time, is expected to draw about 8,000 international buyers, Sebben said.

Buyers and sellers had nothing but scorn for their animal-rights foes, leaning heavily on the argument that aboriginal trappers depend on the industry.

To drive that point home, Mohawk Indians in traditional dress walked around the exhibition hall chatting with the traders and models.

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English Québeckers have a future here if they want to make it for themselves

The season continues to be confusing. Two days of July are followed by two more of October. It wouldn't surprise me if we next get touches of December and even April. Since I hesitate to blame the weather on the Gulf War, I suggest that the confusion stems from the fact that Mother Nature is reading Quebec opinion polls. If I'm right, we are in for one hugely strange summer. In a world where two opposite opinions (a strong Canada and an independent Quebec) appear to receive majority support in one poll, why complain about variable weather?

The poll predicting that more than 50 per cent of Quebec's English population may take the 401 in the next five years is worrisome but suspect. This week I've come across two young people who are not only staying to work but working to stay. In Stanbridge East, (naturally) one young family built a home and a commercial bake oven. You might say their prospects are rising. Another is a young Cowansville man who, having finished college, is on the road selling a new clean air product. He has no intention of leaving either. Just as Canada has a future if enough Canadians want the country to continue, the English population of Quebec has a future here if they want to make that future for themselves — instead of waiting for the government to do it for them.

Another Québécois (not as young as he was when he and I went to school together) who is not leaving is Gordon Ladd of Knowlton. He

can't. There are still too many places in Quebec that he hasn't painted yet. The ones that he has just finished painting can be seen at the Rose Window in Knowlton, starting on the 10th of this month. It closes on the 20th (so Gordon can get away to paint some more) and the gallery hours are 10 to 5 on weekdays and 11 to 5 on weekends.

As long as you are staying, plan to support the Missisquoi Museum. Do it even if you come from a different county. It's fun. You can start by attending a **Swing Into Spring** dance this Saturday night at the Memorial Hall in Stanbridge East. This is a great way to beat the GST, which is in effect a value-added tax. You pay \$6 at the door, but the value added to your life when you go in can't be calculated by any mathematical tables. How do you calculate the value of Steve Miller's music just for example?

There will of course be door prizes, and a cash bar will be operating to help lubricate any reluctant feet in the crowd. It starts at 9 p.m. this Saturday night and will end — sometime.

Apart from those not leaving Quebec, others are returning. The Butler High School Homecoming happens on the 3rd and 4th of August. Well over a hundred ex-Bedfordians are returning. In the letter sent out by the committee, a registration cut off date of March 31 was mentioned. That was for the out-of-town crowd. Locals can still register. To do this, either send in your form or contact Shirley Westcott, Carol Sager-Soule, Julie Kemp or just call the school. All

profits go towards building the Butler-Stanbridge East Education Fund, which provides scholarships to local people who want to push their education to a higher level. The cost for the weekend is \$20 per adult and \$18 per proto-adult under the age of 18. More later, but don't wait too long.

Down the Pike

By Ashley Sheltus

Next week two events take place in Knowlton. On the 13th, Monday, there will be a card party for the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary. That's at the Odds Fellows Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be a small admission charge — but you'll get an even bigger charge out of going.

On the 17th, that's next Friday, you can come back to the IOOF Hall for a flea market. It starts at 10 and keeps jumping until 3. Proceeds go to support the drill team of District #2 which will perform in Halifax come June. In addition to the usual items available at a flea market, there will be a food table (those made of pine are particularly delicious) and an odds and ends table.

Two final items. Wesley United Church Women have assembled a rare collection of rummage which will be offered to discriminating rummagers on Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, in Bedford. On Friday the hours are 1:30 to 4 and 6:30 to 8. On Saturday morning, the times are 9 to 11, and there will be special surprise prices.

That afternoon (Saturday the 25th) the Brome-Missisquoi Riding Association of the Equality Party will hold a general membership meeting at Heroes Memorial School in Cowansville starting at 2. The guest speaker is Robert (Hydro) Libman. All members, potential members and the merely curious are invited.

Wife wonders if husband is alcoholic

Dear Ann Landers: My husband drinks beer every day. "Fred" puts away a few bottles after work to unwind, which I don't mind. What worries me is when he drinks too much. At least two evenings a week he finishes a six-pack. One night a week he drinks anywhere from 10 to 18 beers and passes out in front of the TV. He calls it "falling asleep."

Fred isn't abusive. He rarely misses a day's work and he is good with the children. Generally we have a fairly happy home life. His beer drinking is the only thing we fight about.

Fred says he's not hurting anyone because the kids are in bed when he gets to the "tipsy" stage, but I can't stand to be around him when he drinks too much. The conversation gets stupid and boring and his snoring would wake the dead.

I told Fred I thought he was turning into an alcoholic. He said I was crazy. Meanwhile, all that beer can't be helping his ulcers and his high blood pressure. He is only 32 years old. Will you please answer my question: Does my husband have a drinking problem or not? -- HIS WIFE IN INDIANA

DEAR INDIANA: He sure does, but nagging won't help. You can do two things to help your husband.

Call his doctor and ask him to read the riot act to Fred when he comes in for his next blood pressure or ulcer checkup. Then look up Al-Anon in the phone book and go to the next meeting. You'll learn a lot from those people. You need guidance and emotional support in order to live with Fred and you'll find it at Al-Anon. Get going and good luck.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a message for "Old Fogey in My 50s" from Grand Rapids who wrote to you about teen-agers stealing car hood ornaments.

Mister, you wrote, "There was none of this garbage going on when I was a kid." Well, maybe you haven't been around long enough. I was born and raised in Grand Rapids and I remember 1946. That was the year the first postwar automobiles came out. The new Buicks had a nifty-looking ring-shaped hood ornament and it was a common practice among kids of that day to break them off and wear them as bracelets.

The response of the Buick company was to discontinue the ornament. But an equally tempting ornament showed up just a few years later. This time it was attached to the hood by a strong metal cable. Of course, resourceful teen-agers

discovered a way to cut the cable and the vandalism started all over again.

Ann Landers

Mister, I've been to 49 of our 50 states and Grand Rapids is as fine a place to live as any of them. Maybe the teen-agers in that town are wilder than they used to be but they are no worse than teen-agers in other cities -- in fact, they are probably better. -- OLD FOGY IN HIS 60s

DEAR FOGY: Stealing hood ornaments is kid stuff compared to what we have now. I wish we could go back to those more innocent days.

The proliferation of drugs, and the easy availability of guns have created a real problem for law enforcement agencies. Teen-age gangs and drive-by shootings are out of control, and I'm sorry to say, I see no relief in sight.

Gem of the Day: A college student wrote to his father: "Dear Dad, I am broke and I have no friends. Please tell me what to do." The father responded: "Make friends at once."

Back to the old cloth diapers

By Denise Hillier

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Out with the old, in with the new ... And back with the old? That could be the trend with diapers.

Decades ago, parents had only the option of cloth diapers to keep babies' bottoms dry. Then along came the disposable diaper — a great time saver.

But with growing concern about environmental issues, the cloth diaper is back on the scene. Some parents are again using the diaper but avoiding the pinpricks. This time the diapers can even be purchased form-fitting.

Joselyn Woodworth says her first child, Steven, four, was a "disposable diaper baby." But by the time second child Claire was 12 months old, Woodworth's awareness of the environment, and further encouragement from her family doctor, led her to try cloth diapers.

"It took me a while to get used to them," she admits.

While the Woodworth property has long featured a compost heap in a corner of the garden, more and more environmentally friendly products have entered the household in the past couple of years.

Woodworth says she and husband Bob take cloth bags to do their shopping and no garbage bags are purchased in their St. John's home.

For cleaning about the house only baking or washing sodas are used. And the family keeps news-

papers for recycling. But it's difficult to share environmental awareness, she says, although through her selling of Indisposables Cotton Diaper Company products she attempts to do just that.

VISIT HOMES

Woodworth is regional manager for the Canadian-based company and works with a half dozen other sellers in St. John's, Gander, Deer Lake, Corner Brook and Goose Bay.

The selling of cloth diaper products — along with environmentally friendly baby wipes, nursing pads, change pads, crib pads and soon-to-be introduced incontinent products — is conducted through in-home visits.

Many people believe there is more work to keeping a baby in cloth diapers, Woodworth says. "But I found going to the automatic washer easier than getting in the car and going looking for diapers."

Two dozen small cloth diapers with pants and diaper inserts, for more absorbency at night, cost about \$200. The Indisposables can be purchased in small, large and extra-large sizes.

"Some diapers have eight layers of flannel. We have rayon in our diaper which makes it much more absorbent," Woodworth says.

The diaper is fitted with elastic around the legs and waist, and has velcro closures.

HIGHER COSTS

Woodworth says to purchase dis-

posable diapers, at a cost of \$11 per bundle, buying every five days for two and a half years, the cost would be more than \$2,000.

Despite the higher profile of environmental concerns, Statistics Canada last fall revealed most Canadian parents were still using disposable diapers — 61 per cent of respondents with young children relied exclusively on the disposables.

"Some people just don't care," says Woodworth of the environmental issue. "Studies show two billion disposable diapers go into landfills (in Canada) per year."

Makers of disposable diapers have themselves launched efforts to let consumers know of their own concerns for the environment. Procter & Gamble Inc., maker of Pampers and Luvs, said in a recent news release that they are committed to minimizing the impact of their products on the environment. Procter & Gamble notes that paper diapers constitute less than two per cent of all municipal solid waste generated annually in Canada. They also note the conversion of diapers from thick to thin has reduced the volume of diapers at landfills by 50 per cent. The packaging material has also been reduced by more than 90 per cent.

But Woodworth notes some researchers claim that disposable diapers may take up to 500 years to decompose. That compares to cloth diapers which, when disposed of, will disappear in less than one year.

Easy meal: fruited turkey salad

Waist watchers can eat this salad, with its high-fibre fruits, vegetables and lean turkey, with few worries. To cut down further on calories, moistness is added to the mild curry dressing with plain yogurt instead of oil. Look for low-fat yogurt — anything below one per cent milk fat.

Fruited Turkey Salad
500 g (1 lb) cubed cooked turkey breast
2 stalks celery, diagonally sliced
250 mL (1 cup) peach, nectarine

or pineapple chunks
250 mL (1 cup) strawberry halves, blueberries or seedless grapes
125 mL (½ cup) raisins
Creamy Curry Dressing
50 mL (¼ cup) low-fat mayonnaise
175 mL (¾ cup) plain yogurt
2 to 5 mL (½ to 1 tsp) curry powder
1 mL (¼ tsp) ground ginger
25 mL (2 tbsp) frozen orange juice concentrate

Garnishes
Lettuce
Melon slices
Toasted slivered almonds
In a large bowl, combine turkey, celery, peach chunks, strawberry halves and raisins.
In a small bowl, mix together mayonnaise, yogurt, curry powder, ginger and orange juice concentrate; stir into turkey mixture. Chill.
At serving time, mound salad on a bed of lettuce on each of 4 serving plates, and garnish with melon slices and toasted almonds.
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Townships' Crier

WATERLOO

Rummage Sale on Thursday, May 16 in St. Luke's Church Hall, Court Street, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. More sales to follow.

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold FREE Blood Pressure Clinics on the dates and at locations which follow:

LENNOXVILLE: Tuesdays, May 14 and 28, at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere Street, Lennoxville from 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

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

COWANSVILLE

Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon Blvd., Cowansville on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

NEWPORT, VT.

Mother's Day Music by Pat Hurley and Dave Donachie at the Newport Health Center on Sunday, May 12 at 2 p.m. For mothers and grandmothers.

RICHMOND

St. Anne's A.C.W. Richmond will be holding a Carnival Luncheon on Saturday, May 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Church basement. There will be games for the children and items for Mother's Day. All are welcome.

BISHOPTON

Advance notice. Maxwell Rebekah Lodge No. 17 will sponsor an afternoon card party and salad supper in their Hall on June 15.

WATERVILLE

St. John's A.C.W. will be sponsoring a 500 card party in their Hall on Friday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Don't miss the Arts & Crafts Sale and Show in Scott Hall, Lennoxville United Church, on Tuesday, May 14 from noon to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Golden Age Club. Paintings, wood works, knitting, etc. Bake table, odds and ends table. Light refreshments. Welcome to everyone.

SUTTON

There will be a 500 card party on Friday, May 10 starting at 8 p.m. in the Fraternal Hall, Depot Street. Refreshments and prizes. Admission charged. Everyone welcome.

DUNHAM

The Dunham U.C.W. will be holding a Mother's Day Tea at the Dunham United Church on Saturday, May 11 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Come treat your mothers, grandmothers, wives to a special hour of tea, an hour she'll never forget!

MELBOURNE RIDGE

Advance notice. The Melbourne Ridge Women's Institute will be holding a card party in St. Andrew's Church Hall on June 7 beginning at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Little Forks Branch of the U.E.L. will be holding a meeting at Uplands on Saturday, May 11 at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Esther Barnett. Topic: United Empire Loyalists of Gaspé. Members and friends cordially invited.

SHERBROOKE

The Women's Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships will hold its annual dinner meeting at Hotel Le President on May 15.

AYER'S CLIFF

Youth Development Association, Rosedale Street, are in need of upholstery material to repair chesterfields, chairs, etc. If you have any that you would like to donate call (819) 838-5255. Proceeds of their endeavours go toward "helping kids to help themselves" and is sponsored by the Anglican Church of Canada.

AYER'S CLIFF

All ladies are invited to the Ayer's Cliff Gospel Chapel for Ladies Fellowship on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee. After which, Wendy King from Huntingville will help us make a little handcraft to keep. Wendy Hughes will delight us with her vocal solos and Jean Warnholtz from Parkside Ranch will challenge us with a motherly chat. No charge.

BROOKBURY

It is time again for card parties at the Brookbury W.I. Hall. The first one will be held on Friday evening, May 10, at 8 p.m. Prizes will be awarded and lunch served. Admission charged. The following two card parties will be held on Friday evenings, May 17 and 24 respectively.

BISHOPTON

WARDEN

500 card party at 8 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall on May 15. Sponsored by Victoria Rebekah Lodge No. 19. Lunch and prizes. All welcome.

The Regional Health and Social Service Council (CRSSSE) invites you to find out more about access to health and social services in English. Come and meet representatives of the conseil regional and of institutions in your district at one of the following sessions:

ASBESTOS & VAL ST. FRANCOIS: May 13 at 7 p.m. at St. Francis Elementary School, 355 College Street, Richmond.

MEMPHREMAGOG: May 15 at 7 p.m. in St. Paul's United Church Hall, 211 Pine Street, Magog.

SHERBROOKE EAST (including ASCOT CORNER, Fleurimont, Lennoxville, Waterville): May 16 at 7 p.m. in St. George's Parish Hall, 84 Queen Street, Lennoxville.

For more information call the Conseil Regional at (819) 566-7861.

SHERBROOKE

The Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies Auxiliary will hold a pre-Mother's Day Food Sale in the Hospital Lobby on Friday, May 10.

KNOWLTON

Card party at Oddfellows Hall, Knowlton on Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary to Welcome Encampment No. 9. There will be prizes and door prizes. Refreshments to be served. Admission charged. Come and bring a friend.

SHERBROOKE

Al-anon meetings are held every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the basement of St. Patrick's Church, corner of King and Gordon Streets, Sherbrooke.

RICHMOND

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

COWANSVILLE

Flea Market, craft table and bake sale to be held on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oddfellows Hall, Knowlton. Sponsored by Drill Team of District No. 2.

BIRCHTON

The Birchton U.C.W. will be holding their annual sale of food and many useful articles in the Birchton Hall on Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RICHMOND

The final business meeting of St. Andrew's Society of Richmond County will be held on Monday, May 13 at 10 a.m. in the Dean Room of Richmond-Melbourne United Church.

WAY'S MILLS

Advance notice. A coffee party, sponsored by Way's Mills A.C.W.-U.C.W., and for the benefit of the Two Village Churches, will be held on June 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the home of Carl and Marion Mayhew, Route 141. Everyone welcome.

GRANBY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Granby Royal Canadian Legion will be holding their monthly meeting on Friday, May 10 at 8 p.m. Also the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their breakfast on Sunday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Legion Hall, 172 Court Street, Granby.

SHERBROOKE

The Eastern Townships Alzheimer Society is having a Bake Sale on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 at the Carrefour de l'Estrie. We will be located in the Zellers department store. "Bon appetit" and thank you for your support.

MILBY

There will be a church service on Sunday, May 12 at 11:45 a.m. in St. Barnabas Church, Milby. Rev. Keith Dickerson officiating. We welcome you, your family and friends.

MISSISQUOI COUNTY

Missisquoi County Women's Institutes are offering a bursary to any resident of Missisquoi County in good academic standing who is starting or pursuing higher education in Quebec. Applications should be made before August 15, 1991, to Mrs. June Lamey, Box 46, Frelighsburg, Que. J0J 1C0. Telephone 298-5401.

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

Danville

Eleanor Besmargian
839-2193

Dorothy Frost has returned from a few weeks visit to Ontario where she was able to see many of her family. Among the homes visited were those of Lorraine and Bob Tremblay in Belleville, Doreen and Charlie Davidson in Brampton, Winnie and Urban McMannis of Toronto. Dorothy returned home to find a new granddaughter awaiting her. Congratulations to Judy and Glenn Barlow on the birth of Sarah Lynn.

Kitty and Bob Collins have returned home to Danville after their winter sojourn in Florida.

Louise and Tom Wallace have been in town for a visit at the home of Lil and Ray McMorine. They spent a good winter at their home in Florida and will settle into their new home in Montreal shortly.

Vera Miller of Richmond was a visitor for overnight at the home of Muriel Ames.

Aleta Cleveland spent a week in Ottawa at the home of Irene Brock. While there she attended the wedding of Kathy Batstone and Barry Brock. Barry is the son of Ruth and Nelson Brock, former residents of this area.

Bernald and Scott Smith spent a weekend at the home of Shirley and Ian Smith.

Marion and Manville Williams attended the Presbytery meeting at the Monastery "Les Pères Trinitaires" in Granby.

Stanbridge East

Mrs. Doris Leggat is enjoying a holiday in Holland and other places in Europe.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gerard Arpin and family in the death of Mr. Arpin.

The senior citizens enjoyed a day of shopping to "Carrefour Angrignon" at Ville Lasalle.

Mr. David Martin had the misfortune to severely cut two fingers of his left hand with a skill saw.

On Wednesday, April 24, a disastrous fire completely destroyed the large dairy barn on the farm of John Van Herck.

St. Agnes Guild holds Easter Salad-bar Tea

SHERBROOKE — A successful Easter Salad-bar Tea, under the auspices of the St. Agnes Guild of the Church of the Advent, was held recently in the beautifully decorated church hall.

The stage was banked with Easter lilies. Bud vases of chrysanthemums, baby's breath and pussy willows decorated the individual tables and an attractive arrangement of pink daisy mums centred the tea table, which was presided over by Christina Blick, Pearl Cusseau, Irene Decoteau and Donald Price.

The salad-bar table, with its many tempting salads, was in the charge of Vera Armstrong and

Death

MONAHAN, Roy — An Oddfellow's Service will be held on Friday, May 10, 1991 for the late Roy Monahan at the Mario Lemaire, J.H. Fleury, Stuart Lockwood Inc. Funeral Home, 70 Du Carmel St., Danville, Que. at 7:30 p.m. Rebekah's are also invited. No public visitation on Friday night. Funeral service for Roy will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. The funeral home will open at 1 p.m. for visitation. The Rev. Grant Milroy officiating. Interment at Danville Cemetery.

In Memoriam

COOTE — In loving memory of my dear husband, Elwin Keith Coote, who passed away May 9, 1990. My heart still aches with sadness. My silent tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you. No one will ever know. Today, tomorrow, my whole life through I will always love and remember you. Loving wife.

MARGE

COOTE, Elwin Keith — In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away May 9, 1990.

Although you are no longer here, To us you are so very dear. Within our hearts forever near. With love always. Sadly missed by

ALANA, JEFF, KEITH, CHARLENE, SCOTT, DEBB, BRETT, JORDAN & JEREMY

GAGE, Barry — In loving memory of Barry who left us so unexpectedly on May 9, 1975.

We cannot bring the old days back When we were all together. But a secret tear and loving thoughts Will live with us forever. Sadly missed by

HIS FAMILY

Cemetery Meeting

KNOWLTON Knowlton Cemetery Co., Tuesday, May 14, 1991 at 7 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Church. All persons interested welcome to attend. President: Margaret Hardacker. Treasurer: Lewis Henderson. Recording Secretary: Helen J. Martin

Deaths

OSBORNE, Lillian H. (Draper) — Peacefully at the Montreal Convalescent Hospital on May 2, 1991 at the age of 82. Wife of the late Herbert A. Osborne. Devoted mother and friend of Andrea Verge. Dearest nana of Jason and Cynthia. Predeceased by brothers Lawrence and Willard and sister Florence (Beauregard). Survived by sister Jean (Doug Sweet). Beloved cousin of Merle Draper. At the request of the deceased there will be no visitation or funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Palliative Care Unit at the Montreal Convalescent Hospital Centre, 6363 Hudson Road, Montreal, Que., H3S 1M9. Arrangements entrusted to Urgel Bourgie Ltd.

TAYLOR, Beatrice (James) — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on May 7, 1991, age 74 years. Beloved wife of the late William George Taylor and loving mother of James. She leaves to mourn her sister-in-law Dorothy Ewers of Toronto, Ont., her nephews Stewart of California and Harold of Florida, also many friends. Resting at Cooperative Funeraria de l'Estrie, 530 Prospect St., Sherbrooke. NO VISITATION. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 11, 1991 at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Archdeacon Alan Fairbairn officiating. The family will receive condolences one-half hour before the service. Interment of ashes at St. Peter's Cemetery. Donations to St. Peter's In Memoriam Fund would be gratefully appreciated by the family.

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ADAMS, David Edward - Suddenly February 4th in his 44th year. David, loving husband to Catherine. Proud father of Patrick and Elizabeth. Loved son of Dorothy and the Rev. Ernest William Adams. Will be sadly missed by sister Gail of Halifax and brother Mark of Winnipeg. The family will receive friends at Turner Chapel, 1211 Main Street on Monday from 4-9 p.m. A complete service will be held in the Grand Memory Gardens. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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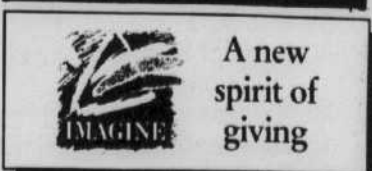
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Ballplayers get out their woollies as Galt beats BCS 21-11

By Mike Shahin

LENNOXVILLE — Unfortunately for the teams from Alexander Galt and Bishop's College School, high school softball doesn't provide players with the same creature comforts found in professional football: heated benches.

Forced to improvise, in what the BCS coach called "the worst softball weather I've seen in my 10 years here," the girls from Galt and BCS used wool blankets and oversized, hooded sweatshirts to keep warm during Wednesday afternoon's game.

The players from Galt must have done a better job raising their body temperatures. They beat BCS 21-11.

BCS coach Grant Sherriffs said his charges "let the weather get to them."

"They were too cold to play," he said from a warm office in BCS's athletic department. "They didn't want the ball hit to them."

Whether or not the BCS players wanted the ball hit to them — they got it. Galt pounded out 26 hits, scoring runs in all seven innings of the game.

The inning that broke BCS's back was the fourth, when Galt took what was a close game, and ran away with it. Thirteen Galt batters came to the plate, turning a 3-3 tie into a 10-3 lead.

BRADLEY DID WELL
Galt pitcher Laurie Bradley was

praised by both coaches for her outing.

"She's got good ball sense," Sherriffs said. "That's what we don't have."

Bradley showed "good ball sense" by keeping her composure on the mound while BCS tried to mount a comeback, scoring eight runs in the last three innings of the game.

"I was nervous because it was my first game pitching," Bradley said.

She didn't seem nervous at the plate, where she went 2-for-3 with a walk.

Bradley probably best showed her stuff when she was on the basepaths. With no one in front of her, she never hesitated to steal, or jockey off the bag just enough to throw the BCS players — especially catcher Micheline Poirier — off their game.

Poirier did a good job of holding Bradley near the bag by watching her closely and faking throws. But Poirier's arm was not strong enough to stop Bradley's softball thievery.

Bradley came around to score each of the three times she was on base.

Galt coach Vicky Crook said the game was "a good learning experience for the kids."

REBUILDING
"It's a rebuilding year for both teams," Crook said at Darcy Bennett Park, where her son was



Amy Nourse of Bishop's College School pops up to second base in Wednesday's loss to Galt.

Playing Little League baseball.

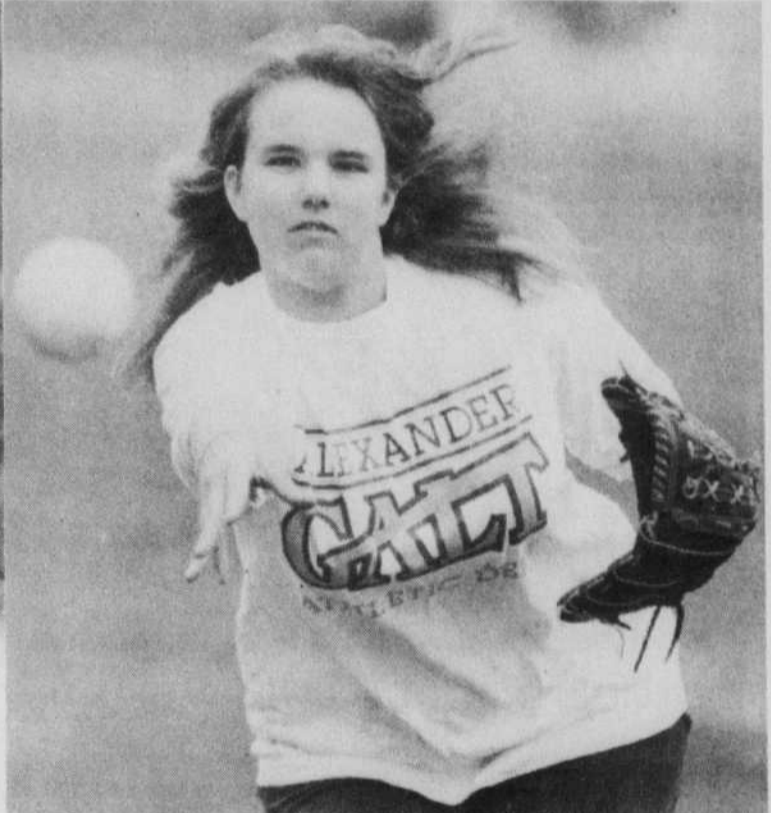
"There is a lot of inexperience and a lot of switching positions. It's tough." Thirty-six girls registered to play for Galt this year. Crook said she will split them up into A and B teams.

Galt and BCS have only five players each returning to play from last year. Crook said that inexperience adds up to high-scoring games.

"And sometimes, whoever makes the last error wins," she added with a chuckle.

Crook was worried about the departure of the Massey-Vanier team from the 3-team league. She said getting to play enough games will be a problem, and her team may be forced to seek games against teams in the United States.

Massey-Vanier withdrew their girls softball team when its trans-



Galt's Laurie Bradley hurled her team to a 21-11 victory.

portation budget ran short.

BCS coach Sherriffs said his team also needs to gather experience to improve.

"In terms of attitude, this is probably the best I've seen on any of my teams," he said. "There's not a

lot in terms of talent, but they really want to learn."

Sherriffs said what his team most needs is a "mental toughness that we (the coaches) can't give them."

And, he said, a little sunshine.

Jones pitches Yankees to win over Padres

SHERBROOKE (MS) — Riding a superb pitching performance by Mike Jones, the Yankees beat the Padres 4-1 in a Sherbrooke-Lennoxville-Fleurimont Little League game Wednesday.

Jones gave up a run to the Padres in the first inning before settling down to strike out the side again in the second inning, and added another K to begin the third — for seven strikeouts in a row.

Yankees interim coach Robbie Fisk said Jones may have warmed up a little too soon before the game,

causing him to get off to a rocky start.

PETITE LIGUE SHER-LENN SHER-MONT BASEBALL

"We weren't really in the game early," said Fisk, who replaced Bob Halsall at the team's helm. "But Jones pitched a heck of a

game." "The only sharp ball (the Padres) hit was a double in the first inning," Fisk said by telephone. "After that it was just fun to watch him strike them all out."

Jones struck out 13 batters in the game. The score was tied 1-1 in the third inning when the Padres literally threw the game away.

"They threw the ball away trying to get a runner out at home," Fisk said.

The Yankees scored two runs on the play, taking a 3-1 lead that

Jones would not relinquish.

Fisk, who goes to Champlain College, said he found coaching for the first time "more difficult than I first thought it would be." But he said he got all the help he needed from his assistant coaches — and classmates — Terry Smith and Jeff Grapes.

Bob Halsall was in New Hampshire with the Alexander Galt baseball team.

Little League's next game is tonight at Darcy Bennett Park in Lennoxville. The Twins visit the Red Sox at 5:45.

Galt loses doubleheader with bad base running

SHERBROOKE (MS) — The Galt Pipers baseball team dropped their record below .500 Wednesday by losing two games in Littleton, New Hampshire.

The Pipers lost game one of a doubleheader by a score of 9-4, and game two, 8-2. The losses brought their record to 3-4.

The losing pitcher in game one was Mark Deboer, who was 3-0 before Wednesday's game.

Odell Lassenba, the third of three pitchers in game two, got Galt's second loss. The game was

tied at two going into the sixth inning.

Bad baserunning was a key to the losses, said Galt coach Bob Halsall. He said seven out of the 12 outs made in the first two innings of both games combined were caused by mistakes negotiating the bases.

Halsall said some of the boys' inexperience, plus bad weather here, showed in the game.

"Because of the rain we haven't had time to practise," he said.

Get the glass slipper ready: Cinderella wins again

North Stars out-class Oilers, are one game away from Stanley Cup final

By Reg Curren

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (CP) — The Minnesota North Stars crushed the defending Stanley Cup champion Edmonton Oilers 5-1 Wednesday to gain a stranglehold in the Campbell Conference final.

The win gives the Cinderella North Stars a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series, which resumes in Edmonton Friday.

Minnesota out-classed Edmonton in every facet of the game, outpitting and intimidating a demoralized-looking Oilers team. The Oilers, winners of five Stanley Cups in the last seven years, have overcome a 3-1 series deficit only once before, rallying to defeat the Winnipeg Jets in last year's

playoffs.

The upstart North Stars, now 19-2-2 on home ice since Jan. 17, scored twice in 18 seconds in a rugged first period. Edmonton had taken a 1-0 lead at 8:40, but after that goal the Oilers rarely threatened North Stars goaltender Jon Casey.

Centre Marc Bureau scored his first-ever NHL goal at 13:07 on a 2-on-1 break. Mike Modano, with his sixth goal of the playoffs, picked up a rebound in front of Edmonton goalie Grant Fuhr and banged it home at 13:25, bringing the roaring sellout crowd of 15,378 to its feet.

POWER PLAYS
Dave Gagner and Neal Broten both scored on power plays in the second period. Defenceman Neil

Wilkinson added another for a 5-1 lead going into the third.

Broten banged in his seventh of the playoffs while Edmonton was two men short. It was Minnesota's 31st power-play goal — one short of the record held by the Oilers.

Craig MacTavish scored for Edmonton.

Referee Dan Marouelli disallowed an Edmonton goal at 4:06 of the first when Adam Graves kicked the puck into the net. The play was also clearly offside, but it was not called.

Veteran North Stars centre Bob Smith was ejected from the game at 15:32 of the first for a vicious cross-check on Oiler Martin Gelinias, who lost his helmet earlier on the shift. Smith hit Geli-

nas in the neck from behind during a pileup in front of the Minnesota net.

Gelinias was unconscious for about a minute and had to be helped from the ice. He returned to play the second period.

Edmonton's Glenn Anderson was ejected at 4:17 of the third for high-sticking defenceman Jim Johnson.

Oilers Notes: Oiler Mark Lamb returned to the lineup after missing Games 2 and 3. . . North Star Dave Gagner became a father for the second time Tuesday, his wife Jo-Anne gave birth to a nine-pound baby girl. . . After scoring 11 goals in the first two playoff series, Esa Tikkanen has yet to score against Minnesota.

Calderon homer leads Expos to win over Giants

By Terry Scott

MONTREAL (CP) — The back spasms that put starting pitcher Dennis (Oil Can) Boyd out of the game Wednesday night, almost did likewise to the Montreal Expos.

But a seventh-inning, solo home run by Ivan Calderon, who had singled three straight times prior, provided a quick fix and a 5-4 National League triumph over the San Francisco Giants. The victory, before an announced crowd of 15,107, gave the Expos a three-game sweep of the Giants and improved their record to 12-15 as they left for a 10-game, West Coast road trip.

Calderon's homer, his fifth of the season, came against reliever Francisco Oliveras, 0-1, with one out in the seventh.

Tim Burke, who pitched the final

two innings, preserved the slender margin for his third save. Barry Jones, 1-0, was the winner, despite allowing two seventh-inning runs that tied the score 4-4.



Boyd had a 4-0 lead with two out in the sixth, but manager Buck Rodgers replaced him, because of what was later announced as back spasms. With Boyd gone, the Expos bullpen faltered as it was passed the torch, starting with Steve Frey, who allowed Mike Felder, on third base after tripling off Boyd,

to score on Will Clark's single.

Greg Litton drew a bases-loaded walk against Bill Sampen later in the inning, slicing the lead to 4-2.

The seventh-inning run that made it 4-3 came on a double steal, with Jose Uribe crossing the plate as Felder, the runner at first, slid under a tag at second base after being caught in a rundown. Jones, who had relieved to open the inning, then yielded an RBI double to Willie McGee.

Montreal catcher Ron Hassey and Boyd both made major contributions in the fashioning of the 4-0 margin.

After Calderon's RBI single had produced the first run, in the third inning, Hassey lined a 2-0 pitch by starter John Burkett into the power alley in left-centre field, driving in a pair of runs.

An error on the play by centre-

fielder McGee enabled Hassey to chug into third base and he scored when Boyd lined a single into right field. It was the first RBI of Boyd's major-league career, which until last season had been spent in the American League.

Expos notes: In odd-numbered months as a member of the Expos, Dennis (Oil Can) Boyd has a 9-1 record. In even-numbered months — April, June and August — he is 2-6. . . Outfielder Niko Riego went un-

claimed on waivers and the Expos have returned him to the Phillies for half of the price they paid to claim him in the major league draft last December. The Phillies have sent Riego to Reading, their Class AA affiliate. . . The Expos announced the signing of Blake Bakpi, 22, an outfielder from Lethbridge, Alta., to a Class A James-town contract.

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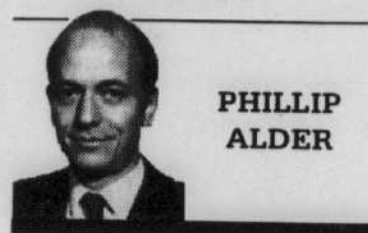
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♠ 10 5 3			
♥ K Q 4			
♦ A K 4 3 2			
♣ 8 5			
WEST		EAST	
♠ A K Q J 2		♠ 9 4	
♥ A 9 8		♥ 3 2	
♦ 9		♦ J 10 8 7 5	
♣ Q 10 9 6		♣ J 7 4 3	
SOUTH			
♠ 8 7 6			
♥ J 10 7 6 5			
♦ Q 6			
♣ A K 2			
Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♠	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

needed. He will ruff the trick (assuming he started with two trumps) and return a diamond, allowing you to ruff and defeat the contract.

If you have four hearts, you know partner has only one trump. He won't have an entry to give you a diamond ruff. In this case, your best chance is to lead four rounds of spades. With luck, partner will have the seven or 10 of hearts. If South discards from the dummy, East will ruff with that critical trump, effecting an uppercut. You will come to two heart tricks.

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There should be a notable improvement in your financial circumstances in the year ahead. However, there are also indications that you may be a little too careless in the management of your resources.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're negotiating anything of importance today, be sure to dot all your i's and cross all your t's. Carelessness on your behalf could unravel what had started out as a good deal. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Personal gain is a distinct possibility today, but you may have to work harder than usual to acquire it. This could be due, in part, to the individual with whom you're involved.

Five tricks needed

By Phillip Alder

The contract is three hearts. To defeat the declarer, you and your partner must win five tricks. Place doughnuts over the South and East cards. You lead the king of spades; partner drops the nine and South the six. How do you continue? What would you do if your six of clubs were the six of hearts instead?

Rebidding a five-card suit is not normally recommended, but West's solid spades certainly looked like a six-carder.

Partner's nine of spades is surely the start of an echo with a doubleton. If so, you can cash three spade tricks and have the ace of hearts in the background. But where is the fifth trick?

It is unlikely partner has a club honor. Your only real hope for success is that singleton diamond. At trick two, switch to the nine of diamonds.

Declarer wins in hand with the queen and leads a low heart. Rush in with the ace, cash the ace of spades and then lead the two (or jack) of spades. Partner should see what is

Card parties in the Townships

RICHMOND (DM) — The Youth Fair Committee held a "500" card party in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening, April 27. Cards were played at eight tables.

High score for the ladies was 6380 taken by Bernice Wilkins; second high, 6020 by Marie Berthe Skerry; and low, 3340 by Madelyn Morissette.

Steve Perkins held high score for the gents with 5600; Nicole Clark (playing in gent's place) had second with 5480; and low was held by William Paterson with 3460. Prizes were given out to all the above.

The floating prize for the nine-of-spades bid was won by Alison Watson on a cut of cards with Nicole Clark. Effie Lampron had the most "skunks" and claimed that prize.

Door prizes were won by Ernest Lancaster, Winnie Paterson, Audrey Millar, Alan Mountain, Steve Perkins, Mildred Holliday, and Walter McGee.

A drawing on two articles was held with winners being Gerald Skerry and Alison Watson.

At the close of the evening tasty refreshments were served with Marjorie Dobb, Louise and Eileen Perkins handling the kitchen duties.

Eileen voiced thanks and appreciation to all who had brought in food and prizes, to the I.O.O.F. members who helped set up tables, etc., and for the use of the hall.

HATLEY — A very successful card party was held in the Anglican Church Hall in Hatley on Saturday, April 27 with thirteen

tables.

There was a drawing which was won by Mayotta Taylor and Lillian Matthews. Prizes were donated by Lorraine Harrison.

Ladies' high, which was a Stove Top Cooker Grill donated by Cumberland Drugs, Coaticook, was won by Evelyn Beamish. Ladies' low was won by Olive Whitcomb.

Gent's high which was a light donated by the Co-op in Coaticook went to Bob Curtis.

Gent's low went to Irene Royea who played as a man due to the lack of male players.

We had a draw for the nine no trump as Otis Patterson and Evelyn Beamish tied for this. Mrs. Beamish drew the high card and won the prize, which was a voucher donated by East Side Restaurant, Newport, Vt. and jam which was a donation from Lorraine Harrison.

There was also a draw for the skunk between Muriel Mosher and Hilda Dougherty. Mrs. Dougherty won this which was a donation from Wilson May.

Annie Fletcher won the bottle of wine for three fives which was also donated by Wilson May.

Door prizes went to Evelyn Beamish, Hilda Dougherty, Ted Johann, Hilda Nelson, Jane Curtis, Gerry Dezan, Bob Curtis, Lillian Smith and Otis Patterson.

Kitchen workers were Irene Johnston, Lydia May, Ida Little, Lorraine Harrison, and Janie Webster.

Lydia, who is the President of the Horticultural Society this year, thanked everyone for attending and announced the next card party for the society which will be held May 11 in the hall in Hatley.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be socially aware today, or else you may unintentionally slight an old friend for a new one you've recently met. If you do, your excuses might not be accepted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others cannot be counted on today to help you achieve a personally significant objective. Unless it benefits them equally, you'll have to go after it alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A side issue you feel strongly about could be adamantly opposed by someone with whom you're involved. Don't let your disagreement ruin the reason you two got together in the first place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you make a purchase of consequence today, be sure to get all guarantees and warranties covering this merchandise. If it's defective, you don't want to get caught holding the bag.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You may have to deal with an individual who takes an unyielding position rather than makes a compromise for mutual advantages. Diplomacy is definitely required.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This can be a very productive day for you, provided you don't take on more than you can handle, especially toward the end of the day. You're not at your best when operating under pressure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Social arrangements could have their ups and downs today. Someone you like may include another whom you dislike to join your planned activities. Make the best of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An old, resolved issue could create domestic complications again today — if it is made a focal point in a family discussion. Don't be the one who brings it up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're trying to promote or peddle something today, it's imperative that you know when to stop selling. Overemphasizing could create serious doubts in your prospect's mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful managing your resources today, yet be doubly careful if you're handling anything of a financial nature for someone else. If things don't work out, you could be held accountable.

For your personal horoscope, lovescope, lucky numbers and future forecast, call **Astro* Tone (95¢ each minute; Touch-Tone phones only). Dial 1-900-963-3000 and enter your access code number, which is 000.**

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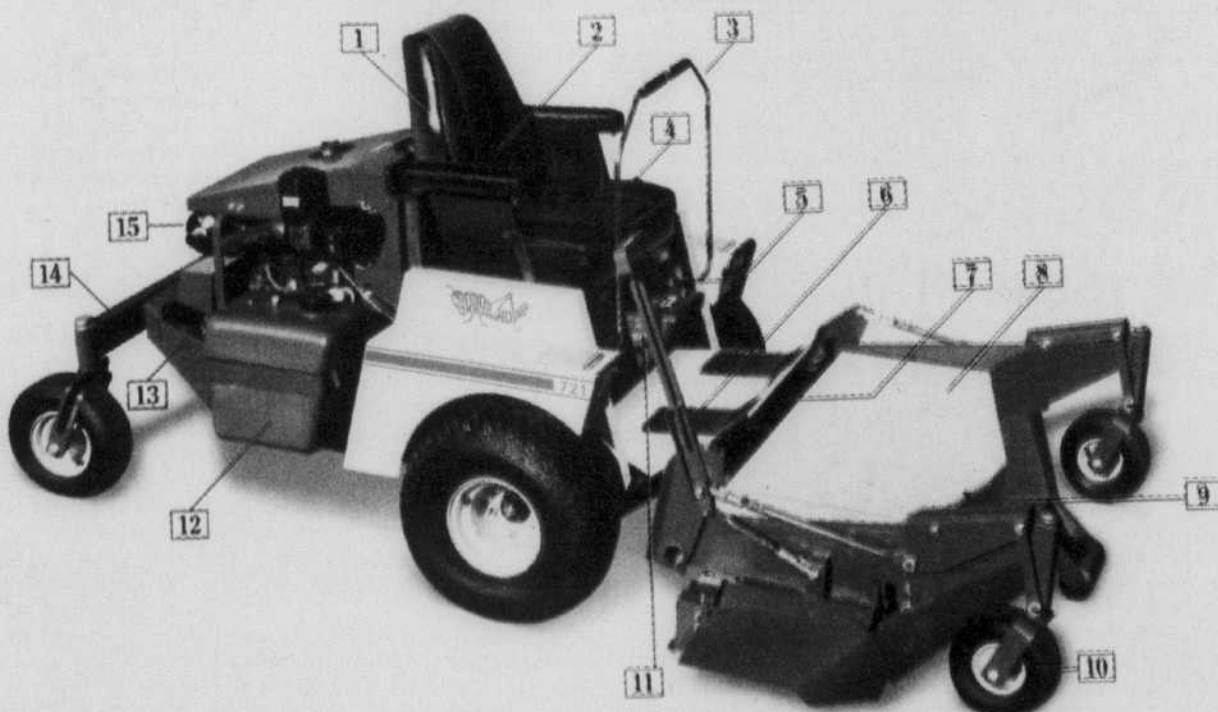
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