

Chrétien: Canada and Quebec need each other

By Bob Cox

JAKARTA (CP) — Everyone would lose if Quebec separated from Canada, says Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

But Chrétien, and premiers accompanying him on an Asian trade mission, would not set a value on the damage, as Bank of Montreal chairman Matthew

Barrett did this week when he said separation could cost the Canadian economy \$200 billion.

"It is evident that if there were to be separation in Canada everybody would suffer because breaking a country like Canada is definitely a very negative thing to do," Chrétien

said Wednesday.

"It will have a lot of repercussions economically not only for Quebec but for the rest of Canada. Of course people will always argue about figures on that and I don't want to start a fight on figures."

British Columbia Premier Mike Harcourt solidly backed

Chrétien.

"Breaking up Canada, not just the economic, but the human toll, the tragedy that would be for all Canadians, is immense," said Harcourt.

And Ontario Premier Mike Harris said: "There is a price, obviously if Canada breaks up. I don't think anybody knows

exactly the dollar figure."

Barrett said Monday separation could cause the Canada dollar to drop to 68.5 cents US and push up interest rates four per cent, making the cost of servicing public debt so high that government deficits would

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Ottawa:

Cabinet shuffle in the air

By Clyde Graham

OTTAWA (CP) — Shuffling cabinet ministers is like eating salted peanuts. Once you start, it's hard to stop.

That's why Prime Minister Jean Chrétien will try to exert some will-power when it comes to a cabinet makeover expected before the end of the month.

A shuffle is widely expected soon after Chrétien returns Saturday from a trade mission to Asia and before a cabinet retreat Feb. 1-2

Sources say Chrétien doesn't want a wholesale change in his team.

Chrétien has been proud of his record in government. He boasts that two years into his mandate he hasn't lost a single minister to scandal.

And he's been trying to exude an aura of stability and credibility in the wake of the tumultuous Quebec referendum that shook his government.

A major shuffle could be seen as panic in the Prime Ministers' Office.

But the departure of former fisheries minister Brian Tobin this month to become Newfoundland premier has clearly forced Chrétien's hand after months of speculation about a shuffle.

But at the very least, Chrétien will have to come up with a new fisheries minister and find a cabinet minister to represent Newfoundland.

Little change is expected in the front benches.

Key players such as Finance Minister Paul Martin, House Leader Herb Gray and Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps are expected to stay put.

There had been rumors that Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet would quit politics and that Human Resources Minis-

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Knowlton smiles



Local contractors have been hard at work for several weeks converting the former Bolton Industries plant into... a dental floss factory. For more on the company that will keep Knowlton smiling, please see Page 4.

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Power to provinces — Reform

Ottawa is too strong

TORONTO (CP) — The Reform party's vision of Canada's future calls for a massive shift of power from Ottawa to the provinces, CBC-TV said Wednesday.

The party's blueprint for constitutional reform, to be presented today in Vancouver, leaves the federal government in charge of defence, foreign affairs, criminal law, economic policy and trade, the CBC's National reported from Ottawa.

Ottawa and the provinces now share responsibility for health care, culture, manpower and social services. Those powers would become the exclusive domain of the provinces under the Reform plan.

While Canada self-destructs...

Bouchard to play the waiting game?

QUEBEC (CP) — Lucien Bouchard's strategy is now clearly established: Clean up Quebec's backyard while waiting for Canadian unity efforts to crash and burn.

Emboldened by their near victory in the Oct. 30 referendum, separatists are convinced they have only to sit back and wait while politicians in the rest of the country tear themselves apart over the next year.

"If English Canada remains in the mindset of Quebec as a province, it will be an absolute waste of time," Parti Québécois deputy premier Bernard Landry said Wednesday.

CP News Analysis

By Don Macdonald

Bouchard, who will be sworn in as Quebec's premier on Jan. 29, has more colorfully referred to this process as allowing the rest of Canada "to drain the last dregs of its incapacity to recognize our reality as a people."

In the meantime, the new PQ leader has to deal with the gigantic headache of imposing \$1 billion in budget cuts this year while keeping the PQ's separatist allies in unions and community groups onside.

He also has to consolidate his control over the often fractious PQ, a party with its own unique culture in which Bouchard has no roots.

PQ stalwarts are already grumbling about the new premier's decision to place long-time associates in key posts instead of promoting from within the party.

On the sovereignty front, everything is building toward a first ministers' conference on the Constitution that must be held by April 1997.

The PQ expects the conference to end in failure or produce a package of reforms that falls far short of Quebecers' heightened

post-referendum expectations.

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is also due to call a general election in 1997.

The narrow federalist victory in the referendum cruelly exposed Chrétien's continuing weakness in his home province and dimmed prospects for a comeback in Quebec by federal Conservatives under leader Jean Charest.

Against that backdrop, a federal election risks to further exacerbate the cleavage between Quebec and the rest of Canada.

Bernard Landry:

Thumbs nose at Spicer plan

By Jack Branswell

QUEBEC (CP) — Ottawa can hold a national referendum on Canada's future if it wants but federalists would be wiser to draw up divorce plans, says Bernard Landry, Quebec's deputy premier.

"The federal government can consult who they want," he said. "But they can't go against the principle that Quebecers are a people and that another people can't impose their will."

Quebec could leave Confederation with little impact if Canadians started work on "a velvet divorce", Landry said today when asked about a 12-page paper drawn up by

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'We hope others will follow' — Ouellet

Canada declares moratorium on land mines

By Dianne Rinehart

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada has joined a handful of countries which want to ban a horrific weapon that maims and kills — land mines.

The weapons are blamed for the deaths of 26,000 people a year, many of them women and children who wander onto old battlefields.

The moratorium declared Wednesday does not cover anti-tank mines, but applies to the production, export and use of anti-personnel land mines.

Opinion on the move was split.

Military experts said it could endanger Canadian soldiers.

Jim Hanson of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies said it puts soldiers in Bosnia at a disadvantage.

"That's sort of like banning handguns in all of Canada, including for the police force, and then saying: 'Now you cops get out and do a good job.'"

However, it's not clear Canadian soldiers would have used land mines anyway.

Defence Minister David Collette said Wednesday he did not foresee any situation in

which the soldiers would need them.

The last time Canada used mines was in the Korean war in the 1950s.

Canada stopped exporting land mines in 1987 and hasn't manufactured them since 1992.

The last Canadian manufacturer was SNC Industrial Technologies in Montreal, a former Crown corporation. It produced a mine known as the Elsie, which defence experts say caused considerable problems because it was plastic, making it undetectable.

Reform MP Keith Martin said the mines are more a danger than a protection for soldiers.

Martin, who worked as a doctor at a medical camp on the South African border with Mozambique, witnessed firsthand how guerrillas exploit the laying of mines.

They can shell a defensive camp from one side to force the soldiers who laid mines to run through them to escape, he said. They can use the mines to blow up the infrastructures they were laid to protect.

"They're a double-edged sword. They can hinder your

ability to function militarily. The military benefits are negligible compared to the long-term costs."

UN countries spent \$70 million in 1994 to remove 85,000 mines, even as another 2.5 million were laid.

There are an estimated 110 million mines scattered

throughout 65 countries.

"Canadians are appalled by the ongoing tragedy caused by the indiscriminate use of anti-personnel land mines," Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet said.

"With these moratoriums in place, Canada moves to the forefront of countries seeking a

global ban on these weapons. We hope others will follow."

Canada was not the leader in declaring a moratorium.

Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the Philippines, Mexico and Columbia have similar moratoriums or legislation against the use of anti-personnel land mines.

Cambodia has the most victims

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada declared a moratorium on the production, export and use of anti-personnel land mines Wednesday.

Some facts:

- Up to 110 million land mines are scattered throughout 65 countries from Bosnia to Mozambique.

- 2.5 million mines were laid in 1994; 85,000 were removed, at a cost of \$70 million.

- At that rate it would take the world more than 1,000 years and \$45 billion to clear all land mines.

- The International Committee of the Red Cross estimates that land mines maim or kill up to 26,000 people each year.

- Land mines are manufactured in 50 countries and exported by 35.

- Canada stopped exporting them in 1987 and hasn't manufactured them since 1992. It last used them in the Korean War.

- Last September, UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called for a moratorium

on the export of land mines and an eventual ban.

- In the last few years Canada has spent more than \$5 million for technical assistance on demining training projects in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Angola.

- Canadian peacekeepers participated in demining operations in Afghanistan from 1987 to 1989. They are still involved in operations in Cambodia.

- The Defence Department is spending \$6 million to develop mine-detecting equipment.

- An estimated 120-140 peacekeepers have been injured by land mines in the former Yugoslavia. Two of them — Sgt. C. M. Ralph and Cpl. M. R. Isfeld — were Canadian.

- Cambodia has the most land mine victims. By 1995, 30,000 Cambodians had arms and legs blown off by the weapons.

- In 1995, an estimated six to 10 million land mines remained in that country.

- Canada has spent \$1.6 million on mine-clearing in Cambodia.

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never be eliminated.

Chrétien also didn't rule out a suggestion Keith Spicer made this week that a commission come up with new unity proposals for the next Quebec referendum, expected within two years.

"If a new commission could give us the easy answer, I'm not stupid, I am sure I would take it. But is that solution? I think for the moment that we have taken some steps and we will take more in the coming months."

Meanwhile, Chrétien's Team Canada was grinding away in the corners. Canada wants to

sell Indonesia everything from nuclear power plants to wheat, while ruling out trade sanctions over reports of human rights abuses in the country.

Chrétien said Canada believes in dialogue, not sanctions, in connection with allegations of rights abuses, particularly in East Timor, after he discussed the issue with Indonesian President Suharto on Wednesday.

Later, Chrétien and six premiers witnessed signings of \$566 million in contracts and \$2.2 billion in agreements in principle. The trade delegation heads to Malaysia today.

Deals signed in Jakarta included a technical cooperation agreement between Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. and Indonesia's atomic energy

agency. Canada hopes the deal gives it an edge in bidding to provide reactors — at about \$2 billion each — to Indonesia, which is expected to call for bids within six months.

"When it comes to competing in this part of the world . . . either you go big or you go home," Chrétien said.

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Keith Spicer.

Spicer has stepped out of his role as head of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission to write A New Country or No Country. He says the plan, circulated for a month among government officials, would grab the momentum back from separatists.

Under Spicer's plan, English Canada could hold a national referendum on unity within six months. If the federalists lose, the rest of Canada should be ready with a tough negotiating position that would refuse any privileged ties for an independent Quebec.

But Sharon Scarthe, of the Ottawa-based East Timor Alert Network, said Chrétien sent the wrong message to Indonesia — Canada can be bought.

"So long as there is a profit to be made, human rights are going to take a back seat," said Scarthe.

Chrétien, in a private mee-

ting with Suharto, raised the nuclear issue first, promoted Canadian mass transit systems second and then raised the reports of abuses in East Timor, officials said.

Suharto's response: "Indonesia, which suffered for 350 years under the Dutch colonial rule, knows well about the importance of observing human rights."

Landry urged Spicer and Matthew Barrett, chairman of the Bank of Montreal, to concentrate instead on "the relationship between Quebec and Canada on the basis of two nations."

Barrett, in a speech earlier this week in Calgary, declared it's time for Canadians to come out of "post-referendum denial" and develop a strategy for national unity.

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ter Lloyd Axworthy would take his job.

But Ouellet is said to be keen to rejoin the fight for national unity — and the Liberals might lose his seat to the Bloc Québécois in a byelection if he quits.

In addition, those close to Axworthy say he is committed to pushing through his social policy reforms — and at the same time limiting the damage

from the deficit cutters in cabinet.

But there is pressure on Chrétien to widen any shuffle to include more ministers.

Several ministers have been lacklustre or have run into trouble and could be shifted or demoted. They include Public Works Minister David Dingwall, Health Minister Diane Marleau and Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy.

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WEATHER

Cloudy with a 30 per cent chance of showers this morning, with possible sunny periods in the afternoon. Winds from the south at 15 to 30 km and a high of 8. Friday will bring rain beginning in the morning with a low of 2 and a high of 7.



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Man charged in teen slaying was not considered a risk

Big Brothers introspective after killing

By Terry Scott

MONTREAL (CP) — The Big Brothers organization will check whether its screening procedures were properly followed after a teacher was charged with killing the 15-year-old he mentored for seven years and may have molested.

"What we will be doing is looking specifically at the incident to ensure all our policies were followed," Michael McKnight, the national director of Big Brothers and Sisters, said from his Toronto office Wednesday.

A Quebec agency paired Richard Paquette with 15-year-old Stéphane Houle.

Paquette, who was Houle's Big Brother mentor for most of the last eight years, has been charged in Houle's slaying.

Paquette stopped being Houle's companion about one year ago at the request of the boy and his mother. No abuse or misconduct was cited by the boy as a reason.

Reports in Montreal say it

was only about five or six months ago that Stéphane told his mother that he had been molested by Paquette.

But the boy's family did not tell police about the allegations, said Cst. Daniel Lamirande, a spokesman for the Quebec Police Force.

A Big Brothers spokesman declined comment on the allegations.

Houle died after being shot several times Monday night by an assailant at a skating-rink changing shack in St-Nicéphore, between Drummondville and Richmond.

Paquette, who surrendered shortly after the killing, is undergoing a 30-day psychiatric examination to determine whether he is fit to stand trial. He is to appear in court Feb. 14.

"At least with the preliminary information I have, there is certainly nothing to indicate the gentleman in question posed a risk," McKnight said.

"He was named volunteer of the year in the community a

few years ago. He'd been a Big Brother for a lot of years. I don't anticipate a problem."

Paquette, an elementary school teacher in Drummondville, was paired with Houle eight years ago, when Houle's mother felt her son needed a father figure following his parents' separation.

The Drummondville agency, one of 180 Big Brothers and Sisters operations in Canada — there are about 25 in Quebec — handled the matching of Paquette and Houle.

Marise Beauregard of the Drummondville Big Brothers' branch said the pairing of Paquette and Houle had been over for more than a year. She would not say why the pairing ended but said Paquette was properly screened before becoming a Big Brother.

The association declined comment on the Monday night incident.

McKnight said the screening process is thorough, requiring

such criteria as three character references, interviews with case workers and an education program that teaches the child and parents how to recognize inappropriate behavior.

McKnight said reported incidences of child molestation or sexual assault by a Big Brother or Sister have been rare.

But he added: "Any time you're working in an organization with children that potential exists."

"In this case everything seemed to be fine," said Hélène Duguay, president of Big Brothers and Big Sisters Quebec.

Since no complaints of sexual misconduct had been made, said Duguay, there was no reason to prevent him from continuing to work as a Big Brother.

She said the organization and the Drummondville branch will review their guidelines, with a report to be made public within 30 days.

Houle, a 15-year-old secondary school student, had been

skating by himself on an outdoor rink Monday night when a man walked up to him, spoke to him briefly, then shot him several times.

Paquette, on sick leave since October from a teaching job at St. Joseph elementary school in Drummondville, was ordered held for a psychiatric examination to determine whether he is fit to stand trial.

A witness said the boy was inside the small wood and concrete changing shack next to the rink when a man entered at about 9:30 p.m., Monday, pulled out a gun and shot him several times at point-blank range.

The boy died on the spot.

A municipal employee at the rink heard the shots and saw the man drive away from the shack in his car. He telephoned police and was treated for shock in hospital.

Paquette turned himself in a half-hour after the shooting to police in Drummondville.

'Whistles don't seem to be very effective'

Crime went down, roadkill rose in '95

By Maurice Crossfield

GRANBY — Crime was down, but the number of deer-related accidents were up in 1995 according to the Quebec Police Force.

At a press conference at QPF headquarters in Granby Tuesday, representatives of the provincial force discussed their report, which looked at events of the last year.

The most significant development of the last year was a 25 per cent increase in the number of road accidents involving deer. In the Eastern Townships region last year 1312 accidents involved deer, up from 1050 in 1994.

"We are waiting to see what the effect of the additional hunting season will have on the population," said deputy district commander Lt. Yvon Champagne. "There doesn't seem to be much we can do, and deer whistles don't seem to be very effective."

Champagne said the main season for deer-related accidents is early spring to late fall. During the winter months the number of accidents drops sharply.

DEATHS

The year 1995 also saw a 38 per cent rise in the number of motor vehicle deaths. Last year some 57 people perished in accidents, compared with 39 in 1994.

But Champagne pointed out that the category for deaths was expanded this year to include all deaths involving vehicles, either on-road or off-



Granby detachment commander Sgt. Jean-Pierre Leclerc said the lower crime rate in his territory is encouraging, but efforts to become more closely involved with the community will continue.

road. In previous years the death toll included only road accidents.

"Also large accidents like the one near Windsor on the (Route) 55 in which five people died last summer had a significant effect on the total number of deaths," Champagne said.

TICKETS

The number of traffic tickets and 48-hour warnings handed out by QPF officers declined in 1995, but the number of impaired drivers caught went up significantly, with 660 people charged with impaired driving. Demands for vehicle inspec-

tions also rose sharply to 260, up from just 40 in 1994.

QPF spokesman Cst. Serge Dubord said the increase in the number of inspections resulted from several roadside 'blitzes', aimed primarily at large trucks.

But Dubord said there is no link between fewer tickets and more accidents in the last year. He said the variations were within the normal year-to-year ranges.

"We also had more people working on criminal cases, so less officers were giving out tickets," Dubord said.

Dubord said the increase in the number of accidents in the Townships is similar to an increase province-wide.

CRIME

The crime rate was down last year, with the 7083 cases under investigation, compared with 7262 the year before. Police managed to solve 42 per cent of all cases in 1995, up slightly from the year before.

The Sherbrooke-based organized crime unit for the Townships was the most active of its type in the province in 1995, concentrating on poker machines, illegal alcohol and mari-

juana growing operations.

The QPF estimates the value of drugs it seized in 1995 at around \$8 million, up from 1994. QPF officers carried out 135 raids on plantations, up from 80 the year before.

In 1995, the number of poker machines seized skyrocketed from 66 to 229. The number of raids also jumped to 173 from four in 1994, leading to a sharp increase in the number of bars having their liquor licences suspended.

COWANSVILLE AND GRANBY

The crime rate was down in the regions served by the Cowansville and Granby detachments. Granby saw an 8.5 per cent decrease, dropping the crime rate by 18.5 per cent in two years. Cowansville's crime rate was down by 14.5 per cent in 1995.

"Our crime rate is down nearly 20 per cent in two years," said Granby commandant Sgt. Jean-Pierre Leclerc. "That is very encouraging."

Leclerc said his detachment has been actively involved with the community, a factor which he says has helped to lower the crime rate.

But Cowansville commandant Sgt. Roger Poirier said one problem still facing the region is impaired driving. In 1995 36 per cent of all accidents in the Cowansville region involved impaired drivers. That number must come down, he said.

"The message is clear. Too many people are still drinking and driving."

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Dental floss tycoons to open Camdent

Knowlton plant to corner oral hygiene market?

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Dental floss has certainly helped brighten the smiles of folks in this small town.

Knowlton has been abuzz for the past few weeks with news of a new oral care products company setting up shop and providing jobs for more than 25 people in the manufacturing sector.

A single ad in a local paper calling for applicants netted more than 100 responses from eager men and women seeking jobs with the new company.

Camdent was established by Brome Lake resident Doug Bailey, a 15 year veteran of the dental care business, his busi-

ness associate Ted Bowser, and Knowlton businessman Bill Abbott. Bailey's wife and business partner Dianne is also a key player in the new operation.

ACTIVE

Bailey was active in the oral care business producing a line of toothbrushes and oral care products for Johnson & Johnson when opportunity knocked on the door. The three business partners began exploring the possibility of manufacturing dental products in Knowlton to meet the new demands of a world-wide market.

"By the end of December, we had the financing in place and went from there," Bailey said

during a tour of the plant Wednesday.

"There isn't a tonne of dental floss on the market and there isn't an unlimited demand for it," Bailey said. "It's used primarily in Scandinavian countries and in North America."

Bailey says the years of experience in the field which he and his associate bring to the business will help Camdent corner the market. "We've been around a long time and there's place to expand with research and development," he said.

Bailey says in the short term, the company will focus on the production of dental floss, but plans to expand into other areas such as whitening agents, automated packaging, and developing new flavors are already part of the company's long-term goals.

"We'll do our own research and development on site studying different flavors and oral care products," Bailey said.

The new company was also fortunate to find a vacant building in the town that was tailor-made to their needs.

"When you make dental floss, you need a temperature-controlled environment and we were fortunate to find a building that already met that requirement," Bailey said. Camdent will operate out of the former Bolton Industries plant which had been the site of a highly specialized manufactu-



Gerry Moore has been sifting through the more than 100 applications of people wanting to work in the new plant.



Doug Bailey ... Putting the empty plant to good use.

RECORD PHOTO: PERRY BEATON

ring operation for computer components.

NEW JOBS

The \$1 million investment will provide jobs for up to 43 people when production kicks into full gear. The company plans to hire some 25 people this month to begin production of the dental floss, and another 10 local contractors have been on the job for over a week preparing the plant for production in February.

Bailey said all the new employees will be trained to operate the specialized, but low-tech machinery.

"We are preparing for two shifts of eight machinists each," Bailey said. "In addition to that, we'll have an office

staff of five, plus employees in our U.S. customer service office in Montgomery."

Floss production will take place in an air-conditioned room where balls of fine yarn on large spools are pulled in strands through warm wax, dipped in a flavor bath, then strung the length of the room twice to dry. Machine operators in an adjacent room will oversee the packaging of the product.

Bailey says contracts scheduled for June will result in an increase in production at the new plant.

"We're all very busy and very excited about it," said Bailey.

West Hatley work suspended

Bisecting brook brings contractor to hasty halt

SHERBROOKE (RL) — Landscaping on a property in Hatley was brought to a sudden halt Wednesday after inspectors for the town and Environment Quebec determined that landscapers were disturbing a brook which crosses the property.

The landscaping, which was taking place on a vacant lot situated on Chemin du Lac in West Hatley, was reported to the town inspector by concerned neighbors including Dodie Braley who lives on the adjacent lot.

According to town inspector Eric Gravel, a contractor was clearing the land to make a driveway to the site where a house will be constructed this summer. During the work, he crossed a stream which bisects the property.

"It's not major," Gravel told the Record, "but we hadn't been advised of the works."

Gravel said some wood was cut, but there was no digging in the broke bed or other damage to the waterway.

Article 22 of Quebec Environmental Quality Act makes it illegal for anyone to modify any body of water in without first obtaining permission from Quebec's Environment Ministry.

Gravel had sent a letter to the owner of the property saying that the works were illegal because they had not obtained a permit. But he visited the property with an inspector from Environment Quebec before that letter arrived.

Work was suspended at the site Wednesday while the owner of the property seeks permission from Environment Quebec to build a culvert over the brook this spring, Gravel said.

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Recording discovered from 1888

Inventor Edison speaks again from the past

By Ted Anthony

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Through the scratchy crackle of a decaying wax cylinder comes a muffled yet vigorous voice — an ethereal message left by the inventor whose genius allowed history's sounds to endure.

He talks of global adventures, of trips on boats and trains to far-flung lands, of technologies barely thought possible.

Thomas Edison, whose phonograph let astonished men and women speak to posterity for the first time, has managed to reach from the 19th century and surprise people with his creation yet again.

A previously unknown 1888 cylinder found at the museum that was once his laboratory contains the oldest rendering of his voice known to exist. It reveals an Edison far different from later, more familiar recordings.

This is not the aging businessman-legend speaking, but the vibrant, freshly famous "Wizard of Menlo Park." Edison was 41, flush with the excitement

of new inventions, on the cusp of changing society.

"He sounds like a man taking on the world," says Jerry Fabris, sound curator at the Edison National Historic Site. Fabris listened to the 154-second recording when it was first played in August.

In it, Edison addresses a "Mr. Blaine," apparently James Gillespie Blaine, a congressman, 1884 presidential candidate and secretary of state. Edison sounds jaunty, whimsical, aware of his once-in-an-epoch mix of pragmatism and technical



genius.

"Mr. Blaine, as you've been nearly round the world, I'll take you round the world on the phonograph. I'll not charge you anything." Edison's voice is high-pitched, laced with an unidentifiable brogue.

He goes on to describe a journey that starts with a steamer trip across the Atlantic Ocean to Liverpool and winds through Europe, northern Africa and Asia before returning by train across the United States to New York.

Until now, the earliest known recording of Edison's voice was from 1906, when he was 59. The newly found one was recorded shortly after Edison moved to West Orange in 1887 from his workshop in Menlo Park, N.J. (now called

Edison, N.J.).

The discovery is a cream-colored, 10-centimetre-long wax cylinder, about the size and shape of an empty toilet paper roll. It had been on the grounds all along, but when Edison died in 1931 nobody went through all his material.

He left five million documents, 25,000 flat records,

10,000 cylinders, 65,000 photos and 500,000 miscellaneous items. All went into storage.

A cataloguing project began in 1993. But preservation took precedence, and Fabris spent the past two years putting the material into archival-quality storage so it wouldn't decay further. He began re-recording cylinders only recently.

Thomas Alva Edison:

A sketch of Thomas Alva Edison:

BORN: Feb. 11, 1847, Milan, Ohio.

DIED: Oct. 18, 1931, West Orange, N.J.

EDUCATION: Grade school. Taught by mother, later self-taught.

EARLY EXPERIENCE: Began as electrical engineer and expert in technical telegraphy.

KEY INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES: Phonograph, incandescent light bulb, Kinetoscope for filming motion pictures, principles of wireless telegraphy, automatic stock ticker, fluoroscope, nickel-iron-alkaline storage battery. Improved construction of dynamos. Created "electric pen" that was basis for mimeography, magnetic ore separator. Devised fundamental principles of electronics. Obtained more than 1,300 U.S. and foreign patents.

QUOTE: "Genius is one per cent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration."

Bent light from distant stars

Astronomers' evidence explains missing matter

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Up to half the so-called missing matter in the universe may be burned out, invisible stars, according to astronomers who used bent light from distant stars to probe for objects called MACHOs.

A team from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is

searching the Milky Way galaxy for events that suddenly cause light from stars in another galaxy, the Large Magellanic Cloud, to appear to brighten, a phenomena known as "microlensing."

Microlensing occurs when an unseen object moves between the target star and an obser-

ving telescope in Australia. The gravity of the passing object causes light from the star to bend and the star's image becomes brighter, as if magnified by a lens.

In two years of searching, David Bennett of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory said his team detected seven instances of microlensing lasting an average of 2.5 months.

An analysis showed the objects were from one-tenth to 100 per cent the size of the sun and Bennett believes they probably are white dwarfs, burned remnants of ordinary stars

similar to Earth's sun.

A statistical analysis of the number of events suggests these objects make up to 50 per cent of the unseen, or dark, matter in the halo surrounding the Milky Way galaxy, the home galaxy of Earth. The lensing bodies are called Massive Compact Halo Objects, or MACHOs.

By detecting seven events within two years, said Bennett, the team is able to estimate how common MACHOs are in the Milky Way.

"What we found is consistent with what we would expect if

half of the halo dark matter is made up of objects in this mass range," said Bennett.

The search for MACHOs is prompted by the theory that only about 10 per cent of the matter in the universe emits light or radiation that can be detected by telescopes. This is based on estimates of how much matter would be needed for the gravitational effects observed in the universe. Since the unseen matter issues no light or heat, it is called cold dark matter. The search for this material is one of the major quests of modern astronomy.

'Like a handsaw cutting wood'

Laugh discloses secret of speechless chimps

LONDON (Reuters) — Ticklish chimpanzees may have disclosed the secret of why animals can't speak, scientists say. It could all be down to breath control.

Chimps have been taught to use language, most impressively by using computer keyboards. Some have developed vocabulary skills well beyond the abilities of a human two-year-old, but no animal has been taught to speak out loud.

Robert Provine of the University of Maryland and Kim Bard, who works at the Yerkes Regional Primate Centre in Atlanta, told New Scientist magazine they figured out why not while playing with ticklish chimps.

"If you tickle a chimp it produces what's called the play face," Provine said. It also pants, with each laugh a complete exhalation.

"It sounds like a handsaw cutting wood," Provine said.

But when humans laugh or speak, they chop up a single breath. They can more finely control the diaphragm and other muscles involved in speech.

"We were able to evolve language because we were able to break through those restrictions," Provine said.

"The biggest limitation does seem to be the neurological control of the flow of air," agreed Dr. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh of Georgia State University, who published a 1994 book on how she taught a bonobo chimpanzee named Kanzi to communicate via computer.

To dig out insects

Crows match early humans for making and using tools

LONDON (Reuters) — Crows living in New Caledonia's rain forests are as advanced as Stone Age humans when it comes to using tools, a naturalist reported Wednesday.

Gavin Hunt of Massey University in New Zealand said he watched highly sophisticated behavior among the crows. He wrote in the science journal Nature that he thought the birds were almost human-like in their use of the tools.

The birds, Hunt said, stripped a twig of leaves and sometimes bark and cut it off just below a shortened offshoot to create a hook. They also used a barbed type of leaf, which they cut to a pointed taper shape.

Crows throughout the forest used the tools to dig insects out from crannies.

"Observations were made of four crows manufacturing tools and 68 crows using or carrying

tools," Hunt wrote.

"In the breeding season I observed an adult with both food and a tool in its bill land next to a juvenile, transfer the tool to its feet, feed the juvenile, then pick up the tool and fly off with it."

Hunt said the birds not only used standardized tools, which means they finished making a useful tool before they tried it out, but used different types of tools for different purposes and used hooks. He said humans did not reach this degree of sophistication until the Lower Paleolithic era (Stone Age).

Many animals have been seen to use tools in the wild, including chimpanzees who "fish" for termites using twigs, but only rarely do they deliberately fashion a tool, and never to the degree reported by Hunt.

No apologies, Mr. Landry

Is it possible for Deputy Premier Bernard Landry to stick any more of his foot in his mouth?

Landry, who likes to bite off more than he can chew, was at it again on Tuesday. He complained that the anglophone media was portraying sovereigntists negatively.

Duh!!! And what portrait of Parti Québécois and Bloc Québécois members are we supposed to paint, Mr. Landry?

Landry said. "A responsible press should reflect the reality."

Well, for you information Mr. Landry, the anglophone media was reflecting the reality. Its readers, listeners and viewers — whether in Quebec or the rest of Canada — didn't want the province to separate.

Yes, it is the media's job to reflect the reality — facts are the foundation of the news business — but it's also the media's job to reflect its consumers. It is our job to pass on information that is important and interesting to the people we serve, few of whom — if any — are sovereigntists.

Landry was commenting about a recent study that indicated the CTV and CBC television networks favored the No camp in the referendum campaign. And how many separatists would be watching English television on a regular basis, Mr. Landry? How many of them would be reading the *Toronto Star* or the *Vancouver Sun*?

Landry went on to claim that the francophone press was neutral during the referendum campaign. Once again that would be in line with reflecting its consumers. Unlike anglophones, who were almost completely in favor of the No camp, francophones were split marginally in favor of separation. Thus the more balanced portrayal of the sovereigntists.

"So I'd rather live with a francophone press that makes me happy one time in two and unhappy the other time, than an univocal press that is a disservice to the public," Landry said.

Yes, the anglophone media may have been biased towards the No camp, it may have been univocal. But judging from the way anglophones voted in "one voice" on Oct. 30 — overwhelmingly against separation, it wasn't a disservice to the public we serve, just to the separatist cause.

What would you like Mr. Landry? An apology. Well, you're not going to get one.

ROBERT MATHESON

Editorial

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Letters to the Editor

Support to stutterers

Dear Editor,

Speak Easy is Canada's national charitable organization for people who stutter. We provide information and support to adult

stutterers, parents of children who stutter, professionals in the field, and the general public. Stuttering affects about four per cent of preschool children, dropping to

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For further information contact: Speak Easy, 95 Evergreen Ave., Saint John, NB, E2N 1H4 or call (506) 696-6799

Sincerely,
MICHAEL HUGHES
Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Editor,

Please accept my little poem and let it join all the others from THE PENS OF E.T. WRITERS in making *The Record* proud to be so unique as to care about individuals, and not just hard, cold news.

It seems to be that *The Record* is getting better and better all the time, for its selection of international and local news reports, for its timely editorials from its readers, for its cartoons

and sports reports, as well as for its implication in the community at large.

Also, we, your readers, have come to depend on you for a voice in the Eastern Townships, that helps keep us united and informed about our own historical plight.

Wishing *The Record* a long and prosperous life, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
LOUISE HAMILTON
Granby

Western riders lack controls

By Charlie Gillis

They're the easy riders of snow country, pounding across ever larger tracts of land as their machines grow faster and more sophisticated.

But a series of gruesome snowmobiling accidents and trailriding gaffes has prompted safety experts — and even some sledders — to call for a clamp-down on what one rider calls "the last freedom sport."

"If we don't do something soon, the government is going to step in and start regulating," said Rick McIvor, a snowmobiler from Thompson, Man., and head of a provincial committee on snowmobile safety.

After years of steady fatality rates, the number of snowmobile-related deaths in the West has risen dramatically in the last two winters.

Nine Manitobans have already died in crashes this season, well above the provincial average of

about three a year. In one case, two riders died in separate accidents after slamming into the same bridge on the Red River Floodway near Winnipeg.

Two girls, 11 and 12, were killed on Jan. 6 in the native community of Cross Lake, Man., when the machine they were riding collided with a truck on a country road.

And earlier this week 11 snowmobilers bogged down in fresh snow in a remote area of British Columbia. They spent a night in the cold before being rescued Tuesday.

DEBATE REKINDLED

The incidents have revived the debate over whether the country's 500,000 snowmobilers should be licensed like drivers, and younger riders should be closely supervised.

"A surprising number of people are getting concerned about the odds," said Verona Thibault, director of the Association of Saskatchewan Snowmobilers.

"We've lobbied hard and we want everybody to have a mandatory course before they can ride."

Last year, Thibault sat on a safety committee struck by the Saskatchewan government after 10 people died in eight snowmobiling accidents. The committee recommended mandatory licensing for all snowmobilers within five years.

The Saskatchewan government is expected to table the recommendations — along with a mandatory helmet law most provinces have already enacted — in the next session of the legislature.

But many western snowmobilers hate the idea of government making them queue up for licences.

"This is probably the least regulated sports there is and you'd like to keep it that way," said Lawrence Germain, a sledder from Beausejour, Man.

Currently, riders in most provinces need only a driver's licence to cruise public land.

Two musicians' unions declare a truce

MONTREAL (CP) — The American Federation of Musicians and its Quebec local haven't enjoyed a very harmonious relationship in recent years but they agreed about one thing this week.

"We agreed not to put them in receivership," Ray Petch, the federation's Canadian vice-president, said from Toronto Tuesday, "and they agreed to maintain the status quo for now and not introduce any new bylaws."

The accord was reached Monday before Justice Helene Lebel of Quebec Superior Court.

On Jan. 5 she had granted the federation's Local 406, also known as the Quebec Musicians' Guild, a temporary injunction staving off receivership. That injunction expired

Monday and the court won't begin hearing arguments for a permanent order until March 4.

But Lebel didn't extend the provisional injunction until then because the two sides reached the agreement to continue as is.

"What's important to us is that the matter will be settled once and for all," guild president Gisele Frechette said of the coming hearings.

Petch said the 3,600-member guild, operating with a deficit of about \$190,000, wants to pay the federation less money for services — such as contract negotiations — which the guild insists it can do more economically.

Main services provided by the federation are negotiating — principally in the U.S. — collective agreements for sympho-

ny orchestras and touring groups as well as obtaining working permits for Canadian and U.S. musicians to fill artistic engagements in both countries.

But under a Quebec law in effect since November 1988, associations representing performing artists here are allowed to negotiate contracts for their members.

Another concern Petch said the federation has is the guild's attempt to break away from the North American organization that represents 180,000 musicians (including 20,000 across Canada) in more than 420 locals.

A guild poll in November 1994 found that 62 per cent of the 1,200 members who responded were in favor of leaving the federation that Local 406

has belonged to since 1905.

Under the current agreement, however, the guild can't change the existing voting bylaw that prevents a ballot on

leaving the federation.

"We should have the choice to disaffiliate or not," Frechette said. "We'll respect the choice of our members."

Reeve back in hospital

NEW YORK (Reuter) — *Superman* star Christopher Reeve, paralysed since a horseback riding accident last May, is being treated in hospital for erratic blood pressure and constipation.

In a statement released Wednesday through the Northern Westchester Medical Centre in Mt. Kisco, N.Y., Reeve, 43, said he had autonomic dysreflexia, a condition that causes blood pressure to swing from high to low. If not treated, it can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

"The X-rays taken yesterday have made it clear what the problem is," Reeve said. "My blood pressure has been stabilized and I am in no danger. I look forward to going home shortly to resume my program of breathing and exercise."

THURSDAY'S POP CHART

Videos

The most popular videos for the period ended Jan. 16, based on rentals in Canada, supplied by Jumbo Video:

- 1 **Die Hard With a Vengeance** — Fox
- 2 **The Net** — Columbia Tri-Star
- 3 **Nine Months** — Fox
- 4 **The Indian in the Cupboard** — Columbia Tri-Star
- 5 **Judge Dredd** — Hollywood Pictures
- 6 **Clueless** — Paramount
- 7 **First Knight** — Columbia
- 8 **Crimson Tide** — Hollywood Pictures
- 9 **Apollo 13** — MCA-Universal
- 10 **Showgirls** — MGM-UA

Phil Donahue calls it quits

NEW YORK (AP) — Phil Donahue, who invented the issue-driven daytime talk show, then watched his ratings slip while low-brow imitators outperformed him, is calling it quits at the end of the season.

A nine-time Emmy Award

winner as outstanding host, Donahue, 60, will continue to work on TV specials and new projects in broadcasting and cable, his syndicator, Multimedia Entertainment Inc., announced Wednesday.

Industry analysts blamed

his departure on slipping ratings and a market crowded with more sensationalistic talk shows.

Seen in more than 45 countries, the Donahue show marked its 25th anniversary in 1992. It has won 20 national Emmys and broadcasting's prestigious Peabody award.



Album launch in Fleurimont: Singer-songwriter Serge Gagnon launches his second album tonight at 6 p.m. at Fleuri-Bar in Fleurimont. The French-language album, *Le repos du guerrier*, demonstrates the singer's versatility through a mix of blues and rock tunes as well as ballads. Gagnon, an ex-convict who launched his first album in the Talbot Street provincial jail, will play four selections from his new album. Also present at the launching will be two of Gagnon's inspirations, singer Richard Séguin and Donald Thompson, a priest and president of the *Fondation des Oeuvres du Père St-Laurent*. All are welcome, admission is free.

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Fatty beef breeds making a small comeback

CHESLEY, Ont. (CP) — Big Bruce is back.

Actually, the huge statue of the meaty, Hereford bull never moved from its pedestal on the outskirts of Chesley where it symbolizes the importance of beef cattle to the farm economy around this community 30 kilometres south of Owen Sound.

But for a long time it looked like Big Bruce and the other

British breeds that once dominated local cattle herds were on shaky ground, as the industry looked for leaner animals.

About 15 to 20 years ago the bigger "exotic" mainland European breeds like Charolais, Limousin and Simmental started to come on strong as beef farmers were advised to raise larger, leaner animals.

The lean approach was sup-

posed to be the key to the culinary hearts of modern, health and cholesterol-conscious consumers. But the Canadian beef industry's thinking has changed, an audience of beef farmers heard at a Grey-Bruce Farmers' Week session Monday.

A little fat in the right places is a good thing, after all, for tenderness and flavor. And

consumers are looking for smaller cuts from smaller carcasses. As a result, the smaller, fleshier, British "red and black" breeds, like Hereford and Angus, are making a comeback, Beef Day speakers told about 200 local beef farmers.

"We need to come up with a product that's consistently tender," said Doug Gear, president of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association. He spoke of the Canadian industry's new focus on raising cattle that "marble easier" and produce a smaller carcass.

Gear referred to a retail meat counter survey of consumers that showed 20 per cent are still dissatisfied with the flavor and tenderness of the beef they've bought.

Jerry Smailes of the Tri-County Sales barn in Hanover said his own experience has shown cross-bred cattle do best in meeting the Canada Triple-A grade or U.S. Choice grade requirements. Internal fat marbling through the meat, which helps make it tender and flavorful, is a key characteristic of both grades.

"What we did when we went leaner is that we certainly did go too lean, and we forgot about taste," Smailes said later in an interview. "We forgot about what made beef what it is . . . We went on a health craze and consequently we lost the taste and we lost the market."

Gear said later part of the problem the industry faces in satisfying customers is many still don't know enough about the Canadian retail grade labelling system. Retailers are supposed to indicate on meat counter signs when beef is cut from Canadian A, double-A or triple-A grades. Triple-A has the most marbling. Consumers who still prefer the leaner product can still buy the other two grades.

But consumers who buy beef not identified in that manner don't really know what they're getting. It could be ungraded, imported meat, Gear said.

Meanwhile, Gear and Smailes were hard-pressed to offer local farmers much hope that cattle prices will improve this year. Prices continued to fall in 1995 with cattle numbers and beef production levels at their highest level in years.

"Some people probably won't have any choice but to turn to something else," said Gear.

But he said a fast-growing export market for Canadian beef holds plenty of promise for the future. Long-term prospects on the domestic front also look good with per-capita consumption increasing the last two years following years of decline. Smailes linked that turnaround to the emphasis on raising a more marbled, flavorful Canadian product.

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Canada's trade gap with U.S. improves

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$8.04 billion in October, the lowest level in almost a year, even though the imbalance with Canada and many of the other major U.S. trading partners worsened.

The Commerce Department said today that the overall deficit decreased by 2.5 per cent from \$8.25 billion in September as both exports and imports decreased on a seasonally adjusted basis.

However, the government figures showed the deficit getting worse with many individual countries.

The deficit worsened with both Canada and Mexico, the two partners with the United States in the North American Free Trade Agreement. The imbalance with Canada rose to \$1.91 billion while the imbalance with Mexico climbed to \$1.39 billion.

The deficit with Japan jumped by 11.1 per cent to \$4.79 billion, its first gain in seven straight months. The deficit with Western Europe increased more than eightfold to

\$1.15 billion, compared with an imbalance of \$125 million in September.

Today's report, like much sensitive government economic data, was delayed because the government was shut down over the budget dispute for 21 days.

Even with the October improvement in the trade deficit, the gap in goods so far for 1995 is running at an annual rate of \$165 billion, putting the United States on track for its worst trading performance in history, surpassing the old mark of a \$152.1 billion set in 1987.

The biggest changes in October occurred in the automotive sector. U.S. exports of autos and auto parts fell by \$831 million to \$4.77 billion. Imports of autos and parts were down an even larger \$914 million to \$9.5 billion.

The U.S. foreign oil bill dipped to \$4.25 billion in October, down 11.1 per cent from a September total of \$4.78 billion for petroleum imports. The average price for crude oil fell to \$15.24.

Giant battery neutralizes waste

Researchers probe old mines

By Vik Kirsch
Guelph Mercury

GUELPH, Ont. (CP) — A trio of University of Guelph researchers, armed with new scientific wizardry, intend to turn old mine sites into giant batteries, neutralizing one of mining's most troubling pollution problems.

The scientists, who have formed a company to develop their system, have tested the concept successfully at the Sherman Mine, an open-pit iron mine in Ontario's Temagami region.

Acidic mine ponds are formed when water seeps into abandoned mines, which typically contain water-soluble sulphide compounds.

Studies indicate the exist-

ence of more than 15,000 hectares of acid-generating mine waste deposits in Canada, most in Ontario and Quebec.

"It's a multibillion-dollar problem," says Gene Shelp, one of the researchers.

The cost associated with neutralizing acid at these Canadian sites using limestone, the current approach, is estimated at \$4 billion to \$6 billion. In the U.S., this cost could be as high as \$50 billion.

The technology invented by Shelp and Ward Chesworth, professors in land resource science, neutralizes the acid pond by essentially transforming it into a giant battery.

One terminal is formed by millions of litres of acidic pond water and the adjacent ore body. The other terminal is formed by scrap iron gathered in a

nearby pit.

By adding a tiny amount of power, during the Sherman Mine trial, the closed circuit formed a battery. As that battery ran down, the water became less acidic.

Adding icing to the cake, the action of electrons on the ore body, in theory at least, stops the sulphide present in the ground from breaking down, ensuring no new acidic water is formed in the mine.

Shelp, Chesworth and Shelp's brother Barry, a horticultural sciences professor, have formed Mine Waste Environmental Technologies to develop the technology commercially.

They hope to raise financing from private investors, government grants and eventually a public stock offering.

Stentor cries foul over AT&T

By Vic Parsons

OTTAWA (CP) — American telecommunications giant AT and T is on Easy Street in Canada with its costs being subsidized by domestic companies, says the head of the country's telephone company alliance.

"We have to ask ourselves why we're allowing our home-grown industry to subsidize the competitive entry of the largest telecommunications enterprise in the world," Jocelyne Cote-O'Hara, president of Stentor Telecom Policy Inc., said Tuesday.

AT and T Canada recently took a one-third share of a restructured Unitel Communications, the largest long-distance rival to the Stentor group of 11

telephone companies. Three Canadian banks hold the remaining two-thirds.

Cote-O'Hara said in a luncheon speech that AT and T considers Canada part of its domestic market. And Canada's phone companies spend \$2 billion annually to subsidize local service while facing intense competition on the long-distance front.

"AT and T is a company subsidized by you and me," Cote-O'Hara said after her speech.

"They pay 17-to-20 per cent of their revenues and we pay 40 per cent of our revenues towards keeping local service affordable," she added.

"They are in here with great ease and we have no reciprocal benefit in terms of the United

States.

Last month, Industry Minister John Manley altered a decision by the federal telecommunications regulator to allow the Stentor companies to keep extra cash they raise through higher local phone-rate increases this year and next.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission had said the companies could increase local rates but would have to offset increased revenues by chopping long-distance charges.

The Stentor companies lobbied the federal cabinet to change the commission ruling, saying they need the money from higher local rates to gird themselves for global competition.

Credit card habit worsening

By Rob Carrick

OTTAWA (CP) — You'd never know the economy is in a rut by way Canadians ran up their credit cards last year.

Average pay increases in 1995 have been estimated in the one per cent range, yet an Industry Canada report shows outstanding Visa and MasterCard balances surged 13 per cent to \$17.4 billion.

The total amount purchased on the two cards jumped a little more than 11 per cent over the 1994 level to \$61.3 billion.

Some experts attribute the rise in credit card use to promotions that reward consumers for using a card by giving them points toward airline tickets or car purchases, for example.

But others see evidence of a growing debt problem in Canada that is causing consumers to declare bankruptcy in record numbers.

Aron Gampel, deputy chief economist at the Bank of Nova Scotia, said consumers are using credit cards to maintain their lifestyles at a time when average pay increases are lagging inflation.

"The warning signs have been flashing for a long time," Gampel said. "Households have pro-

bably been slow to reign in their spending and willingness to carry a high level of debt during an economically uncertain period."

Gib McMullen, executive director of the Credit Counselling Service of Ottawa, agreed a lack of income growth is pushing up credit card use.

But he said plastic is now being used to pay basic expenses that would previously have been covered with cash.

"People are starting to use credit cards as extensions of income," he said.

Household debt, including credit cards and mortgages, reached record levels in 1995. It's a significant problem for the entire economy because heavily indebted consumers can't supply the spending necessary for stronger growth.

Gampel said people were encouraged to take on debt last year by falling interest rates.

Rates are expected to ease a little more this year, but he predicted people will be much more cautious about buying on credit.

One reason is that continued economic woes and high unemployment will keep a lid on spending in general. Another is that people are becoming more concerned about saving money, particularly for retirement.



FINANCIAL PLANNING

By Frank Cameron

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Teach your children about money

Have you taught your children the financial facts of life?

If not, you may be depriving your children of an opportunity to learn valuable money-management skills early in life. The sooner they learn, the sooner they'll be financially responsible.

Fortunately, it's not difficult to teach children about money. Here are some tips for raising a money-smart family:

Start early. By the time children turn 3, they can learn about denominations of money and how money is used. A coin bank can help them get used to saving, as well as develop a knack for counting money.

Explain where money comes from. Kids may assume money is something that comes in an unlimited supply from a bank. Teach them about work and paycheques.

Encourage saving. Show children the benefits of saving — for instance, how they can buy that toy they've wanted by saving money. Consider topping up your children's piggy bank as a reward for reaching a certain savings level.

Make allowances. Start giving your children a small allowance at around age 5. Discuss what the money can be used for. This is also a good time to help children set up a bank account. Ask your financial institution about special kids' accounts.

Pay for chores. Consider paying children an extra amount for "significant" chores around the house. This allows them to recognize the monetary value of work.

Go shopping. Take your children to the grocery store. Explain what shopping is all about, including how goods vary in price and how the payment transaction works. When your children are in their early teens, let them buy their own clothing and school supplies,

providing them with a fixed amount for purchases. They'll soon learn about comparison shopping.

Buy a book. There are books designed to teach children about money and finances. Make sure the one you buy is Canadian, since there are significant differences in money management and financial terms between Canada and the U.S.

Invest in the future. Give gifts of money that your children can invest and manage. For example, a Christmas gift of cash can be used to buy units in a mutual fund and teach the benefits of compound returns. Or consider individual stocks. Some companies have junior shareholder programs where young investors receive special share certificates and information. Let the kids make some of their investments in the blue-chip, brand-name companies they know.

Make it fun. Are your children computer wizards? Buy them financial programs such as Quicken or Microsoft Money. They can track their finances and have fun doing it.

Have family discussions. Try to involve your children in family finance discussions. It gives them a sense of belonging and responsibility. Discuss vacation expenses, car purchases, or any other item you feel comfortable with.

Above all, you should examine your own feelings about money before you teach your children. Since much of what they learn will be by your example, their lifelong view of money may be shaped by your outlook.

Mr. Frank Cameron is a chartered administrator, and registered financial planner, with Investors Group.

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MONT BELLEVUE

Remembering a lifetime in the books

Schmecks author gets Order of Canada at 90

By Judy Creighton
The Canadian Press

What timing.
In early January, just before she celebrated her 90th birthday, Edna Staebler, one of Canada's "true treasures", received a letter from the Governor General telling her she's been named to the Order of Canada.

"I don't know what pleased me most, having my driver's licence renewed or getting the Order of Canada," says the woman who made Mennonite and Amish household names with her cookbook, *Food That Really Schmecks*, and the spinoffs featuring the cuisine of her friends and neighbors in

Erbville, Ont., in Waterloo county.

"But this (the award) is sort of the top, I guess."

The last 10 years have been busy for Staebler. She published 13 more books, some cookery, others re-issues of previous articles. And in 1991 she established an annual creative writing award at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo.

"I also went to New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii and I took a cruise through the Panama Canal," says Staebler who admits that at 55 when her marriage ended, she thought she was finished.

REJUVENATED

"I thought I was too old then

and I wouldn't get a job. Then I got rejuvenated or maybe regenerated," she says with a giggle.

To see Staebler in her element at her rustic little cottage on a small lake in southwestern Ontario where she still swims daily from June to September, it's difficult to believe she ever needed rejuvenating.

Except for the odd ache and pain and slight deafness, she's as fit as most women 30 years younger.

"I drink a glass of apple cider every day, and maybe I'm just making this up, but I think it helps the little arthritis pain I get in two of my fingers," she says.

When she is not visiting her friends and family or shopping for supplies at her beloved Waterloo farmers' market, Staebler is making her famous quiche for guests who drop by, especially in the spring and summer.

"I love her because she can

find something interesting in everything she sees and does," says close friend Rose Murray, a cookbook author and writer for *Canadian Living Magazine* who lives nearby in Cambridge, Ont.

"Edna can find something funny about the least little thing like going to the laundromat."

Born Jan. 15, 1906, in Waterloo, Ont., Staebler has two younger sisters, both still living in Ontario.

She attended the University of Toronto and graduated with a BA in 1929. Unable to find work she enjoyed, she spent a year at the Ontario College of Education in Toronto where she received her teaching certificate.

Staebler taught school in Ingersoll, Ont., for a year — until she was fired for doing a back somersault in the school's front yard.

But although she had kept a journal from the time she was

15, she didn't start writing seriously until she took a trip to Cape Breton in 1948. She wrote an article for *Maclean's* magazine and this launched her career.


Douglas Gibson, publisher at McClelland and Stewart which handled a number of her Schmecks books, talked about one of his favorite authors on the eve of her 90th birthday.


"She is an extraordinary person," he said as he remembered how "this little apple doll lady with the rosy cheeks" would beam at him and then ask for quite outrageous things during negotiations before her books were published.

"I felt Edna turned me into a villain instantly because no one can ever say no to her — even when she wanted a national tour with each one of her books," he said with a chuckle.

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By Valerie Hill
Guelph Mercury

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old man, looking at a blighted tomato plant, saw himself in its wilted leaves and full, ripe fruit.

"This plant is a lot like me," he told Carola Elkhuisen, a psychology graduate. "It looks awful, it has a disease but it still has a lot to offer."

The sentiment behind the analogy may be the active ingredient in a remedy being prescribed these days to residents of a local seniors home.

St. Joseph's hospital and home is bringing the elderly back to earth with a horticultural therapy program that has its residents planning, planting and harvesting vegetables or herbs.

GARDEN

The home has also begun construction of one-hectare

garden that will be more esthetic than edible. Designed by landscape architect students at the University of Guelph, the oasis will include wheelchair-accessible paths and a pavilion where residents can sit and smell the roses.

"There is a nurturing aspect, the idea of getting in touch with the earth," says Elkhuisen, an intern in this relatively new field in Canada.

Horticultural therapy can involve a group of residents planning next year's vegetable garden. Others may plant and maintain the garden, then harvest the crop.

"That's what keeps me active," says Jack Marshall, a St. Joseph resident. "I look forward to summer."

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Private sector has few rules to govern privacy

By Dave Miller
London Free Press

LONDON (CP) — It's not Big Brother most consumers have to hide from today — it's Little Brother, says a privacy expert.

While rigorous checks exist on the information that levels of government may release about Canadians, the private sector has no such rules, warns Ann Cavoukian, assistant commissioner with Ontario's information and privacy commission.

"Little Brother has access to our lives through computers and it's shared by business and commercial organizations," she told a recent Women's Canadian Club meeting.

While George Orwell may have feared government control of our lives in his novel 1984 it's mail-order and marketing companies that pose a more serious threat, she said.

Unlike Europe and Quebec, where strict laws exist restricting widespread private sector

use of personal data, it's open season in the rest of North America, said Cavoukian, co-author of Who Knows: Safeguarding Your Privacy In a Networked World.

Not surprisingly, she links the beginning of serious privacy abuses to the advent of the computer and particularly computer networks.

While medical, financial, shopping and vacation records may have existed in isolated databases before networks, like the Internet, all that information may now be freely accessed and pieced together

into a minutely detailed portrait of your life.

Much of the information is used by direct-mail and phone solicitation companies and can seem quite harmless.

But there are instances of error. Most large databases contain 20- to 30-per-cent wrong information and you may find your excellent credit record mixed up with that of a deadbeat and fail to get a mortgage.

One man was found in a background check to have had a cocaine addiction and was fired from his job. He had been

tagged with medical data about another person with a similar name.

Hospitals handing out mailing lists of new mothers is a common practice. Marketing firms often mail out a first-birthday card — even if the child died during birth.

A health spa and candy maker were once found to be sharing lists of customers, ending up with weight-loss clients coming home to find cheap chocolate samples in their mailboxes, sending them back to the weight-loss clinic in record time, Cavoukian said.

Tips on keeping your private life private

By The Canadian Press

Ann Cavoukian, assistant commissioner with Ontario's information and privacy commission, offers tips on protecting confidential information:

— Check your credit bureau file once a year to ensure it's accurate.

— If asked for personal information by anybody, ask why and how it's to be used. Don't give out things like social insurance numbers without a satisfactory answer.

— Check with doctors and others how confidential your information will be with them.

— Watch for free coupons, etc., that ask a number of unnecessary questions. The same goes for filling in warranty cards. Don't give out anything but name, address and appliance serial number.

— Check off boxes on forms that ask if you don't want your name shared with others. If there's no box, write in your own.

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The gardeners of the insect world

Leafcutter ants intrigue keepers

By Andy Ogle
Edmonton Journal

EDMONTON (CP) — Terry Thormin has an ant farm that would be the envy of any school kid.

Thormin, bug room supervisor at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, is the proud foster father of a colony of 100,000 leafcutter ants from Trinidad.

He's been carefully nurturing the colony in a back room at the museum since he brought back a queen and 200 or so worker ants from the Cincinnati zoo in June 1994.

The colony is now thriving in a glass case designed to show off their fascinating life's work. It features a cutaway view of their tunnels and gardens where the ants grow fungus on the leaves they cut.

They're the insect world's only gardeners, living off the fungus they grow, not the leaves.

A miniature video camera aimed at the colony entrance shows close-ups of the industrious insects on a monitor above the display.

Once a day, Thormin dumps in a lunchbag-sized sack of ivy, grapefruit, geranium and other leaves. By the next day, the ants have cut them up and taken the fragments into their gar-

dens.

Biologists compare the industriousness of the ants to an athlete running 1.6 kilometres in under four minutes while carrying 226 kilograms on his back. The ants are amazing in any number of ways, Thormin says.

They do an estimated 20 different jobs in wild colonies with specialized ants of different sizes for specific jobs. The smallest tend the fungus gardens and the medium-sized ants do most of the foraging.

The largest are the soldiers, whose job is to defend the colony from predators.

Of course, says Thormin, the soldier ants don't have much to do in his colony because he's the only predator they have to worry about.

He's quick when he sticks his arm in to dump the leaves because soldier ants have been known to cut through shoe leather. It's the little guys whose bites sting the most, Thormin says.

As tough as they seem, in the world of ants, leafcutters are relatively benign compared to such cousins as the driver ants of Africa which can strip the flesh off a man, Thormin says.

Then there's an ant in South America with a lethally poisonous sting — more than three stings and you're history.

Golden Age Club News

MANSONVILLE — Club members enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 19. This consisted of Chester Chicken, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, johnny cake, Amish bread, birthday cake, other cakes and yule logs, white and red wine.

The club supplied chicken and scalloped potatoes, Verlie Aiken furnished the coleslaw and Amish bread, Huguette Levoy donated a cake and Rita Mossa made a carrot birthday cake. George Hamelin made a johnny cake. Louise Oliver furnished the yule logs. Aniceto and Monique Vatri supplied the wine, Rita Mossa donated the glasses for it. Alfred

Vintinner gave the afternoon fruit drink. Rita Mossa thanked all for their donations.

Monique Vatri was the winner of the half and half game.

There were numerous winners of door prizes.

500 winners: Kathleen Bailey, Jacqueline Maranda, Aniceto Vatri and Jesse Bailey.

Game winners: Monique Vatri, George Hamelin, Walter and Bertha Smithers, Dorothy Woodard, Rita Mossa, Rose Alma Pouliot and Jackie Jersey.

Our president wished all a happy holiday and announced that meetings will resume on January 16, weather permitting.


Day Care Center entertained

BURY (NR) — On their last meeting day before Christmas, the regular attendants, Cathy Fox, co-ordinator and her staff of the Bury Day Care Center at Grandview Manor, and the residents at the Manor were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Sandra Morrison and her Grade 1 and 2 students of Pope Memorial School.

The children, some dressed as elves and brownies and a little Santa Claus sang several action Christmas songs. Each child was presented with a miniature sled

which had been made during the Crafts period at the Center.

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Birth

MOORE — To Conan and Wanda (nee Evans), a baby girl, Elizabeth Jean, 7 lbs. 1 oz., on December 27, 1995 at St. Joseph's Health Centre, London, Ontario. First grandchild for Franklyn and Jean Evans, Sawyerville. First granddaughter for George Moore, Toronto and for Theresa and Bernie Schiesser, Banff, Alberta.

Abbotsford

Mrs. Arlene Coates

The Christmas service was held here in the United Church at 11 a.m. on December 24. Communion was served, carols were sung, candles were lit, a Bible and other story books given to the young folks. At the conclusion of the service most everyone gathered at John and Cathy Gibb's home to enjoy a meal of delectable food and more fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gould spent Christmas visiting family in Belleville, Ont.

Death

CAMPBELL, Jean Ann Colquhoun — At Montreal after a short illness at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Tuesday, January 16, 1996. Beloved wife of J. Douglas. Also survived by sons John (Doris) of Calgary, James (Mary) of Toronto; her grandchildren Andrew (Kerri), Carolyn, Robert and Susan (Shane), great-grandchildren Kyle and Erika. A memorial service will be held at the Calvary United Church on Maple St., Sutton, Que. on Friday, January 19, 1996 at 2 p.m., the Rev. Russell Daye officiating. Interment will take place at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, Que. — (514) 263-1212, Robert Farnam, Director-Counselor. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the Good Samaritan Fund of the Grifith McConnell Resident, 5790 Parkhaven Avenue, Côte St-Luc, Que., would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged by the family.

Deaths

MARCHANT, Georges — At Domaine de la Sapinière, East Angus on Wednesday, January 17, 1996. Georges Marchant, born on July 31, 1905, age 90. Husband of the late Izora Foss. Son of the late William Marchant and the late Margaret Ann Argent Marchand. Brother of Elizabeth Martyn and Ellen Howard. Predeceased by William and John, Emily and Anne. Resting at Jardins du Souvenir de l'Estrie Inc., Salon Funéraire Brien et Monfette Inc., 56 Laurier St., East Angus, Que., J0B 1R0 — (819) 832-2323, Roméo Quintal, Dir.-Gen., Paul Rodrigue, Director. Visitation on Thursday, January 18 from 7 to 9 p.m., day of funeral from 1 p.m. Funeral service on Friday, January 19, 1996 at 2 p.m. at the Funeral Home with interment at Cookshire Cemetery.

HAWTHORNE, Howard K. — At the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville on Tuesday, January 16, 1996. Howard Hawthorne in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of the late Eileen Wilds. Dear father of Brian (Margaret Wood) of St-Timothée. Cherished and loving grandfather of Danny and Bruce. A memorial service at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell, Cowansville, Que. — (514) 263-1212, Robert Farnam, Director-Counselor, will be held on Saturday, January 20, 1996 at 2:30 p.m., the Rev. Clarke officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec, 2630 King West, Suite 150, Sherbrooke, Que., J1J 2H1, would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged by the family. **N.B.:** The Funeral Home will be open Saturday, day of funeral at 1:30 p.m.

In Memoriam

CHARLEAU, Laura May (nee Stone) — In loving memory of a dear wife, sister-in-law, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away ten years ago on January 18, 1986.

We often sit and think of you
And we often speak of you in vain,
But what we all must realize
Is that you have no more pain.
We will remember the day
The Lord came to you and said,
"Come with me for a rest"
And we all know He always
Takes the best.

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had

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Today the only thing we have
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Is to sit and think of all the great
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Card of Thanks

RUSSELL — My family and I wish to sincerely thank our relatives and numerous friends for their kindness and support during Eric's lengthy illness. Special thanks to Dr. William Barakett and Dr. Adrien Macek and Dr. Robert Pincott. Also to the Intensive Care Unit and any other personnel who looked after Eric during his many stays at the hospital. Special thanks to Rev. Russell Daye, Rev. Tim Smart, Father Tanguay and Rev. G. Thompson, we appreciated your kindness and presence during the funeral service, your kindness and support shall always be remembered. Also special thanks to Pete and Cora Hazard, Dora and Lucy Shepard for all their kindness and support. We wish to thank you all for your cards, food, phone calls, and visits to the funeral home and church service. Donations to the B.M.P. Hospital Foundation. Special thanks to Bob Farnham for funeral arrangements. Also special thanks to the young bearers, Penny McKee, Stacey, Lee and Daren Richardson and Steven Russell, Trevor and Scott Rocheleau. Thanks to Steven and Jodi for taking part at the grave site. As I am sure that this was a very precious memory for them as Eric truly enjoyed their visits while he was ill at home. Please accept this as a never forgetting thank you to each and everyone of you.

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Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McCourt were Mr. and Mrs. Danny McCourt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perkins and family of Cornwall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oakley and Stephanie, Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boersen and sons, Melbourne; Diane McCourt, Patrick Massé and sons, Ascot Corner; Nelson McCourt, Jennifer Knowles and Tina McCourt.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy McCourt and Craig entertained for the Perkins family gathering on Christmas Day. Among the guests were Olive McCourt, Winnie Paterson, Trina Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Nixon and family, Sean Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Don Paterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Enright and family, Mrs. Steve Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perkins were callers during the day.

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A nebulous pattern — very real, yet
fragile as cobwebs;
Oh, for the written word — some souvenir
to hold, to keep, and pass on down
To be cherished through all Eternity...

* * *

If we could trace the path they trod —
These ancestors, staunch and loyal and fearing God;
If records could be found, to mark their way —
To bring their memory closer in our day.
Our very lives, we owe to them,
What did they do, what think — these men?
Centuries later — we, direct in line
Wonder — as we become a page in Book of Time...

* * *

Brave hearts and true
Which beat so long ago;
Our forbears lived and died,
But Oh — if we could know
The chains, they forged, and left
In still other hands, now cold;
We feel the call of blood to blood
And search for signs, untold...

Marge Montgomery
Melbourne, Que.

Card of Thanks

ALLAN — I would like to thank most sincerely all those who participated in the celebration of my 90th birthday at the Wales Home on January 11, 1996. The many kind birthday wishes, cards, cake and tea made it a most memorable afternoon.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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RECEIPTS

Taxes	750,019.
Payments in lieu of taxes	96,487.
Other receipts from local sources	175,860.
Transfers	172,613.
Allocation of accumulated surplus	30,080.
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND ALLOCATIONS	1,225,059.

EXPENSES

General administration	272,275.
Public safety	87,447.
Transportation	108,339.
Area hygiene	219,059.
Urbanism	43,031.
Recreation and culture	75,373.
Financing costs	309,535.
Immobilization expense fund allocation	110,000.
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,225,059.

Completed and signed in Cookshire, this 18th day of January 1996.

André Croisetière,
Secretary-treasurer

St. Paul's Guild and ACW hold meeting

BURY (NR) — The annual meeting of St. Paul's Guild and ACW was held in the Parish Hall with 11 members present. Mrs. Hettie Clark was in charge of the devotions. The president, Irene Fisher presided.

Annual reports were given from all committees, showing an active and profitable year in spite of our dwindling membership.

A thank-you note was read and a verbal thank-you expressed for Christmas remembrances.

Ferne Pehleman presented the slate of officers for 1996, which was accepted as follows: Honorary president, Winnie Buchanan; Past president, Irene Fisher; President, Serena Wintle; 1st Vice, Irene Fisher; 2nd Vice, Ferne Pehleman; Secretary, Donna Seale; Treasurer, Alma Quinn.

Serena took the chair and the committees for 1996 were agreed upon — Devotions, Hettie Clark;

Thank-Offerings, Cards and Sunshine, Ferne Pehleman; Food Committee, Alma Quinn, Donna Seale, Lillian Cook; Work Committee, Audrey Dougherty, Winnie Buchanan, Nina Rowell; Seamen's boxes, Winnie Buchanan and all members.

It was decided to hold a lun-

cheon and afternoon card party in the Parish Hall on Monday, January 22. Several offered prizes.

The roll call was answered by the payment of dues.

A hearty pot luck lunch was enjoyed by all. The drawing was won by Donna.

Sawyerville Alice Wilson 889-2932

Christmas Saturday morning Harley and Gayle Laroche of Georgetown, Ont., arrived at his parents, Donald and Lillian Laroche and sister Bonnie and Alton Fowler. Donald and Lillian, Harley and Gayle, Alton and Bonnie, and David and Deanna Parnell were Christmas supper guests of Dareth Fowler, Brenda and Joshua Henderson. A festive candlelight supper was enjoyed. Bonnie was presented with the traditional birthday cake and all sang Happy birthday. Harley and Gayle,

Dareth, Brenda and Jacob, David and Deanna were all Christmas dinner guests at the Laroche-Fowler home and all attended the Christmas Eve service in the United Church.

Angie Gill of Ottawa was a visitor at the Parnell home. She and Stephanie Lowry also called at the Laroche-Fowler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Laroche and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Laroche visited Vera Hover in Lennoxville.

Investigate different ways to deal with impotence

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 53-year-old man who has been on high blood pressure medication for several years. As a result, I now suffer from erectile dysfunction. My urologist put me on medication that helped some but not much. He then said I could use injections, which I refused.

My wife never complained or made me feel guilty about not being able to perform. In spite of her generosity and cheerful attitude, I felt depressed about our sex life and kept praying for a miracle.

A month ago, my wife heard on the radio about a vacuum pump device for impotent men. I phoned my urologist. He recommended it and ordered one. Ann, with this device, I feel like a man again, and our sex life is wonderful. Another unexpected dividend is that I am no longer

depressed.

My letter is to let other men know about this alternative to impotence. The manufacturer claims it helps about 95 percent of the men who try it. It is easy to use and can be a godsend.

With a prescription from my urologist, my insurance company helped pay for the cost of this device. But with or without the insurance, it is well worth the money. Please tell your readers about it. -- A NEW MAN IN KENTUCKY

DEAR NEW MAN: I'm pleased that the device works so well for you, but I would not tell my readers it is a sure bet for all males who suffer from impotence.

A competent urologist who is up on the latest will inform his male patients about other approaches to

impotence. The message from here is this: Men who are impotent should not accept the condition as a death knell to their sex lives. There is help for you. Investigate.



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I had to laugh when I read the letter from "Baltimore Betty," whose father-in-law offered her \$10,000 to produce a boy. (She had just delivered her fourth girl.)

If I remember my high school biology, it is the father's chromosome that determines the sex of the child, not the mother's. The father has both an X and a Y sex chromosome, while the mother has two X's. Both parents give one chromosome each to the fertilized egg. If the father's X chromosome is paired with one of the mother's X chromosomes, the

child will be a girl. If the father's Y chromosome is paired with one of the mother's X chromosomes, the child will be a boy.

It seems that Betty's father-in-law needs to make that offer to his son. Sign me -- NO EXPERT, JUST A READER WHO REMEMBERED HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY

DEAR READER: I was swamped with letters from readers who also remembered their high school biology. You all got an "A" today. I flunked.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm hoping that you can address my problem in your column. My next-door neighbor,

"Ellen," leaves her children home alone for 20 to 30 minutes to run an errand. They are ages 7 months and 2 years.

Ellen says she does this only when the children are napping, but it still worries me. She's a good neighbor, devoted to her children and well-educated. My husband doesn't want me to say anything to her for fear of ruining our friendship, but I feel I should risk it. What is your advice, Ann? -- NO NAME, MASS.

DEAR N.N., MASS.: It takes only a few minutes for a fire to burn down a house. Speak up. If it ruins the friendship, it was pretty fragile.

Huntingville

Alice Price
562-5794

Mr. and Mrs. Art Wright, Sherbrooke, called on Mrs. Evelyn Andrews.

Mrs. T. Davies, South Boro, Mass., visited Julia Cochrane.

Visitors of Evelyn Davies were her niece Donna and husband Lynn Grainger of Sherbrooke.

United Church Women of Lennoxville served tea at the Home one afternoon, and afterwards everyone joined in singing Christmas carols with Marjorie White at the piano.

Mildred Hemming was a caller at the Home recently.



On December 23, the residents had their Christmas tree, Santa Claus arrived in his usual jolly manner when everyone received a

gift. Afterwards, shortbreads and egg nog were served, brining a happy afternoon to a close.

Get-well wishes go out to Louise Nutbrown, a patient at the Sherbrooke Hospital from all her neighbors and friends. To everyone who reads this column, Happy New Year.

Help for Today.
Hope for Tomorrow.

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- 20 Emulated Julia Child?
- 23 Bill of fare
- 24 Pasture
- 25 Main/Kilbride movie
- 31 Formal dresses
- 32 The Boston —

- 33 Degree for ABA members: abbr.
- 35 Take — it comes
- 36 Strain at the —
- 38 Speaker's stand
- 39 "— Miserables"
- 40 Clairvoyant

- 41 "To be" go-between
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- 56 Indonesian island
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- 59 Blender product
- 60 "— a man with seven wives..."
- 61 Adm. Zumwalt
- 62 Ranked contestants
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- 64 Crucifix

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- 43 Tickled pink
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: O equals C

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The author's conviction is that poetry begins to atrophy when it gets too far from music." — Ezra Pound.
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'The team concept is very important to us'

Olympiques eye record setting winning streak

By Robert Matheson

SHERBROOKE — The Hull Olympiques try not to talk about the streak, but it's getting harder to ignore.

The Olympiques (40-9-1) won their 20th consecutive game of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League season on Tuesday night, downing the Sherbrooke Faucons 6-0. The Faucons were the last team to beat Hull way back on Nov. 19.

The victory Tuesday moved Hull five games closer to tying the longest winning streak in the history of the Canadian junior hockey leagues. The 25-game record was originally set by the Sorel Epreuvers during the 1974-75 season. The Kingston Rangers, of the Ontario Hockey League, tied the mark Jan. 11 to March 16, 1984.

"We don't talk about it," head coach Robert Mongrain insisted after Tuesday's game.

But the players don't seem to mind talking about it with the media.

"There's not too much pressure, but the publicity is really good," said goaltender Matthew Carmichael.

Carmichael, the backup to World Junior Championship all-star José Théodore, has played his part. Carmichael stopped 25 shots Tuesday night for the shutout and has gone 8-0 during the streak, while Théodore spent three weeks with the national junior team.

"We're kind of taking it game by game. It's a pretty big deal, but you try not to get too caught up in it," Carmichael said.

"It's great. We don't want to lose," he added. "But we're not looking too far ahead, because if you do that, all of a sudden, the streak is over."

No one is enjoying the thrill of victory more than centre Donald MacLean. The Sydney, N.S. native spent part of the season wallowing with the lowly Laval Titan (10-36-1), before being recharged by a trade to Hull.

"I'm happy as can be, because since I've been here I haven't lost. I'm 19-0," MacLean said.

"It's helped me a lot mentally," he added. "Because every night when you're with a losing team you think 'shit we're going to lose again'."

"There's no point giving you're best, because you're going to lose anyways," said MacLean, who has 27 goals and 57 points in 40 games this

season. "But when you're going to win, you give your all."

So, what's Hull's secret formula for success? Could it be a melange of players. The Olympiques' roster includes 13 players from Quebec, four from Nova Scotia, two from Alberta, two Czechs and an Ontarian.

"Depth is one thing," Mongrain said. "We've got three really good lines and even our fourth line can play against

most second and third lines in the league."

"You need different mentalities, you need different kinds of players," he continued. "We do have a good mix as long as they work together."

"The team concept is very important to us."

MacLean echoed his coaches remarks. "No one's out there for me, me, me. Everybody's out there for the team. When you've got that attitude it turns out positive like it is now."

Hull's streak is almost guaranteed to hit 22, because the Olympiques play Laval back-to-back this coming weekend. Then Hull plays in Victoriaville (15-32-2) on Tuesday, Jan. 23, hosts Drummondville (26-20-2) on Friday, Jan. 26 and could tie the record at home Sunday, Jan. 28 against Halifax (19-29-1). The Olympiques next game after that would be Feb. 4 in Halifax.

"We don't really think about it every night. We just go out and play hockey," MacLean said. "We've been close to losing a couple times, but somehow we manage to find a way to win."

Whether or not the Olympiques break the record or fall short, Mongrain will look at the end of the streak in a positive light.

"I don't want to see it end. I just want to make sure we learn from every game," he said. "The hardest lessons you learn are often the ones after a tough loss."

"Nobody on this team wants to lose, but we have to take the good things with the bad things."



Excellent goaltending from José Théodore and strong team play have turned the Hull Olympiques into junior hockey's hottest team. Hull has won 20 straight games and counting. RECORD FILE PHOTO

Gaiter gurus gather Expos caravan coming to town

LENNOXVILLE (RM) — If you want to find out about Bishop's upcoming basketball double header against Laval you could read Friday's *Record* or you could attend today's Gaiter Luncheon.



Either way you'll get the facts on what the Bishop's basketball squads have to do to beat the Rouge et Or on Friday

night. But at the luncheon you'll get the goods right from coaches Eddie Pomykala and Rod Gilpin.

You'll also get a great meal for a reasonable price and get to spend part of the lunch hour with other faithful fans of the Bishop's Gaiters.

The luncheon is an opportunity to ask the coaches your queries about last weekend's games. What went right? What went wrong? Who hired the time keeper?

Pomykala and Gilpin will also give you a preview of upcoming games and other tidbits. So if you're a Bishop's basketball junkie looking for another fix, stop by the Old Lennoxville Golf Club at noon today.

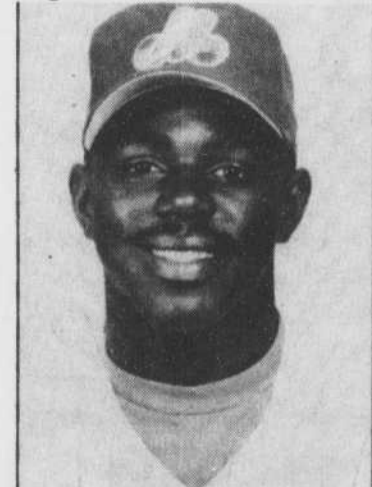
SHERBROOKE (RM) — The Montreal Expos caravan will roll into the region late this afternoon, giving fans a rare chance to meet some major leaguers.

The Expos latest addition, pitcher Rhéal Cormier, will be one of 16 members with the organization making appearances in Fleurimont and Sherbrooke today.

Cormier, an Acadian, shortstop Mark Grudzielanek and outfielders Rondell White and Tony Tarasco are the most recognizable names making the rounds during this stage of the team's Winter Caravan.

The four big-league players will be joined by Quebec born pitchers Denis Boucher and

Derek Aucoin and bullpen coach Pierre Arsenault. Minor leaguers Fernando DaSilva and



Rondell White will be on hand to meet with Expos fans.

Martin Mainville will also be in town.

The players will be joined by Expo broadcasters: Alain Chantelois, Rodger Brulotte, Jacques Doucet, Claude Raymond and Ken Singleton. Youppi will also join the fun.

The Expos will hold a press conference from 4:30 to 5:10 at Fleurimont City Hall. Fans then can meet the delegation from 5:15 to 5:55 at Le Voiturier car dealership, 1261 King St. East.

The group will then head off to attend a benefit dinner at Centre Julien-Ducharme in Fleurimont. Tickets for the spaghetti supper are available at the centre and at Sport Wellington for \$5 each.

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New home but same old result for Senators

KANATA, Ont. (CP) — It took eight years, \$217 million and a ton of heartbreak to find the Ottawa Senators a new home in which to lose.

The glittering Palladium on the westernmost fringes of Ottawa's westernmost suburb staged its first hockey game Wednesday night with sadly predictable results — a 3-0 victory by the visiting Montreal Canadiens.

Not even a capacity crowd of 18,500, a 35-minute pre-game introduction and the good wishes of an entire region could overcome goals by Andrei Kovalenko, Martin Rucinsky and Vincent Damphousse.

Canadiens netminder Jocelyn Thibault stopped 26 shots for his second shutout of the

season and methodically neutered a Senators' effort long on emotion but short on execution.

The crowd, despite the posh surroundings and booming sound system, slipped inexorably into the same stony silence that filled the barren 10,500-seat Civic Centre downtown. The Senators have won just two of 16 home games this season and have a league-worst record of 8-34-1.

The Canadiens were happy to take a victory into the three-day NHL all-star break after stuttering to a 2-1-3 record over their last six games. The Habs, 21-18-6, are second behind Pittsburgh in the Northeast Division.

Montreal was 0-for-5 on the power play and managed just

24 shots at Ottawa goaltender Don Beaupre.

The opening face-off was delayed by a lengthy show that featured lasers, fireworks, player introductions and the raising of nine Stanley Cup banners from Ottawa's previous NHL incarnation in the early years of the century.

Those banners, including one in tribute to slain Ottawa sportscaster Brian Smith, provided the Palladium's first technical glitch when the scaffolding they hung from jammed halfway up, obscuring the fancy video time clock from many in the upper seats.

"We can't see!" chanted a large segment of the crowd.

The long pre-game delay made for a sloppy, scoreless

first period that only slowly gained momentum, despite a couple of spirited dustups between both teams' respective heavyweights.

Kovalenko finally broke through at 11:12 of the second period, swiftly cashing in a goalmouth pass from Pierre Turgeon that left no chance for Beaupre.

The pace improved markedly after that, including an apparent Montreal goal off Saku Koivu's skate that was disallowed by the video judge.

At the other end, a desperate assault by the hacking Senators was turned back by Thibault, who was particularly sharp on Radek Bonk's one-timer from the slot with a minute left in the period.

Then, with the clock ticking down, Canadiens defenceman Stephane Quintal sent Rucinsky on a breakaway from centre ice and the slick Czech's forehand deke beat Beaupre with 1.4 seconds left.

The Senators carried the play in the third — outshooting Montreal 10-6 — but their lack of finish was evident.

Jets 4 Maple Leafs 2

Oilers 4 Stars 3

Red Wings 3 Avalanche 2

Lightning 6 Sharks 4

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Gretzky has forechecked Kings into corner

Hollywood likes a big-budget production, and they've got one in the works with Great Expectations, better known as the Wayne Gretzky saga.

The Great One is in the director's chair. He's also playing the star role and working the backroom corridors as effective producers do.

Since his calculated public announcement last week that the Kings had to either improve or lose him, No. 99 has played his role perfectly.

Political animal that he is, Gretzky has said the right things at the right time.

But in effect, what he's done is forechecked the Los Angeles Kings into the corner. He has owners and management in a no-win situation — they can't win with him and they can't win without him.

General manager Sam McMaster bought some time Tuesday when he offered Gretzky a contract extension and promised to stock the team

with free agents this summer.

Even Gretzky went along with the plan.

CP News Analysis

By Alan Adams

"There's nothing really to resolve except that management has told me they would like to win, and that's the biggest thing I wanted resolved," he said.

Outside of Pat Verbeek of the New York Rangers, the potential unrestricted free-agent pickings are slim. Bernie Nicholls of the Chicago Blackhawks and Phil Housley of the Calgary Flames just won't do if the Kings are serious about winning.

The top talent is usually found in the Group II category,

but the compensation is restrictive and mortgaging the future to satisfy Gretzky's lust for a fifth Stanley Cup ring is unlikely, regardless of what McMaster says.

That means improvement through trades, but high-priced talent doesn't come cheap. The price is usually young players and draft choices and considering No. 99 won't be around much longer, the cost may be prohibitive.

The rumor on the street Wednesday was that Tuesday's powwow between the Gretzky camp and the Kings management didn't go well.

So where does that leave the Kings?

They have three options:

- trade Gretzky before the March 20 deadline.

- sign him to a new deal, thereby buying his silence.

- neither sign him or trade him and allow him to become an unrestricted free agent next summer.

At this point, it's anybody's guess what will happen.

Remember this, however. When owners Philip Anschutz and Edward Roski paid \$100 million US for the Kings, it wasn't for the likes of Marty McSorley, Jamie Storr and Jari Kurri.

The owners are committed to building a new arena, but it will be at least four years before the Great Western Forum is no longer the home of the Kings.

By that time, Gretzky will have hung up his skates and the Kings won't be able to use him to sell the building — skyboxes and club seats.

So why keep him? If it doesn't serve the team's interest to let Gretzky finish his career in Los Angeles, doesn't it make more sense to trade him?

But if he is traded, it's sending the wrong signals to the fans, who may not have the patience to wait four years for

the Kings' resurgence. Attendance at the Forum, which is on the decline, will plummet.

Hence the Kings' dilemma. In any case, if a trade happens, it won't be before the NHL schedule resumes next week after the all-star break.

As McMaster said: "Sometimes things can't happen as quickly in the hockey world as some would like them to."

Gretzky, meanwhile, is a little embarrassed at the way his actions have taken on a life of their own.

"I don't back down from what I've said, but I feel I've brought my teammates into that, and for that I'm sorry," he said. "Sometimes, because of my name and the situation I'm in, things get bigger than even I expect them to get. Maybe it's a little bit unfair."

So you can expect the star attraction of Great Expectations to cool it over the all-star weekend.

But it's not over yet.

Expos and Blue Jays would meet three times

Baseball council approves plan for interleague play

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If everything goes according to plan, the New York Mets will play the Yankees during the 1997 season, the Cubs will face the White Sox, the Dodgers will meet the Angels and the Giants will play the Athletics.

And under the proposal, Canada's two major-league teams, the Montreal Expos and the Toronto Blue Jays, would play each other three times.

Interleague play was unanimously approved by baseball's ruling executive council during a meeting that ended late Tuesday night. The plan needs the approval of 21 of the 28 teams, and owners may vote as soon as today.

"Interleague play, which has long been a dream of mine, is

one step closer to fruition," acting commissioner Bud Selig said. "The overwhelming percentage of fans have wanted interleague play."

There doesn't appear to be much opposition among owners. The plan, which calls for 15-16 interleague games for each team, also must be approved by the Major League Baseball Players' Association.

"This is an idea that obviously merits serious consideration and we'll give it that," union head Donald Fehr said by telephone from Washington. "We have to take a hard look at anything that will be beneficial to the game."

The National and American Leagues haven't played each other during the regular sea-

son since the AL first challenged its senior rival in 1900. Traditionalists argue that interleague play would detract from the World Series.

"That's one of the great arguments," Selig said. "I've heard that for years, I feel that argument's absurd."

In 1997, AL East teams would play NL East teams, AL Central teams would play AL Central teams and AL West teams would play NL West teams. Teams in the East and Central would play a three-game series against each rival in the other division, while teams in the West would play a four-game series.

If interleague play begins, some owners want to resolve

the league's split stance on the designated hitter. NL opposition to it is staunch, while the AL is split.

In the World Series, the DH is used only in AL ballparks, a solution that may be carried over to interleague play.

Even traditionalist general managers voiced support for interleague play.

"We're dealing with younger fans now, more modernistic fans who think change is more exciting," Atlanta Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "I think it's an exciting thing for the future of the game."

At league meetings Wednesday evening, owners discussed the proposed sale of a controlling interest in the California

Angels from Gene Autry to the Walt Disney Co. Approval may come as soon as today.

A vote was not expected on the proposed sales of the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals.

No decision will be made on assigning the 1998 expansion teams — Arizona and Tampa Bay — to leagues. Owners have given themselves a deadline of next January.

"I'm going to the National League meeting," said Arizona managing general partner Jerry Colangelo, who wants to be in the NL West. "I always go to the National League meeting."

Vince Naimoli, head of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, always goes to the AL meeting.

Townships' Crier

LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville & District Women's Centre presents a Bereavement Workshop on Wednesday, January 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the CLSC Gaston Lessard, 8 Speid St., Lennoxville. The death of one near to us is bound to affect our lives in some way. This is why it is so important to understand the mourning process and allow ourselves to grieve. Come and join us along with our guest speakers, Marie Brodeur and Dr. Pippa Hall, who are experts in the field, to discuss and learn about this important fact of life. Members are free, non-members are asked for a donation. Please call to reserve. For further information please call the Women's Centre at 564-6626.

WATERVILLE

Following is a list of events the Waterville U.C.W. will be holding during the 1996 year. World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 1; Food Sale, Friday, March 15; Luncheon and Bazaar, Thursday, May 9; Rummage Sale, Friday, September 20; Luncheon and Bazaar, November 7.

LENNOXVILLE

The Ville de Lennoxville will begin the celebrations of its 125th anniversary by the official opening of the two new municipal buildings on Sunday, January 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Community Hall in the Amédée Beaudoin Building at 10 Depot Street. The Tom Bozer Public Works Building on Winder Street will officially open at 3:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to visit these buildings from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

COWANSVILLE

Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon, Cowansville on Sunday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Crib Tournament, Doubles, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon, Cowansville on Sunday, January 21. Admission charged. Registration at 1:15 p.m. For information call 263-3543.

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold Free Blood Pressure clinics on the following dates:

LENNOXVILLE: Tuesday, January 23 at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere St., Lennoxville from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
WATERVILLE: Tuesday, January 23 at the Town Hall, Main St., Waterville from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SHERBROOKE

Pat Hurley and Dave Donnanichie will have music from "Memory Lane" at the Sherbrooke Hospital Activities Room, 2nd floor, on Sunday, January 21 at 2:30 p.m. Visit a friend and enjoy the music together.

NORTH HATLEY

Recyclage Lac Massawippi will provide its monthly collection service in North Hatley on Saturday, January 20, curbside at 9 a.m., and for Hatley Township on January 27 at the Curling Club, Capelton Road, drop-off from 9 a.m. to noon. The new calendar will be out soon.

LENNOXVILLE

Saturday, January 20, 1996 at 2 p.m., there will be elections for the men and the ladies for the new executive of A.N.A.F. Unit 318, Lennoxville.

BURY

Casserole Luncheon, followed by afternoon card party, on Monday, January 22 at noon in St. Paul's Anglican Parish Hall. Prizes and door prizes. Everyone welcome.

SAWYERVILLE

Afternoon card party in the Community Centre on Saturday, January 20 at 2 p.m. Prizes and lunch. Sponsored by the local Women's Institute. All welcome.

BULWER

A Sleigh Ride for members and friends of the Bulwer Q.F.A. will be held on Sunday, January 21 starting at 1:30 p.m. from the farm of Albert Sylvester. Pot-luck supper will follow at the Bulwer Community Centre. Come and enjoy!

This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$5.00 fee, \$8.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$11.00 for 3 publications. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number and \$5.00 (taxes included). Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Danville

Eleanor Besmargian
839-2193

New Year's visitors at the home of Verian and Norman Brown were Dianne and Eric White, Oshawa, Ont. Faye and Roger Bronson, Milford Station, N.S., Jennifer Belknap, Stanstead, and Irwin Cosgrain, Ayer's Cliff.

Dorothy and Ron Evans were pleased to have Christmas visits from Heather and Pat Fantin, Sudbury, Ont., and Dorothy and Tim Marsh, Ottawa.

Windsor

Mrs. C. McCourt
845-3416

Mrs. Ivy Raymond was a holiday guest of her grandson, Michel Dubois and family in Rock Forest. Luc Dubois of Ottawa was a visitor of Mrs. Raymond during the holidays.

Best wishes to Willa Watson who is convalescing at her home following recent surgery.

Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jandron were Mr. and Mrs. David Jandron and daughters of St. Bruno, Steven Jandron, Linda Ouimet and daughter, Pointe aux Trembles, Brent Jandron of Pointe Claire. Mr. and Mrs. D. Morey and Kevin joined the family for supper on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jandron, Ryan and Melanie Jandron of Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jandron and daughters, Cardinal, Ontario, were holiday guests at the same home. While here several of the family visited their grandmother, Mrs. T. Lawrence at the Wales Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCourt, Mrs. Ethel Moen, Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bouchard, Lois McCourt and friend were New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Derek Andrews and daughter, Danville Road.

Miss Tina McCourt has returned to her studies at Thetford after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McCourt.

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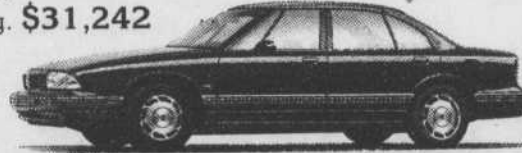


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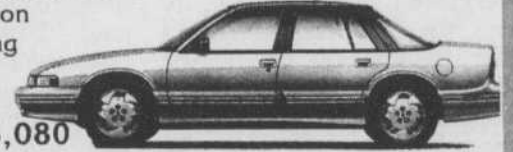
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