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Quebec divisible too — Chrétien

QUEBEC (CP) — If Canada is divisible so is Quebec, Jean Chrétien said Monday, suggesting that federalist areas of the province could legitimately refuse to accept independence.

In an hour-long, often fiery radio interview, the Liberal leader mentioned the Outaouais area of western Quebec as one region which could very easily decide to stick with Canada.

"What I find funny is those who say the territory of Quebec is sacred," Chrétien told Jean-François Bertrand, a former Parti Québécois minister turned talk

show host.

"I don't want to get into it but everyone says they're as democratic as can be. But what happens to those Quebecers who don't want to stay part of Quebec? Of course they (separatists) don't recognize democracy for them."

"Is it not possible that people in the Ottawa, Hull and Aylmer area — where lots of them work for the federal government — would decide by a majority vote to say, 'Quebec, we like you a lot but we'd prefer to stay in Ontario and Canada'?"

"Would you not have to recognize their democratic right?"

Both Premier Robert Bourassa and Parti Québécois Leader Jacques Parizeau have said that, no matter what happens, Quebec's borders cannot be changed.

The English-rights Equality party has suggested some borders would have to be re-drawn.

Chrétien's comments provoked angry denunciations from the Parti Québécois.

"Mr. Chrétien needs a good course in international law," said constitutional affairs critic Jacques Brassard. "He's dan-

gerously mistaken. Quebecers have the right to self-determination and over the entire territory of Quebec.

"I wonder why I never heard him in the 1980 referendum saying that if the Yes side won in certain regions then they (those regions) would become sovereign?"

Chrétien's comments came shortly after he repeated comments made Sunday that the army might have to intervene if a separation between Quebec and Canada became ugly.

"Look in your history books.

Find me a country that broke up with everyone singing their own national anthems and kissing each other," he told reporters at the Quebec legislature.

"No one knows what would happen but divorces like this very rarely end with both sides sending flowers to one another. Usually a lot of dishes get broken in the kitchen first."

Later, he said Quebecers would support army intervention if things turned ugly.

"All Quebecers want the army to intervene if there is violence."

Premier won't go to meeting

QUEBEC (CP) — The office of Premier Robert Bourassa announced Monday that he will definitely not attend the first-ministers meeting on the economy in Ottawa.

But in a two-page letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Bourassa said Quebec will not boycott the meeting completely. Veteran Finance Minister Gérard-D. Levesque will sit at the table.

In the letter, Bourassa maintains that the question of the stagnant economy is at the top of his government's agenda and calls for coordinated action.

"I am in complete agreement with intergovernmental cooperation in economic matters, notably because it permits a solid economic union with our Canadian partners," he says.

But he also says his policy of boycotting first-ministers and premiers meetings — adopted following the failure of the Meech Lake accord — still stands.

"The present circumstances do not provide us with any reason whatsoever to question our policy," the premier says.

He suggests he is refusing to attend because he wants to avoid being drawn into discussing the Constitution — discussions

other premiers have said are unavoidable at Thursday's lunch meeting.

"To us it seems very difficult to dissociate the economy from constitutional issues," he says.

Bourassa was not in Quebec City on Monday and did not comment on the announcement.

STAND LAMENTED

Mulroney's office said the meeting will still go on despite the absence of a key player. But at least one premier lamented Bourassa's decision.

"If he thinks not coming to a conference on the economy is going to make progress on the economy any easier, he is wrong," said Ontario Premier Bob Rae.

Rae added that no progress on the economy may translate into

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Sneaking in the back way



The weather got the best of Alain Damboise Monday when he and shopping companion Rachel Beliveau were momentarily frozen out of their car at the Carrefour de l'Estrie shopping centre in Sherbrooke. With two door locks frozen in the -14 C conditions, the only option left was the 'back door'. It's the second time in two days that this has happened to me, Damboise said. A Canadian Automobile Association spokesman said Monday was an average day, with the Sherbrooke area accounting for about 120 calls for nuisances such as frozen doors and temperamental engines.

First fetal transplant performed

HALIFAX (CP) — The Victoria General Hospital has performed Canada's first transplant of fetal tissue into an adult brain to battle the effects of Parkinson's disease.

In a procedure fraught with ethical question marks, fetal tissue was injected into the brain of a 61-year-old Nova Scotia woman who has had the degenerative brain disease for 20 years. The 3-1/2-hour operation was performed Friday afternoon, the hospital announced today.

Her doctors said she could be released as early as Tuesday. Her identity was not made public.

"I'm pleased to tell you that the patient is doing well," Dr. Bernard Badley said at a news conference. "We don't expect her to be completely normal; she'll still need some medication."

Her doctors expect it'll be about six months before she shows any improvement.

The procedure takes brain cells from aborted fetuses and transplants them into Parkinson's sufferers. Badley estimated about 100 such operations have been done elsewhere in the world and marked improvements have occurred in the patients.

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Inuit land settlement redraws map

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government and Inuit in the eastern Northwest Territories have reached a staggering land-claim settlement that could redraw the map of Canada.

It could also spark a divisive battle among aboriginal groups.

If the Inuit people back the deal in a plebiscite, a new territory called Nunavut will be carved out of the eastern Northwest Territories and comprise one-fifth of Canada's land mass.

"This is a historic day," Louis Pilakapsi, acting president of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, said in his native Inuktitut during a news conference.

The deal was 15 years in the making and "will result in a better social and economic state for the Inuit people," he said through a translator.

Nunavut would cover the entire Eastern Arctic from the tree line at 60 degrees latitude to the North Pole. The 17,500 Inuit

spread across the tundra make up 80 per cent of the population in the area.

Nunavut will likely be proclaimed by Parliament in the fall. The western half of the Northwest Territories will be rena-

Talks on Mohawk policing broken off

QUEBEC (CP) — Negotiations between the Quebec government and the Kahnawake band council over police services have broken down, Quebec's Public Security Minister Claude Ryan said Monday.

The discussions, which had lasted several months, reached an impasse Sunday, Ryan told a news conference.

The minister said he was "very disappointed" with the breakdown of talks, aimed at reaching an agreement on which police forces would be responsible for security in and around the Mohawk reserve near Mon-

ted.

Ottawa will pay the Inuit \$580 million over 14 years — ultimately totalling \$1.15 billion with interest — in exchange for the abandonment of any claim to the land, said Indian and Nor-

thern Affairs Minister Tom Siddon.

TOUGH DECISION

Surrendering this claim was the most difficult concession the Inuit made, said Tagak Curley, chief negotiator for the Tungavik

Federation.

"If this deal is ratified we'll extinguish our aboriginal title to other lands and waters within the Northwest Territories."

The largest land claim that

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Canada should follow Quebec lead on economy — analyst

provincial police and RCMP officers of harrasing band members and others travelling to and from the reserve.

They now insist that all Quebec Provincial Police — who increased patrols since the 1990 Oka standoff between Mohawks, police and the army — must be withdrawn before they will dismantle the checkpoints.

"The checkpoints reflect a siege mentality," Ryan said. "I believe that dismantling them is an essential precondition to any reasonable agreement."

In a letter to Ryan dated Dec. 11, Mohawk grand chief Joe Nor-

ton said he was prepared to accept Quebec's proposals, including the dismantling of the checkpoints.

UNDER PRESSURE Ryan thinks Norton came under strong pressure since to change his position.

"I believe there's a great deal of tension within the Mohawk community at Kahnawake," Ryan said.

"I learned this morning that Mr. Norton was denied access to his office by people who accused him of making too many concessions."

Gas prices up again

MONTREAL (CP) — Gasoline will cost Quebec drivers half a cent more per litre starting Jan. 1, even though the government isn't going ahead right away with the provincial sales tax that made the increase necessary.

When it was announced in August, 1990, the new tax was meant to offset the drop in provincial sales tax from 8 to 7 per cent with the introduction of the PST in January.

The government has since decided it will keep the tax at 8 per cent and wait until next June to start collecting it. But the extra gasoline tax won't be delayed.

"They'll be siphoning that money out of the tanks of car drivers, so to speak" said Eric Lefrançois, spokesman for the

Quebec branch of the Canadian Automobile Association, which wants the tax scrapped.

Drivers pay about 60 cents a litre for gas now.

The gasoline tax will rise from 18.9 to 19.4 cents per litre. That's in addition to federal taxes: 14 cents for roads, 8.5 cents in excise taxes. A 7-per-cent GST levy is added to that total.

At the same time, the Quebec government will start charging \$30 more to register cars.

The tax increase will net the government \$44 million next year. The registration fee hike, to be paid by 1.6 million people living in areas served by public transit, will bring in another \$48 million.

MONTREAL (CP) — American competitiveness guru Michael Porter gave his blessing Monday to Quebec's new industrial strategy announced two weeks ago.

And he stated bluntly that Ottawa had better get cracking on a national economic strategy of its own or the country could suffer dire consequences.

"There seems to be an economic gestalt happening in Quebec," Porter told a group of business leaders in Montreal. "I see more of a will to change the old-style business thinking here than I do in the rest of Canada."

"I think the province is lucky to have a unique culture and it's

prepared to take chances to create a competitive, world-class industrial base."

The Harvard Business School professor, who recently completed a \$1.2 million study for the federal government and the Business Council on National Issues, said that he hopes Quebec can "pull Canada into a new competitive trade era because, frankly, your federal government seems to have other things on its mind."

Porter's enthusiasm for Quebec's new industrial strategy might come from the fact that it's based on his thinking.

The Quebec plan is centred on Porter's "clusters theory"

which states that companies in the same industry — such as bio-chemicals or aerospace — should group together in the same geographic region.

Their competitiveness at home will develop a whole network of competent suppliers and sophisticated customers. And once they live through the test of savage competition at home, they will be ready to go into the international marketplace and compete there.

Porter, who reiterated many of the themes of Canada at the Crossroads report, lashed out at the "ridiculous" economic union which now exists in the country.

UN repeals Zionism resolution

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — The UN General Assembly has repealed its 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism. The vote on Monday was 111-25 with 13 abstentions.

It was only the second time in UN history that the assembly had overturned one of its own resolutions.

Israel, Canada and the West had called the original resolution a stain on the United Nations that undermined its credibility.

Arab diplomats had lobbied the General Assembly in an effort to prevent the repeal of the 1975 resolution, but Monday's outcome was expected. Israel and the United States had both predicted the resolution would be scrapped.

The repeal was co-sponsored by 85 countries including Canada.

Zionism is the ideology of reconstituting the Jewish nation in its Biblical homeland. Israel had long sought repeal of the resolution, saying it showed the United Nations could not objectively address the issue of Middle East peace.

The United States, which is playing host to the current round of Middle East peace talks in Washington, had championed efforts for revocation.

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall also urged that it be repealed.

In Ottawa Monday, McDougall's spokesman, Scott Mullin, said she was pleased the UN had

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Members of ferry crew abandoned survivors

SAFAGA, Egypt (CP) — Survivors of Egypt's worst modern maritime disaster said Monday that they were abandoned by some of the sinking ferry's crew and forced to pitch themselves into the gale-whipped Red Sea to avert certain death.

An engineer aboard the ferry Salem Express acknowledged that some of the 71-member crew may have been negligent by trying to get to lifeboats before passengers, but he said the survival of only 10 crew showed such conduct was not widespread.

The crew were among 178 who survived the sinking Saturday

night 10 kilometres off the Egyptian port of Safaga in the far-northwest Red Sea. Authorities say the vessel was inexplicably off-course when it struck a coral reef and sank in stormy, shark-infested seas within 15 minutes.

In a statement to the Egyptian parliament Monday, Prime Minister Atef Sedki said 178 out of an estimated 654 people on the ferry had been brought ashore, Cairo radio reported.

Only seven bodies had been found nearly two days after the sinking, said Lt.-Gen. Salah Halaby, chief of staff of Egypt's armed forces.

U.S. Navy aircraft reported

seeing wreckage, including life preservers, rafts and floating material, but no bodies or survivors.

Egyptian defence ministry sources said navy divers searched the sunken ferry Monday and Sedki told parliament they were preparing to refloat the wreck.

As night fell on the second day of the rescue operation, no more survivors were reported and it became clear that most of those missing had probably died trapped inside the ferry.

It is the world's worst passenger shipping disaster since a collision between a ferry and a

tanker in the Philippines in 1987 killed 4,386 people.

The ferry's engineer, Mahmoud Moharram, said one reason the boat sank so quickly was that a loading door sprang open on impact, allowing sea water to gush into the vehicle holds.

The Salem Express sank as it neared the end of a 36-hour voyage from Jidda, Saudi Arabia. Many of its passengers were returning from religious pilgrimages in the kingdom.

Investigators are not discussing the probe. But among questions assumed to be on their agenda are why the boat left its

assigned channel before it hit the reef, why rescuers took 12 hours or more to save some survivors and allegations that crew members tried to save themselves first.

PUSH PASSENGERS

Some survivors told of passengers being pushed aside by crewmen clambering into lifeboats.

Moharram said he helped about 17 passengers don life jackets. He said Capt. Hassan Khalil Moro was believed to have gone down with the boat.

For those who survived, relief was overwhelming.

"I thank God, I thank the

government, and I thank the doctors," said Mustafa Ahmed, 38, as he lay on his bed at Safaga Central Hospital.

He said he was adrift for about 14 hours before an Egyptian navy ship rescued him and 13 others in the boat at about noon Sunday.

One of Ahmed's companions in the hospital ward, Rifaat Kamel, said: "We would have hung on to a straw for dear life."

His eyes were terribly bloodshot from hours floating in the salt water in a life ring.

"We were three of us with life rings, but one of us drowned. He just wasn't strong enough."

New fighting in Croatia dims hope of UN peacekeeping

BELGRADE (CP) — Fresh fighting erupted in Croatia on Monday, two days before United Nations observers were expected to arrive in Yugoslavia to prepare for possible full-scale UN intervention to keep the peace between Croats and Serbs.

In Brussels, meanwhile, the European Community agreed early today to recognize the country's breakaway republics by Jan. 15.

The fighting dimmed already slender hopes that a major force of UN peacekeeping troops may be assembled and dispatched to Yugoslavia soon.

A UN spokeswoman said the observers would arrive Wednesday and stay a week. They would tour Krajina and Eastern and Western Slavonia, scenes of heavy fighting in the past five months.

The mission will be headed by Herbert Okun, who accompanied UN special envoy Cyrus Vance on recent visits to Yugoslavia, the spokeswoman said.

The UN Security Council voted unanimously Sunday to send the observers.

But it will dispatch a full peacekeeping force only to monitor a ceasefire, not to impose one. And

after the breakdown of 14 negotiated ceasefires, there is no sign of a new truce.

Croatia, whose declaration of independence from Yugoslavia last June triggered an uprising by its Serbian minority, is fighting Serbian irregulars and the Serb-led federal army in a conflict that has already killed several thousand people.

DISCUSS RECOGNITION

In Brussels, the 12 EC foreign ministers agreed to recognize the breakaway republics by Jan. 15, Belgian Foreign Minister Mark Eyskens said early today.

"We decided today to reco-

gnize all Yugoslav republics as long as they meet several criteria," Eyskens told reporters.

The ministers spent more than nine hours trying to forge a deal that would allow the EC to bury its internal differences over Yugoslavia and prevent an open rift only five days after agreeing to create a common foreign policy.

Eyskens said the republics would be sent a list of criteria later today and would have to reply by Monday whether they met all the points on the list.

The criteria include whether there is democratic rule,

whether human rights are respected and whether ethnic minorities are safe.

Germany, an EC member, had planned to recognize Croatia as early as Thursday.

In Belgrade, German, Austrian and Hungarian diplomats were reported to be quietly leaving the federal and Serbian capital ahead of their countries' possible recognition of Croatia and Slovenia. Austria and Hungary are not EC members.

On the battle front, federal planes bombed a village near Daruvar, east of Zagreb, killing several people, Croatian radio

said.

It said the army attacked the nearby town of Nova Gradiska with howitzers, rocket-launchers and tanks and one civilian was killed by shellfire. The eastern city of Osijek also came under fire, it said.

Tanjug news agency, reporting the army's side, also spoke of fighting around Nova Gradiska but said it had been started by the Croats.

It said a column of refugees in the area was attacked by three crop-dusting planes — Croatia's only aircraft — and two people were seriously wounded.

Bourassa, unity bosses meet privately

By Paul Mooney

MONTREAL (CP) — The co-presidents of Ottawa's committee on constitutional reform were tight-lipped as they emerged from a long-awaited meeting late Monday with Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa.

And Quebec's Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Gil Remillard repeated the Quebec position that Ottawa's proposals

for constitutional reform are unacceptable in their present form.

Senator Gerald Beaudoin and MP Dorothy Dobbie described the discussion as "frank, constructive and helpful," but gave few details about the 80-minute meeting at Bourassa's downtown Montreal office.

"We had a very frank exchange," Dobbie said. "I think we all felt that we learned

a great deal this evening and it will be very helpful in our deliberations."

Bourassa refused to meet reporters after the meeting. But Remillard said the premier again reminded his guests that Quebec law provides for a referendum on independence by October next year.

Remillard again said Ottawa's 28 proposals for constitutional reform are unacceptable in their

present form.

"It was a very useful, a very frank meeting," Remillard said. "We discussed Ottawa's proposals in very general terms. Nothing new, but Mr. Bourassa confirmed Quebec's position concerning the proposals."

"In their present wording they are not acceptable. The principles are good...but the means are not acceptable."

Radio producer will get new murder trial

MONTREAL (CP) — Former Radio-Canada producer Gilles Perron was granted a new trial by the Quebec Court of Appeal Monday.

Perron, 51, was found guilty Dec. 22, 1989, of the first-degree murder of his wife Michelle and is serving life in prison with no chance of parole for another 23 years.

Michelle Perron, a 45-year-old mother of three, was stabbed to death in her car Dec. 15, 1987. She was found in the parking lot of the office where she worked as a secretary. There were no witnesses.

The appeal court based its decision on the testimony of two

witnesses who came forward a month after Perron's conviction.

That was one of 18 reasons Perron's lawyers listed as providing a basis for a new trial.

The lawyers had also attacked trial judge Andre Biron's instructions to the jury, the testimony of Perron's former mistress, which the lawyers categorized as character assassination, and the impartiality of the jury.

But Justice Marcel Nichols, in rendering the court's 30-second decision from the bench Monday, ruled that the existence of the new witnesses is enough to order a new trial.

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Ottawa negotiated previously fell apart in 1990 when Dene and Metis groups in the Western Arctic voted against the package, worth about \$500 million.

In that case, natives were unwilling to give up their claim to aboriginal rights in exchange for specific benefits in the deal.

The Inuit will also be given exclusive title to 350,000 square kilometres of land within the new territory. Their right to hunt, fish and trap anywhere in Nunavut will be guaranteed.

The area will be publicly governed rather than run by a system of aboriginal self-government.

"The rights of all citizens,

Inuit and non-Inuit, will be equal in this territory," said Sidon.

But the deal will likely be hotly contested by Inuit opposed to the package in the months leading up to the April plebiscite.

"It's not a done deal yet, not by any means," said John Amagalik, an adviser to the Tungavik Federation.

"There will be obstacles. I expect some of our political leaders to be some of those obstacles. But I think in the end the Inuit will end up pulling in the same direction."

The strongest opposition may come from Ovide Mercredi, grand chef of the Assembly of First Nations, which represents

500,000 status Indians.

Mercredi said he will recommend rejection of the package if he's invited to the territory to speak to the Inuit. He said the Inuit should have reserved their inherent right to self-government as part of the package.

"I'm not sure Inuit people will agree to extinguish themselves," Mercredi said in an interview.

The deal would limit their ability to safeguard their culture because of its provision for public government, he said.

"No one could say with any certainty how many people are going to reside in Nunavut in the year 3000 or how many of them will be Inuit. They may be a

minority."

Mercredi said a court case is already being readied by Dene south of the treeline because the settlement fails to guarantee their traditional fishing, hunting and trapping rights in the area.

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rescinded the resolution.

"The UN has dramatically increased its own credibility and moral authority," he said.

WELCOMES MOVE

In Toronto, Paul Marcus, director of the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada, welcomed the decision.

"We are delighted that the UN has finally cleansed itself of the odious lie and strongly commend the Canadian government for co-sponsoring the resolution's repeal."

"While we welcome the UN move, we trust that the repeal of this distasteful decree will signal the beginning of the end of the lopsided moral bookkeeping the

UN practises when it comes to resolutions respecting Israel."

In September, U.S. President George Bush called for nullifying the resolution, telling the world body it could not "claim to seek peace and at the same time challenge Israel's right to exist."

Under Monday's proposal, repealing the resolution took the form of a simple one-sentence draft resolution that states: "The General Assembly decides to revoke the determination contained in the resolution 3379."

The 1975 resolution proclaimed that "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination." It passed by a vote of 72-35

with 32 abstentions and was supported by Arab, African and Communist states.

Repeal of the resolution became possible with the fall of the Soviet bloc and warming relations between Israel and most African states.

The United Nations has overturned a political resolution only once before.

SOME ABSENT

In 1950, the General Assembly revoked a 1946 resolution recommending that Gen. Francisco Franco's fascist Spain be barred from membership in UN agencies and that all countries recall their ambassadors from Madrid.

FETAL:

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But the procedure isn't without controversy. Critics, particularly those from anti-abortion groups, fear that family members of people with Parkinson's could seek abortions just to provide donor tissue.

But Badley said numerous committees studied the issue, consulting legal, ethical and

scientific experts, and he believed the procedure to be morally correct.

"The two issues are clearly separable: the act of abortion is one issue; the decision as to what happens to the tissue obtained is a totally separate issue."

"It is purposely confused, I think, in order to make a point," Victoria General, the Mariti-

mes' top transplant hospital, performs about 1,500 abortions annually, Badley said.

The fetal neural transplant has been in the planning stages for over three years. Friday's patient is the first of five expected to undergo the procedure over the next several months before the hospital takes a break to assess the progress.

The operation, first done in Sweden five years ago, stimulates production of dopamine, a chemical the brain needs to control motor functions and coordination. Lack of dopamine is a characteristic of Parkinson's disease.

Robert O'Neill, president of the Nova Scotia chapter of the Parkinson's Foundation, said his group has been working toward this day for some time.

"It's a Christmas present for those that suffer from Parkinson's disease as well as those who work with the foundation to try to do what we can," he said.

WEATHER

Tuesday will be very cold and partly cloudy, maybe with evening flurries. The high will be -15. Outlook for Wednesday: Intermittent flurries and still cold.

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Doctor says case is being treated as an isolated incident

Meningitis found at Massey Vanier

By Sharon McCully

COWANSVILLE — A 14-year-old boy in the Davignon section of Massey Vanier High School in Cowansville is in a Sherbrooke hospital after being diagnosed with meningitis last Friday.

Dr. Alain Messier, an epidemiologist at the *Departement de santé communautaire* in St-Jean said in a telephone interview Monday the case is being treated as an isolated incident.

Students on the Bedford side of Massey Vanier were issued an information sheet Monday telling parents of the reported case, and providing a description of the disease.

"There is no cause for

alarm," Messier said. "But it is important for parents to closely monitor children who appear ill, especially when a fever is present," he said.

It is not uncommon to find isolated cases of meningitis, especially in winter and fall, he added.

WHAT IS IT?

Meningitis is an acute bacterial infection characterized by the sudden onset of fever, intense headaches, nausea, often vomiting, stiffness in the neck and a skin rash. Although meningitis shares the symptoms of many other illnesses, it has its own special signs such as stiffness of the neck and skin rash. The disease, transmitted by

direct contact from one person to another through throat and nasal secretions of an infected person, responds to antibiotic treatment.

Messier said although several cases of meningitis have been reported in the Montreal area, there is no association between those cases and the Massey Vanier case.

Messier admits it may be difficult for parents to know the difference between a common cold or flu symptoms and the more serious meningitis.

"The key is close surveillance," Messier says. "If you're not sure, see a doctor."

Anyone who wants more infor-

mation can call the CLSC at (514) 263-2522.

ST-JEROME

Meanwhile, health officials have confirmed three cases of bacterial meningitis since Friday at two schools in the St-Jerome area, north of Montreal.

Antibiotics were administered Monday to nearly 800 students from the two schools as a precaution.

The three students, two from an elementary school and one high-schooler, were taken to hospital in Montreal, where they were improving steadily, a statement said.

But medical officials are still in the dark about the origin of the bacteria and how it was

transmitted.

Quebec has about 100 to 150 cases of meningitis each year, about 10 per cent of them fatal.

The St-Jerome cases follow the deaths last week of two Ottawa high-school students from bacterial meningitis.

Robert Nuttall, 15, and Amanda Larose, 16, died within a day of each other. A third student sent to hospital because of the bacteria is expected to recover.

LINKED TO DANCE

Ottawa health officials suspect a Dec. 6 dance as the link in the outbreak. More than 900 students and staff members at the school received antibiotics as a preventive measure.

Nuttall and Larose died not

from meningitis but from massive blood poisoning caused by meningococcal bacteria, the bacteria that can also cause meningitis.

Meningitis, an acute inflammation of the membranes covering the brain, spinal cord or both, can be caused by bacteria, viruses, or fungi, usually introduced from elsewhere in the body.

The disease can be transmitted by sneezing, among other things.

In November, U.S. health officials reported a sharp increase in viral meningitis cases, including a near tripling of cases in the state of New York.

With CP files

Report on hockey-rink safety due in June '92

By Shawn Apel

SHERBROOKE — Hockey rink officials will have to do more to ensure at least a minimum level of preparedness for accidents, according to experts who are concerned with improving the game's safety.

The problem gained more attention Friday after 24-year-old Stéphane Dion from Asbestos died while playing in an local hockey league game.

Dion died of cardiac arrest which was probably caused by a childhood infection, coroner Jacques Corbeil said Monday after getting the autopsy results.

Dr. Corbeil said Dion and his family probably never knew about the heart problem. He added that Dion probably would have died no matter what first

aid had been administered.

VERY MINIMAL

"The chances of survival would have been very minimal without the proper equipment at rinkside, and even that would not have helped without the people to administer the equipment," Corbeil said.

However, Corbeil will still recommend that coaches or others at the rink should know first aid.

And in cases where the situation appears too serious for first aid on the scene, people at the rink should at least know how to communicate immediately with the proper authorities.

Corbeil said he will include those recommendations in his formal report on the accident, which he said should be ready in

five to six months. He will also use the report to make general recommendations on safety at rinks during games.

Corbeil supported the idea that all players take some responsibility for their own safety by undergoing some sort of physical examination before starting to play rigorous or violent sports.

FIVE HAVE DIED

Five people have died after accidents during hockey games in the last seven years, said Michel Fafard, hockey adviser at the *Régie de la sécurité dans les sports du Québec*.

Of those deaths, three were because of illnesses, such as Dion's heart condition. The other two were because of fatal cuts.

The *Association des arénas du*

Québec and the Régie are preparing a study on hockey safety at rinks, which the two organizations will release in June of 1992, Fafard said. Once the report has been published, the government and the association will decide whether further laws should be passed to tighten existing regulations.

The idea of first aid at rinks is being hotly discussed, but is tricky to resolve, Fafard said.

"It's hard to trace a line from one thing to another, and to say the arenas must be equipped like this or like that," Fafard said.

COMPROMISE SOUGHT

Most arenas already have some safety features in place, such as first-aid kits, he explained. The idea is to find a compromise that all parties can live

with.

"It's clearly not right to have nothing there," Fafard said. "But we can't turn the rinks into infirmaries either."

The answer will probably lie in giving more courses in first aid as well as in emergency preparedness for rink employees, hockey coaches and officials, Fafard said.

Fafard said one idea might be for municipalities to grant the rinks the money to pay for the courses.

But individuals must also take care that they are not ignoring medical conditions, Fafard said. It would be impossible to test everyone, but people could fill out a Participation questionnaire to find out if they might be in a high-risk group, available

at most rinks, he said.

Representatives of the rinks, at Bishop's University and Sherbrooke's Sports Palace both said although some accidents will happen, they both feel prepared.

But both said there is a minimum of first-aid equipment at the rinks, and that there is generally no one with medical training at recreational league games.

"If I have to have someone working at the rink who is qualified in first aid, that cost would have to be borne by the people renting," said Al Ansell, public relations manager at Bishop's.

Ansell said the current price of \$105 for a rental might easily reach \$150.

"I don't think people can pay that price."

Group calls for action on KKK hate literature

By Dan Hawaleshka

SHERBROOKE — Justice Minister Gil Rémillard should pay closer attention to the Ku Klux Klan after copies of the group's newspaper were seized at a border crossing in the Eastern Townships last month, a spokesman for the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada said Monday.

Rémillard has said the newspaper fits the legal definition of racism.

"Our concern, as we voiced to Mr. Rémillard, is that insufficient attention is being given to this dossier," said Ian Kagedan,

B'nai Brith director of government relations in Ottawa.

On Nov. 16, three men — described as Klansmen by the RCMP — were arrested and released by Canada Customs agents, the RCMP and the Quebec Police Force. A Vermont border guard had spotted two of the men trying to cross into Canada from Vermont through a wooded area near the Stanhope border crossing, about 45 kilometres south of Sherbrooke.

MARCH-APRIL ISSUE

Police seized some 1200 copies of the March-April issue of the KKK's newspaper *The Klansmen*, Sherbrooke Crown prose-

cutor Michel Pinard said.

Last August, Rémillard declared that the March-April and July-August editions constitute hate literature. Canada Customs has ordered all *Klansmen* issues seized on sight.

Two men from Laval and one from Sherbrooke were released by police after questioning. RCMP Cpl. Claude Nolin said Monday that the three will be charged with smuggling under the Canada Customs Act sometime in mid-January.

Kagedan sent a letter to Rémillard last week asking the justice minister to consider laying charges

under the Criminal Code's hate literature section.

"Apart from the issue of smuggling," reads the letter to Rémillard, "the fact of what was smuggled, namely hate propaganda from the KKK, itself points to the determination of KKK members to engage in the promotion of hatred. There can be no other purpose for the importation of so large a number of copies."

The letter also stresses the need to co-ordinate legal efforts between Crown prosecutors and police in monitoring KKK activity in the province.

At the moment it is not clear who will decide if charges will be laid for possession or distribution of hate literature. Cpl. Nolin said the RCMP has nothing to do with deciding whether the material constitutes hate literature. Nolin said it's up to the QPF to decide.

But QPF spokesman Tom McConnell said provincial police have nothing to do with it because they are not investigating the incident since the RCMP has the copies of the confiscated *Klansmen*.

Sherbrooke Crown prosecutor Michel Pinard said it's not up to him because it's a federal jurisdic-

tion. Pinard said the matter falls under Article 159, Annex 7 of the Canada Customs Act, which deals with hate literature.

"It's the federal prosecutor who handles that," Pinard said. Federal authorities could not be reached for comment, while officials at Rémillard's office in Quebec City did not return calls yesterday afternoon.

When told of the apparent confusion, Kagedan said, "If this isn't a lack of co-ordination, I don't want it."

"The question the public should be asking is: 'Who's in charge?'"

Sherbrooke little leaguers' future put in doubt

SHERBROOKE (MS) — The Sherbrooke executive committee seems to have pleased no one involved by recognizing only one age level of the Sherbrooke-Lennoxville-Fleurimont Little League.

In a week-old decision made public Monday, city officials said it will only recognize the SLF's nine- to 12-year-old age group, allowing them to continue to play baseball at Champ-de-Mars Park in Sherbrooke. SLF's other age groups will not be allowed to play in town.

"It's a mess," SLF president Charles Lizotte said in a telephone interview. "I tried to make some sort of merger or something, but they didn't want anything to do with us. I'm really confused."

Lizotte said he is afraid the city's decision is the first step in

phasing little league out of the area and giving *Baseball Mineur de Sherbrooke* (BMS) a monopoly on the game.

BMS has about 400 players, while little league has about 160. Lizotte said BMS would throw its weight around in forcing little league out.

NOT FAR ENOUGH

But the president of Sherbrooke's minor league, Maurice Paré, wasn't satisfied the city went far enough in its decision.

"The city had a policy in 1984 saying they'd only recognize one organization for each sport," BMS president Paré said. "We ask that they apply it to baseball as well. We want just one organization in the area to sign the kids."

The city, in facing two extremes, decided to split the difference in making its choice.

"Baseball Sherbrooke wanted complete fusion. Little league wanted status quo," said Sherbrooke Councillor Jean-François Rouleau. "So I find this a decent compromise."

The city also announced the formation of a committee to stu-

dy the future of the two baseball organizations. Two members of each little league, Sherbrooke's minor league and the city will present a report by next June.

Little league's Lizotte said his organization's future is in question.

"Baseball Mineur will say 'Either we take care of baseball or little league does. If it's not us — we'll leave,'" Lizotte said.

It's possible the city won't recognize the nine-to-12 group next year, he said, and it will be a hard year for little league in

1993. "Baseball is in deep trouble right now for all kids — I can tell you that," Lizotte said.

Lizotte and Paré will be on the committee, which will begin to meet in the new year. Both said they are willing to talk.

Veteran baseball coach saw it coming

SHERBROOKE (MS) — A 16-year veteran of the Sherbrooke-Lennoxville-Fleurimont Little League says the city's decision to not recognize part of the little league system comes as no surprise to him.

"I didn't think it was going to favor little league in the least iota," Bob Halsall said Monday in a telephone interview. "They were going to follow one organi-

zation. I expected it."

Halsall said the recent defection of SLF's publicist, Normand Labelle, to the Sherbrooke Minor Baseball (SMB) league was a sign that SMB was moving in for the kill.

"Right now if kids play little league they've got to sit out the next level before going to Baseball Mineur," Halsall said. SMB

might try to "penalize us even more" by enforcing stricter regulations in the future, he said.

"But they'd have to choke us pretty hard to keep us out of the 9-12 age group," said the SLF board member and coach. The park that the group plays in, Champ-de-Mars, is owned by the Sherbrooke Armory and they promised it to little league decades ago, Halsall said.

But if that did happen and the 41-year-old little league would die, Halsall said he wouldn't throw in the towel.

"If they had cut us totally out of the picture, I'd get a group of parents together and you'd see a Lennoxville-Rock Island Little League come out of this," Halsall said. "If they push too hard, that option is there for the kids."

Clock strikes two in Knowlton Knights plan dinner for poor

KNOWLTON (SM) — Brome Lake police were called in to break up fights outside the Knowlton Pub at both the November and December editions of "Beat The Clock".

Police chief Peter Stone said police officers broke up a fight outside the pub Nov. 2, which left one man in hospital suffering from a compound fracture of the nose.

"A suspect was picked up and detained by Brome Lake police until provincial police officers arrived," Stone said in an interview Monday. "The suspect was questioned by provin-

cial police and released."

Stone said the investigation is continuing and charges are pending.

On the first Saturday of December, the traditional Beat The Clock night, in which drinks increase in price as time passes, police witnessed a second fight outside the pub.

"It was around three in the morning," Stone said. No one has been charged in the incident.

Stone said police have up to six months to lay a charge. He said both incidents are under investigation by provincial police.

Phone service saves woman's life

COWANSVILLE (SM) — Less than a month after Cowansville's municipal department plugged in a computer programmed to make a daily phone-call to seniors and handicapped people living alone, the service is credited with saving a life.

Police chief Arthur Jacques said when the computer made its

daily call to an 83-year-old woman last week, she responded, "Hurry up, get help, I'm sick."

Jacques said the dispatcher immediately sent an ambulance to her home.

"They brought her right away to the hospital and she

stayed there for a few days," said Jacques, adding the elderly woman is now at home, and feeling quite secure.

"We needed a system like that for a long time," he said. "And it didn't take very long for it to prove its worth."

The police chief did not identify the woman.

Michel Fréchette said.

"We don't think that should be. That's why we decided to do this party."

The Knights of Columbus are expecting about 300 people at the party, and they say they'd like to accommodate even more.

"I think we'll have the 300. Beyond that, it's just a question of a place to sit," Fréchette said.

ACTIVITIES

But if the organizers have their way, no one will be sitting still for too long, as they have a full day of events planned. A mass will kick things off at 9:30

am, followed by the special brunch, and festive music will be played throughout, until the party wraps up at around 4 pm.

The Knights of Columbus, who work for social and religious programs in their local communities, was founded by Father Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882. They now number around 1.3 million around the world, Fréchette said.

There are about 1300 members in Sherbrooke and close to two thousand in the Townships, he added.

Missed opportunity to score points

Premier Robert Bourassa is making a mistake by refusing to attend a first-ministers meeting on the economy this week. It might have afforded him the opportunity to score points in two areas.

First, of course, is the economy, the sorry state of which deserves immediate attention. Few people believe Canada has really emerged from the recession, despite Finance Minister Don Mazankowski's claims to the contrary. One need only look at merchants struggling through the usually busy holiday season, at consumers cutting way back on Christmas spending and at the proliferation of food drives for the needy, to realize that these are desperate times.

Quebec is among the hardest hit. Here in the Eastern Townships we've seen a spate of layoffs and a growing number of people spending their scarce dollars across the border.

If nothing else, Bourassa's presence at the meeting would send a signal that our leader is taking the problem seriously and is willing to co-operate with the rest of Canada to make things better.

What Quebecers need to help restore their confidence in the economy is a sense that leaders are doing something about it. Bourassa's stand-in at the meeting, Finance Minister Gérard D. Lévesque, simply won't have the authority to commit Quebec to national measures that might help the ailing economy.

The second way in which Bourassa might gain from attending the meeting is in showing that he has some kind of political will of his own. The premier has demonstrated remarkably little of this since his return to office. At the slightest attack from the Parti Québécois or other nationalist groups, he has backed down and taken the stand called for by his extremist opponents.

If there is one issue that even Quebecers are willing to consider above the so-called unity question, it is the economy. This would be an ideal opportunity for Bourassa to show that he, unlike the nationalists, is working for the real concerns of ordinary Quebecers. As an alleged federalist, he should be seizing any chance to discredit the nationalists.

Instead, he has backed down again, and allows the province's agenda to be controlled by those who would prefer to see Canada fail.

STEVE MEURICE

Bourassa's reasons for not going to Ottawa

Following is a translation by The Canadian Press of the letter from Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney turning down the invitation to Thursday's first ministers conference on the economy.

Mr. Prime Minister,
The present economic climate is extremely difficult. The government of Quebec is sparing no effort to solve the main problems that stem from that climate. The cleanup of public finances, an entirely new policy on industrial development and a dynamic policy of professional manpower training are eloquent examples.

You have proposed a meeting of first ministers on the economy. As you know, I have stated several times that I would evaluate the appropriateness of attending such a meeting as a function of the concrete results it might produce.

I am in complete agreement with intergovernmental co-operation in economic matters, notably because it permits a solid economic union with our Canadian partners and the consolidation and development of international trade relations.

Thus, the government of Quebec has never stopped participating in measures such as harmonizing its fiscal practices with the new federal tax on goods and services and concluding federal-provincial agreements on economic development. Moreover, the minister of finance has actively participated in all federal-provincial conferences touching on the very important matter of transfer payments and equalization and on vital matters concerning health and education.

This last action is particularly significant. In accordance with the policy now in effect, Quebec no longer takes part, in a general way, in multilateral meetings. The main exception to this rule was the presence of the minister of finance with his Canadian counterparts every time it was required. Consequently, it is he who will attend the meeting in order to protect Quebec's economic interests.

To us it seems very difficult to dissociate the economy from constitutional issues, as illustrated by the text on economic union contained in your recent constitutional proposals. The present circumstances do not provide us with any reason whatsoever to question our policy. My decision not to take part personally in this meeting is based on this context and reaffirms the position of the Quebec government concerning the economy and the Constitution.

Robert Bourassa.

Today in history

Dec. 17, 1991

Canada's 10th prime minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King, was born 117 years ago today — in 1874. He was expelled from the Upper Canada legislature for the third time this same day in 1883. Mackenzie King's terms as prime minister spanned the years from 1921 to 1948, although not continuously. He died of pneumonia July 22, 1950.

Also on this day in:

1937 — Australian media magnate Kerry Packer was born.

1967 — Saint John, N.B., adopted My Own Canadian Home as its official song.

Letters

Post office: What has happened in the past four years?

An open letter to the Hon. Jean Charest
Dear Sir,

I am writing to you as our member of Parliament to draw your attention to the closure of the Lennoxville post office and your note to the town four years ago assuring us that this post office would not be closed. What has happened in the past four years?

The Lennoxville post office is not a rural post office. It not only serves the town but the residential population of Bishop's University, Champlain College and Bishop's College School. These institutions, as well as the other businesses and educational centres in the town, have considerable mailings.

As the director of a summer camp, I use the post office regularly

and have been aware of the decline of service over the past months. With one person on the counter, the lineups have been considerable — this after the opening of the retail outlet in the pharmacy.

With the post office closed, the pharmacy will be extremely busy. Is it sensible to have double the lineups in a store? There seems to be some question as to whether those of us who use a postage meter will have to go into Sherbrooke for servicing.

Apart from the direct service offered by the post office, the question of congestion in Lennoxville must be considered. The present post office offers excellent parking. There is no parking near the pharmacy — a definite inconvenience for those who are bringing large

volumes of mail.

I cannot in all honesty see parking a block away to then carry a large box of mail to the pharmacy, and then making my way through the aisles, stocked with merchandise to the very back of the store. I foresee people double parking on the main street while they take mail into the pharmacy.

I made a point today at noon of noting that the parking lot at the post office was full and seven people were standing in line. There were two parking spaces available within a block on either side of the pharmacy.

Sir, I do understand the necessity of cost cutting — but there must be reasonable studies done of specific locations. It is not possible simply to say all towns of 5000 'X' dis-

tance away from the next postal station must be closed. I know that I am speaking for a large percentage of the population when I ask you to consider this matter, and to use any influence which you may have to help change the decision of Canada Post with regard to the Lennoxville post office.

I remain, yours sincerely,
MADELENE FERGUSON ALLEN
Lennoxville

Thinking straight

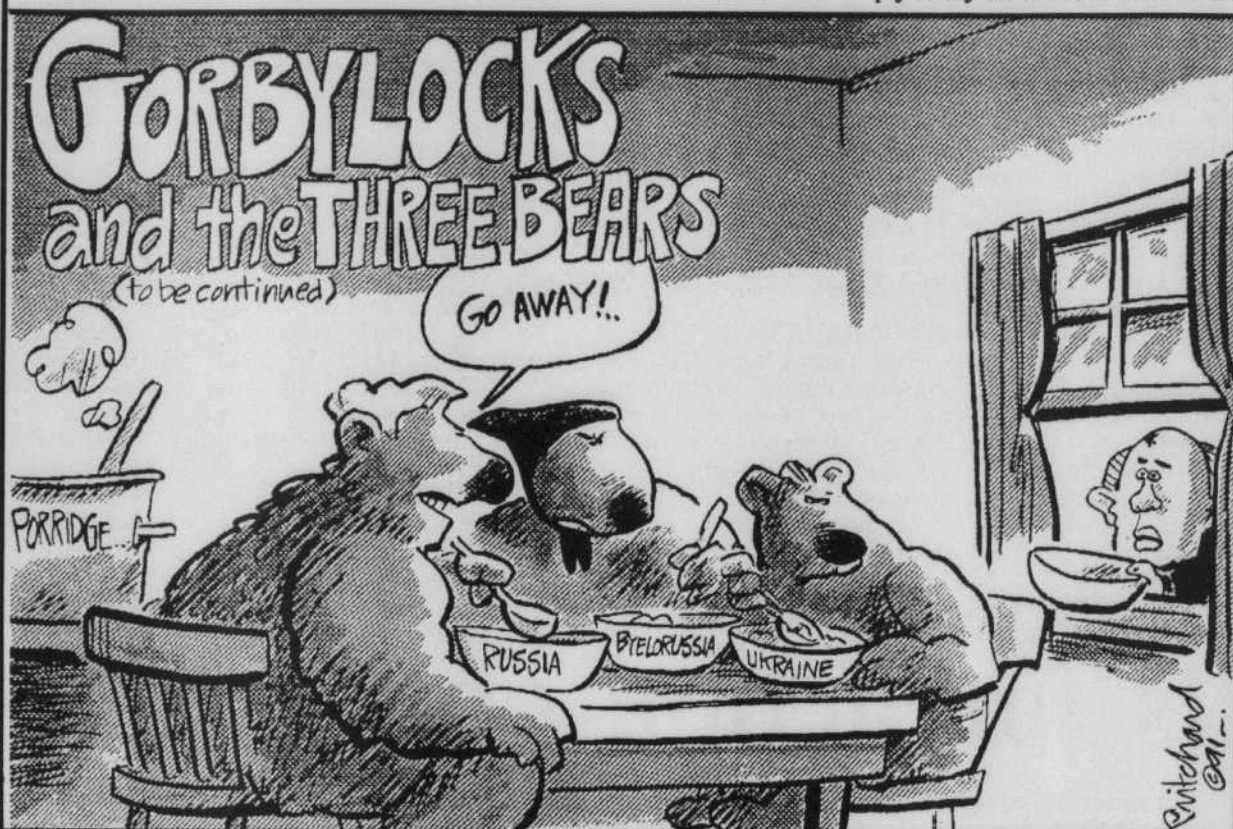
Dear Editor:

Montreal has always had primacy over the cities in Quebec province. They have influenced voting and generally, when they wanted a skyscraper built, they got it built (new jobs with it) and even got something as stupid and grandiose as the Olympic Stadium or the "big Owe" as they laugh away a billion of dollars of taxpayers' money. As Bob Dylan sang, "The times, they are a changing." I believe Montreal's day is coming to an end.

Already, the hinterland or the urban and rural installations surrounding Montreal, or city state, as some in the past have stated it should be, outnumber Montreal's population. Look at the number of seats in the provincial legislature Montreal has. This is no longer just. I say bring Montreal's domination over the province of Quebec to an end and it will be better for the health and prosperity of everyone. You cannot think straight in an urban complex moving the speed of Montreal's.

That's my Christmas, 1991, wish. Thank you.

Sincerely,
JIM CRAWFORD
Lennoxville



Controversial procedure denounced by anti-abortionists

First Canadian fetal-tissue transplant performed

By Maggie Marwah

HALIFAX (CP) — Anne Rutherford was heading for the door when the call came with the news.

"I'm just on my way out to see about a computer because I can't write very well any more," the St. John's, Nfld., woman said Monday. "Parkinson's is really the pits."

Rutherford is among thousands of Canadians who suffer from the degenerative brain disease.

She had been waiting a long time for word that came Monday when Halifax's Victoria General Hospital announced it had performed Canada's first transplant of fetal tissue into the brain of a Parkinson's disease sufferer.

The recipient was a 61-year-old Nova Scotia woman who has had the disease for 20 years, the hospital said. The woman, whose identity wasn't released, underwent the 3½-hour operation Friday afternoon.

Her doctors said she was doing well and could be released as early as today. It'll be about six months before any difference in her condition would be apparent.

But while the transplant offers hope to Parkinson's sufferers, it's not without opponents.

The procedure involves the injection of brain tissue from aborted fetuses into the brain of the Parkinson's sufferer.

SEEK ABORTIONS

Critics, particularly anti-abortion groups, view it as taking one life to aid another. Some fear family members of people with Parkinson's could seek abortions just to provide donor tissue.

"We're concerned that abortions will be demanded to help these elderly people who have Parkinson's," said Tricia Chute, Nova Scotia co-ordinator of the anti-abortion group Council for Life.

"We maintain that the end does not justify the means."

Chute, a New Glasgow, N.S., resident, is no stranger to the debilitating effects of Parkinson's. Her grandmother, who's in her 70s, takes medication for the disease.

But for the doctors, researchers

and others involved in the pioneering work, moral and ethical questions have been resolved.

"The two issues are clearly separable," maintained Dr. Bernard Badley, chief executive officer of Victoria General.

"The act of abortion is one issue; the decision as to what happens to the tissue obtained is a totally separate issue. It is purposefully confused, I think, in order to make a point."

CONSULT EXPERTS

Badley said numerous committees studied the issue, consulting legal, ethical and scientific experts.

The Victoria General, the biggest hospital east of Montreal and the Maritimes' top transplant facility, performs about 1,500 abortions annually.

The fetal neural transplant had been in the planning for over three years. Friday's patient is the first of five expected to undergo the procedure over the next several months before the hospital takes a break to assess the progress.

All five will be from Nova Scotia to allow for long-term study. They also must have reached the stage where medication no longer works, have no other condition that could interfere with the transplant, and be able to give informed consent to the procedure.

The operation, first done in Sweden five years ago, stimulates production of dopamine, a chemical the brain needs to control motor functions and co-ordination. Lack of dopamine is a characteristic of Parkinson's disease.

Badley estimated about 100 such operations have been done elsewhere in the world and marked improvements have occurred in patients.

Originally from Toronto, Rutherford describes herself as a professional Parkinsonian. She found out she had the disease in 1980 when her two daughters were in grade school.

Her mother and grandfather both had Parkinson's, so when she found herself unable to trace carbon paper for her fourth grader, she recognized the symptoms.

German jobs price of environmental cleanup

By Mark Heinrich

BITTERFELD, Germany (Reuter) — The air has improved so much in Bitterfeld, once the black hole of an East German pollution nightmare, that residents sat outdoors at cafes last summer for the first time in memory.

But Bitterfelders have paid a heavy price for better air — the progressive shutdown of toxic, obsolete industrial plants has thrown more than 50,000 people out of work in the town of 123,000.

"The environmental cleanup here is the sole product of heavy industry's collapse," Roland Boran, director of Bitterfeld's new chemical pollution watchdog agency, said in an interview.

"After the ecological disaster comes the economic disaster."

Potential new investors have shied away from Bitterfeld for fear of having to foot multibillion-dollar bills for tackling the pollution left behind by decades of communist mismanagement.

Bitterfeld acquired such notoriety over the years for the emissions billowing from its smokestack skyline that it evoked a saying in East

Germany: "If we don't meet on this Earth, then we'll meet in Bitterfeld."

INDUSTRY CENTRE

At the core of an industrial belt dating from the 1890s, the town's huge chemical, fibre and brown-coal power plants spewed out as much raw gas and liquid waste a year as a West German state with 45 times the land size.

East Germany's communist leaders disdained anti-pollution technology that would have had to be imported at prohibitive cost from the West and possibly disrupted production schedules.

Two years ago, Bitterfeld's acrid air could bring tears to the eyes, and soot blackened the entire town, located about 175 kilometres south of Berlin.

Since then, air pollution has been halved and the incidence of respiratory ailments has fallen dramatically, says Bitterfeld regional environmental commissioner Guenther Eckstein.

"Bitterfelders whiled away time at outdoor cafes for the first time in memory this summer," said Monika Zosgornik, who works in a corner bakery.

"Of course, we're happy with the better air but a lot of us wonder whether it would have been better to keep risking our health than be put out on the street with all these industrial closures."

BRIGHTER LOOK

The face of Bitterfeld has also changed radically, like other east German towns, since the free market took hold.

A once unrelievedly begrimed, gloomy townscape is brightened with renovated facades, smart new shops and car dealerships.

High-tech pollution-measuring stations, paid for out of a \$84 million federal environmental fund granted to Bitterfeld, are scattered about the area.

Public works crews are busy building new water mains to prepare for construction of modern water filtration plants.

But prompted by declining demand for uncompetitive products, stiffer environmental rules or a combination of the two, the three main industrial complexes have reduced output by between 30 and 80 per cent since January 1990.

A workforce that numbered

167,000 in 1989 under communism will have shrivelled to 37,500 by the end of 1991.

STILL MONEY

Most fired workers still draw regular pay under federally funded schemes or have found temporary employment, preventing impoverishment in Bitterfeld for now.

But the schemes are to expire at the end of this year. Only 15,000 jobs are expected to be viable from 1994 — and only if western firms can be enticed to revamp outmoded factories.

"Our great problem is that the land is so tainted by deadly waste that few firms have been willing to invest," said Eckstein.

Bitterfeld's long-term salvation will probably depend on massive federal subsidies for new business ventures.

Horst Rehberger, economics minister of Saxony-Anhalt state where Bitterfeld is located, recently announced six industrial concerns — five west German and one British — had promised to erect plants employing 3,500 people.

The German federal government is to finance a third of the \$1.4 billion US invested.

Industry, Alcan falling like rocks

MONTREAL (CP) — Alcan Aluminium Ltd. made a profit of \$931 million US in 1988 — the richest year in the multinational's history.

This year, Alcan will probably make a profit of exactly zero.

The aluminum industry is dropping like a rock because the recession has made cars, cans and housing construction a luxury. And Alcan is falling with it.

It has already slashed 600 jobs this year, 242 of them in Quebec. It has shut down 145,000 tonnes of production worldwide — more than eight per cent of its total capacity.

Alcan president Jacques Bougie admits that corporate earnings for the first nine months of this year collapsed to nothing, compared with a \$353-million profit for the same period last year.

That has prompted the Canadian Bond Rating Service to downgrade Alcan's long-term debt and preferred shares by two notches.

"We need to be aware that, while economists and politicians have been talking about a recovery, we just don't see it," Bougie said in his spacious office.

"I actually see a very difficult first half of 1992 and hopefully a recovery in the second half."

LOSES BIG

Alcan's worst losses have been in Brazil. Its South American subsidiary lost about \$66 million US in the first half of the year and could lose \$100 million for the year.

The Canadian smelters and mills have not fared much better, posting a \$64-million loss in the first nine months of the year. Operations in the United States lost \$5 million.

The price of aluminum is largely determined by the London Metals Exchange, a clearing house for spot buyers. World inventory levels and demand for aluminum set the London price.

Currently, aluminum inventories are at an estimated 900,000 tonnes. Metals analyst Terry

Ortsan said that is the "all-time high for any metal in LME history."

Accordingly, world spot prices are hovering around 50 cents a pound, the lowest price ever for the light metal in real terms (after inflation), analysts say. Aluminum reached a high of \$1.90 a pound in the mid-1980s boom.

Experts also blame the metal's current woes on dumping by Russian producers.

Desperate for hard cash, the Russian industry has reportedly shipped almost one million tonnes of aluminum to Western Europe so far this year, compared with under 300,000 tonnes last year.

FILE COMPLAINT

Western producers have filed a complaint with the European Economic Community but with little success so far.

As the second largest aluminum producer in the western world after Alcoa, Alcan is getting hit hard.

Its capital expenditures program for next year has already been slashed by a third to \$600 million.

In past years, Alcan said those expenditures were earmarked for Quebec and the planned Kemano project in British Columbia. Kemano, which includes developing a hydroelectric facility, is on hold pending an environmental hearing.

"Year in, year out, we have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in Canada," Bougie said, reiterating the company's commitment to replace its older facilities by the end of the decade.

He said the Canadian operations are among the lowest-cost smelters in the world — and therefore the least vulnerable to shutdowns.

However, layoffs might be another story. With over 10,000 employees, Alcan is one of Canada's largest employers.

"We cannot discount the possibility of more layoffs. But as we speak, we're not contemplating (any)," Bougie said.

Via ups Quebec Ontario routes

OTTAWA (CP) — Via Rail will run 22 extra passenger trains a week, including a daily express service, in the Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto corridor starting Jan. 19, the company announced Monday.

The express train will cut the Montreal-Toronto trip to four hours and 10 minutes, 20 minutes quicker than its current fastest service.

Via hopes to have that trip down to three hours and 59 minutes by the end of next year.

It's the first time since Via service was cut by half in January 1990 that it has added new trains.

The company says the extra services won't cost the government any money. Federal support for Via drops to \$375 million

in 1992 from \$409 million this year.

Via proposed the extra services to the government in September.

Via has carried six per cent more riders this year than last year.

The late afternoon express would be one of six daily trains each way between Montreal and Toronto that would depart every two hours starting at about 8 a.m., with the last train leaving in the early evening.

Via will also add a new service for Ottawa-Toronto travellers.

A train will leave Ottawa at 6 a.m., stop in Kingston at 7.46 a.m. and arrive in Toronto at 9.59 a.m.

There are also adjustments on weekend trains.

Black criticized in Australian deal

SYDNEY, Australia (CP) — Canadian Conrad Black won his battle for the John Fairfax Group today, his Tourang syndicate paying the equivalent of \$1.5 billion Australian (about \$1.32 billion Cdn) for the country's second-largest newspaper company.

While the months leading up to the sale were filled with controversy, so was reaction to the sale of the 150-year-old group to a foreigner.

Former Australian prime minister Malcolm Fraser reacted angrily to the successful bid by Black, who first announced his intention to bid for Fairfax in June.

"Now 90 per cent of Australia's important print media will be owned by foreigners and proprietors do influence their newspapers," Fraser said. He and former prime minister Gough Whit-

lam campaigned against Tourang's bid for Fairfax.

"It just indicates total lack of self-respect, self-esteem, pride in Australia as being Australian," added Fraser.

Rupert Murdoch, whose News Limited is the largest newspaper group in the country, was an Australian but is now an American citizen.

Black, who already owns more than 200 newspapers worldwide, will have a 15 per cent interest in Fairfax through his Hollinger, Inc. subsidiary Daily Telegraph PLC of Britain. He will fly to Sydney on Tuesday for talks with the Fairfax management team and employees.

The announcement ended a series of events that saw Black lose his major Australian partner, billionaire Kerry Packer, over potential cross-media ownership rules. His managing

director also quit because of his past ties with Packer.

BLOCK BID

Nearly two weeks ago, the federal government said his initial bid had too much foreign ownership and would be blocked because it was not in the national interest.

But Black and his partners, the United States investment group Hellman and Friedman, who now have five per cent of Tourang, revamped their offer before final bids closed last Wednesday. The other 80 per cent of Tourang will be taken up by Australian institutions.

Black, 47, at one point had a 20 per cent stake in Tourang, and Hellman and Friedman 15 per cent. Tourang has reportedly asked the federal government if those totals can be restored once the group is floated in February as a major public company.

Fairfax receiver Des Nicholl, appointed in December of last year, said the sale should be completed by Dec. 23.

Fairfax's three main newspapers, the Sydney Morning Herald, the Melbourne Age and the Australian Financial Review, are considered among the most influential in the country.

"The transaction will consolidate the company with total assets of over \$1.6 billion (Aus-

tralian) and significantly lower bank facilities," Nicholl said in a statement.

Debt owing to unsecured subordinated bondholders will be settled for \$140 million (Australian) and all other unsecured creditors will be paid in full.

In Sydney, the Australian Journalists' Association said it will seek talks on editorial independence with Tourang officials.

"We will expect them to make a positive commitment on editorial independence," said AJA secretary Chris Warren.

Home sales continue downward trend

OTTAWA (CP) — The number of homes changing hands in November fell by nine per cent from October, continuing a general downward trend which began in April, the Canadian Real Estate Association said today.

Association president Michael Ziegler said interest rates at an 18-year low haven't been sufficient to boost the resale housing market out of the doldrums.

"Unfortunately, even with favorable house prices it's not enough to offset consumer worries about future job and income prospects," he said.

By Bruce Cheadle

OTTAWA (CP) — In a decision that could result in thousands of dollars of back pay for postal workers, Ontario Court has ruled that Canada Post must pay wages dating back to 1986.

"The buzzards are circling and probably by the summer of next year we'll see the employer be in a position where they have to make some reasonably hefty payments to postal workers," John Fehr, national chief steward for the postal union, said Monday.

The union estimates it will cost Canada Post in excess of \$19 million, including interest, to fulfil its obligations.

"On the high side you're looking at people who are going to get \$3,000 to \$4,000 in wages and benefits," said Fehr.

The union also has two other cases dating back to the 1987 strike it believes could be influenced by the latest court decision. Both involve back pay for particular job classifications.

The matter has been before the courts ever since and a Canada Post spokesman said the fight may not be over.

"We'll have to take a decision once legal affairs and labor relations have finished their review to see whether we'll take further action," said Ida Irwin.

"They've been trying to ignore this problem and that's no longer possible."

The dispute stems from an arbitrator's ruling on the 1987 postal strike, when members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers were legislated back to work by the federal government.

In the wake of the strike, Canada Post and the union disagreed over the retroactivity of wages and benefits under the back-to-work legislation. An arbitrator ruled that postal workers were owed back pay dating from Oct. 1, 1986.

How to deal with losses due to theft

This article deals with the tax treatment of losses incurred by companies which were the victim of theft, or embezzlement.

Losses through theft, robbery and shoplifting by strangers are an inherent risk for most businesses. Accordingly, losses which are considered incidental to the income-earning activities of the business are normally deductible in computing income from a business.

The same applies for theft committed by employers other than senior employers (e.g. directors) will depend on the circumstances in each individual case. As is often the case, such losses are not deductible, since they cannot reasonably be considered incidental to the income-earning activities of the business.

SENIOR CASES

Relevant considerations in determining deductibility in cases involving senior employees include:

- The extent of the senior employee's authority and control — note that if the individual was in a position to act as if he or she were an owner of the business, the loss is unlikely to meet the requirements for deductibility;
- How and at what stage in the

income-earning process the funds or property were stolen or embezzled — note that a loss or diversion of profits which have already been earned by the business is generally not a loss which is incidental to the income-earning activities of the business; and

- The extent of any shareholdings in the business by the senior employee. An amount that is stolen or misappropriated by an individual in his or her capacity as a shareholder is not deductible.

LOSS ALLOWED

The amount of loss allowable is the net amount after taking into account any insurance recovery. An allowable loss usually is deductible in computing income of the year in which the loss is discovered.

If a recovery is effected after the end of the year in which a loss has been allowed, whether by restitution from the wrongdoer or through insurance, the amount of recovery is income in the year in which it is received, or the year in which it became receivable, whichever is earlier.

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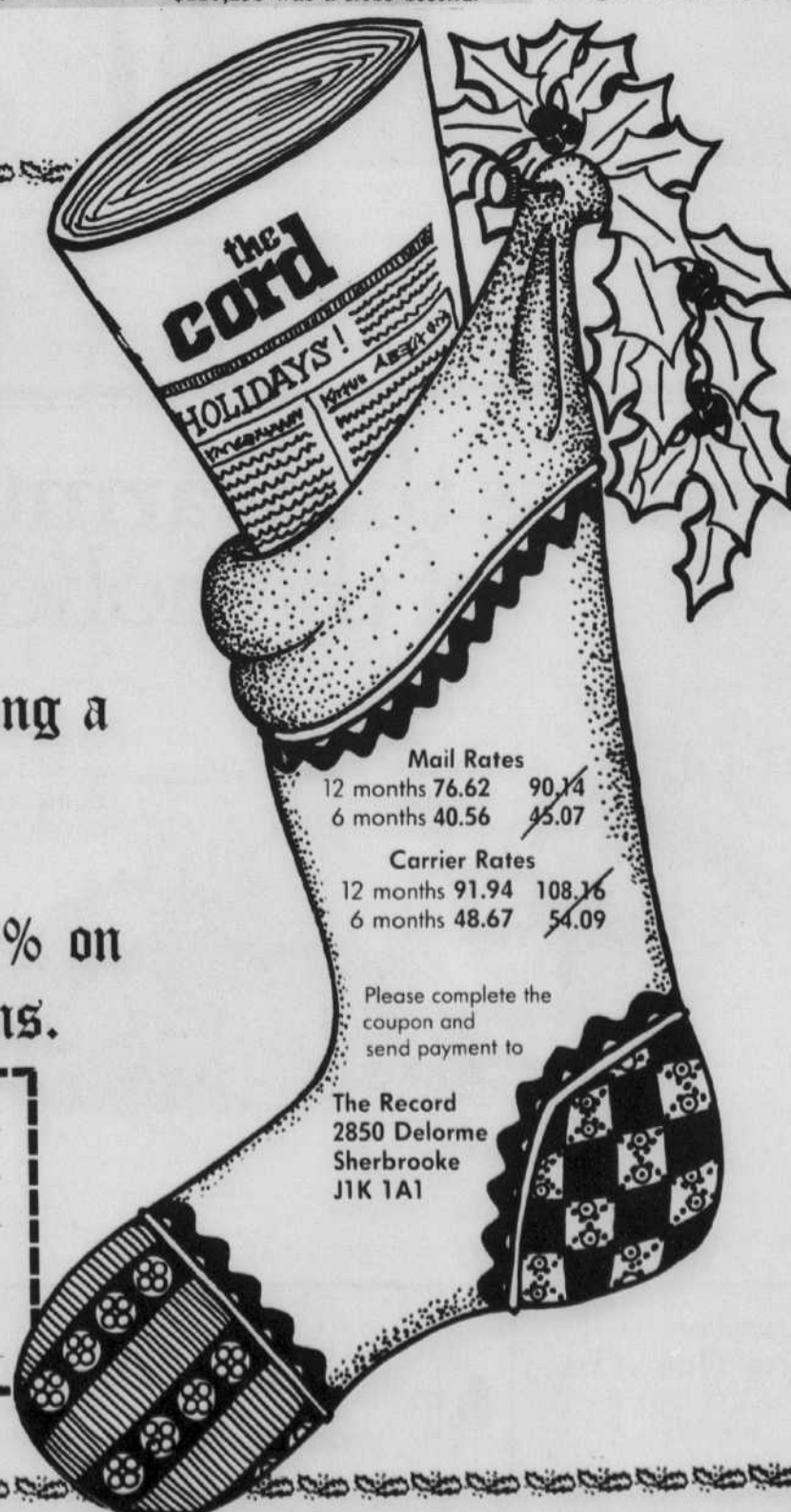
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Social notes

Helene Dore - Dale Nugent marriage solemnized in St. Andrew's Church at Inverness, Que.

Helene Dore and Dale Nugent were wed at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian and United Church in Inverness, Quebec, on August 17th, 1991 at 7 p.m. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Irma Dore of Quebec and of the late Mr. Gerard Dore. The groom is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Nugent of Kinnear's Mills, Quebec.

The double ring ceremony was officiated by Rev. Linda E. Robinson. The organist, Mrs. Margaret Cruikshank, played several selections as the guests were arriving,

which included: O Perfect Love, O Promise Me, Traumeri. During the signing of the register, she played The Lord's My Shepherd.

The church was decorated with baskets of flowers and family pews were marked with white bows enhanced with mauve and aqua tulle.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her son Carl and looked lovely in a Victorian style gown accented with lace. She carried a bouquet of silk flowers and wore pearl earrings, a gift from the groom. The groom wore a dark navy blue striped suit with a white rose boutonniere.

The bridesmaids were Helene's daughters, Sarah and

Fabienne and the young flower girl was Sarah Lowry, daughter of Graydon and Brenda Lowry of Thetford Mines. The three of them were lovely in their semi-long dresses in shades of mauve and aqua.

Donald Nugent, Dale's brother, was best man and Bernard Dore, Helene's brother was an usher. A friend of the couple, Graydon Lowry, was also an usher. Each of them wore a silk flower on their dark suits.

The ceremony included passages of the Bible read by Sarah and Fabienne, daughters of the bride, Cheryl and Warren Melanson, daughter and son of Judy and Alfred Melanson of

Bathurst, New Brunswick and Kimberley and Pamela Nugent, daughters of Marlene and Donald Nugent of Pointe Claire, Quebec.

A friend of the couple, Brian Lowry, chauffeured the newlyweds to Thetford Reception Hall in Thetford Mines for a reception given in their honour.

The wedding party was pleased to greet guests from all over Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick. Darren Melanson, Dale's nephew, proposed a toast to the newlyweds and Donald Nugent read a telegram from friends in Red Deer, Alberta.

A lunch was served around midnight and included a beautifully decorated

three tiered wedding fruit cake, made by Mrs. Helen Robinson of Inverness.

Donald Nugent and David Thompson, Dale's brother and cousin, videotaped the wedding ceremony and reception, giving the couple the opportunity to have memories of those precious moments.

Dale and Helene left the same night for a one week honeymoon in the New England States. They are now residing in their new home at Tweedside Farm, Kinnear's Mills.

The newlyweds wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to their family and friends who contributed to make their wedding day so meaningful.



Nutbrown - Marcoux wedding solemnized



Ann Marcoux and Robert Nutbrown were married at Notre-Dame de la Paix Church in Johnville, Que. on October 12th, 1991.

The bride is the daughter of Andre and Del Marcoux of Lennoxville. The groom is the son of Wayne and Louise Nutbrown of Huntingville.

Alden and Lillian Boreham observe their 60th wedding anniversary with family

Thanksgiving weekend, Alden and Lillian Boreham were taken completely by surprise when they were honored by their family and acquaintances on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. The celebration took place at the Algo Inn, and for the occasion the hall was decorated with the bride's favorite colors, pink and blue. The couple of 60 years were chauffeured to the party and upon entering the hall, they were greeted by their seven children. Billy from Golden, B.C., Betty from Iqaliut, N.W.T., Robert of Elliot Lake, Bernard from Erickson, B.C., Charlie from Morrisville, New Zealand, Margaret from Richmond, Que. and Ronald from Sudbury, Ont.

A family reunion was then evident and with all the grandchildren and invited guests, an enjoyable afternoon took place to celebrate this truly memorable occasion.

Lillian and Alden seated at the head table served tea and a beautiful decorated pink and blue wedding cake. On the wall was a framed picture of their wedding day 60 years previous, along with a hand designed anniversary quilt. Each block represented the seven children and twenty-one grandchildren.

Each individual was requested to design their block which they felt fairly depicted their parents or grandparents. The centre of the quilt was designed to show their anniversary date, their home and lifestyle.

Lillian and Alden were great gardeners and owned a hobby farm on the Richmond road. Many flowers and vegetables were appreciated by friends in Danville and area.

A presentation ceremony by the Mayor of Elliot Lake, Mr. George Farkouh took place. The City of Elliot Lake presented a scroll from the Mayor and Council, congratulatory messages from Her Majesty the Queen, Buckingham Palace along with the Hon. Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada and also the Prime Minister of New Zealand, were received. Congratulation certificates were received from the Member of the Opposition, Mr. Jean Chretien and the Governor General of Canada, Premier Bourassa and Premier Rae also had congratulation messages presented by the local Members of Parliament in the Algoma Riding. Dr. Foster, M.P. and Mike Brown, M.P.P. sent their best wishes.

An afternoon of best wishes and reminiscence was enjoyed by all.



Best wishes for the holidays

Best wishes are sent for a Happy Holiday to Jasper McAuley of Magog from all his family, while he is spending the winter months with his daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. E. Keeler, Niagara-on-the-Lake, R.R. #4, Ontario, L0S 1J0.

Merry, Merry Christmas

Greetings! May this serve as our personal Christmas greeting card wishing all our friends and relatives a very blessed and meaningful Christmas. May the spirit of Christmas be with all of you this holiday season. This sincere message is from Fritz and Myrtle Pope at the Wales Home, Richmond.

Congratulations



Paul Edw. Foley, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foley of Danville, Quebec has successfully passed the Uniform Final Examination of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Paul is a graduate of Bishop's University, Lennoxville with a degree in Business Administration and is presently employed by Deloitte and Touche Chartered Accountants in Ottawa.

Rowe - Stambaugh wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Stambaugh were married on August 4th, 1991, at the Graniteville United Church with the Rev. Deborah Laing officiating. Beve is the daughter of Gordon and Susan Rowe of Beebe, Quebec, and Steve, the son of Donald and Virginia Stambaugh of York, Pa. Proud grandparents are Mrs. Marion Rowe of Knowlton, Quebec and Mr. and Mrs. William Stambaugh of York, Pa. The happily married couple are presently residing in Sausalito, Ca.

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Turkey is on a roll for the holidays An ode to old time radio days

By Judy Creighton

The Canadian Press
Without legs or wings, it may not look like a Christmas turkey. But a boneless, rolled bird has its advantages.

"There is no waste of meat at all," says Donna-Marie Pye, a home economist with the Ontario Turkey Producers Marketing Board.

"If you make it yourself you can remove all the white and dark meat (from the turkey) and then make a roll out of it." You can also make the roast all white meat or all dark, depending on the tastes of your dinner guests.

Pye says turkey rolls can be bought already boned from butchers and supermarket meat departments, but they are expensive because the preparation is labor-intensive.

So the board is offering step-by-step details on how to bone and roll your own turkey.

"The traditional turkey with

bones in is still more popular," Pye says, "but some people like to try fancier things at Christmas time."

Another reason to bone and roll your own bird, she says, is that it fits well into a Christmas dinner involving two to four people.

"It's also ideal for buffet parties, because it can be sliced and served with ease."

Pye says a sharp knife makes boning a turkey easy.

"Keep the skin intact to wrap the final product," she adds.

BONING UP

Here is the method:

—Remove wings by cutting around shoulder joint.

—Remove skin from each side of the turkey as a single piece. Beginning at backbone, cut breast meat from carcass. Continue cutting down to keel bone. Carefully cut along bottom of keel bone to remove meat from carcass in one piece.

—Dislocate legs at hip and cut thigh meat away from backbone. Be careful to cut out the oyster-shaped piece of meat from backbone.

—Separate legs into thighs and drumsticks by cutting through joint. Remove dark meat from leg by cutting along thigh bone.

—Bones may be used for soup stock; wings, drumsticks and surplus meat are available for dishes such as fricassee, stew or pot pies. Giblets are also available for separate use.

—Lay out strings for tying roll on a tray prior to laying out skin. The skin from one side only is used for each roll. For even thickness, make a slash in the thickest portion of the breast and open up book-fashion.

—Lay breast meat out from end to end of skin, leaving a portion of the skin on the ends for tucking in. Place 500 mL (2 cups) of stuffing on opened breast to form a roll down centre.

—Place dark meat evenly over stuffing and evenly down full length of the roll.

—Gather sides of breasts together to cover stuffing. Stretch skin to evenly cover meat and tie in several places with butcher's string.

—Place turkey seam-side down in a 23 x 34 cm (9 x 13 inch) baking dish. Rub skin with butter. Roast uncovered in a preheated 160 C (325 F) oven for 30 minutes per kilogram (15 minutes per pound) or until thermometer in stuffing registers 64 C (165 F). Baste often with pan juices or fruit juice. If skin browns unevenly, cover dark areas with foil. Bake extra stuffing in a greased, covered baking dish alongside turkey for the final 40 minutes of roasting.

Judy Creighton welcomes letters at The Canadian Press, 36 King St. E., Toronto, Ont., M5C 2L9 but cannot promise to answer correspondence.

Christmas cheer: It's all in the cards

By Marlene Habib

TORONTO (CP) — Sandy Brand's mailbox isn't brimming with holiday greetings this year, but she isn't taking it personally.

Brand, an artist and owner of a fine arts gallery, realizes cost and time constraints are forcing friends and business associates to cut back on the number of Christmas cards they're sending.

A stamp to mail a card within Canada is 40 cents — five cents cheaper for envelopes with special postal-code boxes. That's a far cry from the one cent it cost to send a card in 1840.

But Brand, a 45-year-old mother of four, isn't letting a few cents interfere with her plans to uphold the centuries-old greeting card tradition.

In fact, for the past 10 years, she has used her artistic talents to design her own. This year, she had 300 holiday postcards — featuring her trademark Christmas cow character she created several years ago — printed for about \$100.

Industry experts estimate about 150 million Christmas cards will be exchanged this

year.

REDUCE LIST

But some people say they've narrowed their mailing list down to people they see infrequently, while many are attaching cards to presents instead of mailing them.

Brand and others also are making or buying elaborate cards as an inexpensive alternative to buying gifts.

"I used to make Christmas cards with my kids when I was little, and now I create my own for my friends, clients and people I work with," she says.

"I know it's expensive, but it's worth it. It's what Christmas is all about to me, especially since I don't spend a lot of money on gifts."

Bunny Sicard of Hallmark Cards Canada says while individuals may not be buying as many cards, more companies are sending them in hopes of improving customer relations.

"It's part of that whole 1990s move towards better customer service."

Charities also report more greeting-card business through organizations such as the Cana-

dian National Institute for the Blind, the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada and UNICEF.

At UNICEF Canada headquarters in Toronto, national sales manager Jerry Seligman says card sales are up by about 10 per cent over the same time last year. In 1990, 157 million cards were sold worldwide, raising about \$59 million for projects to help developing countries.

"Money is getting tighter for people, so many are turning to charity cards to do two things at once — donate to a charity and get their card shopping done at the same time," Seligman says.

SAVE PAPER

Betty-Anne Howard of Kingston, Ont., and other Canadians have eliminated card-giving partly because of the environmental benefit of saving paper.

Howard says she also doesn't like cards that focus on consumerism or commercialism.

Greeting-card companies have been addressing such concerns.

Recycled paper is increasingly being used, and many cards also reflect changes and trends in society.

ahead were popular.

During the Second World War, many cards showed Santa Claus carrying flags. Special cards for those serving in the war had messages such as "Across the Miles" and "Missing You," and this marked the beginning of the me-to-you trend in cards.

The most popular early Canadian cards depicted winter themes showing people sleighing, tobogganing and skating. Many of the designs were taken from artists such as Cornelius Krieghoff and William Bartlett.

In the 1960s and '70s, cards that reflect society trends — such as peace symbols, the first manned moon landing and Santa in a jogging suit — came into vogue.

By 1860, Christmas cards were the rage in England. Most popular designs were of landscapes, children, flowers, portraits, birds, fish and animals. In the 1880s, religious scenes became popular.

In 1875, Louis Prang started printing multicolored cards in Boston. By 1881, he was printing five million cards.

At the turn of the century, cheap postcards imported from Germany flooded the North American market. The North American greeting card industry bounced back in the 1920s with a demand for higher-quality cards.

In 1929, cards that spoofed poverty of the Depression and expressed faith in better times

with Kaye in the first draft of his memoirs, "but he expurgated the material at the behest of his

then-wife Joan Plowright." Spoto said he had access to much of the excised material.

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Writer: Olivier, Kaye were lovers

NEW YORK (AP) — Sir Laurence Olivier and actor Danny Kaye carried on a 10-year romance while Olivier was married to Vivien Leigh and Kaye was married to Sylvia Fine, according to an Olivier biographer.

"It was not really an odd coupling at all," Donald Spoto told The Advocate in its Dec. 31 issue. "Although he was the consummate romantic and tragic actor, Olivier much preferred to be known as a comedian on-stage and off. And he loved Kaye's quickness, his intelligence, his sophistication."

Spoto's book "Laurence Olivier: A Biography," will be released in the United States this coming February. It was published last fall in England.

Spoto told The Advocate that "Leigh knew about Kaye, and Olivier knew that she knew." He said Olivier once wrote a letter to Leigh in which he said he hoped that their divorce was not caused by his relationship with Kaye.

Spoto also said that Olivier wrote about his relationship

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Fordyce Branch of the Women's Institute celebrate their 45th anniversary with many former members present to share a memorable day of socializing and reminiscing over the past years

On Wednesday, November 27, members and guests of Fordyce Branch W.I. met at noon in Emmanuel United Church to celebrate their 45th anniversary with a luncheon followed by entertainment.

The hall was attractively decorated in our colours of blue

and gold with balloons placed here and there, plants were placed on tables and vases of flowers on the window sills. Strips of coloured paper were laid down the center of each table along with candles and a souvenir program at each place setting. The centerpiece on the head table was a beauti-

fully decorated cake made in the replica of our badge by Irene Williams, flanked by candles with a banner made especially for our anniversary by Evelyn Lewis directly behind the table.

Upon entering the hall the Past Provincial President, County President, Charter

members and Past Presidents, after signing the guest book, were presented with corsages and the members and other guests with name tags. While waiting for the sumptuous turkey dinner to be served, catered by Mrs. Menec, everyone enjoyed visiting and strolling around the room looking at memorabilia and photos, bringing back memories.

After everyone was seated, they were welcomed by the President who also stated that regrets had been received from the Provincial President Florence Ellerton and some charter members unable to attend due to distance or previous commitments. The head table, Past Provincial President Pearl Yates, County President Mary Harvey, Past County President Ruby Sherrer and Branch Presidents—Dunham, Gracia Comeau; Stanbridge East, Thelma Rhicard and the recently disbanded Cowansville Branch, Lilo Bidner, were introduced by the President Evelyn Lewis. Mrs. Gladys Dustin, Social convener, introduced the charter members and Mrs. Verna Patterson, Past President, introduced Past Presidents, Mrs. George Bromby, Mrs. Merlin Lewis, Mrs. John Syberg, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Murray Mason and Mrs. Ivan Sherrer. The members and other guests introduced themselves. Mrs. Gert Barrand, treasurer, led us in a moment of silence for deceased members, closing with the beautiful reading "Passing Through" from our W.I. Memorial Service.

Following the singing of our "Opening Ode", Mrs. Evelyn Clarke at the piano and our W.I. Grace, dinner was served and enjoyed. Mrs. Pollie Jones, a longtime member, who has

donated many afghans over the years to help swell our finances and who recently had a poem dedicated to her in the Record, cut our anniversary cake, which was served with ice cream.

After dinner, Mrs. Verna Patterson read one of her special poems which she had composed especially to celebrate our 45 years. Speeches were heard from our guests at the head table and various members spoke of what being a W.I. member meant or of remembering some person or event through the years.

Entertainment began with all joining in singing two songs, "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" and the "W.I. Rally Song". Everyone was happy to have Eunice Stowe back after recovering from a broken hip and hearing her read a humorous poem, written years ago by a W.I. member's husband, Verna Patterson, Mary McClure and Evelyn Lewis sang their own composed W.I. song to the tune of "My Bonnie lies over the Ocean." Mrs. Reda Lewis drew the winning ticket for the afghan made by Mary McClure, which was won by Ericka Sherrer, Ruby Sherrer's granddaughter. We were then treated to a very comical skit, "The One They Forgot," a telephone conversation between Mrs. W. Eye (Margaret Allnutt) and Mrs. O. Fended (Irene Williams) which took place on November 28, 1946 with both ladies dressed in costume talking on the old telephones. Needless to say Mrs. O. Fended was not at all happy to have been left out from attending that first meeting. The applause spoke of how much we had enjoyed the skit, written by Irene Williams. Two more songs were sung by all. "It's a

Small, Small World" and "Song of Peace" with Irene Williams again at the piano, then everyone joined hands to sing "Auld Lang Syne."

For Fordyce to have had the opportunity to celebrate this grand occasion, thanks must be extended to Mrs. George Hooper, Margaret Allnutt's mother, who had the foresight to invite the following ladies to her home on November 27, 1946 to form our branch. Anna Louise Bromby, Hattie Bowling, Marjorie Carter, Gladys Dustin, Reda Lewis, Noella Smith, Else Syberg still playing active parts in our branch: Mrs. Carl Clark, Annie Dryden, Pearl Dryden, Ruby Hansen, Win. Sanborn, some living quite a distance away and also those whom we can only hold in our hearts and memories — Velma Bell, Mrs. George David, Mrs. Wilton Dryden, Hattie Bowling's mother, Mrs. George Harper and Ruby Moore; to the members, who through their efforts have kept us alive and well throughout the years, to those who helped with our celebration — Gladys Dustin and Verna Patterson, who with the president planned the event; Irene Williams for making corsages along with her other contributions; Barbara Nadeau for typing our program; Mr. Bruno Pinsonnault for the donation of two plants, our entertainers and our guests who helped us to celebrate our "Special Day."

The torch has been thrown to us, the present members, to continue the "Joie de vivre" which has kept our branch strong, so that our 50th can be nothing but bigger and better.

Written by
Evelyn Lewis, President
in the absence of
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Is this doctor sexually harassed?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

The riveting confrontation between Professor Anita Hill and Judge Clarence Thomas raised disturbing questions about the relations between men and women in the workplace. Sexual harassment and the concept of a "hostile environment" were vividly thrust into public awareness. In the last decade, few topics have captured more media attention and provided more debate than the Hill/Thomas controversy.

I believe that most men were puzzled by the vehemence expressed by working women who charged that along with being relegated to second-class citizens, they were constantly subjected to institutionalized tormenting because of their sex. Before the Thomas hearings, men pretty much accepted and played along with the traditional concept of flirtatious innuendo in the business world. In fact, in some professions granting sexual favors has been one way of getting ahead. For example, it was said that Hollywood starlets furthered their careers by sleeping with directors and producers; in the music world, big breaks often came to artists who were socially flexible off the stage.

Whether you sided with Hill or Thomas, one fact is clear: The days of the cartoon caveman dragging his object of desire around by the hair is gone forever. Women demand equality. They want to be judged by their abilities, not their attractiveness to men. They insist that a professional business relation be uncontaminated by sexist remarks and attitudes that are demeaning and, in some cases, downright insulting. I am sure that every intelligent and reasonably sensitive man agrees with and accepts this female position, which is fair, just

and completely appropriate.

Only time will tell, however, whether these new attitudes will filter down to hospitals, where — you may be surprised to learn — sexism still flourishes. The relations between male doctors and female nurses have always been, well... gamy. To put it delicately, in most hospitals, there are a lot of sexual undertones that are ingrained, bear no connection to a marriage contract, seldom exceed propriety and will be as difficult to correct as cold bed pans. For one thing, it's going to be darned difficult to define the line between friendly, suggestive banter and the beginning of a serious flirtation (or, worse still, square one of a fantasized seduction).

For example, last week I was involved in several circumstances that I would have blithely disregarded in the pre-Hill/Thomas era. Now, I don't know whether to report them. I certainly don't want to end up on television as some kind of weird celebrity, taking polygraph tests and fielding insipid probing questions from senile and self-righteous elected officials. Here's what happened.

A female nurse commented that my bow tie was ugly. Ordinarily, I wouldn't respond to this slur, but — in light of recent events — don't I have a right to be protected against negative criticism concerning my dress? Must I always look attractive to women?

While standing in the hall consulting with a colleague, I felt a hand on my shoulder. It belonged to a female housekeeping employee who wanted me to move so she could mop the floor. A few weeks ago, I would have ignored such a blatant gesture. But I now understand that this unsolicited familiarity could mean that the woman had more on her mind than soapy water. This realization sent chills up my spine.

A nurse's aide, walking behind me in the hall, exclaimed: "Nice buns!" In the past, I'd have attributed this comment to cruel sarcasm, a reality I've come to accept from female staff young enough to be my daughters. In the present litigious climate, however, I wheeled around ready to record her name for future legal action. I was disappointed to discover she was referring to half-a-dozen Danish pastries. But, you know, you can never be sure about these DOUBLE ENTENDRES.

A female X-ray technician asked me if I had got a haircut or new glasses. The last time this happened, we struck up a brief, cordial discussion. This time, no way. I reminded her that any comments made to me in the workplace should refer to my professional qualifications, not to my appearance.

This is just a smattering of the indignities I suffer every day. As you can see, I have trouble interpreting these situations. While the women may have been merely making affable gestures, you can never take that for granted. These could be harassing ploys, designed to make the environment hostile. I think I'd better keep my guard up, document incidents in a diary and hire a good lawyer.

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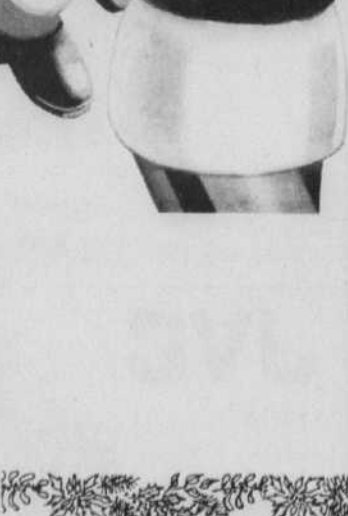
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Philipsburg Legion Branch No. 82 once again remembers their fallen comrades at service

Once again Philipsburg Branch 82 of the Royal Canadian Legion was active with Remembrance activities for 1991. This started with seven Legionnaires visiting the Butler School in Bedford, where a Remembrance Service was conducted, followed by one of the classes reciting the poem, "In Flanders Fields", and a question period. The service was organized by Trudy Forcier, a Legion Association Member.

The next event was the Remembrance Banquet, Saturday evening, November 9, when a roast beef dinner was served to a full house. Upon arrival, punch and hors d'oeuvres was available, prior to serving the meal. The Colour Party presented the Colours under the command of Cde. Leo Painchaud, followed by a Service of Remembrance. The Branch Protestant Chaplain, the Ven. W. Sparling said "Grace" followed by the 1st Vice-President, Paulette Cook, proposing the Toast to the Queen.

The head table consisted of the Branch President, Cde. Hugh Symington with his wife Laura; President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Elsie Brousseau with her husband Hubert; District Commander of Yamaska District No. 9, Ben Rainville with his wife Grace; Chaplain, the Ven. Wallace Sparling and his wife Dawn.

Although not at the head table, but introduced, were the Silver Cross Mother, Mrs. Edna Corey, who will be 96 next month; Mayor of Philipsburg, Jean Julien Caron and Mme. Josephine Caron; Representing St. Armand, Councillor Denis Pelletier and Mme. Linda Pelletier; Mayor of Stanbridge East, Marcel Rochelleau; Representing Bedford, Pro Mayor Marcel Guerin and Trudy Cornell.

The Branch Legionnaire of the Year was announced, being Cde. Dan Webb, and Cde. Leo Painchaud was presented with a Certificate of Merit. Several Long Service Pins were given out, with Earle Blinn receiving one for 45 years.

Cde. Rainville brought greetings from Yamaska District, mentioning his inability in attending last year.

The guest speaker of the evening was Wes Gage, who was introduced by Marcel Guerin. He mentioned on the Banquet tickets was printed "Speaker from Provincial Command", he didn't have an officer from Provincial Command, but a comrade who was serving on Provincial Committees. In Gage's remarks, which were both humorous and serious, he mentioned living prior to the modern conveniences, then threw out a challenge to the Associates to preserve our heritage. Cde. Gage was thanked by Trudy Cornell.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Steve Miller, who changed his hat to supply the music of the 40s and 50s for dancing.

Sunday, November 10, was the parade at Philipsburg, it being a perfect, sunny day. Nine members of the Montreal Kynark Pipe and Drum Band led this parade, along with members of the American Le-

gion, the Kings Rangers and Scouting Movement. It could be mentioned that Jessica Tomkinson participated in the entire route march on crutches.

The Parade was under the command of Ed Jess and the Colour Party by Leo Painchaud. Wes Gage and Paulette Cook took the Salute. At the Cenotaph, Paulette Cook acted as Master of Ceremonies with prayers and brief speeches, followed by the laying of the wreaths. The Kings Rangers fired a 3-round volley. Refreshments were served in the Legion Hall with Wayne Kemp supplying endless music the afternoon and evening.

Monday, November 11, a much cooler and cloudy day, saw the Parade in Bedford form up at the George Perron Center, then march to the Cenotaph.

Several members of the Kynark Pipe and Drum Band led the Parade which was under the direction of Jim Davidson and Leo Painchaud in charge of the Colour Party. The Salute was taken by Wes Gage.

At the Cenotaph, the Master of Ceremonies, Marcel Guerin, called on the Mayor of Bedford and Clergy for their remarks and prayers. Following the service and laying of the wreaths, the members of the parade were invited to the City Hall for refreshments.

During the afternoon and evening, at the Legion Hall, hot soup and a cold meat buffet

were served, with Wayne Kemp again playing his endless supply of records of the 40s and 50s. Late in the afternoon, the buffet gave way to hamburgers.

As the Remembrance activities come to a close for 1991, even though the Veterans members are fewer, Philipsburg Branch of the Legion can be proud it "Has Remembered".

Keep socks together with safety pin

By Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — My husband has a drawer full of knee-high dress socks, and it has always been a major project sorting these blue, gray, brown and black socks. So he came up with the simplest solution: a safety pin! He pins the toes of each pair after he takes them off and puts them in the laundry. No more lost socks, no more major sorting projects and — what surprised me — no holes from the pins! We now do his white sport socks the same way so that both socks go into the same wash always matched.

— DAGNY

DEAR POLLY — Tired of your floor mats sliding all over the car? Glue, sew or staple some Velcro patches to the bottom of the floor mats and they'll stay in place. This might possibly stop a couple of accidents, too. I, for one, had more than once got my feet tangled up with my floor mats and had trouble with the accelerator, clutch or brake. But not anymore. — D.H.M.

DEAR POLLY — To keep ice cream from leaking through the bottom of the cone, put a marshmallow in the bottom before filling the cone with your favorite flavor.

To help get ketchup out of the bottle, insert a drinking straw, push it down until it touches the bottom of the bottle, then remove it. Enough air will be admitted into the bottle to start an even flow of ketchup.

A good tonic for ferns is leftover tea! Water them once a week with a weak solution of this liquid. — GRACE

DEAR READERS — Just a brief reminder: Please remember that, be-

cause of the large quantity of mail I receive from all over the country, I cannot send personal replies to your questions. We will answer as many questions as we can in the column and print as many of your pointers as possible. Without you, this column would not exist, so, even though I can't answer your questions personally through the mail, please keep those cards and letters coming! Thanks. — POLLY

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Parade moving off at Philipsburg.



Part of Banquet head table, left to right: The Venerable Wallace Sparling, Grace Rainville, District Commander, Ben Rainville, Laura Symington, Branch President, Hugh Symington, President of Ladies Auxiliary, Elsie Brousseau.



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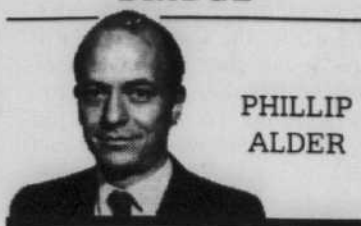
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♦ 8 7 3			
SOUTH			
♦ A J 6 3			
♥ A 8			
♦ A Q 9 6			
♦ A Q 6			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 2			

There are two guaranteed plays: leading a diamond to your queen, or running the diamond jack. If the finesse loses, West is endplayed, forced to lead a minor suit to your advantage. If the finesse wins, you can establish a club trick on which to discard dummy's diamond loser.

At the time, the declarer finessed the diamond queen, but then he had what we politely call a blind spot: he continued with the ace and another diamond. Now he had to lose two minor-suit tricks: one down.

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BRIDGE



PHILLIP ALDER

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1991



Your Birthday

Dec. 17, 1991

The brain — the key to success

By Phillip Alder

In the final analysis, either your cerebral pathways produce the right thoughts or they don't. In the auction, it isn't so difficult to find the best bid. Just consider each possible action as you ascend the bidding ladder, starting with a pass and, if legal, a double or redouble. In the card-play, if you are following suit, consider all the cards you have available. If you are on lead, evaluate as many possibilities as you can.

North's three-heart transfer bid is standard practice these days, permitting the lead to come round to the strong hand. With his excellent fit for spades, South jumped to game.

Cover the East-West cards in the diagram. Against your four-spade contract, West leads the heart two. You capture East's king with the ace and, not wishing to broach another suit, exit with your last heart. The defenders play a third round. You ruff and then play the ace and another spade. On the second round, West goes in with the king and exits with his last spade, which you win in the dummy. East discards two hearts. How do you continue?

You might have to shoulder more responsibility where your work or career is concerned in the year ahead. Don't let this dismay you, because new rewards will accompany your new duties. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not criticize the work of another today; it will not help this individual's performance. In fact, this person could lose interest completely and even do a worse job. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you haven't managed your resources wisely of late, you might not have the money necessary to participate in something fun with your friends. Instead of brooding, don't let this happen again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The restrictions you might experience today will not be fully the fault of the individuals with whom you'll be involved. Don't make matters worse by blaming them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If the world looks a trifle gloomy today, switch your thinking to the concerns of others instead of dwelling exclusively on your own self-interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are presently operating on a stringent financial budget, don't try to keep up today with the spending habits of friends who don't share your predicament.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Meaningful objectives may not be easy to come by today, because in order to achieve them, it might require more effort than you're prepared to expend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Jumping to conclusions today could severely impair your probabilities for success. It will not be easy to get back on track — if you start off-course.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you're presently under obligation to a friend, save yourself embarrassment today by mentioning the matter first before this individual has to remind you of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) People you are closely affiliated with will have a considerable influence on the outcome of events today. Be certain you do not team up with losers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Developments that pop up today which you haven't planned for could overwhelm you. Don't view what occurs through a magnifying glass; it will only make mountains out of molehills.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In a convivial setting today, there's a chance you might run into one of your least favorite people. Don't let this individual dampen your gregarious inclinations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make every effort to sidestep volatile issues today that might ignite sparks between you and your mate. If they are introduced, the day could turn into a bummer.

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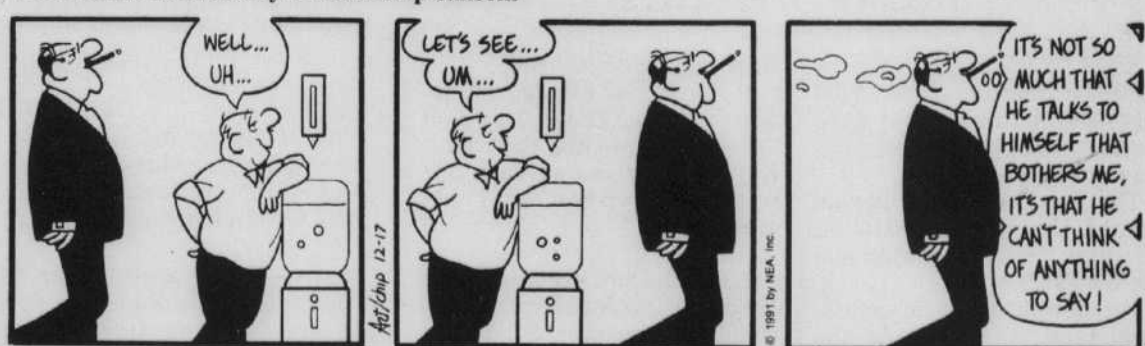
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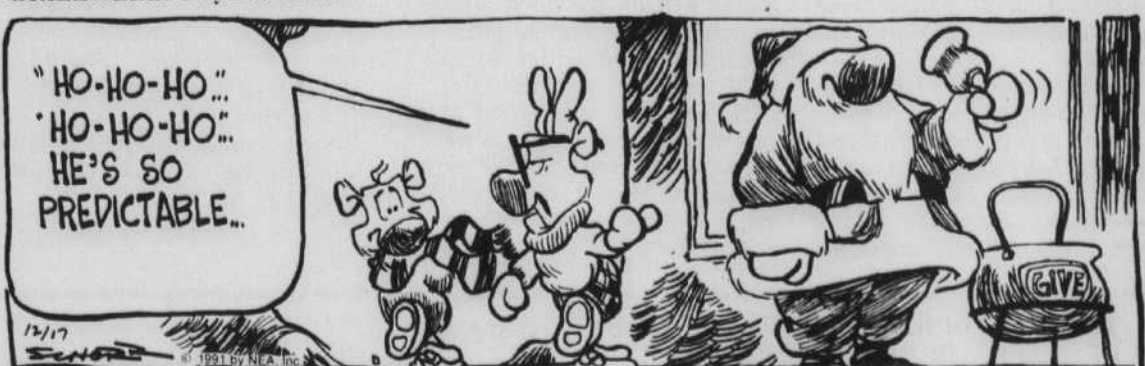
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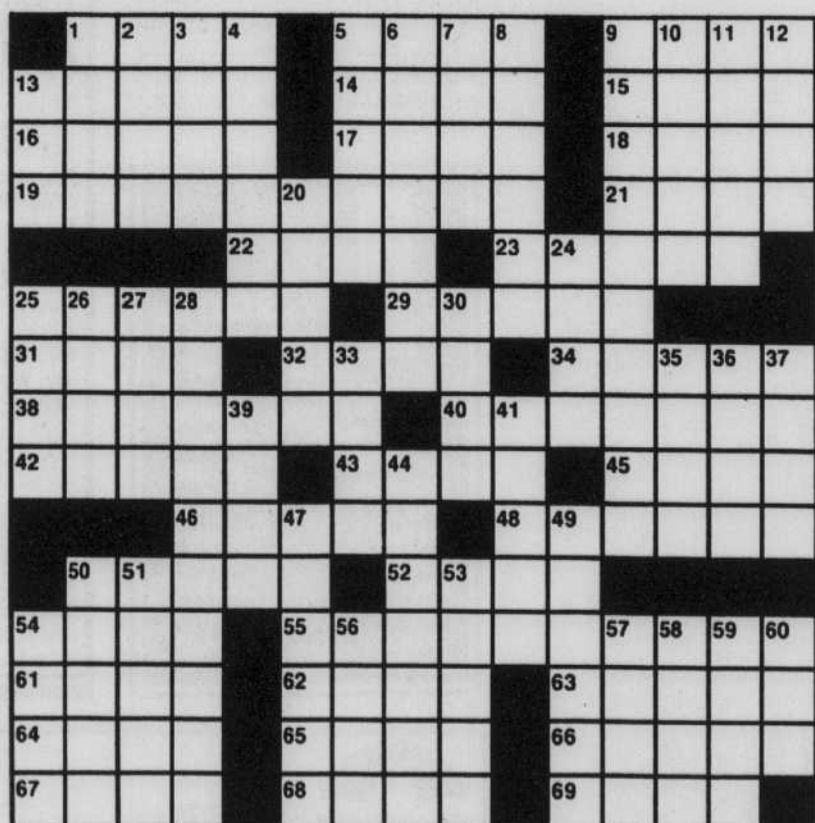


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Crossword

- ACROSS
- Place for an earring
 - "The Forsyte —"
 - Greenish-blue
 - Refuge
 - Stopovers
 - Singer Guthrie
 - Revoke as a legacy
 - Thin cooky
 - Public outbreak
 - Locale of Indiana State U.
 - Berry and Murray
 - Room in a casa
 - Elevate
 - Bungled
 - Ascertain
 - Before gram or graph
 - Orient
 - Fiber plant
 - Literary form
 - Tell-tale
 - Ventures
 - Draw a — on
 - Graham of football
 - Small songbird
 - "Gunsmoke" name
 - Came up
 - Harness fastener
 - "To — not to be"
 - City on the Ohio
 - In — (bored by routine)
 - Madras princess
 - Exemplar
 - of passage
 - Son of Seth
 - Seems imminent
 - Forest animal
 - Take out
 - Other



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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- DOWN
- Fill the hold
 - Done
 - Toby's contents
 - Catch

- Cordage fiber
- Some plants
- Tiny insect
- "Ad astra per —"
- Booth of Indiana
- Lake Indians
- "One —" (Romberg song)
- Oodles
- Panama
- US president
- Smell — (suspect)
- Celtic star
- Larry
- Music halls
- Make haste
- Composer from Peru, IN
- Ms Kett
- Both: pref.
- Old man: Ger.
- Dog docs
- Aphrodite's son
- Goddess of fertility

- US president
- Alcohol
- Looked carefully
- Vituperate
- High nest
- Customary line of travel
- Aromatic seed
- Shakespeare
- Wind indicator
- Admired one
- Durocher and Genn
- Kind of duck
- They "loop" the Loop

Townships' Crier

FOSTER

A Christmas Carol Service will be held at St. James Church, Foster, on Saturday, December 21 at 7 p.m.

MOE'S RIVER

Annual Christmas Caroling Service will be held in the Moe's River Church on Sunday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. Father Richard Authier officiating. All welcome.

MANSONVILLE

Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the United Church basement. Annual event. Singers and cars welcomed. Refreshments later.

ASBESTOS

Air Cadets, Squadron 635, 35th Anniversary. Anyone who is a former Cadet Officer or Civil Committee member of our squadron is invited to attend the 35th Anniversary Ball on Saturday, December 21, 1991 at the Salle Benevole, 209 8th Avenue, Asbestos at 8:30 p.m. Admission charged and lunch served. For information, contact Fred or Linda Frost at (819) 839-2830.

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Women's institute meeting

CANTERBURY — The regular meeting of the Canterbury branch of the Women's Institute was held on November 2nd at the home of Mrs. Marion Goodwin.

Following the opening exercises, the President Mrs. Muriel Mayhew read the Motto — Peace is not made in the heart of man. Roll call — Wear a poppy was answered by three members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The treasurer gave her report showing all bills and a good balance on hand.

No correspondence was read at this time.

Convenors' reports — Agriculture: Plants for the future — plans are being made so that plant and cereal varieties do not disappear was the topic.

White House Home news

STANSTEAD — Mr. Walter Foster, Oakville, Ont. was calling on Kate McCune and Enid Cooke. He taught school at Sunnyside in 1959 and boarded with Mrs. McCune.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ayer, Hatley, were recent dinner guests of his sister, Alice Merri-man, here at the Home. Other visitors have been Stuart and Danielle Kent, Magog, Bonnie Jennings, Richmond and Mabel Wallace, Stanstead.

Enid Cooke attended a birthday celebration for her grandson, Alex Leney Green, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Leney, Graniteville.

Mrs. Winnie Wright and son from Hatley were visiting her mother, Inez Ashman, one evening.

White House residents were saddened by the death of Jemima Kendrick at the Sherbrooke Hospital. Sympathy is extended to her grandchildren.

Mrs. Yvonne Goodsell has returned from CHU Hospital after undergoing tests and treatment which proved very helpful.

Mrs. Edna Wing, Waterloo, spent a day with her brother, Robert Smith.

Callers of Enid's have been Jim and Mary Cooke, Beloeil, Helen Little and Mary Tetreault, North Derby.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Davis, Willoughby Lake, Vt. and Roy Davis, Derby Line, visited their brother Avery and Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Mary Majury from High River, Alta. also called.

Margaret Mosher attended an immediate family get-together at the home of Wallace and Fredda Mosher, Boynton, while her daughter, Beverly and husband Glen Hale were home on holiday from Newport, Ore.

Correction from last report: Agnes Field's great-granddaughter who was baptized Thanksgiving Sunday at Wesley Church, Beebe, is the daughter of Paul and Diane Lyonnais - not Paul and Maple. Sorry.

Martha Mantle spent a weekend in Lennoxville with her daughter, Mrs. S. Groves.

St. Peter's Heritage group holds regular meeting

A meeting of St. Peter's Heritage group was held, November 22nd, at the home of President, Peter Kandalaf who opened the session with a prayer.

The treasurer, Marguerite Cotton, then gave a financial report on the Flea Market, showing that we had made a substantial profit. All agreed that this had been our most successful flea market and that this popular event should be continued. The next flea market will be the first Saturday in May.

Peter Kandalaf proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make this event such a success and especially to Tricia Davidson for her valuable help in the Canteen.

Birth

IRWIN — Steve and Ev Irwin are pleased to announce the safe arrival, December 9, 1991, of a beautiful daughter, Taylor Casey Irwin. Sister for Karen and Ryan. Fifth grandchild for Mrs. Mildred Irwin of Waterloo, Quebec. Special thanks to Dr. Barakett, Lise and Yvette and all the staff of the B.M.P. Hospital Maternity Ward.

Deaths

CHRISTIE, Grant — At the Brome Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville on Saturday, December 14, 1991. Grant Christie in his 76th year. Beloved husband of Josephine Dominique. Loving father of Claire (Paul) of Agincourt, Ont., Charles (Chuck) of Dorval, Que. and Cindy (Gerry) of Cowansville. Dear brother of David (Mary) of Watford, Ont. Cherished grandfather of 8 grandchildren. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Visitation from the Cowansville Funeral Home, 109 Davignon Blvd., Cowansville, Ken Morris, funeral director, visiting hours on Sunday and Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service from the Emmanuel United Church on Main St. in Cowansville on Tuesday, December 17 at 2 p.m. Interment Cowansville United Cemetery. Donations sent to the Quebec Heart Foundation would be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

FANCY, Kathryn (Kae) — Suddenly passed away peacefully at her home in Stratford, Ontario on December 15, 1991. She was once a resident of Austin, Quebec. She was in her 78th year. Predeceased by her sister Margaret Cameron of Nova Scotia. Survived by her brother, Lawrence Sinclair (wife Myrna) of Nova Scotia and brother-in-law Arthur Cameron of Nova Scotia. Cherished mother of Thomas (wife Marilyn) of Ontario, Fraser (wife Yvette) of Nova Scotia, Sam of California, Bob (wife Judy) of Massachusetts and George (wife Lee) of Austin, Quebec. Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be on December 20, 1991 at Youngs Funeral Home, Stratford, Ontario. In lieu of flowers donations to the Stratford General Hospital would be appreciated by the family. The address is General Donations Fund, 46 General Hospital Drive, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 2Y6.

GAUTHIER, Marcel — At the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Thursday December 12, 1991 Marcel J.A. Gauthier of East Angus, Que. formerly of Bury, Que. in his 74th year. Dear father of Marc (Maureen), Lorraine, Scott, and Vicki of Edmonton, Alberta, Richard (Ruth) of Valencia, California, Andrea, Mrs. Barry Goddard of Calgary, Alberta and Anne Mrs. Ray Ward of Bury, Que., also survived by several grandchildren. Resting at the Bury Funeral Home where friends may call on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1991, from 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. followed by funeral service at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Robert Sandford officiating. Spring interment in the Lingwick Cemetery, Gould, Que. Arrangements by L.O. Cass Ltd.

Deaths

JOHNSTON, Rose — After a lengthy illness at the Sherbrooke Hospital on December 15, 1991 at the age of 77. Rose Whitehead, beloved wife of the late Andrew Johnston. Dear mother of Dolly (Al Rosen), Donald, Barbara (Russell McCourt), the late Kathleen (Gerald Anthony). Dear grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Bessie Gauvin, Gordon Whitehead (Jeannine), also survived by other relatives and many friends. Resting at L.O. Cass & Son Ltd. Funeral Home, 295 Main St. S., Richmond, Que., where family and friends may call on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday at 1 p.m. Funeral service on Wednesday, December 18, 1991 at the Funeral Home at 2 p.m., the Rev. Ruth Matthews officiating. Interment at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Upper Melbourne. Donations to the Cancer Society will be gratefully appreciated by the family.

NORRIS, Percy — At the B.M.P. Hospital in Cowansville Que., December 13, 1991, Percy Norris in his 74th year. Resident of St. Armand and former resident of Bedford, Que. Beloved husband of Audrey Surette, also survived by 1 brother and 2 sisters-in-law, several nieces and nephews. Resting at Dion Funeral Home, 215 River St., Bedford. Visitation 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. from where funeral service will be held Monday, Dec. 16, at 2:00 p.m. Cremation to follow.

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From the Pens of E.T. Writers

YOUNG ENOUGH TO REMEMBER

Dreams, we have them too, perhaps more beautiful, more divine
Blended as they are with other days
But leopards do not change their spots, our dreams still hold
And brave
More daring 'cause we do not change our ways.

Special flowers return their special fragrance
As a gentle word of smile stays in the mind
Having known destitution and sometimes too, despair
We cling more tightly to a word more kind.

Nothing really changes us, unless we wish too hard
Or throw peace of mind into the face of God...
But oh how desperately we yearn, for that oh so special voice.
While walking lonely paths others have trod.

Marjorie P. Ferris
Rougemont, Que.

ON LIFE'S WAY

Upon this earth the mountains rise
With valleys deep between
Some days are filled with wind and rain,
Some drift along serene.

In life we climb alluring heights
Or walk the path below.
We struggle through our worldly way
And reap that which we sow.

At times we pause and looking back
We mark the winding road.
That ones who follow us may have
Less struggle with their load.

If we have tried to choose the right
From mountaintop to dale,
We'll find a quiet resting place
When sunset lights the trail.

By Iva Duboyce
Sutton, Que.

SILVER WINGS

I saw the geese go sailing by
Against a clear blue azure sky.
And every silver sweep of wing
Was accompanied by their honking.

They were so graceful in their light
Their glorious beauty filled the skies
As an angel procession in disguise
It's hard to think of man's own plight
Who grope in sin of darkest night.

How some dare say, "There is no God".
And before their body returns to sod
Fail to recognize His Son:
Who died upon the cross in shame
And took upon Him all their blame
That they might go free

Marilyn Loewen,
Magog, Que.

ACW meeting

SAWYERVILLE — The November meeting of the ACW was held at the home of Sybil Matthew with Minnie Desruisseaux co-hostess.

The President Sheila Bellam opened the meeting with all repeating the ACW prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

For devotions Naomi Jervis-Read read the Epistle for the 24th Sunday after Trinity and the Collect for the same. There were 15 members and one visitor present.

The secretary read the minutes which were adopted.

Cheer and Courtesy: Sybil Matthew has sent several cards. Social Service: Ferné Parker reported 39 calls made. Thank offering was collected and Irma

Buck will look after this.

It was decided to make a donation to Quebec Lodge. Two paid fines for not wearing their pins. Kay Harding passed each one with the apron and all contributed.

Hostesses for December, Sheila Bellam and Jean Evans. Altar Guild for December, Sybil Matthew and Evelyn Thomas. Jean Evans will do the linen. Ferné Parker won the hostess gift.

Christmas activities will be finalized at the next meeting.

Naomi then adjourned the meeting and refreshments were served by the hostesses. We were pleased to have Canon Jervis-Read and little Julie Thomas join us for tea.

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Sports

the Record

Habs first overall after win Hard work paying off for Skrudland

MONTREAL (CP) — Stephan Lebeau and Mike Keane scored second-period goals to break open a tied game and the Montreal Canadiens downed the St. Louis Blues 4-2 Monday night in the NHL.

John LeClair and Brent Gilchrist scored for Montreal in the first period while Nelson Emerson and Gino Cavallini scored for St. Louis.

The Canadiens have won five of their last six games and regained first place overall with 46 points, 22-12-2. Detroit and Washington, with 44 points, each hold games in hand.

The Blues, second in the Nor-



ris Division, dropped to 14-11-7. They finished a four-game road trip with a 2-1-1 record and return home to face the San Jose Sharks on Thursday.

Montreal outshot the Blues 39-20 before an announced

crowd of 16,423.

LeClair, a rookie from St. Albans, Vt., scored for the second game in a row after having gone 27 games without a goal dating to Oct. 16. LeClair got his fifth of the year 4:34 into the game from a scramble in front of goaltender Curtis Joseph.

Emerson, the IHL rookie of the year last season, scored his 11th at 6:20, firing in a pass from the slot by Adam Oates.

Cavallini put St. Louis ahead 2-1 at 15:33 on a rocket shot from just inside the blue line that handcuffed goaltender Patrick Roy. But Gilchrist tied the game at 18:31 on a smart setup from

Guy Carbonneau.

Lebeau poked a rebound off the backboards into an open side 4:57 into the second period and Keane finished off a quick rush by Denis Savard and Shayne Corson for his eighth of the season at 11:39.

Referee Paul Stewart let all manner of hooking, holding and interference go and did not call a penalty until he sent off Paul DiPietro for charging 14:13 into the second period.

Notes — Defenceman Alain Cote replaced Petr Svoboda, who lost several teeth when hit by a puck last Saturday. . . .Darin Kimble sat out for St. Louis.

Rangers down hapless Sharks in OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Defenceman Brian Leetch scored an unassisted goal at 1:23 of overtime to give the New York Rangers a 4-3 NHL victory Monday night over the San Jose Sharks.

Leetch picked up a loose puck in the right circle and skated to the left circle where he beat goalie Brian Hayward with a wrist shot to the top right corner. With the goal, Leetch extended his point-scoring streak to 10 games.

The loss plunged the expansion Sharks' road record to an NHL-worst 1-15-1.

Adam Graves scored his second goal of the game with 4:28 remaining in regulation time to tie the game for the Ran-

gers. Graves picked up a rebound and slid the puck past Hayward.

Hayward, playing in his fourth game of the season, made key stops late in the game on Mark Messier and Leetch. Messier also hit the goalpost with three minutes to play in regulation.

Brian Lawton's second goal of the game at 6:42 of the third period had given the Sharks a 3-2 lead. Lawton converted a goalmouth pass from David Bruce and beat Rangers goaltender Mike Richter, who had lunged in vain to cover the open right corner of the net.

The Rangers, who had just won consecutive road games

against Washington and Hartford, took a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Joe Kocur and Graves.

Kocur's goal, his fifth at 1:53, was a display of strength. As the Rangers forward was being held by Sharks defenceman Doug Wilson, he lifted a one-hand backhand over the glove of goalie Jarmo Myllys.

Myllys, who stopped seven of the eight shots he faced, suffered a sprained left wrist later in the period and was replaced at 11:57 by Hayward.

Graves beat Hayward on a wraparound goal, his third of the season, at 17:35.

New York outshot San Jose

18-6 in the second period, but was victimized by two of its former players.

Kelly Kisio, the former Rangers captain obtained by the Sharks in the expansion draft, snapped a wrist shot past Richter at 1:10 on an assist from Brian Mullen, one of his Rangers linemates last season.

Lawton, another ex-Ranger tied the game 2-2 at 7:09. Lawton, who played with New York briefly in the 1988-89 season, took a centring pass from Dale Craigwell and jammed the puck behind Richter on the doorstep.

The goal, Lawton's fifth of the season, was also the 100th of his career.

Sport shorts

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack Morris, the World Series most valuable player, has scheduled meetings Wednesday and Thursday with the Toronto Blue Jays and the Boston Red Sox, respectively, as he narrows his search for a new team.

The Blue Jays are the first choice for Morris, who wanted to re-sign with Minnesota but not at the figure the Twins were offering. Boston wants Morris, too, and is delaying talks with Frank Viola's agent until after the Red Sox find out if they can sign Morris.

Morris, who made \$3.7 million in 1991 with the Twins, had a player option for 1992 at \$3.65 million but declined to exercise it. He was 18-12 with a 3.43 earned-run average, won two games in the American League playoffs and two more in the World Series, including a 1-0,

10-inning shutout of Atlanta in Game 7.

BOULDER, Colo. (CP) — Alison Sydor of North Vancouver, B.C., was named the world's top all-round cyclist by VeloNews magazine Monday.

Sydor won a bronze medal at the world championship road-race event and was fifth in the world mountain-bike competition. The 25-year-old also lead the Tour de l'Aude for six days and won stages in the European Community Tour and World Cup mountain-bike circuits.

"Sydor has emerged as an international cycling star in both road and mountain-bike racing," said VeloNews editor John Wilcockson.

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Bill Wegman, who won 15 games for the Milwaukee Brewers after

missing most of the previous two seasons with arm troubles, is the 1991 winner of the Hutch Award.

Wegman was among the American League's top pitchers with a 15-7 record and a 2.84 earned-run average. He pitched 193 1-3 innings and had seven complete games.

The award, presented annually for the last 27 years, goes to a player who overcomes a form of physical adversity to prolong or restore his career.

Wegman, 29, underwent shoulder surgery in 1989 and had surgery a year later to correct a torn ligament in his elbow. He was in only 11 games in 1989 and eight in 1990 for the Brewers.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Bill Parcells, former New York Giants coach and current NBC

TV football analyst, underwent a non-surgical procedure Monday to clear a blockage in one of the arteries in his heart.

Parcells, 50, was listed in stable condition after the coronary angioplasty, said a statement issued by attending cardiologist Dr. Michael Kesselbrenner.

Kesselbrenner described the angioplasty as a procedure to improve blood flow for patients with milder forms of coronary blockage.

In eight seasons with the Giants, Parcells had a 77-49-1 regular-season record and an 8-3 mark in five trips to the playoffs.

He surprised the league in May by resigning as coach a little more than four months after leading the team to its second Super Bowl victory in five years.

By Bill Beacon

MONTREAL (CP) — Hard work appears to have paid off for Montreal Canadiens centre Brian Skrudland, who is expected to return from a torn knee ligament next weekend — a month ahead of schedule.

"First it was months, then weeks, so I like this day-to-day thing," Skrudland said Monday after his second day of practising with his teammates. "I feel stronger now than I did before the injury."

Skrudland, felled by a knee check from Pittsburgh's Ulf Samuelsson on Oct. 26, could play as early as Saturday against the Hartford Whalers.

The Saskatoon native worked as hard on his therapy with trainer Gaetan Lefebvre as he does on the ice as a low-scoring but highly effective checking centre.

He said there was no pain in the knee and tests "didn't find anything negative."

He'll wear a knee brace the rest of the season, but that beats the alternative if magnetic resonance imaging had found something negative — season-ending surgery.

"The ligament wasn't torn completely from the bone," Skrudland said. "In those cases, there's a 90 per cent chance you won't need surgery."

"Time is the real healer. I've given it seven weeks without skating and that's a lot of time."

ON UPSWING

Time to spend with his nine-month old son, Simon. And time to think about what a year he might have had. Everything was on the upswing when the season began.

He was invited to last year's all-star game, then had excellent playoffs, acquiring 13 points in 13 games as Montreal took the Boston Bruins to seven games in the Adams Division final.

Skrudland was invited to the Canada Cup training camp and was one of head coach Mike Keenan's last cuts, only losing the job of checking centre to Chicago's Dirk Graham.

"I started feeling I was becoming a quality leader on the club — not just a leader," said Skrudland.

But two games into the season, Skrudland suffered a hand injury against the New York Rangers and was sidelined for five games.

He returned for five more

games, but then tried to cut inside against Samuelsson at the Pittsburgh blue line. Samuelsson slid out a knee, catching the inside of Skrudland's knee and sending him into a painful spin.

It was the same check — rarely called by referees because it looks like a normal collision — Samuelsson had used to disable Boston's Cam Neely and Minnesota's Brian Bellows in the playoffs last season.

BEARS NO ANGER

Skrudland, who is still without a point this season, says he feels no bitterness.

"It's part of the game," he said. "I'm not the first guy Ulf has done this too but I won't be the last."

"I just hope Ulf's smart enough that he was just trying to knock them out of the play and not end their careers. It's a great thing to be able to make your living playing hockey."

"It would have been a tragedy if I wasn't able to play again. But I'm back and, hopefully, this will make me a stronger hockey player and a stronger person."

While Skrudland heals, defenceman Petr Svoboda is working on a new smile.

Svoboda was hit in the mouth by a deflected shot against Buffalo last Saturday and lost several teeth. His face was badly swollen Monday morning, but "you should have seen it yesterday," Svoboda joked.

"He spent most of (Sunday) on the operating table," coach Pat Burns said. Svoboda was to miss Monday night's game against St. Louis.



Browning must beat pressure, injuries for gold medal

By Kevin McGran

The Canadian Press

Kurt Browning is preparing for the biggest challenge of his life.

He aims to become the first Canadian to win a gold Olympic figure skating medal in men's singles.

Browning must conquer the pressure of tremendous expectations and also overcome recurring back spasms to get to the top of the podium in Albertville, France, in February.

At home for Christmas in Caroline, Alta., Browning, 25, gets a final chance to rest up for the rigors of the stretch run to the Olympics, and to accept plaudits for past achievements.

In recognition of his third consecutive world-championship triumph last March in Munich, sports writers and broadcasters participating in an annual poll

by The Canadian Press have selected him Canada's male athlete of the year.

He won the Lionel Conacher Award last year, too — the first figure skater to win it since its inception in 1932.

"I'm just amazed; I'm getting to like this," said Browning, breaking up the monotony of a therapy session with a phone call to accept the honor for a second time. "This comes at a great time. It's a bit of a confidence builder."

Browning amassed 116 points in the poll, with three points for a first-place vote, two for a second and one for a third.

Michael Smith, who won the silver medal in the decathlon at the world track and field championships last August in Tokyo, was second with 83 points.

Teenaged hockey phenomenon Eric Lindros was third with 38 points.

Nine men received at least one first-place vote: Browning, Smith, Lindros, freestyle skier Philippe LaRoche, tennis player Grant Connell, and hockey players Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Ed Belfour and Bill Ranford.

Browning said he wants to participate in the Canadian figure skating championships in

Compact frame ideal for tough jumps

By The Canadian Press

For the second year in a row, Kurt Browning, the three-time world figure skating champion, has been selected Canada's male athlete of the year by CP.

Here's a sketch of the repeat winner of the Lionel Conacher Award determined in a CP poll of sports editors and broadcasters:

ORIGINS: Born June 18, 1966, the third child of Neva and Dewey Browning of Caroline,

Alta., population 989.

CLUB: Royal Glenora, Edmonton.

BODY TYPE: A compact five-foot-six, 145-pound frame is ideal for the demanding and difficult jumps.

FAST RISE: Placed 15th in first world championship in Cincinnati in 1987, was sixth in Budapest in 1988 and was first in Paris in 1989.

A FIRST: First skater to land a quadruple toe loop in competi-

tion, at the 1988 worlds in Budapest.

FIGHTING SPIRIT: Was in second place in the standings heading into the decisive free-skating long program but rallied to win the gold medal in Paris in 1989, in Halifax in 1990 and in Munich in 1991.

WINNING STREAK: Has finished first in each of his last 10 performances in front of judges dating from the autumn of 1989.

gone. The trick is not to re-injure it."

Browning has an incredible winning streak going. He has won each of the last 10 judged competitions he has entered, including the Lalique Trophy meet last month in Albertville.

The CP award is named in honor of Lionel Conacher, male athlete of the half century.

Kirk captains Canucks out of divisional comedy club

The straight goods on the unexpected rise of the Vancouver Canucks can be boiled down to improved goaltending from their own Captain Kirk.

Standup netminder Kirk McLean is the real thing as the Canucks no longer are considered the comedy club of the Smythe Division.

The upbeat Canucks have won 18 games — Vancouver won only 25 of 80 last season — and McLean has been in goal for 17 victories.

The Canucks have either led or been tied for the lead in the Smythe standings since their season began Oct. 4 at the Pacific Coliseum with an unimpressive 4-3 decision over the

expansion San Jose Sharks.



Since then the Canucks have defeated Washington, Montreal, Chicago and Calgary (twice) in establishing themselves as one of the league's most improved teams. Almost every game, the bottom line has been the play of McLean.

Vancouver newspapers ran feature stories about him with headlines reading: 'The Puck stops here' and 'Capt. Kirk gravitates to the top.'

KEEPS COOL

The unemotional McLean has taken the attention in stride. He's interviewed extensively after almost every practice and game. Inevitably someone asks about his contractual status, considering he's in the option year of his agreement.

The 25-year-old from Toronto has a stock answer. He's concentrating on playing and leaves the negotiating to agent Rick Curran.

"It's on my shoulders, up to me to perform," McLean says.

"I make or break myself. I can't put the burden on anybody else but myself."



McLean earns \$325,000 a season. Chief rivals get much more. Toronto netminder Grant Fuhr recently signed a four-year deal worth \$6.4 million.

Montreal standout Patrick Roy gets \$1.2 million a year.

Chicago's Ed Belfour, after holding out, is worth \$925,000, while Minnesota's Jon Casey gets \$900,000 and Ron Hextall of Philadelphia earns \$735,000 annually.

In each case, the above netminders are No. 1 on their team. So is McLean, who has nearly doubled the meager 10 games he won last season when rookie Troy Gamble outplayed the veteran.

VALUE RISING

McLean has started 29 of 33 games while Gamble has struggled and spent time in the minors. McLean has a solid 2.65 goals-against average and three shutouts, including one magnificent effort in Montreal

when he outdueled Roy.

He's become a franchise player worth as much to his team as youthful captain Trevor Linden, who signed a new contract in October.

How much is a goaltender worth? Toronto coach Tom Watt tried to put things in perspective after the Fuhr signing when he stated: "Is Jack Nicholson worth \$47 million for Batman?"

Goaltenders may not attract fans like supertars Mario Lemieux and Wayne Gretzky, or even Joe Sakic, but they're worth every penny in the playoffs when they can take their team to the Stanley Cup final.

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

FAITH AND POSITIVE FEELINGS

Positive feelings, faith and prayer, for whatever may be on your mind.. Reach out to God and find Him there, for God indeed is kind: Look out of the window, reach out for more, of whatever Life has to give, Try to forget any hurt inside and whatever may happen. Live...

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For the past and for that still in store.

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Friend these are my wishes for you!
And always, but always, believe in the power of Faith and Miracles, they happen.

Marjorie P. Ferris
Rougemont, Que.

ON DISCRIMINATION

Some say the things they most abominate
Are all summed up in the word discriminate
If you need someone with a special skill
You must not accentuate your will.
Or look for any preference in an associate,
Oh, no, you must not discriminate.

Now it is considered a grave offence
To favour certain people on any pretence.
But the great poet, Robert Frost, is quite definite on the matter
And doesn't hold with their silly patter:
Quote,

"Because discrimination reigns
Is why we were given brains
To be able to judge between good and bad
And not be influenced by a fad.
There had to be bad, I understood,
For there to have been any good."
We have to know what to love and what to hate,
So we have to know how to discriminate.
It also should not be wrong to get the best
And discriminate the worst from all the rest.
According to the media ads —
The only discrimination without regrets
Is choosing their brand of cigarettes.

Carl Mayhew

From Random Rhymes, November 26, 1991

Chocolate Almond Bars with oats guaranteed to become habit forming

(NC)—It's a good thing these Chocolate Almond Bars are easy to make because they are guaranteed to become habit-forming. In fact, you might want to bake a second batch to keep in the freezer.

Containing oats and whole wheat flour, these goodies are both delicious and nutritious. Oats contain more protein and fibre than any other whole grain cereal as well as providing a good source of Vitamin B.

For easy preparation, the crunchy oat base may be mixed in a food processor.

Chocolate Almond Bars

1/2 cup 125 mL butter, softened
1/4 cup 50 mL granulated sugar
1/4 cup 50 mL lightly packed brown sugar
1/2 tsp. 2 mL almond extract
1 egg
2/3 cup 150 mL ROBIN HOOD Whole Wheat Flour

Bulwer

Mrs. George Pinchin
875-5288

Ed and Sharon Laberee motored to Ontario, accompanied by Marion Laberee of Lennoxville. They began their trip in Cambridge where Marion spent a few days with her brother, Don Richardson. Ed and Sharon went to Toronto on November 1st to accompany the latter's daughter, Wendy Lake of the University of Guelph, to her grade 13 Convocation Exercises at Richview Collegiate Institute. Accompanied by Wendy they visited family in Burlington and Newmarket over the weekend. Ed and Sharon spent some time with his son Bruce, Valerie, and children, Mark and Ashton in Toronto. They returned to Cambridge and the next day while Ed was on business in Toronto, Marion and Sharon spent part of a morning with Wendy at the University of Guelph, then spent the afternoon at the Mary Maxim store in Paris before they returned to Toronto, where they met Ed at the home of Bryce and Valerie. Ed's other son, Darren, managed a short visit with them before their return to the Eastern Townships the next day.

FUN WITH FOOD

1/2 cup 125 mL ROBIN HOOD or OLD MILL Oats

1 cup 250 mL chocolate chips
1 tbsp. 15 mL butter
1/2 cup 125 mL finely chopped almonds

CREAM butter, sugars, almond extract and egg together thoroughly. STIR in flour and oats. Mix well. Spread evenly in greased 8" (2L) square cake pan.

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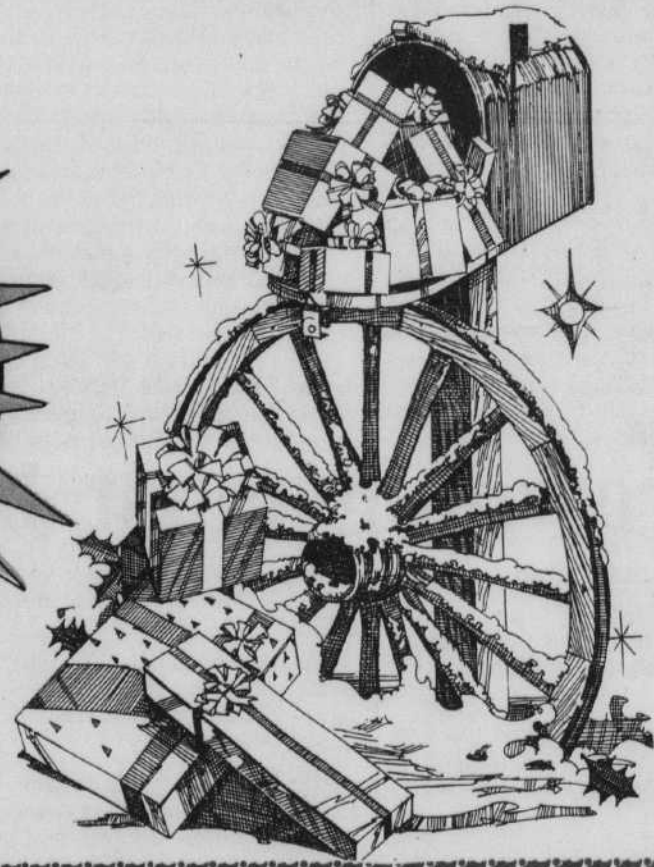
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