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GM plant gets reprieve

OSHAWA, Ont. — About 4,000 GM Canada workers were given a one-year reprieve yesterday when the automaker's No. 2 Oshawa plant was awarded production of the 1994 Chevrolet Lumina. The future of the plant had been in doubt since last spring when a competing GM plant in Fairfax, Kan., won the 1994 Lumina production. Company president George Peapples said an overtime agreement reached last spring with Local 222 of the Canadian Auto Workers union was the key factor in helping the Oshawa plant win back production. Details — B1

Terminal demolition proposed

TORONTO — Three consortiums have submitted bids to redevelop and manage Terminals 1 and 2 at Toronto's Pearson International Airport as part of a federal plan to privatize Canada's busiest airport. One bid includes plans to demolish the aging Terminal 1 and rebuild it adjoining Terminal 2. Transport Canada will review the bids and is expected to make recommendations to Transport Minister Jean Corbeil in two months. Details — A11

When the stars come out

SAN DIEGO — Most major-league players have gone home for a few days of rest and relaxation, but the myth-making machinery of big-league baseball is going full tilt. At the annual All-Star Game, to be played tonight in San Diego, baseball's tribe has gathered to honour the best active players. Just as important, however, is the chance to honour the past and indulge in an orgy of self-reverence and self-congratulation. Details — C12.

Corporate donors cool to Reform

OTTAWA — The Reform Party relied on individuals for 80 per cent of its $4.7-million income last year, and its corporate donations were modest in number and size, according to reports released yesterday by Elections Canada on 1991 political party contributions. By comparison, the Conservatives received 55 per cent of their total $12-million from corporations and the Liberals almost precisely split between individual and corporate donors for their $6.8-million. The NDP drew more than $1-million from labour unions, another $10-million from its provincial parties and about 38 per cent of its $19-million from individuals. Details — A6

Puppets obscure the point

MONTREAL — Young children may miss the point of programs about sexual abuse, an international convention on violence was told yesterday. A PhD student in clinical psychology said that to make prevention programs palatable to parents, their overtly sexual content has been "watered down." Because offenders are most often relatives or family friends and because their coercion is subtle, a small child may not connect their actions with the puppet show they saw about the perils facing Minnie the Moose. Details — A8

Recession and dual earners

OTTAWA — The number of families in which both spouses worked dropped slightly in 1990, but that probably had more to do with the recession than with a return to "the traditional family form," a Statistics Canada report said yesterday. It showed that husbands and wives worked in 61.6 per cent of all two-spouse families, down from 62.3 per cent in 1989. The report noted that a similar decline in dual-earner families was observed during the 1982 recession. The number of families in which husbands were the sole breadwinners also declined, to 19.4 per cent of all husband-wife families from 19.8 per cent in 1989. But families in

UN bolstering Sarajevo force

500 more peacekeepers being sent to keep key airport open

Reuter and Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council approved 500 more peacekeepers yesterday at Sarajevo airport to get supplies to starving residents as both Bosnian and Croatian leaders demanded the council authorize some kind of force to stop the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

A resolution, adopted unanimously by a 15-0 vote, also urged all parties to co-operate fully with UN troops who are trying against heavy odds to get relief through to Sarajevo's 300,000 residents.

Currently there are about 1,100 UN troops, civilian police and civilians helping in the relief effort in the Sarajevo area. The additional 500 staff members, for a total of 1,600, would be used for air-traffic control, an artillery-locating radar platoon, a helicopter unit and signals and medical platoons, many of whom have been offered by France.

The council again demanded that all anti-aircraft weapons systems be withdrawn from the airport's approaches as agreed to earlier with the UN.

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, in a report released Sunday, said Serb militias, which control the airport, had not yet fully withdrawn heavy artillery, maintaining they would be attacked immediately by Bosnians and Croats.

He warned that the UN operation was hanging by a thread if attacks did not stop.

"The Sarajevo airport operation is based upon foundations of the utmost fragility [and] continues to hang by a slender thread," he said. "The continuing military conflict in the area could at any moment encroach upon the airport and disrupt the arrival and distribution of relief goods."

Relief flights continued to land yesterday.

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Heavy flow of arms — A10



Father Joseph of Carmel, Calif., sets up his travelling confessional near Madison Square Garden in New York, site of the Democratic Party's national convention. (CARLOS OSORIO/Associated Press)

Democrats embracing the right stuff

Clinton puts his political stamp on unconventional platform

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NEW YORK — Orthodoxy will take a beating tonight as the Democratic Party's national convention adopts its 1992 platform.

After five hours of ceremonial speech-making at its first session last night, the convention turns briefly to policy tonight.

Under the firm control of Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton's centrist-minded campaign, the platform is a far cry from the traditional shopping list for the poor and disaffected in U.S. society that has been the Democratic pattern for 30 years.

The delegates are the same old crew, dominated by unions and other parts of the ancient Democratic coalition. The platform they are to ratify tonight, however, is different.

"An expanding entrepreneurial economy of high-wage, high-skill jobs is the most important family policy, urban policy, labour policy, minority policy and foreign policy America can have," the platform declares in proclaiming a "new covenant with the American people."

It is a significant departure from the days when the party damned corporate America and trumpeted greater rights for welfare recipients and convicts.

This shift is, in part, a search for electoral credibility.

"For years this party has been in an ideological straitjacket," Clinton campaign chairman Mickey Kantor said. "This year, it's different, and we need to demonstrate to the American people that we are back in the mainstream."

But more than a search for an end to its presidential electoral drought, the Clinton stamp on the platform and the party marks a turning point in the Democratic civil wars.

The party's right wing has, for the moment at least, routed the left. Twenty-four years after the party split over the Vietnam war, the right wing has emerged triumphant.

Instead of welfare rights, the platform calls for "welfare responsibilities." Big government is excoriated and the platform "honour[s] business as a noble endeavour."

"It's a pragmatic, problem-solving, less ideological statement," said Colorado Governor Roy Romer, who headed the platform committee.

Mr. Clinton has been at the forefront of the effort to move the party to the right. He was a founding member of the Democratic Leadership Council, a group that has been agitating for a shift in Democratic priorities since Walter Mondale was routed by Ronald Reagan in the 1984 presidential election.

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