

A brief stroll on the sunny side

Here are a few things that constitute good news: Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has gotten so low in the polls that he's taken to making fun of himself, kind of like Rodney Dangerfield. And he's actually fairly amusing. I'd rather have a funny guy than a popular guy running the country any day. On second thought, make that a guy who's being funny on purpose (Jean Chretien, take note).

With the new 5 per cent down payment rule and interest rates as low as they've been in a generation, my nephew cashed in his paper route and bought a house.

Since hardly anybody has money to spare, the government(s) have limited their 1992 tax grabs to only modest increases over 1991. A lot of that is for jobless benefits to those who can't pay their taxes any more because they're unemployed. The benefits are still taxed, of course.

Through such schemes, the government is paying people to sit around and do nothing, which is more or less what the government has always paid people for, so at least our politicians are doing what they do best.

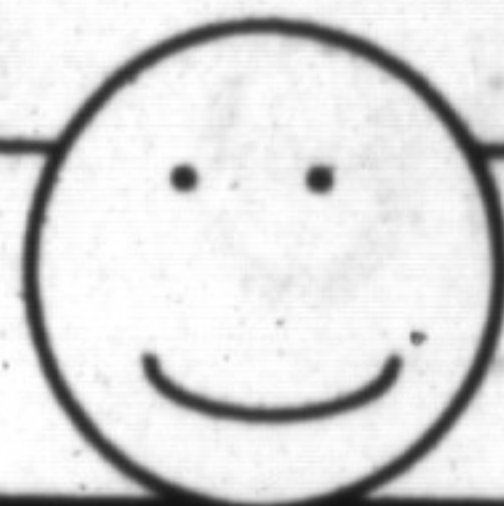
We won seven medals in the Winter Olympics. Did I mention that?

The world's tallest freestanding tourist trap is only 30 miles away in downtown Toronto. It's worth the drive to the CN Tower, because you can see the cross-border shopping traffic jams outside Buffalo from there.

Blue Jay pitcher Jack Morris makes more money in 20 minutes than the government of Canada spends on debt interest in a day. It's a good thing Morris takes four

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months off a year, otherwise we'd all be broke.

Lyn McLeod may well be the next Premier of Ontario. Women are beginning to rule the world. This will give men more free time.

Avid hairspray consumer Otto Jelinek, the federal revenue minister, has vowed to comply with the worldwide deadline for banning CFCs by the year 2000, at which time he is expected to shift to the wet look.

Ever notice how Otto Jelinek talks a lot like Arnold Schwarzenegger? He should cash in on this by saying stuff like, "Jean Chretien's a girly man."

Only seven more weeks until baseball season.

Face to face, Bob Rae seems a lot smarter than he looks on TV. The same goes double for Joe Clark. Bob plays a mean piano, too. Joe — these days he mostly just sings the blues.

Helpful advice for getting through 1992 with a sunny, warm, well-balanced outlook: Put your RRSP funds in equities, move out of bonds and money market instruments; drink more red wine (clears arteries, they hint on 60 Minutes);

Always a bright side in the sports world

What's the good word?

Well, in sports there are a lot of good words, as long as you happen to be on the winning team. And even if you lose, words of encouragement aren't so hard to take.

Those who witnessed Ryan Peddie's performance between the pipes in a recent Milton District High School hockey loss to Bishop Reding Secondary School would know that winning isn't everything. Peddie, played an exceptional game despite reaching back into the net on five occasions.

Bishop Reding's hockey squad is playing good hockey. After a poor season last year they have turned it around, as much due to the efforts of coach Ange Poletto, as the players. A more focussed approach has paid off and the squad could make waves in the playoffs.

Milton District's team is in a similar boat as they have improved their play from mid-season and stand ready to make some splashes in the playoffs. Since the two Milton schools face each other in the first round, one team from this town will advance.

In girls volleyball both the senior and junior teams at Bishop Reding are having good seasons. In the senior division they stand second only behind the powerhouse at Georgetown and in the junior division behind Georgetown and Oakville Trafalgar.

The high standing pleases no one as much as physical education department head Brian Arseneault who coaches one of the teams and is a prime mover in the drive for sporting excellence at the school.

The Milton Merchants junior B team topped their league this season for the first time in living memory. After years of results that would not get them a mention in this section, the Merchants put together a second place finish in 1990-91 and then topped that with a first place finish this year.

It's nice to see the success of locals Pat Henneberry, who is proving he is a quality junior B player and Mike Cox who can play at an equally high level. Remember these players are rookies on one of the best junior B hockey teams in the province.

Some scouts who pass through Milton, and they go out of their way now to do so, say that Milton's team would be a solid major junior A entry. So many scouts pass through Memorial Arena that Merchant coach Rick Bince has only a little space left on his office bulletin board due to the business cards that adorn it.

In addition to the rookies, don't forget the old-timers on the Merchant club, captain Shawn Healey of Milton and assistant Jeff Daw of nearby Carlisle, who after years of toiling for the team are getting their reward.

In fact the thrill of having a powerful team is becoming increasingly evident in Memorial Arena as bigger, more boisterous crowds become the norm. Last year opposition fans would stand up and scream insults at Milton, its players and hockey tradition. Local fans figured they were right. This year local people aren't afraid to stand up and yell out the score; usually enough to dampen the spirits of the most boorish out-of-towner.

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"We're really excited about our involvement with the 1992 Olympic Games nationally and locally," says Realty World — W. J. McCrudden Real Estate. "Our goal is to bring the excitement and thrill of world-class competition into the homes and lives of the people living in Milton and surrounding areas."

REALTY WORLD brokers across Canada are gearing up for their most results-oriented event of the early 1990's — the 1992 Summer Olympics taking place in Barcelona Spain from July 25 to August 9.

To help celebrate REALTY WORLD's sponsorship of the CTV Olympic coverage, the company is running three "World Class" Sweepstakes across Canada. One home shopper in each of three contest regions will win an exclusive travel package for two people. The prize includes: return economy airfare to Barcelona via Toronto, from the closest commercial airport to their Canadian residence; round trip airport transfers; seven nights hotel accommodation, including taxes and service charges; buffet breakfast daily; an Olympic souvenir gift pack; and five event tickets. Full details on the contest rules and entry forms will be available February 15 from REALTY WORLD offices across the country.

"Our sponsorship of the athletic games isn't just a two-week commitment," says McCrudden. "The program is just getting underway when the "World Class" Sweepstakes kick-off February 15."

"Every successful athlete is results-driven," says Jack McCrudden. "REALTY WORLD people are results-driven too. We want people to know that "the right agent makes all the difference in the world". If Canadians want world class results in real estate, whether it is buying or selling, they can turn to us."

"The Olympics, which continues to be an event which truly unites the world, offers our organization an exciting opportunity to support the accomplishments of emerging Canadian Heroes," says Harold Waddell, President, REALTY WORLD Canada. Like many successful entrepreneurs, Mr. Waddell believes Olympic Champions personify many of the outstanding human qualities which foster not only individual success, but corporate as well.

"The Olympic Games about excellence, pageantry and tradition," says Waddell. "I believe world-wide competitors in sports and entrepreneurs share a common mindset: the commitment to achieve success through ambition, strategy, and intensity — backed by an uncompromising attention to detail."

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