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Man admits his car hit Davis but says a friend was driving it

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Frank Dres admits it was his car that hit champion swimmer Victor Davis.

But Dres, a 21-year-old fabrics salesman, said last night he was a passenger and his friend the designated driver of the car.

Davis, 25, died yesterday, two days after he was struck by a car after leaving the Brasserie Belle-Vue in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, a Montreal suburb.

"Someone else was the designated driver because he was sober," Dres told the Montreal Gazette in an interview at his Kirkland home.

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"It's just the smart thing nowadays to have a designated driver," said a visibly nervous Dres.

Dres, who said he uses a leased black Honda for his job, refused to identify the driver who hit Davis.

Controversy surrounds the events leading up to the accident.

Authorities, who originally described the incident as a hit-and-run, now refer to it as an accident.

The Montreal Urban Community accident section is handling the

case. Spokesman Pierre Leclerc said in a statement yesterday: "Two police officers are currently working on the case and are in the process of taking statements from the various witnesses to complete the file before making a final decision (on what, if any, charges are warranted)." He had no further comment.

Donna Clavel, Davis's girlfriend, and a friend, Jennifer Watt, said the swimmer had a verbal set-to with three young men who had flirted with the women.

The women said the three men, Please see MAN/page A11



VICTOR DAVIS: Controversy surrounds incident that killed him.

Lawyer for Davis family disputes police version

By Alfred Holden Toronto Star

MONTREAL — The death of Olympic swimming hero Victor Davis should make criminal charges "a distinct possibility at least," says a top criminal lawyer.

Lawyer Raphael Schachter says police descriptions of the traffic accident that killed Davis are a "flagrant contradiction" of the version of events told by witnesses.

Davis, 25, never regained consciousness after his skull was fractured when he was thrown 10 metres (31 feet) by a car early Saturday morning outside Brasserie Belle-Vue in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, a Montreal suburb. He was declared brain-dead

at 1 p.m. yesterday. Witnesses, including Davis's girlfriend, Donna Clavel, said he was deliberately hit after he got into an altercation with the three men.

Police said at first the incident was not considered a hit-and-run because a 19-year-old man who claimed to be the driver reported soon after to a nearby police station.

But the Davis family believes that the driver at the wheel of a black Honda during the tragedy may not be the same man police interviewed.

Schachter, a Montreal lawyer hired by Davis's family, said he is not accusing the police of mishandling the investigation. □ Files from Canadian Press

Soviets may let citizens travel freely, emigrate

By Michael Parks
Special to The Star

MOSCOW — The Soviet government introduced historic legislation yesterday that, after decades of tight controls, would assure the right of Soviet citizens to travel abroad and to emigrate.

Anatoly Kovalev, a first deputy foreign minister, told the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament, that the draft law would help remove "some of the last vestiges of the Iron Curtain."

The official Tass news agency called it landmark legislation comparable to the East German decision last week to open its borders.

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"This replaces the present collection of secret instructions, regulations and decrees that have governed these matters for so long," Kovalev said. "And it will put an end to the departmental and local standard-setting for those who travel abroad or emigrate."

"Practically any citizen will now be able to get a passport for travel abroad or for exit for permanent residence abroad."

Fyodor Burlatsky, chairman of the Soviet human rights commission, told other deputies that between 500,000 and 600,000 people probably would apply to emigrate once the law is adopted and that 6-8 million Soviet citizens would travel abroad next year for business or pleasure as a result of the liberalization.

Emigration already is running at more than 15,000 people a month.

The bill would:
□ Shorten to a maximum of five years the ban on leaving the country for those said to possess state secrets;

□ Give everyone the right to a five-year passport to travel to any country. Passports are currently issued only for the duration of a trip abroad, and must be handed in immediately upon return.

□ Allow a "temporary" stay outside the Soviet Union to last up to three years

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LECH WELCOMED: Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa is met in Ottawa yesterday by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and wife Mila. Mulroney later pledged aid for Poland.

Mulroney promises Walesa aid to ease food shortages, debt

By Walter Stefaniuk Toronto Star
OTTAWA — Poland can depend on Canada to help pull it through tough economic times, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has told Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

Mulroney made the promise yesterday as he detailed a wide-ranging package of incentives. Included was help to ease Po-

land's food shortage, preferential tariffs and restructuring of the country's \$2.6 billion debt to Canada.

A glance at the package sent Walesa beaming on his way to Washington after a four-day stay in Canada.

In the U.S. capital, President George Bush gave Walesa America's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, and called

him the spiritual godfather of the democracy movements electrifying eastern Europe.

More honors were in store for the Solidarity leader today when he was to address the AFL-CIO convention before returning to the White House for a private dinner with Bush, Associated Press reports.

Walesa thanked the AFL-CIO. Please see PM/back page

Drug barons saw New Brunswick as base, court told

BURTON, N.B. (CP) — The Medellin cocaine cartel planned to use New Brunswick as its North American distribution base, court was told yesterday as two Colombians were sent to prison.

The plot was approved by reputed cartel kingpin Pablo Escobar, RCMP Corporal Gary LeGresley said, after the two pleaded guilty to charges of importing and possession of the drug for the purpose of trafficking.

Mr. Justice David Russell had harsh words for the pair during sentencing, saying, "You had the confidence and trust of your superiors. You didn't care about hurt, misery and further crime and violence the sale of this product could bring on the North American market."

Jose Ali Galindo-Escobar, 36, and Fernando Augusto Mendoza-Jaramillo, 27, both of Colombia,

were each sentenced to 22 years in prison for bringing 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) of high-grade cocaine into Canada in April.

"Obviously you were more than mere mules," the Court of Queen's Bench judge said.

"You were sophisticated businessmen and pilots capable of transporting this repugnant cargo thousands of miles for substantial monetary reward."

The men were silent as they were led in handcuffs from the heavily guarded courthouse.

They had been scheduled to begin a two-week trial yesterday but changed their pleas to guilty.

The cocaine seizure was the largest in Canadian history and also led to the arrest in Montreal of three Colombians after the Royal Canadian Mounted Police substituted sugar for the cocaine before deliv-

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Canada joins alliance in bid to 'build bridges'

By Bob Hepburn
Toronto Star

WASHINGTON — With little fanfare and light applause, the Organization of American States has formally accepted Canada as a full member of its cash-strapped club.

"We will not let down those states in Latin America who have sought our membership for so long and who have looked forward to Canada's increased engagement in the region," External Affairs Minister Joe Clark told the 32-member organization yesterday.

"Our autonomy, our interest in practical solutions and our pursuit of bridge-building will continue as the hallmarks of our diplomacy."

Clark said in a speech here to the group's General Assembly.

Canada's membership was accepted unanimously. Canada will formally become a member on Jan. 1, 1990, after Parliament ratifies Clark's signing of the organization's charter.

Many delegation heads openly welcomed Canada in their pre-written speeches. However, the U.S. delegate gave a pointedly terse greeting.

Canada has "a long and deep commitment to the institutions and ideology of democracy," said Lawrence Eagleburger, U.S. deputy secretary of state, in a two-sen-

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SWAPO wins, but margin too small

WINDHOEK (Reuter) — Unofficial results indicate today that SWAPO, the black nationalist party, has won the independence election in Namibia — but its triumph is far from stunning.

There are doubts SWAPO, the leftist South-West Africa People's Organization that fought a 23-year bush war against South African

rule of the huge desert territory, has gained the two-thirds majority needed to push through its own constitution.

The vote was for a constituent assembly that will guide Namibia to independence next year, ending 74 years of South African rule

□ Details/A19

Peel goes to court to halt Sunday shopping

By Bruce Campion-Smith
Toronto Star

Peel Region plans to seek a court injunction preventing four major grocery chains from illegally opening for business on Sundays.

And some supermarket employees plan to set an information table next Sunday in a bid to encourage shoppers from supporting grocery stores that open legally.

Peel councilors were expected today to ask the region's lawyer to apply for a court order that could end at a quick end — at least in Peel,

defying the law can be prosecuted faster.

A total of 89 grocery stores operated by Loblaw's, A & P/Dominion, Miracle Food Mart and the Oshawa Group Ltd. were open in Peel, York, Niagara and Halton regions on Sunday. At least 56 stores were charged with contravening the Retail Business Holidays Act.

The stores plan to open every Sunday until politicians change what the stores call unfair Sunday shopping laws.

Halton Region Chairman Peter

Pomeroy was also considering applying for a court injunction as he met yesterday with legal staff and police officials to make plans for enforcing the legislation.

And the union representing grocery store workers has called on the province to toughen fines to discourage stores.

"We will take every legal step we can to encourage people not to shop on Sunday," said Jim Crockett, president of Local 175 of the United Food and Commercial Workers.

□ **MPPS urge heavier fines for Sunday opening, Page A9**

— to the openings by the grocery chains

"I'm recommending to council that we seek an injunction," Peel Region Chairman Frank Bean said. "But it's no quick fix. I doubt if we'll get it for a couple of weeks."

He also urged Attorney-General Ian Scott to clear the backlog plaguing Ontario's courts so the stores

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