

Snow, winds to continue throughout day

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By Shane Minkin

Winter arrived with more than a flurry yesterday as near-blizzard conditions dumped between 10 and 15 centimetres of snow on Winnipeg overnight.

Environment Canada warned that another 10 centimetres will fall today.

"We're expecting between 20 and 25 centimetres of snow to fall throughout the duration of the storm," Barry Armstrong, a meteorological technician with Environment Canada, said last night.

He said the snowfall is expected to taper off late tonight or early tomorrow morning as the massive low-pressure system moves into North-western Ontario.

City thoroughfares were clogged with bumper-to-bumper traffic last night. Police advised motorists to leave their cars at home today.

Rash of calls

"We've had a rash of calls from people wanting to know about the overnight parking ban, but we haven't had a rash of accidents," a police traffic division spokesman said.

Insp. Bryan Kramble said a 19-year-old woman was taken to hospital after being hit by a car outside the Brittany Inn on Ellice Avenue at about 7:45 p.m.

She was listed in good condition with a broken leg, he said, adding the accident is under investigation.

Winnipeg's first major snowfall this winter prompted city hall to move quickly yesterday as plans to combat the storm were revised

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The same storm hit Rapid City, S.D. before moving northeast into Winnipeg late yesterday afternoon.

Overnight parking banned until May

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twice. Early yesterday, Mayor Bill Norrie said that depending on weather conditions he could call for a ban on parking on major arteries and snow routes to facilitate snow-clearing operations.

But Norrie indicated at the time that such a move likely wouldn't occur until today.

Three hours later the ban was in effect, prohibiting vehicle parking on all city streets between 3 and 6 a.m.

The ban will remain in effect on all major traffic arteries until next May, Works and Operations Com-

missioner Rod McRae said.

The ban can be lifted at any time, at Norrie's discretion, for residential streets only, he said.

Up to 300 pieces of snow-clearing, salting and sanding equipment could be pressed into service over the weekend depending on the severity of the storm, McRae said.

McRae said if the city receives more than 20 centimetres of snow, clearing and hauling operations would commence. Clearing was to begin around midnight.

If the storm is accompanied by the predicted 90-kmh winds, sidewalk clearing would be curtailed, he said.

The city has already spent its 1986 snow-clearing budget and the 1987 budget hasn't yet been passed, he said.

However, the city is authorized to overspend the 1986 budget, if necessary, and funds would be drawn on the 1986 account if this weekend's storm is as bad as predicted.

A Winnipeg Transit spokesman said most city buses were running on schedule last night. Some routes were experiencing delays of up to 10 minutes.

Air Canada and CP Air were reporting numerous delays in both arrivals and departures, but no flights were cancelled.

Both Greyhound and Grey Goose bus lines were running slightly behind schedule, with no cancellations reported.

Unicity Taxi last night reported brisk business as many motorists decided to cab it rather than risk driving themselves.


A Unicity spokesman said that some parts of the city were forced to wait up to an hour and a half for cab service.

And Manitoba Hydro spokesman Glenn Schmieder said emergency crews were on stand-by alert.

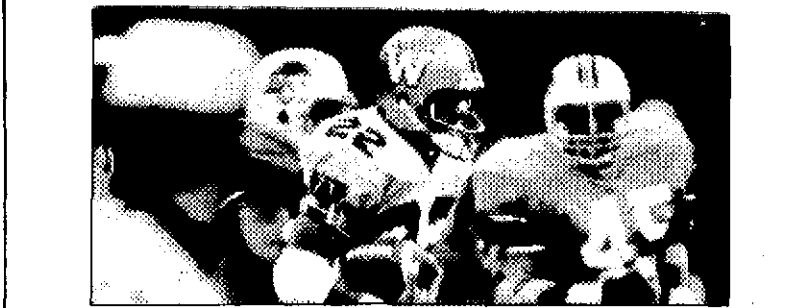
"We're not anticipating any problems, but we want to be ready in case anything happens," he said.

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News Watch

Arrest in shooting

An arrest has been made in the murder of a prisoner at the Regina Correctional Centre, RCMP said yesterday. Police said a man was taken into custody Friday night and was to be charged. No further details were given. Brian Walter Schultenkamper, 21, of Regina, was shot almost point-blank Thursday night while standing in his jail cell at the correctional centre.

Bud brigade

A plan to send guns, ammunition and a surface-to-air missile to the outlawed Irish Republican Army was hatched in a Boston bar over free mugs of beer, says a lawyer for one of five men sentenced in the scheme. "These men are the Budweiser brigade of the Irish Republican Army," said William Brown after his client, Stephen MacDonald, 35, was sentenced to one year in jail. U.S. District Judge A. David Mazzone suspended half the sentence and ordered two years of probation with drug and alcohol counselling.

Chasing mirage

President Hafez Assad said economic sanctions against Syria would be ineffective and warned that Western countries blaming it for supporting terrorism were chasing "a mirage. Our enemies are trying to exert all kinds of pressures against our people," Assad said. "They are threatening us with economic pressure . . . and military aggression. We can assure them their effort will be a loser/8

Hatfield born again

New Brunswick Premier Richard Hatfield appears to have written the score for his next election appearance and it's loaded with paeans of praise for his 16-year-old Conservative government. "The time has not come for the PC government of New Brunswick to go," he hollered above a rising chorus of cheers from about 1,500 Tory supporters on the weekend. "The time has come to go on." After two years of tension and controversy about Hatfield's personal and political problems, the Tories want to recapture the good times. "Welcome to a real happy gathering," a beaming Hatfield told the crowd. "We — you and I — deserve it. We've come a long way together and there have been lots of ups and downs."



Et cetera

A self-proclaimed Soviet diplomat told a Kamloops judge Friday he wants to spend the next three weeks in jail. Robert Wolfgang Kissman, 54, who claimed he's been given diplomatic immunity in Canada by the Soviet embassy, said: "Your honor, I need a three-week adjournment to inform the Russian embassy." He is charged with fraudulently obtaining a steak dinner at a local restaurant. He identified his Soviet contact as Igor Stravinsky, at the Soviet consulate in Vancouver. Soviet officials denied that they knew Stravinsky or Kissman.

Colossal dig-out gets under way

150 to 200 pieces of equipment hit the streets this morning

By David Roberts and Shane Minkin

Southern Manitoba began a massive week-long excavation early today after being nearly paralyzed for 36 hours by the season's first blizzard.

City officials said last night that while the mammoth, multi-million-dollar cleanup will get underway immediately, it will be at least a week before all streets, back lanes and sidewalks are cleared.

As well, they said limited transit service could be available as early as today on some routes, while others it may take until Wednesday to return to normal.

For the next two days, they said, the emphasis will be on clearing the city's main streets and bus routes, now covered by the 33 cms. (13.2 inches) of snow which fell on Winnipeg since Friday.

Between 150 and 200 pieces of equipment were to start plowing early this morning, works and operations commissioner Rod McRae said last night.

Crews will then branch off to side streets and residential areas starting tomorrow, he said.

"It's the major spokes in the wheel that will be done first. It's going to probably take us a couple of days to get the regional system and the bus routes open," he said.

"We'll be lucky if we have all the streets open by the end of the week."

He said crews would be working around the clock until the job is done, "probably the rest of the week."

Sidewalk clearing won't begin until tomorrow at the earliest, he said.

He said sanding operations would follow the snowclearing and is also expected to begin tomorrow.

McRae couldn't estimate what the snowclearing operations would cost. See SNOW page 4

Newborn gets home delivered in storm

By Kathleen Engman

When babies decide to be born, they don't care about the weather.

"She was due next Friday, but she decided to come on a blizzard," said Monique Cowie, who delivered her daughter on her dining-room floor early yesterday morning.

Ironically, Cowie's physician husband was at Health Sciences Centre helping in the delivery of other babies when his wife went into her very brief labor.

"She came so fast it's unbelievable," the mother said, motioning to her sleeping daughter.

Cowie called her husband at about 1 a.m. yesterday to say that light labor had started, but by 2:45 a.m., she knew the time had come.

"I was quite scared when I wanted to push because I knew the baby would come at any moment."

Dr. Neil Cowie, an anesthesia resident, left HSC when he heard the labor was near the final stage.

While he battled snow drifts in his vehicle, his wife lay on the dining-room floor with a phone to her ear as an HSC nurse coached her.

Tried to delay

The nurse told her to pant rather than push in an effort to delay delivery.

An ambulance and two attendants arrived just as the baby was about to be born. They helped complete the delivery, cut the umbilical cord, suction the baby's air passages and wrap her in a blanket.

Meanwhile, Dr. Cowie's vehicle was blocked at Maryland and Broadway so he jumped out and tried to run through the blizzard to Misericordia Hospital, where he knew the ambulance would take his wife.

He arrived before she did, unaware his daughter had already been born.

Jennifer Marie-Christine Cowie was 5 pounds 9 ounces, and slept soundly in her Misericordia room, while her mother described her birth.

Another unusual birth occurred when a Victoria Hospital doctor was being transported to work on a snowmobile.

Dr. Jeff Haasbeck was flagged down by a firefighter who asked him to attend to a woman in labor in a nearby house.

Fortunately, she was only in the early stages and was taken to hospital for her delivery.



Man used snowshoes to navigate Portage Avenue then packed them up near destination.

Snowstorm revives memories of the great March 'blizzard'

By Glen MacKenzie

A storm which brought Winnipeg to a standstill on the weekend revived memories for many about one that was just as severe, but which claimed two lives — the snowstorm of Friday, March 4, 1966.

Then, it all started with a low-pressure system in the southwestern U.S. which developed into a snowstorm over the Dakotas and Minnesota and which was supposed to miss Winnipeg by a few kilometres.

However, the storm took a freak turn northward, dumping the first of its 35 centimetres (14 inches) of snow on the city about 1:30 a.m.

And, in 14 devastating hours, it took two lives (compared with 16 in the northern U.S.) as two middle-aged Winnipeg men collapsed after See 1966 page 4

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Tories reschedule convention to early 1987

By Radha Thampi

The annual convention of the Manitoba Progressive Conservative Party will be rescheduled to early next year because of the weekend snowstorm, Tory Leader Gary Filmon said yesterday.

The party executive cancelled the annual meeting yesterday after more than half the 210 registered delegates couldn't make it to the convention at the International Inn.

At least 200 delegates were needed for a quorum, Filmon said.

About 571 delegates and alternates were expected for the three-day convention. But only 210 were registered by Friday, the first day.

Filmon rejected some party members' suggestions that many delegates, elected by their riding associations, stayed away because they were angry with Ottawa's recent CF-18 decision.

It was the blizzard, not the CF-18 decision, which forced almost two-thirds of the delegates to stay away, Filmon said.

He said he could not recollect a party convention ever being cancelled before due to weather.

Yesterday, some delegates joked deputy prime minister Don Mazankowski must be very happy the convention was cancelled.

Mazankowski was scheduled to address a \$50-a-plate fund-raising dinner last night.

About 700 tickets were sold for the evening, with the proceeds going to pay off the party's \$700,000 debt, most of it incurred during the provincial election early this year.

Instead, last night the party treated the 100 or so stranded delegates to a free steak dinner.

Filmon said some rural delegates were trapped en route because of the blizzard.

"There were some from Thompson and some from western Manitoba. We haven't heard anything from them. We are worried."

Filmon said he still plans to send a resolution to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney condemning Ottawa's recent decision to award a contract to maintain CF-18 fighter jets to Quebec's Canadair Ltd.

Filmon said although the delegates couldn't vote on the emergency CF-18 motion, it was already passed by the Tory caucus and the provincial party executive.

Filmon said the 100 or so delegates spent some time yesterday tossing around ideas for possible resolutions for the next convention.

"We are already here, we thought we may as well utilize it."

Filmon said he and other delegates were not planning to leave the convention site until after the weather improved.

There were about 23 resolutions before the convention, about a dozen of them reiterating the party's known positions such as scrapping the payroll tax and giving incentives to small business.

Of the eight resolutions put forward by the party executive, one urged the province to set up an all-party committee to assess Manitoba's Crown corporations.

Filmon said although the party's executive committee can act on all resolutions, he prefers to see rank-and-filers get a chance to discuss them first.

City shuts down

Travellers, workers forced to wait it out

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spokesman Jim Spendlove said. He also said some residents experienced difficulties using their phones because, when some of the new equipment became overloaded, it simply stopped working. Mayor Bill Norrie, who spent most of the day at a makeshift emergency shelter in the basement of city hall, urged Winnipeggers not to leave their homes unnecessarily. "We're telling people to take it easy today and stay inside. Don't give yourself a heart attack," he said.

Winnipeg police Inspector Jim Bromley said no deaths or accidents were reported since the storm began venting its fury on the city Friday night. "We haven't had any major accidents because it's impossible for people to move out there," said Bromley.

With cruisers idled, police appealed to residents with four-wheel-drive vehicles to help keep basic police and ambulance services running.

Jake Enns, Winnipeg Ambulance spokesman, said city ambulances were only answering emergencies. Enns said city snowplows had cleared paths for ambulances taking patients to and from hospital. But the contingency service wasn't fast enough for some emergencies. Enns said attendants safely delivered two babies in ambulances. By late afternoon, the only vehicles to be seen in town were snowmobiles, four-wheel-drive vehicles and sleds.

Business brisk

For the few retailers who opened their doors yesterday, business was brisk.

At the IGA on Main Street and Jefferson Avenue, co-owner Bill O'Leary said his skeleton staff of four was kept hopping all day with dozens of frost-covered customers.

"It's amazing how many people will trudge through piles of snow for a pack of cigarettes," O'Leary said.

At Winnipeg International Airport, which shut down at 7 a.m. yesterday, about 200 stranded travellers spent the day sleeping, playing cards and fending off boredom, lost and found commissioner Bud Baldwin said.

Baldwin, scheduled to finish work Friday at midnight, said he spent the night in an airport lounge chair, listening to news reports.

By yesterday afternoon, Baldwin said he was dying to get home. "The concession stand is running out of food, so I hope to get out of here before dinner," he said.

Despite the inconvenience, many Winnipeggers managed to wreak a good time out of the storm.

At the Delta Hotel on a quiet Portage Avenue, guests helped out in the bar and restaurant when two-thirds of the staff couldn't make it into work, manager Brian Unger said.

As well, Unger said a 'Blizzard Bash' was planned for hotel guests last night with a door prize of two Pacific Western Airline tickets to anywhere in Canada.

Yesterday morning, he said he called police for help because two guests ran out of insulin.

Taken to hospital

"Two officers arrived about an hour ago with two nurses and a snow grader and took the guys to hospital," he said.

A person answering the phone at Bluejeans Cabaret said many staff were stranded Friday at the night-spot and were settling in for Saturday night as well.

"We have the movie channel going and we're having a great time," he said.

For the handful of Winnipeg workers who were determined enough to make it to work yesterday, many found it impossible to get home.

At the 7-Eleven store at Main Street and Cathedral Avenue, a weary-looking clerk explained he'd been there almost 20 hours.

"I was supposed to be finished at 7 this morning, but I couldn't make it home," he said.

"Now, my Saturday shift is starting in a couple of hours, so I guess I'll stay."

The clerk said by 5 p.m. yesterday, the store was fast running out of milk and bread, and the video cassette shelf was empty.

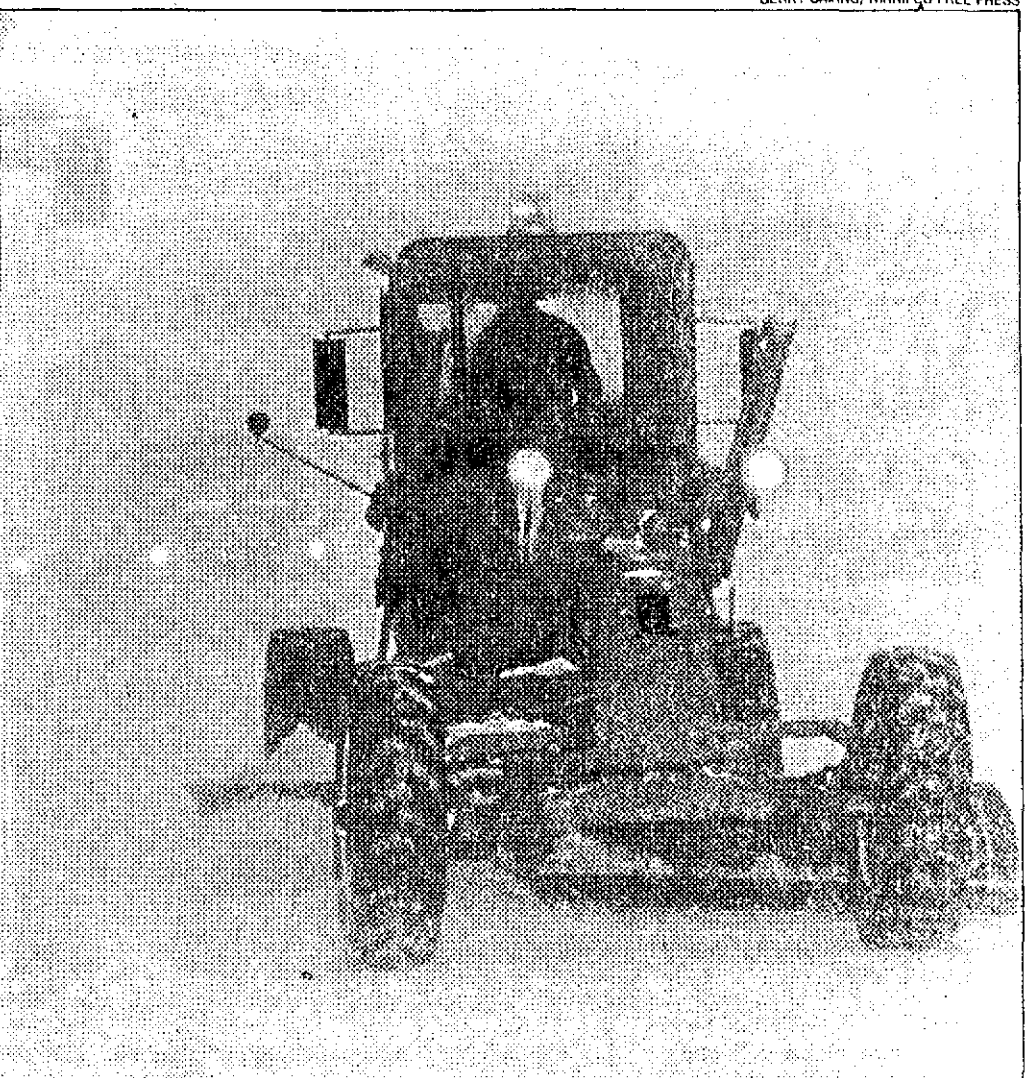
RCMP closed the Trans-Canada Highway east of Winnipeg and discouraged any travel outside the city as numerous stalled cars and semi-trailers blocked roads and highways.

"If it's not blocked by the snow, it's blocked by stranded vehicles," RCMP spokesman Ray Chaput said.

Hotels in Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie and Brandon were full as stranded travellers were forced to wait out the storm.



Car-pushing became Winnipeggers' favorite means of exercise yesterday. Snowplows kept lanes open for emergency vehicles and little else.



Snow-clearing attempts fail in white-out

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saying "he had no idea what we were going to be faced with, but I know it's going to a lot."

Some snow-clearing was attempted Friday night, but as the blizzard took hold, crews were called off.

As well, some crews went out yesterday, but mainly to clear a path for ambulances and fire trucks.

McRae said crews didn't start earlier today because anything done overnight would have been lost by morning.

"We'll let the crews get a bit of rest and when the wind subsides to the point where we can plow and not lose it right away, then we'll hit it hard with the full complement and we should start to make some headway," he said.

Regional streets will be plowed once abandoned vehicles have been towed away, said Mayor Bill Norrie, hunkered down at a bunker — the Emergency Control Centre in the basement of the city council building.

"If we don't get on the roads until early (today), then it'll have an impact on the transit service Monday."

"The transit service, depending on a break in the weather, will probably not be working at full capacity even on Monday."

City officials estimated the clean-up would exceed the \$2.5 million surplus in the snow-clearing budget. Millions of dollars also were lost due to business closings on a usually busy Saturday.

As most citizens stayed home snowbound, Norrie huddled with su-

pervisors from the police, fire, ambulance and operations departments.

Snow bylaw

Norrie conferred with chief Commissioner Nick Diakiw at 7 a.m. yesterday and invoked the emergency snow bylaw — placing a 24-hour parking ban on major regional streets.

At 9:15 a.m., a front-end loader trundled up to Norrie's Waverley Street home and took him to the city's operations centre on Elgin Avenue.

Earlier, between 6 and 7 a.m., transit service was shut down and plowing operations halted.

Following morning meetings with city officials, Norrie arrived at city

hall at 12:45 p.m. and met with the Emergency Control Committee.

During that meeting, which lasted about 90 minutes, Norrie was briefed by officials from the police, fire and ambulance services, and by Kel Stewart, the city's works and operations director.

A glitch in the city's emergency plan became clear when critical personnel — doctors, nurses, fire and police officers and operations department personnel — were snowbound in their homes.

Norrie authorized use of snowmobiles on city streets — subject to police approval.

The emergency committee also asked for help from the military, which supplied two armored personnel carriers to take medical staff to and from city hospitals.

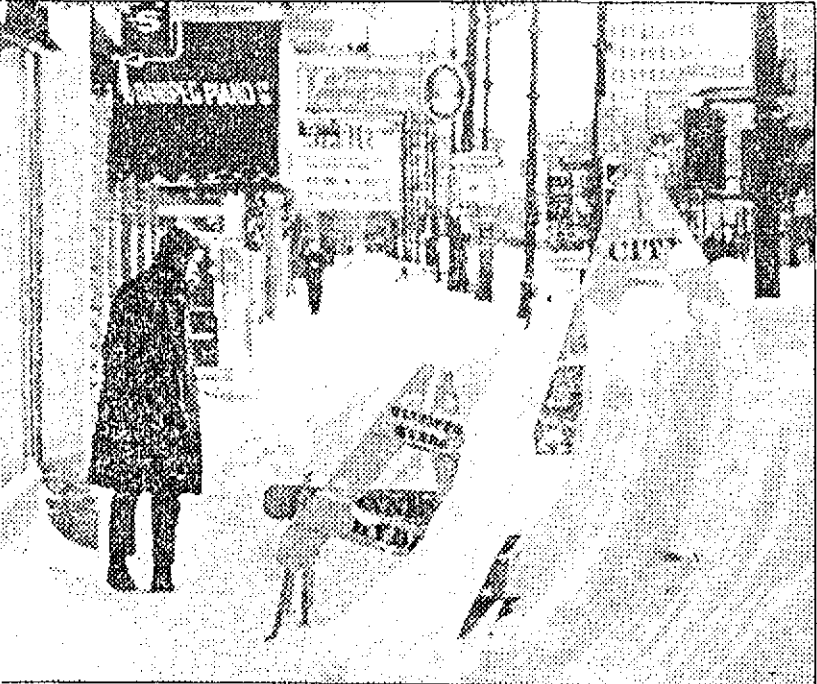
The 10-passenger APCs were pressed into action around 3 p.m. to rotate hospital staff, some of whom had worked shifts of up to 24 hours.

About 110 pieces of snow-clearing equipment were moved outside fire-halls, police stations and hospitals.

More than 300 pieces of snow equipment will be activated once the go-ahead for snow clearing is given, Norrie said.

McRae noted that about 80 per cent of the snowclearing equipment belongs to private contractors.

Several private snow-clearing operators said they planned to clear parking lots, apartment building drives and commercial establishments today, depending on the weather.



Portage Avenue day after the March 4, 1966 snowstorm.

Dump-Turner forces gear up for review vote

MONTREAL (CP) — Liberals from across the country who want to dump John Turner as head of their party met yesterday to breathe new life into their campaign.

With only three weeks left to go before the party's convention in Ottawa, the anti-Turner forces, led by Montreale Jacques Corriveau, are going on the offensive in a bid to sway delegates to vote for a leadership review.

The group of about 20 Liberals — from Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick — met in a historic greystone restaurant in Old Montreal.

At the entrance to the restaurant, they were greeted with a prominent bilingual poster announcing this was a meeting of "The Revisionists of the Liberal party of Canada."

"We have the same objective — to make sure the Liberals win the next election," said Corriveau, who organized the meeting.

"We wanted to change the impression that it's only Mr. Corriveau who's running this," said Michel Beliveau, a Quebec delegate to the Nov. 27-30 convention and former organizer for Jean Chretien.

Letter sent

The group has put together a letter addressed to party members across the country. It warns that under Turner the party's finances are "dangerously in the red," and that the NDP is making impressive gains in public popularity at the expense of the Liberals by occupying the Liberals' traditional position as a reform party.

The letter is signed by: Senator Pierre DeBane; George Young, past president of the Ontario wing of the party; Ken Munro, president of the Alberta wing; Wilfred Moore, past president for Nova Scotia; and Barbara Nault, vice-president of communications for the party in Alberta.

The letter comes with a series of published poll results charting the party's fortunes under Turner.

Deputy PM avoids storm of protest

A weekend snowstorm thwarted plans by Manitoba Tories and Bristol Aerospace workers to personally deliver an angry message to the Mulroney government in Ottawa.

The storm cancelled the Progressive Conservative's annual meeting and deputy prime minister Don Mazankowski's plans to fly in for a fundraising dinner.

Mazankowski was to have been greeted at the International Inn by hundreds of demonstrating Bristol workers, who wanted to tell off the MP for his cabinet's decision to hand the CF-18 maintenance contract to Montreal's Canadair Ltd.

John Marlow, head of the Bristol local of Canadian Association of Industrial Mechanical and Allied Workers, said he expected a few hundred union and non-union employees to march with placards and banners.

Mazankowski also missed angry words from the meeting's delegates, who were to vote yesterday on a resolution by the Tory caucus condemning the CF-18 decision.

1966 storm called 'blizzard by which future storms will be remembered'

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walking long distances through 120-kilometre-an-hour winds.

On the brighter side, 43 babies were born during the storm.

One of them entered the world with the assistance of two Winnipeg police constables, who acted as midwives for a mother they couldn't take to the hospital.

The constables were stars of the production, but the director was the physician at the other end of a telephone.

Everyone called it a blizzard, but weather bureau officials insisted it didn't qualify because the temperature must drop below -12C and the storm fell a bit short at -10C.

However, the white blanket pro-

duced a black day for a city which had only twice before virtually ceased to function — during the 1919 General Strike and the 1950 flood. It was enough to prompt one observer to call it "the blizzard by which future storms will be remembered."

Grain Exchange closed

Meetings, social events and many business activities were delayed or cancelled, include the closing of trading at the Winnipeg Grain Exchange for the first time in its 61-year history.

About 50 amateur radio operators set up a citizens' band network to send food, medicine and other necessities around the city via snowmobile, tow truck and car.

The first hour brought 1,000 calls. City hall, site of yesterday's Emergency Control Centre, was more a refuge centre 20 years ago as numerous civic employees were stranded there until as late as 11 p.m.

As well, many crews had to stay on duty for as long as 24 hours when their relief workers failed to show up.

The entire cleanup took about two weeks, and an arbitration into payment of overtime wages lasted somewhat longer.

A sure sign of business-as-usual developed as civic officials started lobbying the province for financial compensation, and provincial officials started talking about lobbying the federal government.



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CF-18 criticism fails to faze PM

HULL, Que. (CP) — Prime Minister Mulroney said yesterday he isn't bothered by a poll showing most people outside Quebec think Ottawa acted unfairly in awarding the CF-18 maintenance contract to Montreal's Canadair Ltd. over the low bidder from Winnipeg.

"I'm not concerned about it because if you go in the day after any given event and ask people how you feel, then obviously the reactions are pretty quick in coming and that subsides and changes over a while," he told reporters.

Minutes earlier, Mulroney had won applause from the Quebec Chamber of Commerce, which said the decision was in the national interest.

"As I indicated earlier, one of the great challenges in a country like Canada is that even when you're bending over backwards to be fair to everyone there are perceptions that you are not"

"And anyone who examines objectively, for example, our record in regard to what has transpired in Manitoba and Western Canada, just

say in the last three or four months, will I think come to the conclusion that no government at any time has ever done so much in favor of Western Canada."

The poll, taken Nov. 1-4 by Angus Reid Associates Inc. and published Saturday, surveyed 1,684 adults.

With the exception of Quebecers, 56 per cent of respondents said it was unfair to award the contract to Canadair when Bristol Aerospace of Winnipeg was the low bidder and was superior technically.

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Mulroney: 'not concerned'

BEST COPY

A message to readers

As most subscribers know, distribution of the *Free Press* was disrupted during the weekend by the blizzard. While some newspapers reached subscribers and retail outlets Saturday, most delivery routes could not be serviced due to impassable streets. Distribution of Sunday's edition also was made impossible by continued poor conditions.

Every attempt has now been made to ensure subscribers receive their Saturday newspapers. A copy of the Sunday edition has been included with today's paper. The *Free Press* thanks its subscribers for their patience and understanding for the delay.

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City to tow cars from major streets



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Art Cajapin gets a little help from his friends as they push his car on snowbound Simcoe Street yesterday.

Saboteurs wreck whaling station

Two vessels sunk in Reykjavik harbor by conservation group

REYKJAVIK (AP-CP) — Saboteurs wrecked Iceland's only plant where whale meat is processed in an attack believed linked to the scuttling of two Icelandic whaling boats by an environmental group, police said today.

The attack on the whaling station, about 80 kilometres from Reykjavik, was discovered early today when employees arrived for work. The plant's computer system and the

machinery used to process whale meat were destroyed.

Helgi Jonsson, spokesman for Hvalur Whaling Co., the plant's owner, said it appeared saboteurs used sledge hammers.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but police said it appeared to have been carried out by the same people who opened the bottom valves on the whaling boats, Hvalur 6 and Hvalur

7, early yesterday in Reykjavik harbor.

No crew members were aboard the ships, and no injuries were reported.

The Los Angeles-based Sea Shepherd Conservation Society said it carried out the attacks on the vessels. Its leader, Canadian Paul Watson, said in interviews from Vancouver with Icelandic state radio and television that a team from his orga-

nization sank the 430-tonne boats because "the Icelanders were hunting whales illegally."

Environmentalists accuse the Icelandic government of using scientific pretenses as a cover for commercial whaling.

"They are trying to say they are killing whales for research, but the whale meat is being sold to Japan," Watson said in an interview with The Associated Press. "They are prostituting science."

Iceland agreed to abide by an International Whaling Commission decision to cease whaling from 1986 to 1990. Although commercial whaling stopped, the government permits Hvalur to carry out scientific whaling.

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Shultz reported upset with secrecy

WASHINGTON (AP-Reuter) — U.S. congressional leaders accused the administration yesterday of keeping them in the dark about reported White House deals to send arms to Iran and some suggested its power to conduct such operations should be curbed.

The criticism came amid speculation State Secretary George Shultz, who also apparently knew little about the reported moves by the White House to trade arms for U.S. hostages held in Beirut, could resign over the matter.

Shultz called an unusual meeting of State Department experts yesterday at his suburban Washington

home, but officials said the session on alleged Syrian sponsorship of terrorism was unrelated to questions about Iran.

A *New York Times* report quoting Shultz aides raising the possibility of a Shultz resignation "is pure speculation, as the story itself says," spokesman Sondra McCarty said.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry also declined comment yesterday on reports it was involved in recent arms deals with Iran.

An Israeli official admitted in May that Israel sold military spare parts to Iran in 1982 with U.S. knowledge.

Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.),

chairman of the Senate foreign-relations committee, said he spoke to Shultz on Saturday.

"In my judgment, he will not resign," Lugar told ABC's This Week with David Brinkley.

News reports last week said former national-security adviser Robert McFarlane travelled to Tehran last year and arranged to ship arms to Iran in exchange for release of U.S. hostages kidnapped in Beirut.

A U.S. embargo on arms shipments to Iran, which is at war with Iraq, has been in effect since 1979. The official U.S. position on the war is neutrality.

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Free transit rides today as snowclearing continues

By David Roberts and Dan Lett

The worst effects of a paralyzing weekend blizzard are over, and police will start ticketing and towing cars parked illegally on regional streets, Mayor Bill Norrie said this morning.

"I think the emergency, in terms of getting the city operating, is over," Norrie said, adding the major task ahead is to expand snow removal activities.

As Winnipeggers begin digging out with shovels, more than 250 pieces of snowclearing equipment will continue working around the clock, Norrie said.

The storm was the worst blizzard in 20 years, operations commissioner Rod McRae said.

Norrie estimated it will cost \$2.5 million to clean up. The cost means the city will have to add to its \$10-million 1986 snow removal budget, he said.

"We will spend what we have to and if we need more money, we will go to council and get it," he said.

All Winnipeg-area school and university classes were cancelled today and were expected to resume Wednesday.

Norrie said the emergency snow bylaw has been extended 72 hours to 7 a.m. Friday.

The bylaw bans stopping or parking on regional streets. Regional streets are the city's major arteries, such as Portage Avenue, Main Street, Pembina Highway, and Henderson Highway. They are marked as snow routes.

Vehicles parked on streets after the blizzard — not those caught in the storm and still under the snow — will be ticketed.

Snow clearing crews must plough 1,500 miles of streets and 300 miles of back lanes — the distance between Winnipeg and Toronto, Norrie noted.

All regional streets were at least one-lane passable early today and work crews were focussing on expanding them lane by lane, he said.

All non-essential city services such as libraries were to be open today, he said.

Air Canada's airport manager, Don Ross, said the airline was not expecting any major schedule disruptions today.

"As far as Air Canada is concerned, our schedule is back to normal as of 7 a.m. this morning," Ross said.

Many businesses throughout the

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Airport officials criticized

By John Douglas

Some of the 300 travellers stranded at Winnipeg International Airport during a 36-hour weekend blizzard criticized airport officials yesterday for failing to have a plan for emergency situations.

The blizzard, which dumped 35 centimetres of snow on Winnipeg, also halted bus travel, delayed trains and stopped cab service cold. Winnipeg Transit operated very limited service yesterday after being shut down Saturday.

At the airport, travellers were forced to sleep on cold floors, pay inflated prices for food and barter with one another for blankets during the two nights, storm victims said.

"It was disgraceful," said Randy Nanek, who spent two nights there. "The people working at the airport acted like idiots. They didn't know what they were doing."

Nanek was stranded at the airport Friday night after dropping his parents off for a flight to Mexico.

He said it was very cold in the terminal overnight and RCMP officers didn't hand out blankets and pillows until 9 p.m. Saturday.

Nanek said travellers were angry because the blankets carried aircraft company insignias.

He said the same blankets could have been used the night before. "It was freakin' cold," he said. "There was no special care for the elderly or the handicapped."

"I saw one man who had to go around and barter with other passengers just so he could get a blanket for an old lady who was just freezing."

"He had to give the guy a package

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Determined Morden bride enjoys wedding of white

By Maureen Murray

A Morden couple proved yesterday nothing can stand in the way of love — not even waist-deep snowdrifts.

Denise and Calvin Warkentin tied the knot yesterday in a Morden pub because the church where the ceremony was to be performed and the reception hall were snowbound.

The couple was married in the Dead Horse Pub after storm conditions forced them to cancel wedding ceremonies scheduled for Saturday.

"The roads were blocked and it would have been difficult for people to get to the church," said the new bride, who until yesterday was known as Denise Williams.

Warkentin also cancelled the Saturday ceremony because her wedding dress and her bridesmaids' dresses were snowed in, along with her parents on the outskirts of town.

"I couldn't get married without my wedding dress," she said.

Warkentin, 23, said she was determined the weather wasn't going to prevent her from getting married, so she decided to call pub owner Jack Ridley. "I used to work there as a waitress, so I thought I would give it a try."

The Dead Horse Pub in the Morden Motor Inn, located close to her residence, was accessible to most of the wedding guests.

Warkentin said about half of

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Shoppers enter the Safeway store, near River Avenue and Osborne Street, yesterday to replenish supplies.

Stores stripped of staples, junk food

Winnipeggers caught off guard by the first blizzard of winter stormed small city stores yesterday, cleaning out stocks of milk, bread and junk food.

"It was crazy," the manager of one 7-Eleven store said.

"Within half-an-hour we were out of bread and by 6 p.m. we were out of

potato chips and some brands of pop."

While most major stores remained closed through the entire storm, smaller ones struggled to keep up with demand.

Most 7-Eleven managers agreed the storm increased their sales by \$1,500 to \$2,000 a day.

"They were buying everything," one manager said.

"The first things to go were the essentials like milk and bread but we sold a lot of junk food, too."

"I guess people just decided to curl up at home and spend the weekend watching TV and eating junk."

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Army personnel carrier rumbles down Portage Avenue to assist in vital services.

City ambulances struggle with 50% increase in calls

By Maureen Murray

City ambulance crews struggled to cope with a 50-per-cent increase in emergency calls during the worst blizzard to hit Winnipeg in 20 years.

"People got their hands caught in snow blowers, there were cardiac arrests and over-exertion from people trying to dig out of snow banks," Jake Enns, director of Winnipeg Ambulance Service, said yesterday.

Enns said 400 emergency calls were recorded over a 48-hour period beginning Friday evening — about 50 per cent higher than usual.

He said he was not aware of any weather-related deaths in the city.

Meanwhile, volunteers and city crews helped deliver 300 doctors to city hospitals, which, although crowded, managed to cope.

Some city funeral parlors didn't perform services during the weekend and spokesmen said burials likely will be postponed until cemeteries have been plowed.

Enns said because traffic was reduced to a crawl and most motorists stayed off the roads, there were few traffic accidents. Two pedestrians were hit by a four-wheel-drive truck downtown, he said.

Despite the onslaught of calls, ambulance crews were able to cope in part because some drivers who worked Friday night slept at dispatch stations to avoid having difficulty returning to work.

Enns said some crew members were unable to make it to work but the service still managed to put extra vehicles on the roads.

"The staff was excellent, everybody really pulled together."

The 35 centimetres of snow that buried Winnipeg didn't present a serious problem for ambulances, because city front-end loaders escorted them on calls between Friday night and Saturday night.

Enns said snow-removal vehicles will continue to accompany ambulances travelling unplowed residential streets. "We have been able to reach any part of the city where we were needed," Enns said, adding response times were slowed.

Expectant mothers

A Concordia Hospital spokesman said ambulance service for patients requiring transfer to another hospital within the city was slow.

Nursing supervisor Trudy Holowchuk said patients weren't adversely affected by delays.

Seven Oaks General Hospital said emergency vehicles didn't have any trouble transporting three expectant mothers who gave birth at the institution during the weekend.

Seven Oaks nursing supervisor Ly-lene Baker said a helicopter transporting a patient from Kenora to Health Sciences Centre landed at the hospital because it has the only hospital landing site in the city.

Most city hospitals said they were coping, although the pace was hectic

throughout the weekend.

The institutions' main obstacle was getting medical staff to work.

The city's health services department worked with police and public works to pick up and deliver essential medical personnel to hospitals and nursing homes.

Representatives of all agencies kept in constant contact with the emergency control centre in the basement of city hall's council building, matching requests for transportation with vehicles capable of making the trips.

Chief commissioner Nick Diakiv said they retrieved and delivered 300 doctors and nurses to medical facilities over the weekend.

A St. Boniface General Hospital spokesman said volunteers who offered transportation were invaluable. Nursing director Pat Hosang said at least 18 volunteer drivers helped nurses and other medical staff get to work.

Most hospitals relying on volunteers to deliver their staff were able to maintain adequate patient care.

Grace General Hospital didn't discharge patients who would have found it difficult to get home and admitted some emergency patients who normally would have been treated and released. The situation left the 321-bed hospital tight for space, Maj. Irene Stickland said.

Outpatient programs and elective surgery have been cancelled at most city hospitals, spokesmen said.

Getting staff in to work was the biggest problem smaller stores faced during the storm.

One clerk was on duty for 14 hours straight at a Pembina Highway store — from midnight Friday until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Although the Short Stop Food Store on St. Mary Avenue got a late start, opening just before noon Saturday, a spokesman said last night it has done two or three times its normal business.

Essentials such as bread, eggs and potatoes sold out, he said, adding smokers fearing a long storm stocked up with cigarettes.

Although Canada Safeway stores were to begin a major campaign yesterday opening 15 stores for Sunday shopping, spokesman Peter Squire said only nine were able to open because of the weather.

All Safeways were closed on Saturday, he said.

Squire said those able to open were busy with walk-in traffic.

Many stores that were able to open were in high-density apartment complex areas so much of the traffic would be walk in.

"I know that a lot of stores wanted to get open today because there was a real rush on for emergency supplies," Squire said.

"It happens every year when we get the first real big snow fall."

Blizzard mishaps minimal

By Dan Lett

A weekend blizzard was an open invitation to thieves but not to disaster, police and fire officials say.

There were several break and enters reported, Insp. Bryan Kramble said yesterday, with thieves taking advantage of a drain on police manpower.

However, the weather was bad enough to discourage widespread looting, he added.

Common sense and a little bit of luck helped Winnipeggers avoid a catastrophe this weekend, authorities said.

Few if any serious incidents were reported to police and fire services.

The fire department had only one fire to report over the weekend.

A basement fire in a house on Clifton Street resulting from mishandling of fireplace ashes caused about \$8,000 damage.

Normally, fire units expect to answer a flurry of calls during a snow storm as residents stoke fireplaces and woodstoves, a fire department spokesman said.

And with streets basically impassable, even minor fires could turn into major blazes, he said.

Police said most city residents were happy to stay indoors and out of trouble.

"Other than a problem with people out supposedly sightseeing and looking at snowdrifts creating a hazard with snow removal, the city was well-behaved," Kramble said.

No serious traffic accidents occurred over the weekend, Kramble said.

Police were kept busy with calls for road information and storm updates, he said.

"In times of crisis, most people think the police are the best informed," Kramble said. "But we get our stuff from the radio just like everyone else."

Police were helped by about 60 civilian volunteers who made their snowmobiles and four-wheel drive

Weekend storm equals snowfall in 1966 blizzard

By Andrew Duffy

A weekend blizzard that equalled Winnipeg's great March snowstorm 20 years ago caught weathermen with their forecasts down.

"It caught us by surprise," Environment Canada forecaster Guy Lauze said yesterday.

"It took a large change in direction which meant Winnipeg was hit right in the nose."

The blizzard — actually two fronts with Winnipeg in the middle — dumped 35.2 centimetres of snow on the city. That matched the 35 centimetres recorded in the great Winnipeg snowstorm of March 4, 1966.

At the time, the 1966 snowfall was said to be the storm against which all other storms would be judged.

Both storms, however, fell short of another March 4 snowfall.

A record 38.1 centimetres of snow fell on the city on March 4, 1935, said Rick Walls, another Environment Canada forecaster.

The first harmless flakes of this weekend's blizzard officially started falling at 3:37 p.m. on Friday, Walls said. They ended at about 7 a.m. yesterday.

Environment Canada recorded 9.8 centimetres of snow on Friday, and 25.4 centimetres on Saturday, with just a dusting yesterday.

Winds reached speeds of 91 kilometres an hour early Saturday morning and the wind chill factor peaked at 1800 at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Blizzards are not out of the ordinary for this time of year — only they usually hit Minneapolis or some other part of the American Midwest, Lauze said.

Four or five such disturbances usually develop in late fall, he said.

The weekend blizzard, however, happened to continue on a northern route a little longer than most.

"It's that simple," he said. "It just kept going north where it usually veers off."

Winnipeg also happened to be in the storm's snow trough — the area about 200 kilometres from a storm's centre, and hit hardest by the white stuff.

The low pressure system that created the storm formed over the southwest corner of Nebraska late Thursday night and picked up steam moving north through the state.

It then split, with one centre moving into Kansas and the other into South Dakota, Lauze said.

By 6:00 p.m. Friday, the centre of one low was over central South Dakota and Winnipeg had already started to feel its fallout.

Later that night, one of the storm's centres settled over the Lake of the

Woods area and the other settled just south of Grand Forks, N.D., with Winnipeg being beset by both.

Before the storm hit, Environment Canada was predicting about 20 centimetres of snow for Winnipeg.

Originally, weather officials thought the storm would veer towards Thunder Bay with Winnipeg only being cuffed with snow.

Predicting the route of storms is especially difficult on the Prairies, Lauze said, because the area has few geographical features to form a path for a storm.

"Where there are mountains or major seaways, it's much easier to predict which way a storm will move," he said.

Lauze noted the weekend storm can officially be termed a blizzard because it met all of Environment Canada's four requirements.

It produced sustained winds in excess of 40 km/h, a wind chill factor greater than 1600, visibility less than 1.5 kilometres and snow fell for more than six hours.

This week's forecast calls for cloudy skies, with unseasonably cold temperatures throughout the week.

Overnight lows of -22°C are expected all week.

Flurries are expected — unless something unexpected happens.

Veterans undaunted

Remembrance Day ceremonies will proceed as scheduled tomorrow despite the travel difficulties posed by this weekend's snowstorm, the parade marshal says.

"The weather never stopped the war, it won't stop us," said Bert Sheremet, parade marshal and president of Branch No. 1 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The snow may make it more difficult for veterans from out of town to attend the ceremonies and for those who have to travel in wheelchairs, he said.

The largest ceremony will be at the Winnipeg Convention Centre at 10:30 a.m.

Organizers had hoped 3,000 people would attend, but Sheremet said that figure will likely be cut in half because of the poor travel conditions.

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Air Canada employee skis to work yesterday, passing a stranded car — one of hundreds impairing snow removal.

trucks available, he said.

The numerous people that took advantage of yesterday's respite in the storm to take a walk did create some tense moments, he said.

"With snowmobiles and four-by-fours all over the place, we thought there would be a major accident and fatality."

While most police work was uneventful, several officers making use of a Canadian Forces armored personnel carrier rescued a woman in labor on Saturday and managed to get her to Health Sciences Centre minutes before she gave birth.

Winnipeg RCMP also noted an uneventful weekend, with motorists avoiding highway driving during the worst part of the storm.

Aiding snow-removal efforts were 22 tow trucks busy yesterday juggling vehicles from street to street to

keep them out of the way of snow plows.

Nick Ruscoe, owner of Dr. Hook Towing, said his trucks moved about 1,000 cars on the weekend.

Most of the cars that were towed were left in nearby parking lots or clear streets, and then returned, he said.

People who left their cars downtown should find them where they left them, Ruscoe said.

The city picked up the tab for the tow, he added.

Sightseers were an annoying obstacle for truck operators who had difficulty travelling on narrowly plowed streets, he said.

"It's really hard enough to drive through the narrow paths they've plowed without people standing on the snowbanks," he said. "You're really afraid they're going to fall down in front of you."

City asks for help digging hydrants

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city were closed today, but spokesmen for The Bay and Eaton's said all the department stores' outlets were open this morning.

As well, a spokesman for Greyhound Lines of Canada Ltd. said service at the downtown bus depot was back to normal this morning.

About 340 of 440 city transit buses operated a free service today — running full or partial routes. The idea was to discourage people from using their cars until streets are cleared, Norrie said. Cost to the city would be \$40,000 to \$60,000.

Norrie said indications were that those who did go to work today co-operated by using the free transit service.

Citizens also were being asked to

help snow crews and the fire department by locating and digging out fire hydrants.

Snowmobiles were banned on city streets at 12:01 a.m. today but volunteers with four-wheel drive vehicles were asked to help deliver meals to housebound Winnipeggers, Norrie said.

City social services director Russ Simmonds said between 500 and 600 people use the volunteer Meals on Wheels service.

"Some of these people haven't had a hot meal in three days," Simmonds said, adding four-wheel drive owners were asked to contact their district police station if they could help.

Police, fire and ambulance officials reported no fatalities or major incidents due to the blizzard.

The city was to shut its Emergency Control Centre in the bowels of city hall at noon today, Norrie said.

While some Winnipeggers grumbled about the few streets that were plowed, and lack of transit service on the weekend, Norrie said the city was doing the best job it could reacting to the worst snowstorm in 20 years.

The blizzard that started Friday and buried city roadways under 35 centimetres of snow.

A spokesman for Dr. Hook Towing, the city's towing contractor, said 22 company trucks pulled about 1,000 cars out of the way of snow plows yesterday, moving most of them back to their original spots once the streets were cleared.

The city was to start to clear some residential streets today but most of the snow won't be removed before the end of the week, he added.

Norrie, who admitted there is always room for improvement in the street-clearing operation, told a city hall news conference he felt city personnel could have done nothing more.

"Sitting in here or in your homes, you don't get the magnitude of the amount of snow out there," said Norrie, who spent yesterday touring all city districts to judge damage. "You can have a thousand pieces of snow removal equipment, but it wouldn't help you with a storm like this."

Providing seniors and other homebound people with hot meals will be a city priority today, he said.

Police reported several break-ins during the blizzard as thieves took advantage of police whose manpower had been cut and whose response time was severely restricted.

In Portage la Prairie, two men in their 60s cared for 90 stranded bus passengers overnight Saturday but most other rural centres reported nothing unusual from the storm.

Winnipeg hotels, where staff members were exhausted after coping with full houses over the weekend, reported most stranded guests would be gone today.

Convenience stores reported stocks of milk and bread were almost wiped out yesterday.

City ambulance crews managed to cope with a 50-per-cent increase in emergency calls on the weekend.

Priest braves blizzard

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the 200 invited guests turned up for the afternoon ceremony and supper.

Ridley said it was the first time a religious ceremony has been performed on the premises. "When she asked me, I couldn't say no."

Meanwhile, a Catholic priest in Winnipeg wasn't allowing the wind and snow to stop him from preaching to his flock.

Rev. Marcel Droudeur of Holy Rosary Parish on River Avenue, held six church services yesterday and one on Saturday.

"As long as people came to the church, I was willing to preach," Droudeur said.

He said about 400 worshippers braved the severe weather conditions and attended church during the weekend. The church has a congregation of about 4,000.

However, Droudeur said he was forced to cancel two weddings and a 50th wedding anniversary ceremony.

Diane Roberts, 27, was among Winnipeg brides-to-be whose plans were disrupted because of the weather.

Roberts and her fiancé, Al Ryland, were to have been married Saturday at Trinity United Church, with a Winnipeg Canoe Club reception.

She said her mostly out-of-town guests were stranded in hotels or en route to the city.

She said she is determined the ceremony take place today. She said while the church says it likely will be possible, the canoe club has said its parking lot will not be plowed in time.



Some of the 300 travellers stranded at Winnipeg International Airport pass time while waiting to leave.

Arriving passengers caught in cold

Elements plunge temperature in airport terminal, delay blankets

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of cigarettes just so she wouldn't freeze."

Many of those snowed-in were not dressed for the cold.

They were fresh off Las Vegas charters, which arrived shortly before the airport was closed at 6:45 a.m. Saturday morning, Nanek said.

Others attempting to leave Winnipeg for Vancouver or southern locations waited from midnight Friday until yesterday when flights out of the city resumed at 2 p.m.

Nanek said airport employees hid from passengers rather than answer their questions.

Maureen Hilditch, Transport Canada manager of public affairs for Manitoba, said airport staff operated well under a very difficult situation.

She said many of the staff also were stranded at the airport for two days and had to deal with situations that were extremely trying.

"People are never going to be totally happy," she said. "I think it's a bit much to expect the airport to keep hundreds of blankets on hand for situations that come along once in 20 years."

The airport does not have a plan for emergency situations, Hilditch said, adding it would investigate

complaints and decide if a policy change is needed.

She said the terminal temperature fell because high winds jammed doors open with snow.

Heavy snowfall and high winds also prevented airport personnel from getting blankets and pillows from snowbound aircraft until Saturday night, she said.

Meanwhile, snowpacked streets and poor visibility spelled disaster for Winnipeg cab drivers.

Unicity Taxi, the largest fleet in the city, couldn't operate Saturday and only five of the firm's 240 cabs were on the road yesterday.

A spokesman for the company said most drivers were either stranded somewhere on city streets or in their own driveways.

She said the company hoped to have between 14 and 20 cars on the road early today and expects more later as more streets are plowed.

Duffy's Taxi was closed the entire weekend.

The storm also halted all Greyhound buses in and out of Winnipeg Saturday and most of yesterday, a spokesman for Greyhound Lines of Canada said yesterday.

Buses began arriving by noon yesterday, but none left the city until 6 last night.

Via Rail Canada Ltd. spokesman Pauline Lamoureux said yesterday train service is back to normal after several storm-related delays.

Passengers on Via's Super Continental train to Vancouver were delayed seven hours while work crews tried to defrost a frozen switch.

Most of the passengers spent the night on the train while some waited out the delay at the Fort Garry Hotel, Lamoureux said.

The train managed to pull out of the station at 4:25 a.m. yesterday.

Other trains were only delayed for an hour or two because of the storm, she said.

Snowstorm kills five in U.S.

By The Associated Press

Road crews cleared highways in the northern U.S. and searchers rescued missing deer hunters yesterday after a major snowstorm killed at least five people.

The storm had spread wind-blown snow and low temperatures from the northern Rockies to the Great Lakes.

"Travelling is probably the worst hazard we've had," deer hunter Marvin Boss of Clark, S.D., said yesterday in Faith, in northwestern

South Dakota. "The roads are really bad, solid ice."

The heaviest snowfall in the U.S. was in North Dakota, with 63 centimetres at Devils Lake. Bismarck got 45 centimetres, a record for any November storm. Wind gusted to 105 km/h at Grand Forks, N.D., and police in Minot reported snowdrifts up to 1.5 metres high.

It was the first weekend of deer hunting season in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Yesterday, rescuers set out after

four hunters reported missing during the storm in northeastern Minnesota and found them all, Sgt. Tom Pearson of the St. Louis County sheriff's office said. Five others were found earlier.

A farmer in his 60s died during the storm near Devils Lake, N.D., after his vehicle got stuck in snow.

Two canoeists drowned Saturday on Lake Vermillion near Tower, Minn. Two traffic deaths in Montana were blamed on slippery roads.

Arms-for-hostage package called 'major blunder' if true

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If the news reports are true, said Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd, the arms trade is "a major blunder" that guarantees hostage-taking will continue and could tip the balance of power in the Middle East.

But Republicans defended the reported administration activities, saying it is desirable to improve relations with Iran and attempt to moderate its extremism.

"The wider goal here is to try to bring about a more moderate group of leadership in Iran ... We've made some strides in that regard," said Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), a member of the Senate intelligence committee, appearing on CBS's Face the Nation.

Former state secretary Henry Kissinger, appearing with Lugar, said improving relations with Iran in general is desirable. But he added: "When it degenerated or when it developed into an arms trade for hostages, I have the gravest doubt."

"To negotiate for hostages makes it more likely that other hostages are going to be taken."

"To trade arms in a war in which a victory of Iran is against our national interest is unwise," he said.

Lugar said he discussed the administration's activities at length with National Security Adviser John Poindexter, but in his television appearance he did not disclose details of those activities.

But Byrd, who is expected to be Senate majority leader next year, told interviewers on NBC's Meet the Press he repeatedly requested a briefing without success. And other Democrats, including Senator Sam Nunn, Senator Patrick Leahy and Representative Richard Gephardt, said they still have not received any information.

"It would appear the White House is trying to do a back door way to get away from any congressional oversight," Leahy (D-Vt.), said on Face the Nation.

"In an effort to cut Congress out, they have also cut out the CIA, the Joint Chiefs (of Staff), the State

Department, the Defense Department."

"And if so, who is making the decisions?" asked Nunn (D-Ga.), a military expert who will head the

armed-services committee next year.

"Congress is going to be asking a lot of questions," Nunn said on the Brinkley program.

Trade talks merit brief mention by PM

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Only 18 per cent said the decision was fair and 26 per cent were undecided. Quebecers had the opposite response: 60 per cent said it was fair, 19 per cent said it was unfair.

The contract, which has unleashed a political furor in Manitoba, is worth up to \$1.4 billion over 20 years.

It has won praise in Quebec. The latest endorsement came yesterday when Mulroney's business audience burst into applause after Marcel Daoust, president of the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, congratulated him for making the right decision "in the best economic interests of all of Canada."

However, the reference to Canada was the only time during his 50-minute remarks that the audience

broke into applause. And there was no standing ovation at the end, when Mulroney lightly rebuked some members of the business community for calling for lower taxes and an end to government subsidies, then applying for special help for their own businesses.

The prime minister's speech was supposed to deal with the government's attempts to negotiate freer trade with the United States, the theme of the meeting. Instead Mulroney mentioned the trade talks only briefly and launched into a 20-minute summary of government accomplishments.

One delegate told Mulroney in a question-and-answer session that he seemed to be trying to soft-pedal the trade issue but the prime minister denied it.

Whaling station wrecked

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ing in co-operation with the National Oceanic Research Institute.

The company, which has two other boats, is allowed to catch 200 whales a year under a plan to document the number of whales.

Last August, Icelandic and U.S. officials reached a compromise providing that half the meat resulting from the whaling would be consumed by Icelanders. In the past, 90 per cent of the meat was sold abroad, nearly all of it to Japan.

The United States monitors foreign whaling. If it determines that efforts to conserve the whales have

been undermined, the secretary of commerce is required by law to recommend that the president either embargo the offending country's fish products or curtail its right to fish in U.S. territorial waters.

Iceland maintains that as a fishing country it must conduct extensive research on how whales affect fish population and that it can finance its research only through the sale of whale meat.

Watson, 36, said a Sea Shepherd team went to Iceland several days ago and patrolled the harbor, watching for an opportunity to sink the vessels.

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Scott-Herridge (foreground), Henderson (rear right) and Bilous man radios in the city command centre.

War Room co-ordinates vital services

They call it the War Room. Located deep within the bowels of city hall, it's the command centre from which City of Winnipeg officials are co-ordinating essential services in the wake of the weekend blizzard.

"When we have a situation where we have to co-ordinate work between services, we try to get them all in the same room," city chief commissioner Nick Diakiw said yesterday.

About 12 people staff the room at all times during emergencies, working an average of 12-hour shifts.

Kel Stewart, director of operations for works and operations, said his main job in the War Room was to provide snow removal equipment in the right spots to help retrieve emergency medical personnel from their snowed-in dwellings and deliver them to city hospitals and nursing homes.

He said he was in constant radio contact with snow-removal crews in all six city districts, sending them to specific locations to dig out essential personnel.

The room was staffed by city employees who could make it through the storm, Diakiw said.

The War Room came to life at about noon Saturday after Mayor Bill Morrie declared the blizzard an

emergency. It will continue to function until the emergency is lifted, possibly today.

Officially called the Emergency Command Centre but dubbed the War Room by those manning it yesterday, it is also the city's communications centre in an emergency. It's housed in a converted city hall boardroom that once belonged to the city's legal department.

Firefighters, police officers, works and operations and health services officials manned five portable radios yesterday, linking them

with their departments' field operations.

Among those staffing radios were Dennis Scott-Herridge of the police department, as well as fire chief Jack Henderson and deputy fire chief Roman Bilous.

During the storm, they worked to pull all resources together to provide help where it was needed most, Diakiw said.

Each agency still operates independently out of its own headquarters, but the War Room allows police, fire, public works and health

services to help each other solve crises, he said.

The centre and its responsibilities are laid out in the city's Peacetime Reaction Emergency Operations Plan, an all-purpose blueprint for handling emergency situations.

While this time it was a snow storm, the plan can be used to fortify the city against floods, chemical spills, labor walkouts, anarchy or armed conflicts, Diakiw said.

Although it was drafted in 1978, it has gone through almost yearly reviews and updates.

Seniors comfort bus passengers

By Andrew Duffy

Two men in their 60s played host to four busloads of passengers stranded at a Portage la Prairie seniors' centre this weekend.

"It was quite a night," Gordon Hutchinson, 69, said yesterday.

"There were babies crying and people rustling around — I don't think anyone got too much sleep."

In other rural Manitoba centres officials reported residents quietly went about coping with the snowstorm that hit over the weekend.

Hutchinson and Kenn Ross, 66, stayed up all Saturday night caring for the 90 passengers.

"We cooked for them and got them bedded and comforted anyone that needed comforting," Hutchinson said.

The buses crawled into Portage around noon on Saturday and the passengers spent most of the day milling around coffee shops while snow piled up outside.

After it was determined the group would have to find somewhere to spend the night, Hutchinson was called into service by the city's public safety chairman.

Harold Clayton said a local food-store opened so provisions could be arranged and emergency mattresses were brought for the group.

"It wasn't the Hilton, but it got everyone through the storm," Hutchinson said.

He said one elderly lady became disoriented during the night and he had to stay up with her most of the night to calm her anxiety.

The troupe was fed breakfast and the buses were back on the road by 9:30 a.m. yesterday, Hutchinson said.

"I feel pretty good," he said after being awoken from an afternoon nap yesterday. "I've done my good deed for the week."

He said the bus drivers passed a cap around at the end of their stay and collected \$225 for the Herman Prior Centre, which acts as an

outreach centre for Portage seniors.

Clayton said the centre served so well as an emergency relief shelter, he is considering making it a permanent part of the city's emergency plan.

Other areas of the province quietly went about dealing with their share of this weekend's snowfall.

Brandon reported only eight centimetres of snow and a few minor accidents.

Brandon RCMP said the Trans-Canada Highway eastbound was closed briefly because of poor road conditions east of the city.

In Dauphin, an RCMP spokesman said drifting snow temporarily closed the road through Riding Mountain National Park.

He said, however, the situation wasn't nearly as bad as it appeared to be in Winnipeg.

RCMP in Morris, Morden, and Emerson said the snow presented no problems in their communities other than a few minor traffic accidents.

In Morden, RCMP said the biggest concern was the number of snowmobiles using the streets.

Abducted child located in city

A six-year-old girl abducted from Kenora Saturday was located in Winnipeg by city police yesterday.

Police said the girl was abducted at a Kenora gas station Saturday morning and was transported to Winnipeg by bus.

A police spokesman said the child boarded the bus with a woman who is a friend of the girl's father.

The child was located at about 9 p.m. and was to be sent back to her parents, police said.

A 31-year-old woman was to appear in court today and is to be transferred to Kenora where she will be charged, police said.

Hotel business brisk

Every snowstorm has a silver lining, Winnipeg hotels reported yesterday.

The major hotels experienced brisk business, but were staffed by as few as one-fifth of their normal complement and had to scramble to meet the needs of a deluge of snow-bound guests.

At the International Inn-Best Western, 35 employees were responsible for about 800 guests, including stranded Progressive Conservative convention delegates.

"It was a little bit crazy," said assistant general manager Marlon Persaud. "We had people sleeping in the hallways."

The same staff worked around the clock for two days, he said, sleeping wherever they could find a space.

"They were sleeping in the coat check racks, anywhere you could think of," he said.

Customers were turned away Friday and Saturday night because the hotel was already beyond capacity, Persaud said.

'Pretty crazy'

The 300 stranded Tory delegates spent their time in small caucus groups or watching TV, he said.

"I think everybody had a good time, even though they had to cancel the convention itself."

Persaud said Tory Leader Gary Filmon was still at the hotel last night trying to keep spirits up among delegates.

At the Fort Garry Hotel, 16 employees serviced 240 rooms, nearly all of which were filled, said Judy Lingo, the hotel's switchboard operator.

"I've done everything from work the coffee shop to cleaning dishes to cooking dinner this weekend."

A spokesman for the Westin Hotel said they were operating on only one-tenth of their normal staff, with 15 or 20 people working around the clock to serve about 350 guests.

"It was pretty crazy around here to say the least," a spokesman said.

"Everyone was very understanding, but patience was running a little thin by Sunday — I think everybody was pretty anxious to get home."

The hotels reported most of the guests started leaving late yesterday morning, about the time fresh hotel staff started to arrive.

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Liberal heavyweights square off over Turner

TORONTO (CP) — Former finance minister Donald Macdonald has come out strongly behind Liberal Leader John Turner in the wake of Marc Lalonde's call for a leadership review.

"I admire his (Turner's) style of leadership," Macdonald said yesterday, adding he will back Turner when the party votes on his leadership at a convention later this month.

"I'll vote 'no' for a review of the leadership and that means a 'yes' for Turner," he said in an interview.

Turner, who was not immediately available for comment, has scheduled a news conference today in Vancouver.

Lalonde, prominent in the government of former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, held a news conference yesterday in Montreal to publicize a letter he has sent to the 3,500 delegates to the national Liberal convention Nov. 27-30. Lalonde asks the delegates to vote for a leadership

review, saying the party will lose the next election under Turner.

Liberal House Leader Herb Gray said Turner and the party have strengthened in recent polls and Turner is doing better in the public opinion polls than Trudeau in his last years in office.

"I don't think Lalonde's views are representative of the party grassroots nationally or of the convention delegates," Gray said.

Senator Keith Davey, the first prominent Liberal to question Turn-

er's leadership, welcomed Lalonde's letter. "Someone of Lalonde's stature involving themselves in the review process is very important," Davey said.

Lalonde told his news conference he decided to go public "because what I believe is what many are saying under their breath."

His letter cites polls showing Turner trailing Prime Minister Mulroney and NDP Leader Ed Broadbent in personal popularity.

A political party exists to win

power, not to "distribute medals for devotion to the cause," the letter says.

"I fear that under John Turner, the result of the next election will once again relegate Liberals to the Opposition benches."

The ex-finance minister said he was "absolutely not" influenced by Trudeau or former leadership candidate Jean Chretien in his decision to oppose Turner.

He dismissed talk that Trudeau See LALONDE page 4



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Private tribute for mates

By John Douglas

Moments after his comrades had ignored Canada's war dead, a lone figure knelt at Winnipeg's Cenotaph in a private tribute.

The cold, silent vigil by the man dressed in tattered clothing was a stark contrast to the pomp and pageantry of yesterday's official Remembrance Day service at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

Fewer than 1,000 people attended the 45-minute ceremony, forced indoors by the weekend snowstorm and -21° C temperatures.

Animosity emerges/4

Hundreds of war veterans dressed in snappy blue blazers decorated with colorful medals held their heads high while parading before the crowd.

Many became misty-eyed at the sound of a lone piper or the sight of an unsteady hand reaching out to lay one of 22 wreaths.

Numerous dignitaries, including Lt.-Gov. Pearl McGonigal, Premier Howard Pawley, Mayor Bill Norrie and Myrtle Lalor, of Pine Falls, who lost a son in training, participated.

Later, Raymond Davis, a 62-year-old Second World War veteran, went back out to the Cenotaph to talk with his long-lost chums.

Davis said it has become a 17-year ritual for him — a public Remembrance Day ceremony and then a private communion with friends who went before him.

"I think about my mates often, but this day is special. It's fine to show your respect in a big, fancy ceremony, but the guys know I was never one for big events."

"It's more important what each person does — the thought, the memories, the respect that come from the heart, and my friends understand that."

Davis's four comrades died over England in 1944 while returning from a bombing run.

"See these," he says, pointing to three tarnished medals pinned to his worn parka. "They're all I've got left in the world and they're the only thing that is keeping the memories of my friends alive."

"When I'm gone and these belong to someone else, they won't mean anything. To me they are my family, they are something worth remembering."

Down on his luck, Davis said he spent the last few chilling days going from shelter to shelter to keep warm. He said people have forgotten about the guy on the street who fought for Canada.

"In '45 I was a hero; today I'm a bum people pass on the street,"



Lt.-Gov. Pearl McGonigal greets Myrtle Lalor whose son died in training

he said as a tear appeared in the corner of his eye.

"I'm not saying it's anyone's fault I'm where I am today, but I wish they would try to understand."

Davis quickly changed the subject, returning to the days when war tested the country's mettle.

"It was a terrible war but some

real good things came out of it," he said. "The whole country grew up and grew closer too."

"There wasn't all this political stuff like today. There was Canada and there was the war."

However, the official ceremony and Davis's private one echoed a similar concern — that new generations should remember the hor-

rors of war and those who died fighting for Canada.

"You know, kids nowadays laugh and joke about everything. They tease, they talk back and they pick on people like me."

"They don't know that before they were even born, guys like me and my friends were fighting for the things they take for granted."

Storm's wake drops mercury to record lows

By Dan Lett

Record low temperatures and severe wind chill ratings continue in the wake of last weekend's smothering blizzard as the city strains to restore essential services.

Officials say more than 200 pieces of snow-removal equipment will try to finish clearing the 3,000 kilometres of city streets today.

However, the work is going on amidst record cold temperatures and wind chill factors in excess of 2000, an Environment Canada spokesman said.

Round-the-clock work by plow crews should have most major streets and bus routes clear of snow this morning, city operations director Kel Stewart said.

Most residential streets also will be plowed in limited fashion by today, but many will have just one lane cleared for traffic.

The real problem is hauling the snow out of the city to dump sites,

which may take up to three weeks, Stewart said.

If more snow falls in that period, See TRANSPORTATION page 4

□ The major who co-ordinated the military's shuttle service that kept Winnipeg hospitals staffed during the weekend blizzard has finally been freed from his snowbound home.
□ Five people have died as a result of the weekend's vicious blizzard.
□ City bus drivers were told to report for work during the height of Saturday's snowstorm or they would not be paid, a union spokesman says.
□ A hospital official says he's disturbed that the Emergency Measures Organization didn't come to the institution's rescue Saturday when it desperately needed help.

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Quick buck lures private contractors

By John Douglas

The lure of a quick buck has diverted private contractors from clearing city streets.

A city spokesman said that while many neighborhood streets will be plowed for the first time today, parking lots for large apartment buildings, grocery stores and other businesses have been snow-free since Monday.

Kel Stewart, the city's director of operations, said efforts to remove the 35 centimetres of snow that fell on Winnipeg's 3,000 kilometres of roadways during the weekend have been hampered by private operators working for the highest bidder.

Stewart said private contractors, who own 80 per cent of the city's snow-removal equipment, have been doing other work.

At the height of the storm, Stewart said the city called more than 50 private plowing contractors to help.

Many refused because private contracts paid more, he added.

By Monday afternoon, with many streets still snow-clogged, all 27 Canada Safeway store parking lots in the city were clear.

"Many private plowers are going the Safeway route," Stewart said. "They are looking at who is going to pay them more money and that is the private deals."

"In a storm like this we call everyone, but many of the companies already have private contracts that are much more lucrative."

Safeway spokesman Peter Squire said store officials began lining up plowing crews on Friday when they heard a storm was approaching the city. He said most managers have plans for heavy storms.

"It's cost us a lot of money, a whole lot (to pay for plowing)," Squire said. "But in this business, if you're not open you can't make money."

The city normally has about 100

plows at its disposal, Stewart said, but some contractors had leased their equipment for more lucrative road projects, so a number of machines were not in the city when the storm hit.

"It caught everyone off guard a little," he said. "Even in the city we were paving on Friday and plowing See CITY page 4

Frivolous calls tax 911 system

By Dan Lett

Hundreds of requests for everything from a Saturday newspaper to help with a flat snowblower tire plagued the city's 911 emergency operators during the weekend blizzard, a police spokesman says.

Insp. Bryan Kramble said he has asked the police department's administration to investigate the flood of non-emergency calls which overloaded the 911 system.

While some of the calls were humorous in retrospect, misuse of the line could have prevented emergency services from responding to a critical situation in time.

Kramble said the most ridiculous call he heard all weekend was from a woman who phoned police in a panic because she didn't have hotdog buns for her wieners.

"One woman phoned 911 four times in a row to complain that her house was shaking from the snowplows working outside," Kramble said.

"She insisted it was an emergency."

Police reported that others called See PANIC page 4

Life-support removal ends life of infant

By Catherine Bainbridge

A six-month-old Winnipeg infant, virtually brain-dead from suspected child abuse, was removed from life-support systems last week at the

request of a child and family services agency, sources say.

The baby girl died in her mother's arms after the respirator that had kept her alive for more than five

months was turned off.

The child was just 15 days old when she was admitted to the Health Sciences Centre, May 10, with severe brain damage, one source said.

North East Child and Family Services officials, suspecting child abuse, took over permanent guardianship of the infant soon after.

"This child's brain was so severely damaged she couldn't breathe on her own," the source said. "She couldn't even be defined as a vegetable because she couldn't survive without life support."

While it is suspected the infant's injuries resulted from being shaken violently, there were no visible signs to link her condition to abuse and police were unable to lay charges, the source said.

Police have not ended their in-

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Paris euphoric after hostages arrive

From AP-Reuter

PARIS — The atmosphere was euphoric here yesterday with the arrival of two French hostages who spent months of captivity in Lebanon.

"Vive la France," said Marcel Coudari after stepping from the plane at Paris' Orly airport, making

a victory sign with his fingers. "I knew I would be freed."

Camille Sontag, 84, and Coudari, 54, had an emotional reunion with their families and embraces from Premier Jacques Chirac.

Hostages' fate discussed/28

"My joy is enormous," said 84-year-old Blanche Sontag who added that her husband, bearded and looking frail, had suffered during his six-month detention by the shadowy Revolutionary Justice Organization.

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Dog's life

Like man, whom he often betters, the dog seems skilled at making the best of things/35



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Camille Sontag, one of two French hostages set free, makes victory gesture in Damascus.

Paris euphoric after hostages land

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Chirac offered his "very sincere thanks" to the Syrians as well as to Saudi Arabia and Algeria for helping get the two released.

They were set free in West Beirut Monday night.

Their release brings to four the number of Frenchmen freed by Moslem extremists since Chirac took over in March, pledging to boost ties with Syria and Iran as a way to free the hostages.

Coudari said he had no news of six other French hostages, but added: "I can tell you that things will be happening soon. I've heard talk of it, more or less."

Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond announced that France and Iran would shortly sign an accord calling for France to pay an initial \$450 million Cdn to Tehran in part settlement of debt disputes.

The payment amounts to about a third of a loan equal to \$1.38-billion Cdn made in 1975 by the then-shah of

Iran to French nuclear authorities as part of Iran's nuclear power program at the time.

The influential newspaper *Le Monde* said the kidnappers clearly intend to make Paris pay a high price for each hostage freed.

It said the government, which previously insisted on the release of all the hostages as the price of "normalizing" relations with Iran, is ready to accept the hostages back in batches.

Transportation, services stagger back to normal

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there could be real problems keeping streets clear, he added.

The storm, as well as paralyzing the city with snow, has left southern Manitoba with temperatures plunging to new lows.

Environment Canada spokesman Rick Walls said the mercury will plunge to -25° C tonight, breaking the previous low for Nov. 12 of -21.7° C set in 1873.

Yesterday's low of -26.3° C was also a record, breaking the previous low of -22.2° C set in 1935, he said.

Although the normal low temperature for this time of year is just

-7° C, it's expected to drop far below the level for at least another week, Walls said.

As well, stiff northwest winds of up to 50 km/h will drive wind chill factors up to and possibly over the 2000 range, he said.

"With that value we do not recommend any outside activities, especially for children," he added.

However, Walls said because it is so cold there should be no more snow at least until the end of the week — and then only a few centimetres at most.

Meanwhile, police say they will continue to ticket and tow away any

vehicle parked overnight on a snow route. Vehicles stranded on snow-clogged streets are being towed out of the way of plows and then moved back when the area is clear.

The city's towing contractor said his trucks moved more than 3,000 cars during the weekend, but impounded only about six.

"It's definitely been the event of the year for us," said Nick Ruscoe, owner of Dr. Hook Towing Ltd.

Ruscoe warned that cars returned to their original spots must be moved off streets by today or one of his trucks will tow them away.

Taxi service in the city is expected to resume at slightly lower-than-normal levels today.

A Unicity Taxi spokesman said about 130 of its 200 cars will be on the street, while Duffy's Taxi said it will have about 90 per cent of its fleet in operation.

Winnipeg Transit reports that most major routes should be operating today.

Handi-Transit service is likely to remain limited today because high roadside snowdrifts are preventing the lowering of wheelchair ramps, a spokesman said.

Spokesmen for inter-city bus lines, Via Rail Canada Ltd. and major airlines all said they are back to regular schedules today.

Most city schools were to have opened today, with the exception of those in the St. Boniface and Transcona-Springfield school divisions.

All schools in Winnipeg School Division were to have reopened today, with most school buses running, spokesman Harold Marshall said. He added there could be some problem picking up special-education students who can't make it to major streets to catch regular buses.

Garbage collection, forgone on Monday because of weather and yesterday because of Remembrance Day, was to have resumed today.

Panic, frustration cited in 911 misuse

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911 for the phone number of the nearest convenience store, rural road conditions, and a police car or snowplow to get to the airport.

"The 911 line has certainly been abused," Kramble said. "If these types of calls were to persist, you'd be dealing with non-essential calls all the time and you wouldn't be able to respond to an emergency."

John Urchenio, the department's deputy chief of operations, added: "A lot of people used the line for what we would not term emergency calls."

"People sometimes panic in these kind of situations and they use the number without thinking."

Despite the nuisance calls, the 911 lines were never out of service as nine operators worked round-the-clock, Urchenio said.

"Thankfully, we were able to answer all of the real emergency calls," he said.

Kramble said the regular police phone lines also were clogged with non-essential calls.

The most common request on regular lines was for rural road conditions, something the provincial Highways and Transportation Department or the RCMP could have answered more readily, he said.

"For some reason, we're usually the first place people call," the inspector said. "And it seems when the situation gets tense, instead of reacting in a sensible way, they react in a frustrated way."

Police got their storm updates from the radio and did not have access to information on provincial road conditions or weather reports.

Kramble said he expects the police department's top brass will take some action on his concerns.

"Once they (the executive) are informed of a potential problem, they usually take some sort of remedial action," Kramble said.

City low priority for contractors

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on Saturday.

"Some contractors had machinery caught 50 or 60 miles outside of Winnipeg on road work sites or gravel pits."

Stewart added that Mayor Bill Norrie's statement that the city had 300 pieces of equipment on the road included sidewalk graders and support vehicles.

The city calls for tenders for its six snow-plowing regions each fall, with losing bidders placed on a list to be called when there's a major snowfall. A company's place on the list is determined by the price it had bid.

Private operators say the city's needs are secondary because they're called to do street-clearing work only once in a blue moon.

"We don't go for that city stuff unless we don't have nothing else," said Wayne Imrie, owner of Wayne J. Imrie Construction.

"We take care of our privates first. They're the ones who use us all the time. They are the ones who pay our bills."

Imrie said his 14 pieces of equipment service about 40 large contracts whenever it snows. He said it will be the end of the week before he'll even consider leasing any of his

equipment to the city.

As well, some contractors are forcing the city to pay inflated prices to rent equipment.

In the fall, B and J Equipment Rentals had agreed to lease one piece of equipment to the city for \$42 per hour, said an official of the firm, who refused to be identified. However, when the city called on Saturday to ask for the machine, the company said it was already leased.

The company had leased the machine to another operator for \$58 an hour, and he in turn rented it to the city for a profit, the company official said.

cal opinions telling them to let this child die," he said.

"Most parents at that point would have allowed the machinery to be turned off, but it was not their child and they (the board) didn't want to gamble with a human life."

After receiving opinions from more than six hospital physicians, the agency's board brought in the best neurological specialist in the city, the source said.

His analysis of the infant's condition was identical and the board finally decided to have the life-supports turned off, he said.

"It is fairly rare for a board to be asked to make such a decision. They agonized over it for a long time."

The decision, made early last

week, was backed by the child's mother and other family members, although they had no legal power in the case, the source said.

The mother, the social worker in the case and hospital nursing staff were in the room when the respirator was shut off.

"It was very sad," he said. "Everyone that had been involved and had watched the child over the months was there when she died."

Dr. Peter Markesteyn, province's chief medical examiner, said the board's decision can be considered euthanasia.

"This child was properly brain-dead for a long time, there's no doubt about that," he said.

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Deep-seated animosity emerges at ceremony

By The Canadian Press

An old man's lifetime ago yesterday, a peace treaty was signed in a railway car at Compiègne, France, ending what was called the war to end all wars.

On Remembrance Day, or Armistice Day in Europe, thousands of Canadians and war veterans across the country commemorated the more than 100,000 Canadians who died in the First World War and its successors — the Second World War, Korea, Cyprus and Vietnam.

At the National War Memorial in Ottawa, at one minute to 11 a.m. EST, the assembled throng of several thousand joined in the singing of O Canada.

At exactly the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month, 68 years after the signing of that treaty at Compiègne, the report of a lone gun reverberated from Parliament Hill.

A bugler played the haunting Last Post followed by a minute's silence. As a bone-chilling wind blew up from the northwest, a single piper played a lament.

After the papers of remembrance and a 21-gun salute, Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauvé placed the first wreath at the Cenotaph. She was followed by Mabel Bateman, representing Canadian motherhood.

Prime Minister Mulroney, Veterans Affairs Minister George Hees and Sen. Paul Manson, defence staff chief, all placed wreaths.

For residents of the 570-bed veterans' centre at Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto, the special day brought back painful memories.

Veteran Michael Bailey, who laid a wreath at the centre, remembered Billy O'Neill, a friend killed by a sniper's bullet on the final day of the Second World War.

"He was on my mind when I was

laying that wreath — him and all the other lads who never made it back," Bailey, 74, said as he wept.

Schoolchildren were among the more than 1,000 Torontonians at a city hall service.

"I realize now that many people died for us," Grade 7 student Jason Favro said. "They gave us the freedom that we all wanted."

In Lethbridge, Alta., bitter words were spoken by medal-clad Canadian war veterans as a former enemy soldier saluted the war dead in a Remembrance Day ceremony.

"Don't let that damn Kraut step on the Cenotaph," a sneering Canadian war veteran grumbled to another as

a man wearing a German battle cap saluted those killed in the wars.

It was an unpleasant reminder that even after more than four decades since the laying down of weapons after the Second World War, memories of death and destruction don't fade easily.

The bitterness felt toward George Woelcke, 61, went largely unnoticed by those too young to understand that he was once an enemy.

Woelcke, of Coaldale, Alta., immigrated to Canada with his wife in 1950, five years after the war that claimed 32,714 lives ended. He said it was hard to keep his memories buried.

Lalonde coy on topic of leadership choice

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might be coaxed into attempting a political comeback: "I can't believe those reports could be serious."

Asked to explain why he backed Turner in the 1984 leadership race and was now making a move that could be interpreted as support for Turner's old rival, Chretien, he replied:

"You're presuming there will be a leadership convention and you're presuming I will support Chretien."

Lalonde said he knows of at least one other person who would run in a new leadership race besides Chretien. He would not say who.

"I will not be a candidate."

Reaction to Lalonde's announcement was swift.

In Ottawa, Jean Lapierre, Turner's 30-year-old national campaign co-ordinator, said Lalonde, 55, is

part of the party's old guard trying to cling to power.

"He's writing that as if (he was) the Pope giving an edict, you know," he told reporters.

The impact will be limited because Lalonde's influence in the party is waning, the Quebec MP said.

"The caucus doesn't tremble before the word of Marc Lalonde as it perhaps did in the old days."

Newfoundland MP Brian Tobin called Lalonde's letter "an act of foolishness."

"I believe we have a selling job to do," he said. "But it's damn difficult to do when you have to go through this kind of debate."

Raymond Garneau, whose role as Turner's Quebec lieutenant is the same Lalonde played opposite Trudeau, said he was "disgusted" by Lalonde's statement.

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Drivers resent city threat

City bus drivers were told to report for work during the height of Saturday's snowstorm or they would not be paid, a union spokesman says.

"The mayor is on the radio telling everyone to stay at home, while the bus drivers are told they have to get to work to be paid," said Harry Claydon, financial secretary for the Amalgamated Transit Union.

Drivers scheduled to work Saturday or Sunday checked in with the Winnipeg Transit control centre and were told to register at the nearest bus garage or the city wasn't obliged to pay them, Claydon said.

Transit spokesman Rick Borland confirmed that drivers were told this but he said he talked to union officials on the weekend and didn't think anyone was too upset.

Claydon said he heard from at least 20 angry drivers Sunday morning, wanting to know if they would be docked pay because the snowstorm had stranded them in their homes.

"A lot of these guys get to work on the bus, but of course there were no buses running on Saturday."

"Still, the drivers were told to come in to the (bus) barns and twiddle their thumbs if they could make it," Claydon said.

About 40 drivers were able to struggle through the snow to transit garages around the city on Saturday and were required to stay for the duration of their shift, Claydon said.

The city normally uses about 300 drivers on a typical Saturday.

"It almost cost one driver his life," Claydon added. "A guy walked about five miles on Saturday morning, from Munroe and London to the north bus barns, and just got inside the doors and collapsed."

The wife of bus driver Paul Gaerky, 49, confirmed that her husband left about 10 a.m. Saturday to walk to the north bus barns.

"After he got there he phoned and said he was half dead from the walk," she said. "I told him he was a stupid idiot for doing it, but he managed."

She added that her husband was well enough to work Sunday.

Claydon said another driver who called him was almost in tears because he still hadn't been able to get to work and couldn't afford three unscheduled holidays.

The possibility of losing pay has affected driver morale, he said, and only their public spirit in the aftermath of the storm is keeping them from taking job action.

Claydon said he hopes a meeting with Transit and city officials will resolve the problem.

Hydro, phone service problems minor

The weekend blizzard caused no major problems for the city's utilities, spokesmen said.

A Manitoba Hydro spokesman said there were difficulties in limited areas of the city for a few hours Saturday.

About 3,600 Charleswood customers were without power from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and another 500 St. James customers were cut off from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Glenn Schneider said.

He said high winds were the main cause of the problem.

Blizzard brings out heroism

It was a storm that had everything — the good, the bad and the ugly.

The blizzard that took Winnipeg by surprise brought with it tales of the heroic, the bizarre and the tragic:

Drinker seeks ride

Dan Brown from Titan Recovery Services, whose four-wheel-drive truck was in demand all weekend, said one man was willing to pay anything if Brown would drive him to a vendor for a case of beer.

"There's a lot of crazy people out there," Brown said. "There's priorities. Here I was driving people to hospitals in life-and-death situations and this guy wants beer."

He said another man offered him \$150 if Brown would drive him to the airport to catch a Saturday flight.

"He didn't have any idea the planes weren't flying," he said. "He was desperate to make it out to the airport on time."

Animals fed in storm

Two of the Winnipeg Humane Society's oldest staff members walked to work through the storm Saturday morning to feed the animals, director Pam Atnikov said.

Many Winnipeggers had to take stranded animals into their homes for the weekend because the society could not pick them up, she added.

Animals at the Assiniboine Park Zoo also weathered the blizzard with a little help from dedicated staff, director Clive Roots said.

Two employees spent the weekend at the zoo feeding its 1,250 tenants. The heartier species — bison, deer,



Robert Douglas delivers hot meals on wheels from an armored personnel carrier.

Hospital official dismayed by EMO failure to respond

By Maureen Murray

A hospital official says he's disturbed that the Emergency Measures Organization didn't come to the institution's rescue Saturday when it desperately needed help.

Dieter Kuntz, executive director of Victoria General Hospital, said he was upset EMO refused to respond and referred him to city officials.

Kuntz said the hospital found itself unable to provide breakfast or lunch to patients because its dietary staff was snowbound in their homes.

"It was Saturday morning, we had a hospital full of patients and we didn't have breakfast to serve them," he said.

Kuntz explained that the hospital's dietary department shuts down overnight and there was no one on duty Saturday morning to prepare breakfast for patients.

He added that only about one-third of the hospital's regular nursing staff was on duty.

"In my mind the situation was critical," Kuntz said.

With the help of a handful of volunteers the hospital was able to provide some food, but patients

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didn't have hot meals until supper.

Kuntz said he called EMO Saturday morning to see if it could help the hospital transport staff to work.

He said the only response he got was an answering service which forwarded his call to the city's waterworks department.

When he finally reached an EMO official several hours later, Kuntz said he was told it couldn't respond to the hospital directly because assistance had to be co-ordinated through city officials.

"EMO should be structured so it can respond to a third party without having to wait to get the green light from the city," he said.

EMO co-ordinator Henry Eckert said the criticism is unfair.

EMO delivers its assistance through municipal officials because response in a crisis situation would otherwise be haphazard, he said.

"What if we automatically made assistance available to Victoria Hospital and then we get a pressing call

that St. Boniface (General Hospital) or HSC (Health Sciences Centre) needs help?" Eckert said.

"City officials are in the best situation to control and co-ordinate the resources EMO can provide."

Eckert said he told Kuntz to call the city's emergency control centre, set up at about noon in the basement of city hall to co-ordinate essential services during the blizzard.

The city's health services department, in conjunction with city police and the armed forces, picked up and delivered about 300 essential medical personnel to city hospitals over the weekend.

Kuntz agreed that once city officials got their wheels in gear, they provided invaluable assistance to the hospital. However, he said he cannot understand why the effort wasn't mounted sooner.

Eckert said he called city officials at 2:30 p.m. Saturday after receiving requests for help from senior citizens' homes and other health-care institutions. He told them EMO had the use of at least two military Bombardier personnel carriers.

He noted that the 20-passenger, tracked vehicles were available hours before he made the call.

Eckert said the military vehicles were put into use shortly after his call to city hall, adding he thinks the city did an admirable job given the storm's magnitude.

However, a St. Boniface General Hospital spokesman said he thinks the city was too slow in declaring a state of emergency.

Hospital president Tony Quaglia said the institution faced a shortage of nurses between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, and was hampered by a shortage of kitchen and laundry staff. "It would have been nicer if we'd had emergency measures sooner," Quaglia said.

COUNTRY NEWS Vicious storm takes four lives in Manitoba

Four people have died as a result of the weekend's vicious blizzard.

Three froze to death, while the fourth was killed in a weather-related traffic accident.

Winnipeg police discovered the frozen bodies of two men Monday morning within five blocks of each other in the Main Street strip area, while the body of a woman was found yesterday about 2.5 kilometres from the Keesee Indian Reserve near Elphinstone in western Manitoba.

Meanwhile, Tynne Hill, of Meadow Portage, died in Dauphin hospital Sunday from injuries suffered in a two-car collision earlier that day.

Three other people remained in hospital last night in satisfactory condition with injuries suffered in the accident which occurred on Highway 276, about eight kilometres north of Tontela Aides about 6:40 p.m. Sunday.

Winnipeg police said the body of Lionel Houle, 63, of 5-97 George Avenue, was found Monday morning standing erect in a snowbank outside 89 Alexander Avenue.

Both arms were visible through the top of the snowbank, a police spokesman said.

"The story I have is that it appears he had fallen and froze to death," the spokesman said. "He was buried under the snow and when the snowplow came along it disturbed the body and brought him up

into a standing position — kind of straightened him up."

William Missyabit, 46, of no fixed address, was found buried under a snowdrift near a loading dock at 764 Main Street.

Both bodies have been taken to Seven Oaks General Hospital for autopsies. The examinations were to have been performed yesterday, but were postponed until today because the bodies were still frozen, police said.

RCMP recovered the body of Betty Anne Pearce, 35, yesterday near the Keesee reserve where she lived. She had been last seen about 6 p.m. Saturday, leaving her home during blizzard conditions.

Several rescued

In Winnipeg, John Rodgers, executive director of the Main Street Project, said the staff of the downtown shelter rescued several hypothermia victims — one trying to sleep in a bus shelter, two others who had fallen on the sidewalk in front of an old-age home and another found sleeping in a doorway.

One foot-patrol team spotted a man, intoxicated and injured, stretched over the divider on Lily Street and the Disraeli Freeway, he said, and carried him back to the agency on foot.

"If they had come along an hour later he would have been completely covered with snow," Rodgers said.

Shuttle co-ordinator freed from home

The major who co-ordinated the military's shuttle service that kept Winnipeg hospitals staffed during the weekend blizzard has finally been freed from his snowbound home.

"A plow came through our street late last night and as of 11 o'clock this morning we are no longer stuck," Maj. Robert Butt, regional Canadian Forces spokesman said Monday from his Maples home.

"There was an eight-foot drift in front of our house but, luckily, my neighbors and I bought a snowblower Friday night so I was able to get through it."

Butt, who spent the weekend in his home, joked about the irony of his situation.

"There I was telling everyone else what was going on when they were closer to the action than I was," he said, adding the military transported 150 hospital workers to and from work during the storm.

Butt said the single trek he made outside his home — a seven-kilometre cross-country ski run to a convenience store for milk — was more than enough for him.

While the military didn't free him, Butt said the 30 men involved in the storm operations acted quickly and professionally.

He said city officials didn't request the army's help to transport nurses and doctors to hospitals until 2 p.m. Saturday, adding the army never intervenes in such situations

unless they are called by local officials.

Once the city did ask for its help, the request had to go through the Emergency Measures Organization and then be cleared by the regional Canadian Forces division and its Ottawa headquarters, Butt said.

"Once things got started it only took a couple of minutes," he said, noting everything was handled by phone and the army was out on the streets by 3 p.m.

Initially, two of the military's armored personnel carriers were used because requests to transport staff were only received from St. Boniface General Hospital and Winnipeg Municipal Hospital.

However, once soldiers began giving Health Sciences Centre staff a lift to work, a third vehicle was deployed, leaving another armored carrier to shuttle military personnel around, he said.

CFB Winnipeg's own snow-removal equipment wasn't used to clear city streets because it was busy clearing the snow from base roads, Butt said.

Rural cleanup tab set

The province expects to spend \$2 million clearing and removing snow from the weekend blizzard that hit most of southern Manitoba.

A spokesman for the Highways and Transportation Department said provincial work crews and equipment, inactive on Remembrance Day, will be back at the job today.

Most of the work, which started at 5 a.m. Sunday, should be complete by the end of the week, Janice Armstrong said.

Morden and Carman were worst hit by the storm that raged its way across the United States border, moving east to Winnipeg and north to McCreary, Amaranth, Eriksdale and Riverton, Armstrong said.

She said the province has mustered 260 pieces of snow removal equipment and the help of private operators.

Stalled vehicles, sitting on the sides of roads, created the biggest problem for snow plows, she said.

The storm brought back vivid memories to John Duerksen, who engineered the province's snow removal efforts during the March 1966 blizzard.

Duerksen, who retired last year after 25 years of maintaining the province's roads, said it took longer for crews to clear snow in that storm.

At that time, the province kept its equipment and crews in Winnipeg with satellite crews in Brandon and Dauphin, Duerksen said.

As a result, he said, when the winds died down, the work crews had to push their ways into the rural areas along blocked highways and roads, using the equipment as path cutters.

Manitoba has four times more equipment than in 1966, deployed in 92 areas, he said.

Also, the drifts from the weekend storm probably aren't as high as they were in 1966 because highways are higher today and bush has been cleared further back, he said.

"I would have enjoyed being back in the battle with this one."

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Motorists wielding snow shovels — a highly sought-

after commodity — dig out their cars on Stella Avenue.

elk and camels — remained out-doors during the storm, he added.

Besides making feeding a little more difficult, the heavy snowfall posed a problem because it filled in the dry moats surrounding the animals. When temperatures rise a little, the snow melts and then freezes again at night, giving the animals a bridge across the moats, Roots said.

There is no danger of any escaping since a fence encircles the exhibits and the zoo itself.

"A lot of times, it's just a matter of pulling them out of a snowdrift," Roots said.

Shovels in demand

Post-blizzard necessities — snow-

shovels and Florida vacations — are hot items, local retailers report.

Joe Casciano, manager of the Regent Avenue Canadian Tire store, said his store was full of shoppers investing in snow shovels and snowblowers Monday.

He said snow shovel fashions have remained consistent with last year's models. "A shovel is a shovel no matter how you look at it," he said. "There's only one model — that's the push model."

Charlene Underhill, of MML Travel on Empress Street, said her office opened Monday in anticipation of the "I gotta get out of here" syndrome.

"We are always busy after a big storm," she said. "I think a lot of people are still trying to dig out

today (Monday), but by Wednesday we'll be in full swing."

Kitchens, hostels full

Soup kitchens and hostels were pushed to their capacity on the weekend, with hundreds of street people seeking shelter.

At the Salvation Army's hostel on Logan Avenue and Martha Street, more than 200 people were provided with a bed and food on the weekend, Maj. John Lake said.

"That's about as full as we can get," he added.

Leslie McAusland, a supervisor at the Union Gospel Mission on Princess Street, said the mission ran out of winter clothes to give the men.

"The storm happened to come a

little early and we just didn't have enough winter clothing on hand."

Crime rate assessed

Police say they won't be able to determine how the crime rate was affected by the storm until later in the week.

A number of businesses had break-ins, but an accurate count won't be available until all merchants have returned to check out their shops, Insp. Wayne King said. King said residential break-and-enters appeared to have been curbed by the weather.

Deputy chief of operations John Urchenko said there will be an internal post-mortem of the department's response to the weekend storm.