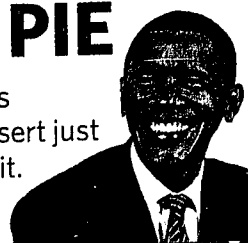


CANADIAN LIT

Tale of church sex scandal wins journalist Linden MacIntyre the Giller book prize. **A3**

AMERICAN PIE

'Chef Crustmaster' makes the classic American dessert just the way the Obamas like it. Test it out yourself. **E1**



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Brawl brewing in girls' hockey

STAR EXCLUSIVE League accuses city of gender discrimination, saying players are left out in the cold when trying to book ice time

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The gloves are off in a million-dollar hockey fight with an all-girls league accusing the City of Toronto of discrimination over ice access.

The 900-member Toronto Leaside Girls Hockey Association threatened to launch a human-rights complaint in an Oct. 30 letter to Mayor David Miller over what it alleges is the city's failure to enforce

its equity policy at publicly owned arenas. The association says the arenas shut girls out of prime-time ice and instead, in some cases, rent it to adult men for hockey.

Association President Ron Baker said Tuesday his not-for-profit league has spent more than \$1 million over the past five years to play in expensive private arenas largely because city-owned facilities in players' neighbourhoods regularly

refuse to give the girls' hockey association permits for ice. Baker insists it's entitled to.

"We have a choice; we can just quietly go away or we can fight for the girls' rights," said Baker. He added that pursuing a human-rights complaint would be the "last resort" if the association — which uses 18 public and private GTA arenas to

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STEVE RUSSELL/TORONTO STAR

A Toronto Leaside girls hockey team practises at Ted Reeve Arena Tuesday. The league says it spent \$1 million on private arena fees in past five years.

THE BOYS OF MAJOR STREET

REMEMBRANCE DAY Chucky, Porky and Solly were part of a band of Jewish immigrant kids who grew up together in the city's west end. Many of them eagerly enlisted for war, and most never returned home.



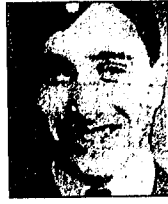
Rear Gunner Charles (Chucky) Males



Flying Officer Irving (Porky) Lindzon



Flight Sgt. Solomon (Solly) Kay



Flight Sgt. Harold Sobel



Acting Cpl. Arthur Gold



TORONTO ARCHIVES

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Who's left to remember Chucky and Porky, Solly and Harold? They are the boys of Major St. who went to war and didn't come back — lost in the Atlantic, over the Bay of Bengal and in Holland.

Dr. Joe Greenberg is one of the few left who remembers them. He counts 10 who died in World War II who grew up with him on the west-end street that runs between College and Bloor Sts. Others were wounded or became prisoners of war.

They spent their youth in the city playgrounds, Jewish immigrant kids too poor to afford a bat and ball, never dreaming they'd own a baseball mitt. They used

broom handles as sticks and frozen horse droppings for pucks to play street hockey.

These boys were among the earliest to enlist, some lying about their age, 17-year-olds going to war. One of them, Greenberg's cousin, Harold Fromstein, known as Red, lived at 117 Major St. He used his older brother's name to enlist in 1940. Wounded in France in 1944, and decorated for his service, he survived the war.

"When I look at photographs of these guys, I feel so sad; when I read their epitaphs, it tears my heart out," says Greenberg, 87, known to his patients as Dr. Joe. To generations of Torontonians he's a leg-

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TONY BOCK/TORONTO STAR

Major St. as it looked in 1935 and the same street today. This small Toronto strip was home to a disproportionate number of young men who died in World War II.

Private schools say their kids get flu-shot 'priority'

No they don't, says Ontario health officer

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First there were professional athletes. Then hospital boards. Now students at some private schools have received preferential access to flu shots.

Officials from St. Andrew's College in Aurora, Pickering College in Newmarket and the Hill Academy in Concord acknowledged Tuesday that some students and staff have received the H1N1 vaccine even though they are not among the high-risk groups designated by the province for early shots.

St. Andrew's, an all-boys school, responded to questions from the *Star* with a written statement, explaining that early vaccination was the "ethically responsible choice" because the risk of transmission is especially high there.

"As a boarding school, we are deemed a high priority group. St. Andrew's residential population consists of 250 students from 25 different countries. This is similar to any confined population, living in close proximity where rate of infection transmission is significantly higher.

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TALIBAN FLU SHOTS: While thousands of Canadians patiently wait to be immunized, the Canadian military said it will make the vaccine for the H1N1 virus available for Afghan detainees. **Story, A11**

SWALLOWING WHOPPERS: WHEN THAT FISH YOU'RE EATING ISN'T THE FISH YOU ORDERED

That wild salmon you're grilling tonight may well be farmed Atlantic. And that sushi-grade tuna? Could be cheaper skipjack. Reinforcing a *Star* investigation, a University of Guelph lab took samples from fishmongers, supermarkets and restaurants across Canada and found one quarter of fish was mislabelled or misidentified. Tilapia, anyone? **STORY, E1**



Parents offered repair kit for scary stroller

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Each time they go to the mall with their 4-year-old son, Kevin and Yuka Tang haul their Maclaren umbrella stroller from the trunk of their car.

But since the company announced a U.S. recall after its popular strollers were blamed for amputating the fingers of a dozen American children, the Tangs will be extra vigilant before placing their tyke, Jayden, in the seat.

"It's shocking to hear about the re-

call," Kevin said. "It shows you've got to be careful."

Maclaren isn't fixing all single and double strollers sold in the United States since 1999 — about a million units — but is sending buyers a "repair kit" — essentially sleeves to cover the exposed hinges, the com-

pany and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced Tuesday, calling it a "voluntary recall."

Although the strollers sold in Canada are identical to ones sold in the U.S., Health Canada has yet to extend the recall here. But worried parents who contact the Canadian distributor will get a repair kit sent

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