

# Canadians to sell health care to Americans

TORONTO (AP) — Attention Americans: Cheap, government-subsidized health care for sale. High-quality surgery at low cost. Why pay more in Toledo when you can get it for less in Toronto?

Toronto Hospital, the largest acute-care facility in Canada, and the Hospital for Sick Children, one of the best pediatric centers in the country, will begin marketing their services south of the border in the next few months.

Dozens of other institutions may follow. The plan's proponents say it will bring badly needed millions into hospitals chronically short of funds. Others feel it will mean poorer service for Canadians in favor of rich Americans.

The Ontario government, for the mo-

ment, seems to be sitting on the fence, though Health Minister Ruth Grier says she does not support aggressive marketing of services outside the province.

Nonetheless, the province has looked at the issue. A government study shows Ontario hospitals could make more than \$80 million U.S. and create 645 jobs by serving Americans.

Hudson's explanation of the plan is simple. All Ontario hospitals have excess capacity, beds closed due to funding cutbacks. By bringing in patients and money from outside, hospitals will be able to open more beds, hire back staff and, as a result, shorten waiting lists for Canadians.

Up for sale will be such high-tech ser-

VICES as bone marrow transplants at \$80,000 each, brain tumor surgery, head and neck surgery and complicated cataract surgery.

The Canadian hospitals won't be luring individual patients, but will attempt to sell services to the insurance companies, preferred provider organizations and health maintenance organizations. A salesman has been hired jointly by the two hospitals and will hit the road in a couple of months.

But money is a problem throughout the system. The new provincial budget, to be made public Friday, is expected to contain deep cuts in the health care program, the single largest budget item, and hospitals will be squeezed once again.

Americans with litigious inclinations

might want to think twice, however. Million-dollar malpractice suits are unheard-of in Canada. The Supreme Court has set a limit on general damages at \$225,000 U.S., and punitive damage awards are paltry.

Bringing suits in U.S. courts for malpractice in Canada is iffy, but not impossible.

Treating Americans is nothing new.

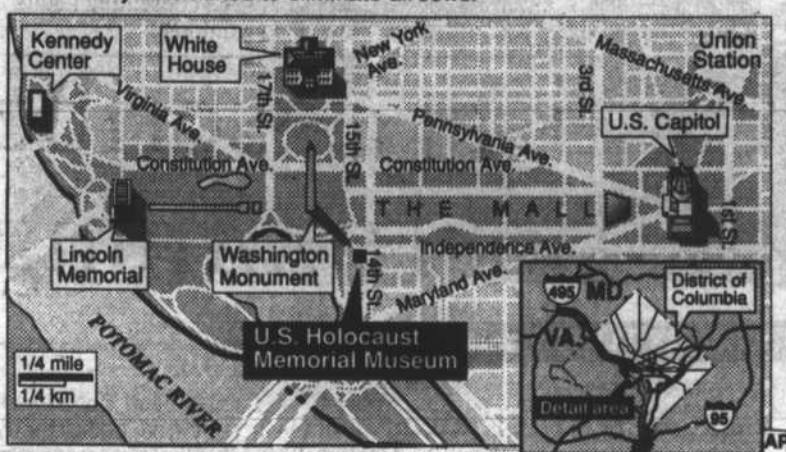
The same is true for Toronto Hospital, whose reputation is equal to that of the best American institutions.

Both hospitals are talking about small numbers for 18-24 months, then a review. If it's a success, they will expand the program.

With 44,000 in-patients a year, adding fewer than 100 is a drop in the bucket to Toronto Hospital.

## New Holocaust Museum

A museum of a different kind, stark and disturbing, is now opened to the public as a memorial to the millions slaughtered in World War II by a Germany determined to eliminate all Jews.



## Survivors dedicate Holocaust museum

WASHINGTON (AP) — A half century and a world away from the gas chambers of Auschwitz, Majdanek and Chelmno, a new Holocaust museum was dedicated Thursday to teach future generations the lessons of what one survivor called "the black hole in time, the black hole in history."

Before 7,000 people, many of them survivors of the concentration camps erected by Nazi Germany in World War II with a mission to exterminate the Jews, came a repeated admonition: Never again.

From Elie Wiesel, who won a Nobel Prize for his efforts to keep the Holocaust memory alive, came this recollection:

"In Poland, SS officers used Jew-

ish infants for target practice. The only emotion they ever showed was anger when they missed," he said. "In Kiev, an SS officer beheaded two Jewish children in front of their mother, who in her anguish, in prey of some mystical madness, held them close to her bosom and began to dance. In Romania, the Iron Guard hanged Jews on meat hooks and displayed them in butcher shops, with signs, 'Kosher Meat.'"

Through starvation, execution and overwork, Hitler's henchmen executed 6 million Jews, two-thirds of the pre-war population of Europe, in the drive for a "Final Solution."

President Clinton said the museum bound "one of the darkest lessons in

history to the hopeful soul of America."

Wiesel said, "Mr. President, I cannot not tell you something. I have been in the former Yugoslavia last fall. I cannot sleep since (because of) what I have seen. ... We must stop the bloodshed in that country."

The president said "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia was "but the most brutal and blatant" example of evil in the world today.

The museum reminds the world "again and again how fragile are the safeguards of civilization," he said.

Throughout the ceremony, the descriptive chants of demonstrators, who spread the falsehood that the Holocaust was a hoax, could be heard by the crowd.

## Foes of gay rights debate differently

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some preach fire and brimstone from the pulpit or distribute lurid videotapes of homosexuals parading in San Francisco. Others simply call their members of Congress to oppose lifting the military's ban on gays.

The opponents of expanded gay rights, from televangelists to ordinary citizens, won't be out in force this weekend during a major gay rights march in the nation's capital.

Their vocal arguments that giving homosexuals expanded rights will weaken America's military and corrupt the nation's children already resonate from the television airwaves to the top levels of government.

"Homosexuals are seeking governmental approval of their unnatural or immoral lifestyle," said Robert

Dugan, Washington director of the National Association of Evangelicals, which represents 50,000 churches.

"It's a behavioral question, not a discrimination or civil rights question. It seems to me that homosexuals should not have special governmental acknowledgement of their lifestyle any more than child molesters or adulterers should."

Organizers predict as many as 1 million gay rights activists will march in Washington on Sunday in support of expanded civil rights legislation to protect gays and an end to the military's ban on homosexuals.

Groups opposing the gay rights agenda range from veterans' organizations opposed to lifting the military ban to religious evangelists, anti-abor-

tion groups, mainstream religious organizations and grassroots coalitions.

Some prefer stinging rhetorical attacks like the one launched by television commentator and GOP presidential candidate Pat Buchanan at last summer's Republican National Convention.

When President Clinton announced in January he was ordering an end to the ban on gays in the military, religious broadcaster Pat Robertson urged viewers of his "700 Club" to call Congress.

"When lawlessness is abroad in this land, the same thing will happen here that happened in Nazi Germany," Robertson said. "Many of those people involved in Adolf Hitler were Satanists; many of them were homosexuals."

## Sound of sonnets to saturate UNL today

From Staff Reports

Events in the fourth annual Shakespeare Day will take place today in Avery Hall.

Organizers of the event plan to commemorate William Shakespeare's birthday by reading his works and paying homage to his creativity.

Steven Buhler, an assistant profes-

sor of English, describes the event as "a marathon reading" of Shakespeare's sonnets by volunteers. The readers are welcome to add their own creative twists to the 54 sonnets, Buhler said.

The first readings will be at 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Avery lounge.

Following the first readings, there will be a showing of the latest film

version of Shakespeare's work, "Much Ado About Nothing," which will start at 11 a.m.

The readings will resume at 1 p.m. and last until 3:30 p.m.

Shakespeare Day is sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an English honorary society.

## Housing

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Legal Services before choosing a landlord.

"We keep lists of landlords that students have complained about, and what kinds of complaints they have lodged," she said.

Some students opt for the university as a landlord by rooming in a residence hall for the summer.

Selleck Hall has 612 available beds, and Fedde Hall on East Campus is offering 40 single rooms for summer student housing.

But Sue Gildersleeve, assistant director of housing for business affairs, said the rooms were filling up fast.

Gildersleeve said the number of applicants seeking university housing was slightly higher than in the past.

"We don't really know why, but students may be getting their contracts in earlier," she said.

She said she expected Fedde Hall, which offers single rooms, to fill up fast. Selleck, she said, will vary throughout the summer, as students may not stay in the halls during the

entire summer.

Students already living in Selleck Hall who get their summer contracts in by Friday are guaranteed the same room for summer housing, Gildersleeve said.

"Even if it's a day late we will try to honor it," she said.

Students seeking lodging in greek houses may be too late, said Scott Heinrich, vice president of Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity.

Alpha Gamma Sigma rents rooms to students on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Everyone pretty much knows about it," he said. "There was a bit of a scramble this month — a couple people backed out at the last minute, but the spots were filled."

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