

GETTING READY FOR WINTERLUDE



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Ice carvers Ikuo Kanbayashi, left, and Kenny Hayden work simultaneously Tuesday to sculpt two Buddy Bears — global ambassadors of Berlin since 2001 — as artists and workers begin transforming Confederation Park for Winterlude, which opens Friday. The German embassy is sponsoring the United Buddy Bears sculptures in the Crystal Garden as symbols of friendship and unity between Canada and Germany.