



Splatt!

Wade Miting is no cream puff, but he took several direct hits Saturday at the United Way kick off taco throw at the Pine Centre. Thanks to the cream-filled tacos, the United Way campaign is more than \$400 richer.

Citizen photo to Dave Milne

SIX-DAY DRAMA

Hijackers surrender

ALGIERS (AP) — Five hijackers, who took a Japanese jetliner on a six-day journey of terror over two continents, released their last 19 hostages and surrendered to Algerian authorities today, airline officials said.

"They came out with their hands up," said a Japan Air Lines (JAL) spokesman in New York. "As far as we know the hostages are okay, but we don't know for sure."

The conditions for the surrender were not immediately known. It was believed the ultra-leftist terrorists had hoped to obtain political asylum from Algeria's leftist government.

The Japanese foreign ministry said all the terrorists—including six "comrades" freed from Japanese jails to meet the hijackers' demands—had left the JAL DC-8 at 4 p.m. local time (noon EDT), less than two hours after it landed here.

There was no immediate word on where they were taken. The plane, which also carried a \$6-million ransom paid the hijackers, landed in Algiers after an overnight, two-stop flight from Bangladesh, where the terrorists held it for five days after hijacking it over India.

An official statement said landing permission was given here "at the express demand of the Japanese government and for humanitarian reasons."

One American was among the final group of hostages aboard the plane.

The hijackers, believed looking for asylum in a sympathetic country, had commandeered the DC-8 over India last Wednesday and forced it to land at Dacca in neighboring Bangladesh, where they released most of their hos-

tages. After a 4½-day siege, they took off from Dacca on Sunday, stopping in Kuwait and Damascus, Syria, refueling and freeing more hostages on the way.

There was speculation that if Algeria refused to give the terrorists refuge, they would turn to Libya or South Yemen, two Arab countries with radical governments which have accepted hijackers and other terrorists in the past. The hijackers are members of the ultra-leftist Japanese Red Army, which works closely with the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The takeoff from the Syrian capital had been delayed while Japanese and Syrian officials tried to get more hostages released, but the hijackers

refused and ordered the pilot to take off.

There had been 156 persons aboard when the terrorists seized control of the Paris-to-Tokyo plane early Wednesday after it took off from Bombay. The hijackers freed 115 of their hostages in Dacca, seven more in Kuwait and 10 in Damascus. This left 12 captive passengers and the crew of seven aboard along with the five hijackers and six terrorists freed from Japanese prisons in response to the hijackers' demands. The Japanese government also paid the ransom of \$6 million.

The hijackers were believed to have boarded the plane in Bombay and were armed with automatic weapons, grenades and plastic explosives.

Drivers get month to buckle up belts

VICTORIA (CP) — British Columbia motorists will have a one-month period of grace to adjust to the new seatbelt law coming into effect today, the attorney-general's ministry said Friday.

Attorney-General Garde Gardom issued a directive to B.C. police on Friday telling them that only under "exceptional circumstances" during "the initial stages" should motorists be charged.

A spokesman for the ministry said later that "initial stages" meant one month.

Violation of the compulsory seatbelt-use law could bring a fine of up to \$100.

"In order that the public clearly understand the new provisions relating to the use

and installation of seat belts," Gardom told police, "it is expected that, during the initial stage, charges... be laid if exceptional circumstances warrant. That is, considerable discretion is advised, including the issuance of warning notices. "It is hoped that those involved in law enforcement will use this opportunity to further promote public awareness and understanding of the new seat belt legislation."

Meanwhile, government officials will meet early next week with representatives of taxi owners' associations in an attempt to work out objections to the new law, Charles Shave, information officer for the ministry of transport, said Friday.

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Indira Gandhi arrested

NEW DELHI (Reuter) — Former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi was arrested tonight, Samachar news agency reported.

The national news agency said Mrs. Gandhi, 59, was taken into custody for acquiring 104 Jeeps from two companies by misusing her official position.

The arrest was made by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Mrs. Gandhi, who was prime minister for 11 years and two months, was voted out of power last March. The election followed 21 months of internal emergency rule that she said was necessary to save democracy.

Mrs. Gandhi and her father, the late Jawaharlal Nehru, were prime ministers of the country for all but two of the years since independence from Britain in 1947.

She was arrested at the house in central New Delhi where she had moved from her official residence after the election defeat of her Congress party.

Mrs. Gandhi recently launched a political comeback, drawing large crowds at public meetings in northern India and openly challenging the new government to arrest her.

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Anti-shoplifting program ready for launch

An anti-shoplifting program, in the planning stages in Prince George for almost a year, may get under way before Christmas.

Ron Drane, chairman of the Prince George Chamber of Commerce's youth betterment committee, said today the committee will meet Oct. 13 to give final approval to a brief outlining the program.

Drane said the brief will be presented to the ministry of human resources, justice ministry or some other appropriate funding agency, with a request for funds of up to \$45,000, before Christmas.

He said the money would be used for a counsellor, secretary, and perhaps an office for the program.

Drane said committee members will also be seeking written approval of the program from major retail outlets, community groups, and particularly high school student councils.

The project is aimed primarily at the first-time offender under 14 years old. Upon apprehension of a juvenile, the counsellor would contact the parents of the child, and spend up to 12 hours counselling the family and the offender.

Children needing more help would be referred to other social agencies for in-depth counselling.

The program was first proposed in December, by the chamber of commerce.

Drane said progress was slowed during the summer due to the difficulty of getting committee members together.

The committee is composed of merchants, church leaders, RCMP, probation and justice council workers, and community group members.

AGENT BLAMES HIGH FEES

Cranston cancels show in city

Prince George has lost the opportunity to see one of the world's finest skaters — Toller Cranston — because of what the booking agent says is the inadequacy of the Coliseum and the high rental fee demanded by the city.

The performance of a musical Experience on Ice were scheduled for the Coliseum Oct. 18 and 19, but a conflict with the Civic Properties and Recreation Commission has forced cancellation.

A spokesman for Playmor Productions says the city demanded too much of a percentage of the admission fees to make playing in Prince George feasible.

"It has nothing at all to do with Toller Cranston," he said.

"Prince George has demanded a percentage



CRANSTON

that is too high. With the percentage asked for and the small arena, we would have to charge \$8-9 a ticket."

The exact amount of the percentage wasn't specified.

The Playmor spokesman said playing Prince George has created several problems with other shows in the past.

"The smallest arena on the tour is the Prince George and it always demands the highest percentage.

"It's been hard to play in Prince George."

The CPRC refused comment on the situation.

Cranston is considered Canada's premier skater and finished high in world championships before turning professional.

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DECENTRALIZATION

Major moves slated for federal offices

OTTAWA (CP) — The government announced today it will be relocating 15 more units of various federal departments and agencies across the country in the next five years.

The relocations, announced by Finance Minister Jean Chretien, will involve the transfer of 2,500 full-time and 1,500 part-time jobs to 12 communities. They are in addition to several other moves announced previously.

Chretien said at a news conference that many of the jobs in the transferred units will be open to local people rather than filled by public servants from Ottawa.

He also said that for employees who are to be transferred, educational arrangements in the language of their choice will have to be negotiated with provincial governments.

If such arrangements could not be negotiated, the transfers would not be made, he added.

Planned moves detailed

The relocations announced today are as follows:

- Mail services of the passport office will be moved to Sydney, N.S. The transfer will involve 82 full-time and 56 part-time jobs.
- The philatelic service of the post office will be moved to Antigonish, N.S., involving 50 full-time and 20 part-time jobs.
- Tourism publications distribution centre will be moved to Yarmouth, N.S., for a transfer of 55 jobs.
- The centre for career development of the taxation department will be moved to Rigaud, Que., for a transfer of 430 jobs. Also going to Rigaud is the training school for customs and excise, for a transfer of 60 jobs.
- The surveys and mapping branch will move to Sherbrooke, Que., involving 750 jobs.
- Telecommunication Regulatory Service moves to Quebec City, for a transfer of 251 jobs.
- The Bureau of Dangerous Drugs goes to North Bay, Ont., for a move of 115 jobs. Also heading for North Bay are 40

TODAY

Bon Wicks
 "You'll never guess who's just left her husband!"

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● There were no surprises in the North Cariboo Soccer Association playoffs, as the top two clubs during the regular season advanced to the league final.

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THE WEATHER

A large ridge of high pressure over the province is expected to bring Prince George mainly sunny skies with cool temperatures and extensive morning fog today and Tuesday.

The forecast high today is 8, the low -3. The high Sunday was 8, the low -1, with 2.6 cm. of snow. On this date last year the high was 8, the low -1.

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NOW HEAR THIS

● After explaining that the cost of labor is one of the prime causes of increased air fares, Ian Gray, president of CP Air, was asked about his own salary while in Prince George recently. The airline's top executive laughed and said: "Let's just say I'm adequately paid."

● The official first snowfall here Sunday of 2.6 centimetres may not be much by northern standards but it did suit the purposes of one newcomer to the area. "It was just enough to make a snowball to hit my wife with," said the thrower after an outing in the town of Bear Lake.

● An RCMP officer testifying in court was asked if a picture accurately depicted a scene as he saw it, the night of an alleged crime. He was asked if anything had changed. "No," he said. "The firehall, is it the same?" he was asked. "The firehall hasn't moved," replied the officer. "I'm sure we are all glad to hear that," responded the judge.

Couple killed in plane crash

REVELSTOKE, B.C. (CP) — RCMP have identified a Dawson Creek, B.C. couple as the two people killed Saturday when a light plane crashed about 55 kilometres east of this southeastern British Columbia community.

Leonard Ewart Butler, 62, and his wife Helen Mary Butler, also 62, were killed when the plane crashed during a flight to Dawson Creek from Kelowna. They had apparently chosen a course that would have taken them through the Rogers Pass.

Police storm French plane

PARIS (Reuter) — Frenchman Jacques Robert, who exploded a hand grenade aboard an Air-Inter Caravelle jetliner on the ground here last Friday, was charged today with hijacking, murder, attempted murder of police officers and taking hostages.

Robert, 43, said during interrogation that he only wanted radio time to broadcast to the French people and claimed that he did not throw his grenade on purpose, legal sources said.

He was remanded in custody at the Sante prison here.

The grenade went off as police stormed the hijacked jet, which was carrying 91 people. One passenger was killed and another seriously injured.