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## Zenn Motor not Zen master

**The Canadian Press**

TORONTO — Electric minicar maker Zenn Motor Company Inc. said Wednesday its second-quarter loss widened on a 57 per cent drop in revenue.

The loss for the period ended March 31 was \$2 million or six cents a share compared with \$1.8 million or six cents a share generated in the same 2008 period.

Quarterly net revenue dropped to \$275,961 from \$646,722, reflecting “the general malaise of the auto industry.”

“We believe that the widespread interest by consumers, governments and manufacturers in environmentally friendly, sustainable and cost-effective solutions bodes well for the future of the EV (electric vehicle) industry and the role that Zenn Motor can play,” said chief executive Ian Clifford.

Zenn’s cash and short-term investments totalled \$10.8 million.

On the TSX Venture market, shares of Zenn Motor were up five cents to \$5.15.

## Government rating stable

**The Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Moody’s Investors Service says the U.S. government’s “Aaa” rating is stable despite the country’s swelling debt.

A credit rating of “Aaa” is the highest possible. It means the agency sees very little risk of the government defaulting on its debt.

Last week Standard & Poor’s, another ratings agency, raised worries that the United States could lose its “AAA” rating after it warned Britain was at risk for a downgrade.

Risks related to Social Security and Medicare could also affect the U.S. rating, Hess added.



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## Economists see recession winding down

**The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — More than 90 per cent of economists predict the U.S. recession will end this year, although the recovery is likely to be bumpy.

That assessment came from leading forecasters in a survey by the National Association for Business Economics released Wednesday. It is generally in line with the outlook from U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues.

About 74 per cent of the forecasters expect the recession - which started in December 2007 and is the longest since the Second World War - to end in the third quarter. Another 19 per cent predict the turning point will come in the final three months of this year, and the remaining seven per cent believe the recession will end in the first quarter of 2010.

“While the overall tone remains soft, there are emerging signs that the economy is stabilizing,” said NABE president Chris Varvares, head of Macroeconomic Advisers. “The economic recovery is likely to be considerably more moderate than those typically experienced following steep declines.”

One of the major forces that plunged the economy into a recession was the financial crisis that struck with force last fall and was the worst since the 1930s. Economists say recoveries after financial crises tend to be slower.

Against that backdrop, unemployment will climb this year even if the economy is rebounding, the NABE forecasters predict. Companies won’t be in a rush to hire until



With the end of the recession in sight in the U.S., beleaguered homeowners may finally get some relief.  
AP photo

they feel certain any recovery is firmly rooted.

For all of this year, the forecasters said the unemployment rate should average 9.1 per cent, a big jump from 5.8 per cent last year and up from its current quarter-century peak of 8.9 per cent. If NABE forecasters are right, it would be the highest since a 9.6 per cent rate in 1983, when the country was struggling to recover from a severe recession.

Some forecasters thought the unemployment rate could rise as high as 10.7 per cent in the second quarter of next year. The NABE outlook from 45 economists was conducted April 27 through May 11.

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## Axe falls at CBC

**The Canadian Press**

TORONTO — Layoff notices were being issued at the CBC Wednesday.

In March, the public broadcaster projected that about 393 jobs would have to be cut in its English-language service to make up for an overall \$171-million shortfall in advertising revenue.

According to the Canadian Media Guild, 100 contract employees will not be renewed, 158 permanent employees will be laid off and 19 vacant jobs are being abolished.

In addition, the guild says, 73 employees are taking retirement incentives. A spokesman for the CBC says those numbers are accurate, but cautioned that the situation is in flux as layoff notices are given out.

He said a final picture may not be clear until later in the summer.



**School District 57 (Prince George)**

Applications are being invited from qualified candidates for the following position

**Aboriginal Education Officer**

A detailed description of the position can be viewed at [www.sd57.bc.ca](http://www.sd57.bc.ca) (Careers)

**The Process:**  
Interested, qualified candidates are required to submit an application package including:

- Basic Application at: [www.sd57.bc.ca](http://www.sd57.bc.ca) (Careers)
- A cover letter highlighting your readiness for the position,
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Closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday, June 5, 2009 at 04:00pm.**

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**Lheidli T'enneh Band**  
1041 Whenun Road  
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**ABORIGINAL FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WORKER**

Objective: Lheidli T'enneh is accepting applications for an Aboriginal Family Development Worker. This is a new position created through linkages with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Lheidli T'enneh Social Assistance worker and health program. This position and program will provide a Mutual Aid/Self Help program augmented with individual family work provided in the Lheidli T'enneh community. This position will involve working closely with Lheidli T'enneh children and families to create linkages to both formal and informal support networks, to strengthen parenting competencies, and increase the stability of families.

**Duties will include:**

- Individual family work and outreach services;
- Parenting workshops;
- Life skills training;
- Support groups;
- Self care for parents;
- Recreation for families;
- Establishing professional support systems

**Skill Requirements:**

- Completion of Social Work degree with minimum 3 years related work experience;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills;
- Familiarity and experience with Ministry of Child and Family Development reporting requirements and standards;
- Knowledge of promising / best practice frameworks for working with Aboriginal communities;
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office suite;
- Knowledge of Lheidli T'enneh history and ability to speak Carrier are assets.
- **Security and Safety:** Criminal record check
- **Work Conditions and Physical Capabilities:** Fast-paced environment, Attention to detail

**Specific Skills:** Interview clients to assess their situation and determine the types of services required and eligibility requirements. Duties will include provision of supports to help clients address social and personal problems, planning programs of assistance for clients, advocacy, referring clients to support agencies, and working as a member of an interdisciplinary team. The Aboriginal Family Development Worker will also work with the Social Program team to develop prevention and intervention programs to meet community needs.

**How to Apply:** Submit resume, cover letter, and three references to the following address:  
General Manager,  
Lheidli T'enneh First Nation,  
1045 Whenun Road, Prince George, BC

Email submissions will also be accepted: [gcatcherall@lheidli.ca](mailto:gcatcherall@lheidli.ca)

**Deadline: June 1, 2009**

We thank all applicants for their time. However only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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## Volunteer-run wireless Internet outlives commercial endeavours

By Roberto Rocha  
Canwest News Service

MONTREAL - Efforts to blanket swaths of Montreal with wireless Internet have either failed or suffered repeated delays, and Laurent Maisonneuve couldn't be happier.

Not because he's anti-Internet. In fact, he sees public access to the net as the great social equalizer, an engine for community involvement and innovation. No, he's smiling because his model for public Internet - low-cost, volunteer-run and relying entirely on sharing one's access - has prevailed where large-scale commercial endeavours have not.

A venture by Internet provider Radioactif to build an all-wifi service provider in the city was quietly abandoned last year. A plan to create an ad-supported strip of free Internet along St. Laurent Blvd. has been delayed by five months. Elsewhere in North America, massive municipal wifi projects went bust.

But Ile Sans Fil, over which Maisonneuve currently presides, keeps growing. It counts 160 access points in Montreal and close to 100,000 registered users.

The non-profit promotes free Internet by encouraging businesses, mostly cafes and bars, to let the public access their existing broadband accounts. For a yearly fee of \$60, Ile Sans Fil installs an Internet antenna in a participating business. There is no cost to users besides the five minutes it takes to register an account on its network.

This, the group argues, draws in more customers who just might stay long enough for a second latte.

"There's no successful for-pay wifi model," Maisonneuve gloats. His mood quickly turns sour, though, when he laments the lack of support from the city of Montreal to expand the Ile Sans Fil model to public places like parks and squares.

They were very close at one point. The city was ready to give them \$200,000 a year over five years to create 500 new hotspots.

"But they backed off and said they would issue a call for tender," Maisonneuve said.

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