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K Mart Price check

SELKIRK, Man. (CP) — When K Mart the cat checked in after a three-year absence, her owner Tammy Price was shocked.

"It was totally amazing and unbelievable, and she was in good condition, too," said Price of the return three months ago of her orange and white calico barn cat.

But by the time K Mart checked out again recently, Price was resigned to the fickle fealty of her feline. In late summer 1989, K Mart wandered into the woods near the family home in St. Rita, 65 kilometres east of Winnipeg.

"She just disappeared into the bush," recalled Price, 26, who acquired K Mart as a kitten. "We didn't know if she'd been hit by a car or stolen. . . We gave up."

But just three months after being reunited with Price, who now lives in Selkirk, by the Humane Society, K Mart still likes to remain footloose and fancy free. This week, she disappeared, spotted at a distance.

Give up crown?

LONDON (Reuter) — A British newspaper said today Prince Charles wanted to renounce his right to the throne and let his son William become the direct heir to the Queen.

The sensationalist Sun said Charles had told the Queen he would step aside because of the crisis in his 11-year marriage to Princess Diana and damaging allegations that he has been closely involved for a long time with a married woman.

Charles: Give my crown to Wills, declared the Sun in a banner headline over a report, citing as its source an unidentified friend of the prince.

The story said Charles' offer could cause the biggest royal upset since the 1936 abdication crisis.

Not a good deal

The Canadian Press

Is it still a bargain for Canadians to shop in the United States?

Statistics Canada reports a decrease in the number of same-day trips to the United States by Canadians. A lower Canadian dollar, as well as duty and other taxes imposed at the border, are some of the reasons why the cross-border shopping frenzy appears to be slowing down.

Here is a price comparison for the top-selling Icarus running shoe, made in South Korea for Nike, and available at Footlocker stores in Bellis Fair Mall in Bellingham, Wash., and Semiahmoo Shopping Centre in Surrey, B.C.

Bellis Fair Base price: \$59.99 US
Washington state sales tax: \$4.68
U.S. total in Canadian funds: \$78.90 Cdn. Border duty of 13.6 per cent: \$10.73 Cdn, GST: \$6.27 Cdn.
Total: \$95.90 Cdn

Semiahmoo Base price: \$69.98 Cdn
Provincial sales tax: \$4.20 Cdn
GST: \$4.90 Cdn
Total: \$79.08 Cdn

Prime rate leaps

OTTAWA (Southam) — The country's largest bank, reacting to a plunge in the dollar, is hitting borrowers with a massive jump in borrowing rates, pushing up its prime rate three-quarters of a point to 8.25 per cent effective Tuesday from 7.5 per cent.

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Former Hat queen wins big

JASON PROCTOR

Of The News

Ridin', ropin' and livin' the cowboy life — all in a day's work for the new Miss Rodeo Canada Queen.

But karaokein'?

Definitely not, says Dode Minor, the 21 year-old Bindloss native who was awarded the title this weekend in Edmonton.

"I really don't think singing is in my range," she said in a telephone interview this morning.

An attempt at the Japanese do-it-yourself singing craze in Leduc last week was about the only event at which Minor didn't excel in the race for the Miss Rodeo Canada crown.

Luckily, she says, her new job calls for little crooning.

Minor, who was 1991 Medicine Hat Rodeo Queen came out with the top score in what was to be a Medicine Hat sweep of the finals.

Hot on her trail in second place was the new Miss Canada Rodeo Princess Tanya Vair, the 20-year-old Hatter who was crowned Miss Rodeo Taber in May.

Medicine Hat's Tyler Martens, 14, was also recognized this weekend, taking the Canadian Finals Rodeo Champion title in boy's steer riding.

Miss Rodeo Canada chairman Laurie Sharland says the Medicine Hat showing was no surprise. "It's a blessing for Medicine Hat," she said. "Everyone is very deeply involved in rodeo."

The Miss Rodeo Canada Queen acts as a Canadian rodeo ambassador, travelling around Canada and the U.S. promoting the sport. Her princess does the same in Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. With the ending of the Miss Canada Pageant last year, the Miss Rodeo Canada crown became the last title of its sort in the country.

The eight contestants were judged on horsemanship, public speaking, personality, personal appearance, impromptu speaking, a personal interview and a rodeo test.

Though Minor didn't place first in any of the individual contests, Sharland said, she ranked high enough in each category to take the top spot.

"That's very unusual," she said. "Dode is just so pleasant all the time. She's got a beautiful smile; she's so genuine."

Minor said the rodeo is not difficult to be genuine about. Her father is a team roper and her sister Kathy, is a



HIGHEST HONOR — Dode Minor accepts her Medicine Hat Rodeo Queen crown in 1991. The native of Bindloss won the Miss Rodeo Canada Queen title Friday night in Edmonton. The new crown represents the fulfillment of a childhood dream.

— News file photo

former Medicine Hat Rodeo Princess. "For me," she said, "rodeo has kind of become a natural part of life."

Life, she said, and dreams. The title of Miss Rodeo Canada has long been on her mind. "It's a childhood dream."

Along with the crown, Minor will also receive the use of a new Dodge minivan for the length of her reign, a hand-crafted saddle, a fur coat, a buckle and a year's worth of western outfits.

She'll also be awarded an educational

scholarship at the end of the year, an award the University of Lethbridge student says she'll use to finish her bachelor of education degree.

"It really is a once in a lifetime experience," she said.

Secret government Yes scare tactics uncovered

CHRIS COBB and MARK KENNEDY
Ottawa Citizen

OTTAWA — A secret strategy developed for leaders of the Yes forces in the recent referendum campaign recommended frightening Canadians into voting for the Charlottetown accord.

The internal strategy document, partly written by Bill Fox, former press aide to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, said the fear campaign should be stronger in Quebec than in the rest of Canada.

The document, obtained by the Ottawa Citizen, proposed a three-point warning

to Canadians about the perils of voting No:

- Dire economic consequences.
- A legacy of problems passed on to our children.
- The "ripping up" of years of constitutional effort and compromise.

One of the major public relations disasters for the Yes side occurred when Mulroney made those points in a speech in Sherbrooke, Que.

He pointed to 31 gains Quebecers would receive under the deal, then ripped up the list symbolizing how those gains would be lost if the accord was defeated.

In ensuing news coverage, Mulroney's actions were taken to mean he was predicting Canada's demise if the accord was rejected.

Ironically, the internal document, entitled Towards a Referendum Strategy, warned of the dangers of such rhetoric. "The evidence is that it is very difficult, if not counterproductive, to try and marshal the case that a 'No' vote means the end of Canada."

Fear over Denis Lortie prison leaves

QUEBEC (CP) — Some workers at Quebec's legislature have expressed consternation at news that former Canadian Forces corporal Denis Lortie is eligible for leaves from prison eight years after he killed three people at the provincial assembly.

Lortie, who stalked through the building armed with a .9-millimetre submachine-gun, also wounded 13 in the incident on May 8, 1984. He was eventually convinced to surrender by the legislature's sergeant-at-arms, Rene Jalbert.

Lortie is now eligible for monthly 12-hour leaves, thanks to good behavior in jail. He's reported to be eligible for parole in August.

As news of Lortie's new status emerges, many employees at the legislature are left angry and dismayed.

"I nearly put my fist through the wall," said one man, who has worked 30 years at the legislature. "Eight years for three lives and he's out."

One of Lortie's victims was cautious.

"Even if I was worried, I wouldn't want to talk about it publicly," said Jacinthe Richard, who was hit by bullets in her chest and an arm during Lortie's shooting rampage.

But Richard acknowledged that Lortie's new status has become a topic of conversation again among assembly employees.

In an interview with a Quebec City radio station, Lortie's ex-wife, Lise Levesque, said she still feared for herself and her children.



LORTIE

Since the shooting, the legislature has been under tight security. Visitors have to sign in and pass through a metal detector. Parts of the complex are off limits and closed-circuit cameras now monitor the entrances.

"For the personnel, the Lortie affair is something the National Assembly wants to forget," one security official said.

But, he said, there are constant reminders of that grisly morning in 1984.

Air Canada employees protest aid

MONTREAL (CP) — Disgruntled Air Canada employees held a brief but bitter rally in downtown Montreal Saturday to object to a \$200-million federal aid package to prop up Canadian Airlines International.

"It's not a question of being against Canadian Airlines," Sylvie St-Laurent told about 100 fellow protesters. "It's a question of being for the preservation of the entire airline industry in Canada."

Ottawa is considering a proposal from PWA Corp. that it be allowed to sell 25 per cent of its airline subsidiary, Canadian Airlines International, to American Airlines for \$246 million.

The deal, however, is conditional on \$300 million in loan guarantees.

The complex package would require Ottawa and several provinces to give Canadian a \$190-million revolving line of credit. Ottawa would also have to

'... everything will be lost.'

— St-Laurent

provide another \$100 million to help finance an employee-ownership scheme.

"Bailing out Canadian will just let American Airlines take over Canadian Airlines International and when that happens, everything will be lost," St-Laurent, an Air Canada airport services employee, said through a bullhorn.

"Instead of throwing away money, the federal government should give Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International a chance to work something out together. If it has money to give away, it should be given to a made-in-Canada solution."

Job creation, trade and poor economy top Parliament agenda

OTTAWA (CP) — Members of Parliament return to Commons today for what is expected to be a raucous, four-week sitting devoted to economy.

The Charlottetown constitutional accord is history, having been defeated in last month's

referendum. Unity will take a back seat to job creation, trade and the poor economy.

With the old constitutional alliances in ashes, the two largest opposition parties will act fast to distance themselves from the Tory government.

The Liberals will demand a multibillion-dollar highway and municipal repair program.

The NDP will attack the North American Free Trade Agreement, demanding its implementation be delayed until after the next federal election.

Based on all that, Harvie Andre, the government House leader, said he expects a partisan opposition performance — especially since an election is less than a year away.

"You tend to see a lot of partisanship during a pre-election

period where the opposition is trying to score as many points as they can," said Andre.

The first hints of government's new economic plan may come when the Prime Minister addresses a Conservative fund-raiser tonight in Ottawa.