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Weather
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Mainly cloudy
Saturday
High 26
Low 14

Kiddies parade colors

VERNAYE HEUFT
and BRIAN FODEN
Of The News

Children dressed as pirates, mad scientists, bugs, cowboys, Indians and cavemen paraded downtown today in the 28th annual Kiddies' Parade.

The Lion Sleeps Tonight blared from float speakers but participants awoke early and lined the streets an hour before costume judging.

Cindy Douglas, 12, said she would have married her poodle, Pierre, but he didn't fit into his tuxedo anymore.

Hugging the squirming black dog in red and white pajamas, Cindy twirled her flowered umbrella, straightened her long lacy dress and described herself as "a fancy lady."

"Showing off" is why she enjoys participating, she said.

Six-year-old Geoff Johnson pulled out his treasure map and explained the bottle caps in his treasure chest on wheels were actually diamonds.

"It was my idea," Geoff said, waving his golden sword.

Nine-year-old bride Heather Manning said her groom's hesitation and age difference did not bother her at all.

George Manning, 2, grumbled from behind his mother's knee as she tried to straighten the red and yellow carnations on his black suit.

"I like getting prizes," Heather said, holding a bouquet of yellow daisies.

Adjusting their hardhats, and parking their coal-laden wagon, Kristina Krall, 9, and Kimberley Krall, 8, explained they were coal miners kids in the parade and in real life.

Visiting their grandfather and the Stampede in Medicine Hat, the Kralls said they hail from Sparwood, a mining town in B.C.

Waving what looked like a butterfly net, 11-year-old grey-haired professor Robbie Radke explained the gadget was designed to catch his robot worker.



TREASURE HUNT PAYS OFF — For Geoff Johnson in Kiddies' Parade Friday. With his treasure hunt map tucked in his sash, Johnson, 6, greedily eyes the cheque his mother, Sieglinde Johnson hands him for first prize decorated doll carriages and wagons. More Stampede Pages A2, A3.

— News photo Frank Webber

"And this is what controls the robot," he said, holding up a tin-foil-lined box with knobs.

Twenty-two female judges of all ages worked their way through the colorful crowd, evaluating everything from Puff the magic dragon to Indian princesses.

Participation is about the same as last year, said parade secretary Roger Lynde said, estimating about 20 floats were entered.

The number of onlookers was less than those who watched Thursday's parade, but lawn chairs again lined downtown sidewalks.

Back to square one

Abortion dumped

By Southam News
and Canadian Press

OTTAWA — After months of controversy and two gruelling days of debate, MPs Thursday voted down every option proposed for a new abortion policy in Canada.

The series of inconclusive free votes in the House of Commons leaves the federal government no further ahead than it was exactly six months ago when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the country's abortion law.



HNATYSHYN

But although pro-life, pro-choice and several compromise approaches to abortion were all rejected, all sides claimed victory in the unresolved controversy.

"I think it was one of Parliament's finest hours with diverse points of view put forward with strong conviction," insisted Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn, who backed the government's compromise motion which would have restricted abortions in the later stages of pregnancy.

The vote did not, however, fulfill the government's hope that it could find a consensus upon which to base a new abortion law. Hnatyshyn refused to say if the government is

still committed to bringing in a law. If the government does decide to push ahead with a new law, it will take several months to draft and could be pre-empted by a general election, widely expected this fall.

The pro-life faction came closest to winning a majority for an amendment which would have banned abortions except when the woman's life is in danger. That amendment was defeated by a vote of 118-105. It was opposed by all 23 female MPs present for the vote, except Quebec Tory MP Gabrielle Bertrand who abstained on all the options.

The pro-life amendment was backed almost exclusively by Tory backbenchers but it also drew support from 10 cabinet ministers, including Health Minister Jake Epp and Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski.

A pro-choice amendment, which would have allowed all abortions provided they were performed by a qualified physician, was defeated by a 198-20 vote.

It drew the support of eight cabinet ministers, including the most powerful women in the government — Employment and Immigration Minister Barbara McDougall, who is also the minister responsible for women's issues, Communications Minister Flora MacDonald and Treasury Board president Pat Carney. Two Liberals, Lucie Pepin and Sheila Finestone also backed the amendment.

A slightly more restrictive pro-choice amendment would have required one doctor to certify that a woman's mental or physical well-being was in danger before allowing late-term abortions. It was defeated by a 191-29, although it attracted the support of 10 cabinet ministers.

Meanwhile, Thursday in Vancouver, the B.C. Court of Appeal ruled that a fetus is not a person until it completely leaves its mother alive and it remains part of the mother even while in her birth canal.

Porter supports limited access

PAUL STRICKLAND
Of The News

The fact that more members of Parliament voted in favor of a pro-life motion than any other abortion measure shows they do not want to make abortion too easily available, says Medicine Hat MP Bob Porter.

Porter was among 105 members who voted for Grey-Simcoe MP Gus Mitges' motion to ban abortions unless the mother's life is threatened Thursday in Ottawa.



PORTER

Voting against were 118 MPs, Porter said. They were voting only on resolutions, not on bills.

Porter voted against all motions except Mitges'.

He flew back to Ottawa Wednesday just to participate in the vote.

"For a draft of a bill this gives the government some idea where this parliament sits on this issue," he said.

"Almost half those voting in the House voted to make sure the rights of the unborn come under consideration, whatever type of bill is brought forward."

Parliament has to strike a balance between the rights of the mother and the rights of the unborn he said.

"There appear to be somewhere over 60,000 abortions in Canada every year," he said. "You have to question in your own mind if it's not being used as an alternative to birth control in many circumstances."

The Progressive-Conservative backbencher's motion was too restrictive because abortions can not be completely banned, Porter said.

"If we become so restrictive, women would go to back-alley quacks or try it themselves."

"For abortions that do take place, they should take place under the best of medical and health care."

Spy charges to be probed

VANCOUVER (CP) — Ombudsman Stephen Owen says he will launch an investigation today into the hiring by the Attorney General's Ministry in 1987 of a law firm that used private investigators to probe a pro-choice group.

And a provincial regulator said he will look into the private investigation firm that was hired to infiltrate B.C.'s pro-choice movement.

Owen said his study will focus on "possible invasion of privacy and possible abuse of public power."

It was revealed earlier this week that former attorney general Brian Smith hired a Vancouver law firm in 1987 which in turn hired private detectives to gather information on the Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion.

The group planned to open an illegal free-standing abortion clinic in Vancouver.

Owen said the pro-choice group and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association asked for the ombudsman's investigation.

"I decided to conduct the investigation and I will commence an investigation straight away," said Owen. "I will be personally involved in this."

He said the probe will begin "with a review of all related files from the attorney general and from the law firm of Farris, Vaughan, Wills and Murphy."

Meantime, in Victoria, the registrar of the Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act, Lorne Newson, said he was looking into the detective agency.

Ceremonies kick off rodeo's final leg

DENISE HELM
Of The News

The Medicine Hat Rodeo, the last stop on the Copenhagen-Dodge Pro Rodeo tour, officially opened with a flourish Thursday afternoon.

Medicine Hat's Stampede queen Sherry Crocker and princess Leana Hayward were joined in the ride of colors and flags around the ring by Miss Rodeo Canada Cheryl Robson, outfitted in a bright turquoise chaps and matching cowboy hat.

Other royal riders included Shelly Sodero, former Medicine Hat and Canadian rodeo queen, and the reigning rodeo queens from Calgary, Jenner and Swift Current.

Two oldtimer cowboys being honored this year, Phil Weisbeck and Brian Butterfield, also rode out in the opening ceremonies.

Calgary Flames centre Lanny McDonald arrived in the rodeo ring's middle by convertible to say a few words as the Stampede's special guest.

McDonald, who played with the Medicine Hat Tigers for several years before being drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1973, welcomed the crowd in a friendly downhome manner.

"It's a pleasure to have a chance to come back and say hello to a lot of old friends," McDonald said, correcting "old friends" to simply "friends" with a chuckle.

Dressed in a bright red western shirt and grey Stetson hat, the mustached hockey player said he

wished he'd brought something else along.

"But we didn't manage to win the Stanley Cup this year."

"We're like the farmers in this area. We keep on waiting for next year," he said to laughter in the stands.

The rodeo has drawn 409 contestants who will compete for \$67,500 in prize money and points towards the tour-ending Dodge truck awards.



WRAPPED UP — Charlie Bear, from Whitewood, Sask., is hung up on Solid State and tries to free himself while the bullfighter tries to attract the attention of the bull. Bear walked away unhurt. More rodeo Page A9.

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Election wanted before trade pact: poll

By KEN MacQUEEN
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OTTAWA — Most voters want an election before the free trade deal is in place but many disagree with Liberal Leader John Turner's use of the Senate to force the issue, says a poll for Southam News.



TURNER

Although 58 per cent favor forcing an election on the Canada-United States trade pact, almost half are unhappy with Turner's plan to blockade the legislation in the Senate, according to the survey by Angus Reid.

But while Turner's tactic carries some risk of a public backlash, it could also devastate the New Democrats and establish the Liberals as the prime opponents of free trade, the Winnipeg pollster concludes.

The telephone survey of 1,501 Canadian adults was conducted between July 20-25, starting the evening of Turner's announcement that he had asked the Liberal-dominated Senate to block the trade legislation.

A survey of this size is considered to be statistically accurate 95 per cent of the time to within 2.5 percentage points.

With a fall election likely if the Conservatives

continue to climb in public opinion, Reid says free trade is the dominant issue for most voters.

Indeed, 77 per cent of respondents said that a party's stance on free trade will be the major reason, or at least a factor, in deciding how they will vote. Just 21 per cent said a position on trade won't influence their vote.

"At this stage, it promises to be the closest thing we have seen to a one-issue election in recent memory," Reid says.

Turner's attempt to force an election was supported by 58 per cent of respondents while 34 per cent opposed his actions.