

A man arrested for allegedly stabbing a Greyhound passenger on Sunday was put on the Ontario bus by police hours before the attack, passengers said yesterday. David Wayne Roberts, 28, of Manitouwadge, Ont., is in police custody following the stabbing. Wawa municipal police said it had helped a man obtain a bus ticket earlier Sunday. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Deserter can stay for now

U.S. army deserter Jeremy Hinzman and his family were granted a last-minute stay of deportation yesterday by a Federal Court judge while the court decides whether to hear their appeal. Hinzman, 39, his wife and two young children asked for the stay while the court decides whether to review a decision by Citizenship and Immigration officials not to let the family remain in Canada. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Economic meltdown hits home

Poll shows Canadians stressed about economy, but experts say to relax

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It adds up, then it takes away. A few extra cents for bread, a little more for gas, higher insurance fees — all part of the ever-increasing cost of living.

But it's not really about cost of living, it's about quality of life. More money for the essentials means less for the fun stuff — vacations, dining out, lower-bowl seats at a concert.

All work and no play — you know the rest.

And Canadians are concerned, more concerned

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than ever given the financial meltdown in the U.S. According to an exclusive worldwide Metro readers poll, 65 per cent of Canadians are worried about the cost of living. That makes us the third most stressed nation, behind Portugal (83 per cent) and the U.S. (82).

According to experts, the worry is warranted. "A lot of what's happen-

ing on the world scale right now has really affected one's quality of living, and inflation is a huge part of that," said financial planner Rhonda Sherwood of ScotiaMcLeod in Vancouver. "So I do see that as a concern."

The cost of living is the biggest financial-crisis concern Canadians have, according to the poll. About 36 per cent are wor-

ried about their savings, ranking Canada fourth of the nine countries surveyed. We're fifth when it comes to concerns over job loss (16 per cent).

On the bright side, most respondents think their money is safe for now, but are monitoring the situation, placing Canada fourth (58 per cent). Thirty per cent of us have total confidence and plan to change nothing, putting us fifth.

As for advice on how to handle the crisis, Sherwood says having a diverse, quality portfolio is the way to go. And relax. "Every five years, 10

years, there will be some circumstance out there that will happen and your money will take a huge drop, and you'll panic and call me and think your world is coming to an end, as usual," said Sherwood. "I've been in this industry 20 years — it happens over and over again."

"What you're feeling right now is the emotion of the market. But long term, you're fine. Long term, it's a good time to be buying right now — that's what I'm doing."

A total of 2,255 readers participated in the poll, including 130 Canadians.

N.S. bust nets \$7.5M worth of hash oil

HALIFAX Twelve people are in jail and three-quarters of a ton of hash oil worth as much as \$7.5 million has been seized after a late-night drug bust on the coast of Eastern Shore.

RCMP say a boat they believe sailed from the Caribbean was unloading the drugs early Sunday morning when police raided the operation.

"It's four in the morning, you're sailing your ship ... and to find a 5,000 ton warship very close with guys in black suits jumping on your boat," said Cmdr. Bob Auchterlonie of the HMCS Fredericton. "To say 'surprised' would be a bit of an understatement."

haul

The RCMP said the men, who appeared in court yesterday facing various drug charges, have ties to an organized crime group. Intelligence gave police warning about the drop-off about a week beforehand.

Three boats and six vehicles were seized, but no weapons were found.

Police would not put a dollar value on the haul, but three hash users contacted by Metro said a gram of hash oil typically sells for \$10. That puts the value of the seized drugs at up to \$7.5 million.

One source said the oil is rare in Nova Scotia because it is complex and difficult to make. **METRO HALIFAX**

Oceans no 'dumping ground': Jean

ENVIRONMENT The Queen's representative in Canada was in Halifax yesterday, pleading for the world to stop treating the oceans like "a dumping ground."



Michaëlle Jean

"The sea is part of my personal landscape," said Governor General Michaëlle Jean, as she kicked off an ocean science conference.

Jean spoke of her native Haiti, bordered by the At-

lantic and the Caribbean. "This country is made up of every hope we cherish, every dream we share," Jean told the 200 or so people gathered.

"One of those hopes, one of those dreams, one of those projects ... is

to ensure the integrity of our ecosystems of which the sea is a vital part," Jean said. **METRO CANADA**

Quebec Car Free Day




Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, centre, participates in World Car Free Day in Montreal yesterday. The city closed a large area of downtown to traffic from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

News in brief

TAINTED MILK Ottawa has expanded how many imported products will be monitored for tainted Chinese milk ingredients, but initial testing of infant formula has discovered no problems, the government said yesterday.

BUST A plantation of 40,000 marijuana plants has been discovered by police in a cornfield in eastern Ontario, CBC News Online reports. The Ontario Provincial Police described the bust as "the largest in Canada's history." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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