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BREAKIN' THROUGH '92

Jays clinch a tie

The Blue Jays locked up at least a tie for first place in the American League East Division when they turned back the Detroit Tigers 8-7 last night at the SkyDome.

The worst the Blue Jays can do is lose their remaining two games today and tomorrow against the Tigers, and still have a chance to salvage the East pennant.

Win a pair of Jays' Series tickets

If the Toronto Blue Jays make it to the World Series, you could be one of 10 lucky fans to win a pair of tickets to see them — courtesy of Labatt Blue and the Toronto Star.

First, the Jays have to clinch the AL East title this weekend. If they do, the American League Championship Series will start Wednesday at SkyDome, and the Star and Labatt will be handing out foam rubber "La bats" at the game. Toronto Star photographers will be snapping fans waving the bats and if you spot your picture in the paper, you'll be eligible to win. Details/H8.

WORK IN PROGRESS

35,000 copies of the Life, Wheels, Travel, Careers and New in Homes sections in today's Saturday Star were printed at The Star's new Press Centre in Vaughan. The content is identical to those printed at the One Yonge St. plant but the pages are narrower and shorter in response to readers' requests for an easier to handle paper. We will keep you informed of each step as The Star transfers production to the new presses.

John Honderich, Editor

METRO WEATHER

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Rae blasts 'petty' Trudeau's No

By Paula Todd and Derek Ferguson
TORONTO STAR

Canadians must see beyond the mean-spirited, "petty" attacks of Pierre Trudeau and muster the generosity needed to bring the country together, Premier Bob Rae says.

The former prime minister will "find out we're all just as tough as Mr. Trudeau is," Rae said yesterday.

"His arguments are not valid. They don't represent the spirit of accommodation, the spirit of reconciliation, which is going to be required to keep the country together."

Rae, reacting to a speech Trudeau made Thursday night in Quebec, kept up his stinging attack all day, including a denunciation of Trudeau on an hour-long CBC



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— Bob Rae on former PM Pierre Trudeau



open-line radio talk show.

He told reporters the former prime minister was an egotistical has-been who is out to destroy Canada.

"He appeals to the least generous, the most mean-spirited and, in my view, the most destructive forces at work in Canada today," Rae said.

Trudeau called the Charlottetown accord "a mess that deserves a big No." He also lambasted politicians for lying about the consequences of the deal.

But Rae accused Trudeau of using "appalling" rhetoric to misrepresent the true nature of the deal.

"Mr. Trudeau is completely wrong . . . I

profoundly disagree with him intellectually. Politically, I have no respect for what he's doing. I think it's destructive and egotistical.

"His description of this agreement is wrong-headed. It is a complete mischaracterization of what's in the agreement and what its effects will be. It's a complete misreading of how modern federation has to work."

Rae said it's inexcusable for Trudeau "to come out in this way and just dismiss (it) with cheap shots, cheap polemics, cheap rhetoric combined with arguments that I can only describe as intellectually dishonest."

Trudeau's proposals for constitutional reforms are so antiquated, Rae said, they would throw Canada into an unending political battle.

Boy wins \$20 million for injury at hospital

By Alan Barnes
TORONTO STAR

A 5-year-old Metro boy has been awarded a total of more than \$20 million in damages because he was born with cerebral palsy at Toronto East General Hospital.

It's the largest award for a personal injury action in Canada, said Richard Sommers, the lawyer representing the family.

Romulo Christian Gonzalez suffered severe brain damage affecting all his motor systems while his mother was in labor at the hospital in 1986, said Sommers.

He can't speak and has no use of his arms or legs, Sommers said in an interview yesterday. "He can only communicate with his eyes."

Romulo needs 24-hour assistance for "all aspects of personal hygiene and care" and will for the rest of his life — into his 60s, Sommers said.

Romulo's mother Rosa is a doctor. His father, also named Romulo, is a lawyer and Venezuela's counsel in Metro.

"I'm really happy with the final decision," Rosa Gonzalez said last night. "Thank you God for everything."

The terms of the settlement were contained in a written judgment yesterday by Mr. Justice Douglas Lissaman of the Ontario Court of Justice, general division.

Gail Paech, president of East General, said last night the hospital accepted liability in the case and sought an out-of-court settlement because it recognized "the requirements for the child" to have the care that the family couldn't afford.

Sommers said Rosa Gonzalez was admitted to East General on Oct. 19, 1986, to give birth. He said there were signs of fetal distress but the staff didn't respond to it.

Sommers said the fetus developed a low heart beat rate and then suffered a lack of oxygen. An emergency Caesarean operation was carried out but "it was too late," he said.



LARGEST AWARD: Rosa Gonzalez holds her son Romulo, 5, after a judge awarded the boy a record \$20 million in damages because he was born with cerebral palsy at Toronto East General Hospital.

TTC set to battle takeover by Metro

By John Devereil
TORONTO STAR

Transit workers and management — often at loggerheads — are united in their opposition to a proposal that Metro Council take over the TTC.

Art Patrick, president of the 8,300-member Amalgamated Transit Union, said yesterday that he'll spend freely to prevent transit from becoming a mere department of Metro government.

And if lobbying and advertising fail, "we'll go to the limit. I could shut the service down on this one," Patrick told a news conference.

Al Leach, the TTC's general manager, wasn't offended by the illegal strike threat.

"I don't know whether they'll actually strike, but I wouldn't be surprised to see a lot of study sessions," Leach said in an interview.

"We'll just stand back and watch," he said. "At this point it's in the best interest of management to go in lock-step with the union."

"Being a department of Metro is simply not in the best interests of transit or the employees," he said.

Leach said any change in the legal relationship between the TTC and Metro will require action by the Legislature.

Metro councillors Howard Moscoe (North York-Spadina) and Mike Colle (York-Eglinton) have launched a campaign to abolish the TTC and bring 11,000 transit employees more directly under Metro Council control. The current seven-member transit commission consists entirely of councillors, including Moscoe and Colle.

The TTC raises 68 per cent of its operating budget from riders and gets the rest from Metro. The province kicks in 75 per cent of capital costs, about \$100 million a year.

Moscoe says direct council control of the transit operation would be more democratic.

"The people who pay the fares and taxes should decide how transit is run through their elected representatives," he said.

The TTC union and management "will just have to get used to being accountable — and they will," he said.

Moscoe, a TTC commissioner, dismissed as "gobbledygook," a lengthy union document denouncing the proposed reorganization.

Colle, TTC chairman, said yesterday he is not fazed by the union threat of an illegal TTC strike.

"They can threaten all they want," he said. "We have an obligation to see if we can save money by incorporating part or all of the TTC under the Metro government," he said.

"He (Patrick) is elected to promote the self-interest of his mem-

Rag trade future unravelling fast

By Patricia Orwen
TORONTO STAR

They came to Canada seeking a new life, new opportunities for themselves and their children. But now they find themselves victims of a war — an economic war — that's killing the garment industry and their dreams.

The sad group of immigrants has just come from a mock funeral at Premier Bob Rae's constituency office. They even brought along their own coffin to enliven proceedings. But as luck would have it, Rae wasn't in.

Timing isn't their long suit. "It's bad . . . what can I say? It's really, really bad."

The speaker is a husky man of 38, Peter Singh. He and his wife, Gloria, who is 33, hang back near the doorway of a dingy room on Cecil St. Both wear the union's black "Don't trade our jobs away" T-shirts.

"We came here for a new life . . . we just get started and it's gone," said the husband, recalling how hopeful he felt when

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the family came from Trinidad in 1988.

"Bad timing, your coming here," another worker says, "perhaps it's time to move to Mexico."

The Singhs have three children, aged 15- and 11-years-old and 8 months. Both parents worked two jobs at the Great Sewing Exchange garment factory in the City of York. Not fancy jobs, but good honest work; he did shipping and receiving, she ran the small store. Both stayed late to clean the building.

They were among 100 on staff, most of them immigrant women, until the company went out of business earlier this month. Their coffin contained the hopes and dreams they had placed in the 10-year-old firm.

They wonder how it all went so wrong.

The villain, or villains in this Please see DREAMS/page A8

Radio war heats up with digital threat

By Greg Quill
TORONTO STAR

Imagine the music of your choice, available on 30 or more channels, delivered in perfect, compact-disc clarity 24 hours a day, without disc jockey chatter, promotional clutter, intrusive traffic reports — and without commercials.

At a cost of about \$10 a month, it sounds like a dream; sweet music to anyone's ears.

It's also the dream of the owners of two Canadian digital cable "radio" systems, who are seeking federal approval to set up cable-delivered, multichannel national networks early next year.

But there's a sour note to this: what many envision as a boon to music fans, others see as the death knell for the Canadian recording industry and a nightmare doing permanent damage to this country's commercial radio industry.

A solid alliance of Canadian radio operators, music industry representatives and music

copyright holders fears the "new radio" will encourage even more home-taping of music, which already costs the industry millions of dollars a year.

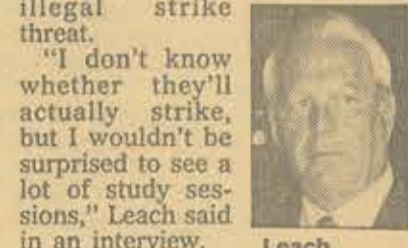
"We have nothing against new technology," says Brian Robertson, president of the Canadian Recording Industry Association, which represents the major American, British- and Canadian-owned labels.

"But if digital cable audio is allowed to exist as proposed, it exploits the rights of the owners of music, and pays virtually nothing."

"There'll be no new music left to copy by the end of the decade. We just won't be able to afford to produce or record it."

Edmonton-based Shaw Cablesystems and Los Angeles partner International Cablecasting Technologies, owners of Digital Music Express (DMX), at a public hearing before the Canadian Radio-television and

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Leach