

## News briefs

**Environment Minister** Suzanne Blais-Grenier has proposed that a national symposium on wildlife conservation be held this fall. Representatives of conservation agencies, universities, wildlife-related industries and various levels of governments are expected to attend.

**Public Affairs Resource Group** of Ottawa, Ontario, which owns Public Affairs International (PAI), the largest public policy analysis company in Canada, has purchased Washington-based Government Research Corp. (GRC), the largest public policy consulting company in the US. Under the deal, Public Affairs Resource Group will own 75 per cent of GRC, with the remainder held by employees and others. Sean Moore, who will be vice-president of GRC, said the deal "vastly improves the ability of PAI and GRC to serve Canadian corporate clients as regards the US".

**Showcanada** of L.M. Media Marketing Services Limited in Toronto, is being established to provide promotional attractions

to trade and consumer exhibitions and to corporate exhibitors. The unit will have exclusive rights to a US line of promotional robots, which can be custom designed for clients. The wireless robots are remote controlled by an operator who manipulates their movements and provides voice response in conversations. Applications to date include Expo Ernie, created for the 1986 World's Fair in Vancouver.

**Fururtek Communications Inc.** of Calgary, Alberta expanded its operations into the US under a recent agreement to purchase all issued and outstanding shares of Bay Area Telco Inc. in exchange for 550 000 new common shares of Fururtek. Bay Area Telco is a long distance re-sale telecommunications firm operating in nine San Francisco area counties.

**Micray Electronics of Calgary, Alberta** has recently introduced a new software package, Mega Math, which has a library of more than 40 assembly-language subroutines for fast numeric calculations on the IBM PC family and IBM-compatibles. Functions in the package include matrix multiplication and

transposition, Fast Fourier Transforms, convolution, solution of linear equations, and vector, scalar and transcendental operations. The subroutines can link to Microsoft Fortran, IBM Fortran 2.0, IBM Professional Fortran, C and Pascal compilers.

**The Export Development Corporation** (EDC) has announced the signing of three allocations totalling \$24.3 million (US) under a line of credit agreement to support the installation of a water distribution piping network and the construction of water storage facilities by Collavino Incorporated, Windsor, Ontario to the Republic of Cameroon. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide \$13.3 million (Cdn) in support of the project.

**Wayne Gretzky** celebrated his twenty-fourth birthday by establishing a new National Hockey League (NHL) record. He scored three goals in a game for the thirty-third time in his six-year NHL career, ending a tie with Mike Bossy and Phil Esposito to take sole possession of the NHL record for three-goal games. Gretzky's first goal in his three-goal performance in Edmonton Oilers' 6-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins was his fiftieth of the season, making him the only player to score 50 goals in 50 games or less from the start of a season three times. He scored 50 in 39 games in 1981-82 and had 50 in 42 games last season.

**Gaetan Boucher**, the Olympic 1 000-metre champion from St-Hubert, Quebec came within .17 seconds of setting a world record in his specialty at an international speed-skating meet at Davos, Switzerland. He was timed in 1 minute 12.74 seconds for a Canadian record and the best time on the Davos natural rink. Boucher also won the 500 metres in 37.22 and the four-sprint competition with 149.650 points. Denis Gagnon of Ste-Foy, Quebec finished fourth over all while Guy Thibault of Quebec City was tenth and Daniel Turcotte of Montreal was thirteenth. In the women's division Shelly Rhead, of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, finished third over all, and Anne Girard of Montreal, placed fourth.

## Manotick mill still grinds grain to grist



Paul Latour, The Citizen

While not the highly-successful money-making company that it once was, the grist mill in Manotick, Ontario is still in operation producing flour after 125 years. Patricia Shotton of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority that bought the mill in 1972, restored it and opened it for tours in 1975, holds a bag of flour recently made at the mill. Opened on February 11, 1860 by shipping magnet Moss Kent Dickinson and Joseph Merrill Currier, the mill was designed by Ottawa architect Thomas Langrell. The Georgian-style building with plastered walls and hand-carved woodwork, is considered by many as the finest example of grist-mill architecture in Ontario. Celebrations for the mill's anniversary will be held in June on Dickinson Day, the village's annual heritage festival.

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