

180 million bucks Challenge '88

Earn educational employment

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In a news release on January 12, Federal Youth Minister Jean J. Charest committed Ottawa to spending \$180 million for Challenge '88 - the highly successful student summer program.

Challenge '88 has a number of components designed to provide students with a wide variety of opportunities to earn money for their next year of university. For example, students will be able to work at jobs which are clearly related to their studies or career plans through the COSEP component of the program.

The feds have budgeted \$800,000 for students who want to create their own summer employment through management and operations of small businesses. However,

this entrepreneurial oriented component of Challenge '88 is only available in provinces or territories where a Venture Student program does not exist.

Federal government departments and agencies will be actively involved in the Challenge '88. The Department of National Defence will spend a total of \$7.4 million on cadet and Summer Youth Employment Programs. In addition, the RCMP will spend \$700,000 to hire students as special peace officers which give them training and experience in law enforcement.

Native groups are also targeted in Challenge '88 through the Native Internship program which is aimed at providing summer employment opportunities for Native students in the Department of Employment and Immigration. The goal of this component is

to provide Native students with an enhanced understanding of the federal bureaucracy's operations.

Efforts to create summer employment will not be restricted to the public sector. The private sector will be encouraged again this year to hire students by the allocation of \$800,000 for leading corporations and business organizations interested in the Challenge '88 program.

Non-profit organizations will receive \$127 million this year in the form of wage subsidies under the Summer Employment/Experience Development (SEED) aspect of Challenge '88.

Mr. Charest cites the success of the four-year old Challenge program by stating that the unemployment rate for returning students has been reduced to 11.9 percent, the lowest level since 1981.

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A Utah television station set up a telephone service children could call to talk to Santa Claus on. However, when viewers in nearby Nevada called, they reached a Reno "Dial a Porn" service.

- Delaware County

In a lawsuit filed in Fresham, Oregon, supermarket clerk Tom Morgan demanded \$100,000 in damages claiming that co-worker Randy Maresh had farted at him.

Morgan alleged "the defendant would continually and repeatedly seek out the plaintiff on the premises of Albertson's (supermarket) while plaintiff was working. That defendant, after locating plaintiff, would position himself in the proximity of plaintiff, humiliating plaintiff and inflicting severe mental stress."

In a written response, Maresh's lawyer claimed his client alleged farts would be "expressive behavior" and thus protected by the first amendment.

- Chicago Tribune

Joyce Dawson, a ten-year veteran of the SF housing authority, got a free lunch, a day off, and a pink carnation when she was named employee of the month.

Then she was laid off in a cost cutting move.

- Chicago Sun Times

Michele Schwartz shot and killed her husband, the Reverend Charles Jones, director of the Door of Hope Mission in Chicago, during an argument over which of them had saved the most souls.

- O. C. Register

From a CBC survey: 96% said they don't want scenes of nudity, or those depicting couples having sex before 10 pm. 63% thought it was o.k. after 11 pm.

- summary Anne Marie Tobin

They're going to change it again?

Howard Crosby, Tory MP plans to introduce a private members bill to change two words in *O Canada*.

Crosby wants to change the line that reads "True Patriot love in all thy son's command" to one that is not only "a reference to the male population."

Under Crosby's bill, *O Canada* would read, in part: "True Patriot love in all of us command." On Tuesday, however, as with most Private members' bills, it was defeated.

The latest session of Taiwan's Parliament is being hailed as the most open and democratic ever ... and also the most costly.

According to government officials, 13 microphones were damaged beyond repair, scores of chairs and desks broken and countless pieces of porcelain ware were shattered in the four-month session.

Fighting and scuffles broke out among members 19 times.