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Forecast calls for record high today. **A3**



HEALTH
Murline can't resist a doughnut or two. **D7**



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Tomas Kaberle scores in overtime to give the Leafs a 2-1 lead in their playoff series. **E1**

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Charest sweeps to victory

Liberal win in Quebec means Canada won't face another referendum on sovereignty in the next five years

By **GRAHAM FRASER**
Tostar News Service
QUEBEC CITY

Quebec Liberal Leader Jean Charest swept to victory last night, as Quebecers decided to

put an end to almost a decade of Parti Québécois government.

The Liberals were elected and leading in 73 ridings with 44 per cent of the popular vote, the Parti Québécois elected and leading in 47 ridings with 34 per

cent of the vote, while the ADQ was elected and leading in four seats with 20 per cent of the vote.

Charest's dramatic victory was five years in the making — he celebrated the fifth anniversary of his decision to leave the leadership of the federal Progressive Conservative Party to become Liberal leader in March.

His victory ensures that Canada will not face a referendum on Quebec independence in the next five years. The last referendum, held in October, 1995, was won narrowly by federalist forces.

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LIBERALS continued on A10



HUSSEIN MALLA, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraqi people crowd Baghdad's downtown market in the al-Bayaa district as life started returning to normal after U.S. marines stepped up security.

Saddam's eldest son lived the high life

While most Iraqis suffered, Uday revelled in fast cars, women and \$1 million US worth of booze and heroin

By **NIKO PRICE**
The Associated Press
BAGHDAD

His personal zoo has lions, cheetahs and a bear. His storehouse has \$1 million US in fine wines, liquor and heroin.

His house has Cuban cigars, cases of champagne and downloaded pictures of prostitutes.

While most Iraqis suffered under the UN sanctions that drove their country into poverty, Saddam Hussein's eldest son

Uday lived a life of fast cars, expensive liquor and easy women, a tour through his bombed house showed yesterday.

Complete coverage: A12, D1-D4
The walls of a gym were plas-

tered with photographs of women downloaded from the Internet — "the biggest collection of naked women I'd ever seen," said army Captain Ed Ballanco, of Montville, N.J.

"It looked like something at the Playboy Mansion."

Among the photos were those of Jenna and Barbara Bush, U.S. President George W. Bush's 21-year-old daughters,

"dressed up very nice in evening clothes," Ballanco said.

The soldiers took them, he added, "to protect the president."

Uday Hussein's compound is in a back corner of the Presidential Palace compound, a small city that boasts six-lane avenues, traffic lights and a hospital.

IRAQ continued on A10



ELVIS'S DAUGHTER SPEAKS CANDIDLY ABOUT HER LIFE

"Here's the deal: I was with 14 men in my life — like relationships. Two of them were celebrities. Two out of 14 ain't bad. The other ones do exist, they are living, breathing human beings and nobody gives a crap about them."

— Lisa Marie Presley in an interview with Spectator Entertainment Editor Tom Hogue. Page D14

West Nile victims at risk

By **CARMELA FRAGOMENI**
The Hamilton Spectator
OAKVILLE

A large proportion of Halton residents diagnosed with the mosquito-borne West Nile virus went on to develop encephalitis and meningitis.

Of the 59 confirmed and probable cases, 76 per cent developed one or the other serious condition, says the region's 2002 infectious diseases report.

But Mary Anne Carson, Halton manager of communicable diseases, said that doesn't necessarily mean getting infected with West Nile increases the risk of getting either of these conditions.

The reason is that only a very small proportion of those infected with the virus — those who get sickest — are ever diagnosed as infected. U.S. studies suggest as many as 150 people are infected for every one diagnosed.

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Feature Report

Weir an instant national hero

Golfers alone can no longer claim Masters Mike as their own

By **JON WELLS**
The Hamilton Spectator
TORONTO

"It's changed, all of it. Everything's changed — since the Masters."

Those were the fleeting words from a harried public relations official working her cellphone yesterday, overwhelmed by the media frenzy

descending on Toronto's Eaton Centre to cover Mike Weir's triumphant return home.

The Spectator's view: A12
Marketing Mike: B1

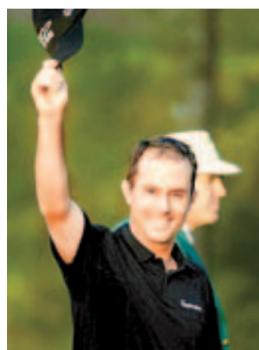
Weir boosts Canadian Open: E1
In waning sunlight Sunday, the moment Weir tapped in a gimme putt on a silky green in Augusta, Ga., to win the most

famous golf tournament in the world, he was no longer merely a golfing celebrity in Canada among the dedicated spiked-shoe set.

He was, instantly, a national hero.

Weir's name is now included among other Canadian sports hero code words: Gretzky, '72 series, Donovan Bailey.

WEIR continued on A8



MIKE BLAKE, REUTERS

Mike Weir's life changed the second he made his final putt.



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