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Another Immigrant Every Two Minutes

The 262,236 immigrants who entered Canada in 2005 represented an 11% increase over 2004's 7% increase over 2003. Do the math: With 525,948 minutes in a year, the 262,236 immigrants who entered the country in 2005 did so at an average rate of one every two minutes. Last year, admissions under the "economic class" category soared to 156,310 -- but easy there, big fella -- just 61,614 of these were what **CIC** calls "principal applicants. The 94,696 assorted family members who tagged along are counted in the "economic immigrant" stream. In reality, at 63,352, those classified under traditional "family reunification" continue to outnumber principal applicant economic immigrants. But in addition to the routine costs of education, medication and accommodation, ever more millions are dedicated to the everlasting task of bringing even economic class immigrants up to speed. So, it is debatable whether there is ever really any net gain. And speaking of minimal contributions, for reasons best known to itself, **CIC** counts nannies and live-in caregivers in the "economic" immigrant category. In 2005, Canada also admitted 35,768 refugees (the largest percentage of whom came to us from Colombia) and another 6,653 under the nebulous umbrella of admissions under "humanitarian and compassionate grounds." Overall, just 9 per cent of last year's immigrants reported English as their mother tongue and 3% are native French speakers. "Just over 94,000 new immigrants (36%) declared no knowledge of either official language on landing. This proportion was the lowest recorded in the last 25 years. [See below. Beyond that,] roughly one-half of all immigrants (48%, or 124,503) did not intend to work at time of landing. [Yet,] immigrants whose skill level could not be determined — constituted 50% of immigrants who declared an intention to work." (**CIC, The Monitor**, 2006 issue 2) **StatsCan** reports that, in 2003, one in ten immigrants spoke English or French as their mother tongue, compared to almost one in three in 1980. Not surprisingly, for years the number of immigrants unable to speak either English or French upon arrival was inching toward the 50 per cent mark. Then, for no apparent reason in 2005, the number of admissions reportedly able to speak one or both official languages rocketed to 64 per cent, (according to the annual report to parliament on immigration). Torture statistics long enough and they'll tell you anything: "Official language ability is usually self-assessed by immigrants during the application process and is loosely defined as having at least a basic ability to communicate in English and/or French." (**Immigration Highlights 97-3, BC Stats**) In contrast to Canada's determination to shovel hundreds of millions of dollars at **ESL** and other immigrant upgrade schemes, the **UK** has declared that "from August 2007 asylum seekers aged over 18 will no longer be eligible for free further education and English courses." (**The Guardian**, December 28, 2006)

Welcome "Home," Golden Agers!

There is just no part of our new immigration myth that survives scrutiny. Despite much iterated assertions that we need drastic population remodelling to support an ageing population, the **CD Howe Institute** has just demonstrated that newcomers are only very marginally younger than Canadians themselves. Even if immigrants didn't age, who says today's griping newcomer is going to bound onto the scene as tomorrow's cheerful milk cow? And given immigrants' steadily worsening economic performance, who says today's griping newcomer will ever be a net contributor? Two emerging trends, though, are worth noting: First, is a sudden glut of op-ed pieces insisting that Boomers want to break the retirement barrier. Boomers, we're told, ask nothing more than the chance to work throughout their sunset years. Like **Mick Jagger**. Of more

compelling interest is Ottawa's determination to address the matter of ex-pat and/or dual citizenship within months of squandering \$85-million to evacuate "Canadians" from Lebanon. Unseemly haste for the gang that couldn't think straight, wouldn't you say? Actually, Ottawa knows something you don't: **Citizenship and Immigration Minister Monte Solberg** told a Commons committee: "If ... somebody is absent, isn't paying taxes, but is going to be using our social programs down the road, I think Canadians would feel that this is unfair.' ... The Canadian government has no idea how many Canadian citizens live abroad — and isn't trying to find out — but independent researchers say the number is close to three million and growing. That's a figure that could swamp Canada's relatively generous social programs if this pool of non-tax-paying citizens were to spill back into the country in retirement. ... Solberg told MPs on the citizenship and immigration committee that **Foreign Affairs** is studying the issue. The minister also alluded to private studies that he said have put the number of dual citizens at between four million and five million. However, a spokesman for **Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay** said the only departmental study in the works is a 'lessons-learned' post mortem of the Lebanon evacuation, not a global survey of dual citizens or Canadians abroad. The department keeps a list of Canadians who register with its embassies overseas, but that is known to be only a small fraction of the total [200,000 in Hong Kong alone]. An official at **Citizenship and Immigration Canada** said there is no wide-ranging study taking place in that department either. 'We don't have exit controls in this country,' was the curt response from a **CIC** spokeswoman. 'Try **Statistics Canada.**' **Statistics Canada** can only say that a widely reported figure of four million Canadian dual citizens is false. The 2001 census showed 691,310 people living in Canada with dual citizenship. Immigrants comprised 556,910 of that total." (**Canadian Press**, November 12, 2006) So, unknown millions of "Canadian citizens" choose to spend their productive years living, working and paying taxes elsewhere, but enjoy the absolute right to avail themselves of Canada's health care, pension plan and transplant registry when old age comes over them with many, many qualms. The good news? Very few will be sponsoring their parents and grandparents.

The New Remittance Man

"Nearly 200 million people live outside their country of birth. ... Research suggests the economic gains for developed and developing countries are significant even for relatively small increases in the workforce through migration of workers into **OECD** countries, and that relative gains are much higher for developing-country households than rich-country households. Massive migration of highly-skilled citizens — the so-called 'brain drain' — poses troubling dilemmas for many smaller low-income countries. In Haiti and Jamaica, for example, 8 out of 10 graduates live abroad. Recorded remittance flows to developing countries are estimated to reach \$199 billion in 2006. The true size, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be significantly larger. Remittance flows are now twice as large as total development aid and represent the largest source of foreign exchange for some countries. In Latin America, remittances are 70% of **FDI** [foreign direct investment] and are 5 times larger than **ODA** [official development assistance]." (**Migration and Remittances, World Bank**, December 2006) Likewise, "Canada's largest source of aid to the world's poor countries is not the \$3.6 billion of taxpayers' money that Ottawa spends on annual development assistance. Nor is it the \$544 million of donors' money that charities such as **World Vision Canada** and **Médecins Sans Frontières** distribute each year. It is the remittances that immigrants send back to their families. No one knows exactly how

much they transfer to their homelands, but [in Canada] it is believed to be in the \$15 billion range." (Toronto Star, January 17, 2007) Like relative gains, remittances are entirely a one-way street -- that's \$15-billion taken out of Canada's economy right at the front end. Or if you prefer, countries that know their poorest citizens can go to another country from which they will send back billions of dollars are hardly being pressured to do anything about education, infrastructure, poverty, corruption or political reform.

What, Me Worry?

On January 4, **Diane Finley** became Canada's fifth immigration minister in four years: "The last immigration minister to spend a good amount of time in the portfolio was **Denis Coderre** from January 2002 to December 2003. Since then, four different ministers have been in charge of citizenship and immigration, which analysts feel indicates the lack of importance both the **Paul Martin** and **Stephen Harper** governments have attached to the department. ... 'It is treated as a portfolio that clearly doesn't have the government's interest,' said **Peter Showler**, former head of the **Immigration and Refugee Board**." (Embassy, January 10, 2007) Given that a new immigrant enters Canada at a rate of one every two minutes, is it too much to hope that such seismic change would capture Ottawa's attention? In fact, Ms. Finley may not be up to the rough and tumble of her scandal-prone portfolio; suffering from **Graves' Disease** (an auto-immune thyroid condition), her attendance records to date are deplorable. Constituents report that as Agriculture critic, she was AWOL for an impressive 61 of 66 meetings. Ms. Finley is -- just coincidentally -- married to prime ministerial campaign director, **Doug Finley**.

Plots In Canada, But No Polls

While some provincial backwaters still imagine multiculturalism marks them out as trailblazing progressives, countries that have actually lived with it for generations rue the day: "**Think-tank Policy Exchange**, which commissioned [a recent British] poll, blamed Government-sponsored multicultural policies for encouraging the separation of ethnic and religious social groups that fuels fanaticism. ... Of Muslims in the 16-24 age group, the poll found 37 per cent wanted Islamic sharia law in the UK, 31 per cent wanted heretics [those who convert from Islam] put to death and 74 per cent wanted Muslim women to wear the full-face niqab veil or the hijab headscarf. Thirteen per cent of the age group 'admired organisations like al Qaeda that are prepared to fight the West.' ... **Munira Mirza**, the report's author, said: '[Here is the] result of multicultural policies implemented since the 1980s which have emphasised difference at the expense of shared national identity and divided people along ethnic, religious and cultural lines.' ... Today, [**Conservative Party leader**] **David Cameron** will admit that 'uncontrolled immigration' has undermined social harmony in Britain." (Daily Mail, January 29, 2007) "**Trevor Phillips**, head of the **Commission for Racial Equality**, and **Dr. John Sentamu**, the **Archbishop of York**, have also expressed serious doubts about multiculturalism. ... The **Labour MP** for Birmingham **Perry Barr**, **Khalid Mahmood**, said: 'Our young people have been allowed to fall into the hands of fringe organisations who are getting at them at universities, schools, colleges and mosques. They are being manipulated. It's difficult for the Government to prescribe a way forward for the Muslim community. I don't think it can do that. It's up to the mainstream, national Muslim organisations, who frankly have failed.'" (This Is London, January 29, 2007) Note to Ottawa: the appeal of multiculturalism is limited today to people who never managed to achieve anything like genuine tolerance within their own societies. Worse, this pious fraud appeals to people for all the wrong reasons -- "Who cares about real freedom, so long as I get to wear my *kirpan*, *hijab*, *yarmulke*, *turban*, *veil*, etc?" Or worst of all, "Who cares about real freedom, so long as a

restaurant in *my* immediate neighbourhood serves chicken satay, tikka masala or empanadas?"

Nothing Too Mundane To Remake

If you thought accommodating a second official culture was a major pain, say hello to 120: "Canada's got a new food guide -- and bok choy, naan and edamame have been added to the menu. The new [**Canada Food Guide**], four years and \$1.5 million in the making ... also introduced a feature on its website called **My Food Guide**, that allows Canadians to build their own food guide based on the foods they eat most often. That on-line guide includes ... Bannock: A fried bread common in aboriginal cooking. Bok choy: Chinese cabbage. Congee: A rice porridge common in Asia. Edamame: Steamed and salted soybeans, often served at sushi restaurants. Hummus: A dip made from chickpeas and tahini, common in the Middle East. Lychee: A small, sweet round fruit, popular in China. Naan: A round flatbread, cooked in an Indian tandoori oven. Paneer: An Indian cheese." (Vancouver Sun, February 6, 2007)

Anchor Baby Drags Mom Down

"**Hong Zhang** is among hundreds of unwedded Chinese moms fighting deportation by claiming their Canadian-born kids will be treated as second-class citizens if they are sent back to China with them. Deported single mothers face a fine of about \$140,000 a child when they return to China with children. Chinese law bans children out of wedlock, said **Roy Kellogg**, of Scarborough's **CanVisa Immigration**. He said Canadian-born children, like Zhang's 10-month-old daughter **Sherry**, will be stigmatized by society, will not get health coverage, be allowed to attend school or obtain Chinese citizenship. Zhang came to Canada in 1997 and filed an unsuccessful refugee claim. During that time she gave birth. ... Kellogg, an immigration consultant, said he represents five Chinese moms in Zhang's situation. He said most made failed refugee claims on arrival in Canada and, then, filed appeals, during which time they become pregnant. ... 'The government has to show some compassion.' He said the moms will have to pay foreign student fees for their kids to attend school in China. 'These Canadian-born children are being denied the right to education,' he said. 'They face a life of discrimination and social stigma if sent to China.' **Anna Pape**, of the **Canada Border Services Agency**, said her officers are required to deport those who do not have permission to live in Canada. 'We enforce laws in place to ensure the integrity of the system,' Pape said yesterday.'" (Sun Media, February 8, 2007) These dire prognostications might be more persuasive were they not disseminated by someone with such an obvious stake in the matter. Make that five stakes. Actions have consequences: if Canada's hundreds of unwed Chinese mothers hadn't assumed a baby would strengthen their claim, there were alternatives.

Brace Yourself

"**Envionics Analytics**, the marketing services company, today released its new **Demographic Estimates and Projections (DEP)** database. [The company claims] to disseminate the most accurate demographic data available to companies, government agencies and not-for-profits. To produce the estimates, **EA** analysts supplemented Census demographics provided by **Statistics Canada** with other data sources—including government estimates, economic data like building permits and immigration reports by research groups. ... The **EA** data offer a preview of what researchers will see in the new **2006 Census** from **Statistics Canada**, which will release total population figures for 2006 next month but won't make available all of the detailed 2006 population characteristics until the spring of 2008. ... According to **EA's** projections, the Canadian population has increased 6 percent in the last five years to 32.7 million, [where] immigration accounted for much of that population increase, and foreign-born residents now constitute ONE IN FIVE Canadians [a proportion that was 18.4 per cent in the 2001 census] Among the booming immigrant

groups are newcomers from China (up 46 percent since 2001), India (up 36 percent) and Pakistan (up 28 percent). ... 'Canada has now entered a low-growth period with an ageing population,' says **Doug Norris, Ph.D.**, senior vice president and chief demographer with **Environics Analytics**. 'But immigration levels will increasingly determine our demographic future. And in many ways, the country will become increasingly diverse in the future.' Dr. Norris notes that the DEP numbers show relatively modest growth in metropolitan central cities and older suburbs while a population boom is occurring in outlying 'exurban' areas. [Elsewhere known as White Flight]

'These trends have important implications for the Canadian workforce, government programmes and consumer spending,' says Dr. Norris. 'They provide a roadmap of what's to come in Canada's future.' (**Environics Analytics**, January 10, 2007)

More Than Half Of Deportees Welcomed Back

Remember the strident recriminations as Portuguese illegals were deported last spring? **Pedro Barata** of the **Portuguese National Congress** said: "Shame on the Canadian government for deporting people who are working hard. We need those people here." Although it garnered almost no media attention, at the time Portugal's ambassador to Canada, **João Silveira Carvalho**, warned Portuguese here to "stop feeding the myth" in Portugal that you can come to Canada without documents. But the ambassador would be proved horribly wrong as Canada opted for the irresistible path of least resistance: "More than 50% of an estimated 15,000 **GTA** construction workers -- mostly from Portugal and South America -- can end up returning, thanks to simplified immigration rules. [Under the new arrangement, illegals] can keep working in Canada while their documents are processed. They only leave the country briefly as required under law to return as temporary workers, and can later apply for landed immigrant status. ... Lawyer **Richard Boraks** said many of the workers who left voluntarily and have no criminal or medical problems will likely be allowed to return. He said failed refugee claimants are also being allowed back, but that process will take longer." (**Toronto Sun**, July 26, 2006) Portugal has a democratic government with no record of torture or other activities that could justify refugee claims -- at least, not until now.

Here A Refugee, There A Refugee

Despite its own history, "the government of Israel has not yet decided how to deal with [250 Sudanese] refugees, claiming they constitute a 'security threat' and that if they are granted political asylum many others will follow in their wake. [One of Israel's imprisoned refugees, 'M,' says he made his way to Egypt after surviving torture at the hands of Sudan's **Janjaweed** militias.] Like the others, 'M' has been imprisoned since he was caught crossing the border with Egypt, first in **Ketziot Prison**, and later in **Ma'asiyahu Prison**. [An Israeli refugee advocate notes the migrants were made to feel even less welcome in Egypt.] 'Refugees have told us about abuse and violence by Egyptian citizens, not just by the regime, including beatings and the use of clubs and knives.'" (**Y-Net News**, December 11, 2006) Even so, Canada is still falling down on the never-ending job: "The **Burnaby School District** has asked Ottawa to target funding to help educate refugee children. ... Board trustee **Diana Mumford** told the **House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration** on Nov. 28 that school districts [need Ottawa] to help build a proposed \$12-million multi-service immigrant hub facility. ... Mumford said teenagers are coming into the district with Grade 1 or 2 level ability. 'Basically they're illiterate in their own language, let alone the new one we're trying to give them.' ... A study for the **Immigrant Services Society of B.C.** (ISS) showed **823** new refugees to Canada settled in Burnaby from January 2003 to December 2005. [That's not 823 students, that's 823 refugees in total] The biggest influx into Burnaby came from Afghanistan (361), Sudan (103), Iran

(69), Indonesia (44) and Ethiopia (29)." (**Burnaby News Leader**, December 14, 2006)

Save The Earth, End Immigration?

If our "footprint" is so heavy that we are changing the world's climate, the last thing we should do is encourage one more person to move in. Right? Wrong: "Canada and other wealthy nations should prepare for a flood of environmental refugees, and treat them the same as those who flee political danger, international experts say. The number of people fleeing the spread of deserts or climate-change impacts such as drought and flooding is likely to hit 50 million within a decade and soar to between 135 million and 200 million by 2050, **Zafar Adeel**, a director of the **United Nations University**, said in an interview yesterday from Frankfurt, Germany while en route to a conference on the issue in Algiers, Algeria. 'Regardless of what the exact number is,' it will swamp the current global total of 19 million refugees from war, genocide and all other threats,' said Adeel. ... The main current problem is the spread of deserts, both because Earth's climate is warming and because impoverished people in dry areas are denuding the land for cooking fuel. Poverty and climate change impacts feed on each other, Adeel said. For example, once land is cleared of vegetation, it reflects more of the sun's heat into the atmosphere, warming the climate. That, in turn, increases the spread of areas too dry to support vegetation. 'We have a poor sense of how fast it's happening, but current estimates are that 200 million people now live in desertified areas,' Adeel said. Some 2 billion live in dry areas threatened with becoming desert. With every rise of 1 degree Celsius in average temperature, the boundary of such parched areas expands by another 200 kilometres, he said. ... The ideal solution is to create conditions where people can stay in their home areas, but that's virtually impossible in some parts of the world, the experts say. That means developed countries must prepare for a new class of refugee ... Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia and New Zealand are likely targets." (**Toronto Star**, December 15, 2006) Speaking of compassion and likely targets, "about 1,000 orang-utans are estimated to have died in Indonesia during the dry season this year. ... The fires in the Indonesian part of Borneo have deprived orang-utans of food and forced them to encroach on human settlements, where they are often attacked for damaging crops, the **Borneo Orang-utan Survival Foundation** said. 'Orang-utans are starving. They are sick and many of those we are treating were injured after being attacked by machetes.' [says] **Willie Smits**, an ecologist at the foundation. ... Orang-utans live on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra, but encroachment on their habitats by humans and massive destruction of forests is threatening their existence. ... Most of the annual dry season fires are deliberately lit by farmers or at the behest of timber and oil palm plantation companies. Indonesia's neighbours, Singapore and Malaysia have grown increasingly frustrated by the fires which triggered fears of a repeat of the choking situation that hit the region in 1997-98. ... In 2002, it was estimated there were 56,000 orang-utans in the wild but the population has dwindled at a rate of 6,000 a year" (**Reuters**, November 6, 2006)

CRIME WATCH

Canada , Global Mr. Magoo

"Despite his massive stature [and beard], a young Ghanaian immigrant facing adult sex assault charges is really a teen, his father says. 'He is 16,' said the man's father. 'He is just big.' Standing 6-foot-6, the young accused with a large frame is now in legal limbo as prosecutors allege his birth certificate with a date of Dec. 19, 1990, is inaccurate, even though it's a legally issued document. The **Crown** alleges he sexually assaulted a nine-year-old. If he were found to be a youth, he would be held in a youth detention centre. He is currently being detained at the **Ottawa Regional Detention Centre**. The accused's father told court yesterday he has six children, five boys and one girl.

with his son's mother, as well as children with another woman. His son facing charges is the youngest, he said, with the eldest child having been born in 1979. He said he couldn't remember how many years there were between his youngest son and his second-youngest son. ... The **Crown** had been alleging that the accused's age had been falsified to maximize the number of years his father could receive family benefits in Canada; however, this allegation was never put directly to the accused's father. (**Ottawa Sun**, February 2, 2007) Oh do wait, there's more: The **Crown** ventures to suggest that "Ghana's birth certificate regime isn't as strict as Canada's and is currently SENDING INVESTIGATORS to search for records of the young man's birth at a hospital in Ghana. Even the young man's bones have come under scrutiny. Dr. **Edward Whelan** testified yesterday an X-ray of the young man's right hand and wrist taken in December 2002 led him to conclude the accused man had a bone age of 14 -19 years. Whelan said that didn't square with the young man's stated age at the time of 11 years and 11 months. The young man is still considered a ward of the state and recently finished serving a young offender sentence for a crime committed AFTER the alleged adult sexual assault charge." (**Ottawa Sun**, January 5, 2007) Lovely. And in failing to publish the hulking child molester's name, the **Crown** has actually managed to undermine its own case. Only in Canada.

Double Murderer, But One Heck Of An Activist

Kuldip Singh Samra has admitted for the first time that his 1982 shooting rampage inside Toronto's **Osgoode Hall** law courts was a planned and deliberate execution. Unfortunately, shooting up a courtroom with a .357 Magnum so failed to pique the interest of Canada's multiculturalist police agencies that, a little over three years later, Sikh terrorists were able to blow **Air India Flight 182** out of the skies without breaking a sweat. After serving a cushy 15 years on two first-degree murder convictions, Samra applied to a jury for early parole. His strategy? Trot out ethnic activists to applaud his career as an ethnic activist. Samra's killing spree "claimed the lives of **Bhupinder Singh Pannu** and lawyer **Oscar Fonseca**. **Amarjit Singh Tatla**, Fonseca's client and Samra's one-time friend, was left paralyzed by the attack. ... Court heard that Samra, who was having marital and financial problems at the time of the shootings, became enraged after his bid to overturn an election at a Sikh temple was denied by a judge. [After running amok] Samra fled to his native India and hid there until he was arrested and extradited to Canada in 1992. A jury convicted him in 1993 of two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder. First-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years. The 'faint hope' clause allows prisoners facing life sentences the opportunity to seek early parole under exceptional circumstances. ... A number of friends and relatives described the 1982 incident as an 'accident' and a 'mistake,' testifying that the Samra they knew was a man devoted to helping new Canadians. Immigrants turned to Samra for help filling out paperwork or finding a school for their children, said friends, family and even a former police officer assigned in the 1980s to keeping the peace between feuding ethnic communities. 'He was very helpful and compassionate and a good human being, and had one thing in his heart and mind, which was to help out people in trouble,' said **Sahasni Shah**, who used to work with Samra fighting racism in Toronto's South Asian community. ... Fellow community activist **Labhamal Sabherwal** described Samra as a person with a good reputation in the Sikh community. ... But Samra could also be a bit of a hothead who had to be calmed down on occasion when dealing with conflicts in the community, testified human rights activist **Mahmood Khan**. ... Retired Toronto police officer **Muhammad Nazir** said it was through his police involvement with the Sikh community that he came to know Samra, who had an 'excellent' reputation among his peers. ... Samra, who has spent only 17 months of the last 13 years in a maximum-security facility, has

been housed at British Columbia's minimum-security **Ferndale Institution** since August 2001." (**Toronto Sun**, January 18, 2007) At Canada's leading **Club Fed**, Samra whiles away idle hours baking, reading and gardening. "Several letters, written during Samra's brief stay in Mexico before he fled to India for almost a decade, were read to jurors ... Samra wrote that he planned to return and kill 'traitors.' [One of these was signed] 'Thirsty for your blood.' ... A 2006 psychiatric report concluded Samra is still suffering from narcissistic personality disorder and a 'saviour' complex. (**Vancouver Sun**, January 23, 2007) So much for the model ethnic activist defence. After deliberating just two hours, the jury denied Samra's bid for early parole and prohibited the 59-year-old further machinations until he has served his full 25 years.

We're Like A Beacon

After pleading guilty to groping nurses at the **Royal Alexandra Hospital** in Paisley, Scotland, 55-year-old convicted sex offender **Colin Guy** decided the sentencing could be something of an let-down and headed for Canada. Once here, he moved in with a woman he'd befriended over the **Internet** and won her over as a supposed cannabis legalization campaigner. Police picked him up in Kitsilano at the end of November, and while plans were definitely afoot to return him to Scotland, the **Immigration and Refugee Board** must determine whether he should remain in custody. Another proper irresistibly drawn to Canada is **Kid Porn**, aka **Scott Austin**, of Nye County, Nevada (although he is intimately acquainted with our own **Maplehurst Detention Centre**, Lindsay superjail and Niagara Falls facilities). **Kid Porn** was flagged as he came through **Pearson Airport** in July 2005, as the bail-skipping molester of a 16-year-old girl at a small-town high school homecoming party. The 33-year-old star of **Kid Vegas: Whoremaster**, and **Kid Vegas: Trenchcoat Pornographer**, eventually lost his refugee bid and is now scheduled to appear before the Nye County bench Dec 4.

HEALTH WATCH

Here Comes The Pride

Ever since Canada went homophobic, the media has fed the misconception (thank you, **Dr. Kinsey**) that homosexuals constitute somewhere around 15 per cent of any given population. In reality, **Statistics Canada's "Canadian Community Health Survey ...** said that 1 per cent of Canadians identified themselves as homosexual ... 1.3 per cent of men [and] 0.7 per cent of women." (**Globe and Mail**, June 15, 2004) With parliament's giddy blessing on same sex unions, the media continues to highlight the sheer volume of Canadian double brides and double grooms rushing to the registry office. As per ordinaire, it's not quite true: "More than half of recorded gay weddings were couples from abroad. **Statistics Canada** data on 2003 nuptials, which included gay couples for the first time in Canadian history, found 3.5% of the 22,000 marriages in British Columbia were between people of the same sex. And nearly 56% of those were non-residents of Canada. ... At the time the data was collected, Canada was the only country in the world that allowed same-sex marriages between people who weren't residents. While the marriage is often not legally recognized in the couple's home country, [gay activist **Kaj Hasselriis** said it is symbolically important for them in that many have used their marriage in Canada to try to advance their legal fight in their own countries. But **Brian Rushfeldt**, executive director of the **Canadian Family Action Coalition**, called it a 'misuse of a system' for foreign gay couples to use Canada in a bid to shape their own country's laws. ... **Stats Canada** also found that 54.4% of all gay marriages were lesbian couples." (**Sun Media**, January 18, 2007) As usual, the figures were (and are) manipulated to make the case that these concessions were (and are) necessary unless we *want* to stigmatize "a very significant proportion of the population."