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Encore des garderies délinquantes

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La Presse

Des garderies subventionnées figurant sur la liste gouvernementale des services de garde à 7\$ demandent des tarifs plus élevés sans offrir la possibilité d'un service de base, a constaté *La Presse*. Elles contreviennent ainsi à la Loi sur les services de garde éducatifs à l'enfance.

La Presse a joint hier 30 garderies montréalaises inscrites comme étant des garderies à 7\$ sur le site Internet du ministère de la Famille et des Aînés. On a demandé à chacune si leur tarif était bien de 7\$ par jour. Or, six responsables ont affirmé ne pas offrir de service à 7\$ et proposé des tarifs variant entre 9\$ et 20\$ par jour.

Services optionnels

La Loi sur les services de garde éducatif à l'enfance stipule que les garderies peuvent surfacturer pour certains services. «Mais ces services doivent rester optionnels», précise Jean-Pascal Bernier, attaché de presse de la ministre Michelle Courchesne.

Les garderies jointes hier n'offraient pas le choix. «Notre tarif est de 18\$ par jour», a dit Tania, responsable de l'Académie des Petites Fleurs, à L'Île-Bizard. Questionnée sur la présence de sa garderie sur la liste des établissements à 7\$, elle a répondu que son service de garde était «partiellement subventionné». Jean-Pascal Bernier confirme que les garderies «partiellement subventionnées» n'existent pas au Québec.

La garderie Les Amours de Marie-Claire, à Pierrefonds, figure aussi sur la liste des 261 garderies à 7\$ dans la région de Montréal. La directrice, Marie-Andrée Vincent, a dit hier à *La Presse* que son prix était de 20\$. «Si le Ministère nous met sur cette liste (des garderies à 7\$), c'est à lui qu'il faudrait s'adresser», a-t-elle d'abord répondu.

Mise au fait qu'elle s'adressait à une journaliste, Mme Vincent a alors expliqué que la surfacturation était due aux trois services supplémentaires permis par le gouvernement, soit une sortie spéciale, un article d'hygiène et un repas supplémentaire. Questionnée sur le fait que cette surfacturation devait rester optionnelle, Mme Vincent a répondu que «les parents ont le choix».

Pas le choix

Mère d'une petite fille de 3 ans, Justine McIntyre affirme que la garderie Les Amours de Marie-Claire ne lui a pas offert ce choix lorsqu'elle a récemment visité la garderie. «On m'a dit que je ne visitais pas un CPE, mais bien une garderie éducative, et que le prix était donc plus élevé», raconte-t-elle.

Justine McIntyre s'est alors tournée vers une autre garderie de Roxboro, qui figurait aussi sur le site du Ministère comment étant une garderie à 7\$. Cette fois, on lui a parlé d'un prix minimum de 18\$.

Jean-Pascal Bernier encourage les parents à déposer une plainte au ministère de la Famille et des Aînés s'ils croient que leurs droits sont lésés. Entre le 1er août 2007 et le 21 mars 2008, le Ministère a reçu 2037 plaintes. «Et celles-ci sont plus nombreuses

en période de rentrée scolaire, puisque c'est à ce moment que les contrats sont renouvelés», dit M. Bernier.

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Listeriosis eyed in Ottawa woman's death

By TERRI SAUNDERS, SUN MEDIA

Health officials are trying to determine if the death of an elderly Ottawa woman diagnosed with listeriosis is related to the massive Maple Leaf meat recall last month.

The death of the woman, whose identity has not been made public, is associated with the most recent report of listeriosis received by Ottawa health officials Aug. 28.

Officials couldn't confirm if the strain of listeriosis believed to be responsible for the woman's death is the same strain that contaminated Maple Leaf products at a Toronto plant in August.

"We're still waiting for confirmation, something we think is imminent," said medical officer of health Dr. Isra Levy. "An investigation is being conducted in an effort to establish a fingerprint of this listeriosis organism and we are in constant contact with the laboratory."

Levy said each strain of the bacteria has a specific and unique makeup, much like a human fingerprint.

"There was a specific organism associated with the meat recall," said Levy.

OTHER CASES

"It's the presence of this organism which would allow us to make the connection in this death."

The Maple Leaf outbreak sparked the largest consumer recall in Canadian history.

So far, 13 deaths across Canada have been confirmed as having been caused by exposure to the bacteria, and nearly 30 cases of listeriosis have been confirmed.

Investigators are trying to determine whether other deaths caused by listeriosis are linked to the outbreak, including the Ottawa woman's death.

Health officials in New Brunswick are also investigating the death of an elderly woman who became ill in a nursing home.

Dr. Eilish Cleary, New Brunswick's acting chief medical officer of health, said it's too early to tell if the woman, who was in her early 80s, died of listeriosis or whether the strain of the bacteria she had matches the strain involved in the national outbreak.

WON'T KNOW FOR A WEEK

"She was an elderly lady with other health concerns," Cleary said.

It will take 7-10 days of testing at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg to determine the exact cause of death and whether it's linked to the national cases.

Health officials in British Columbia are also awaiting laboratory results to determine if the recent death of an elderly woman at a Kelowna hospital is also related to the listeriosis outbreak.

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Catholic board to appoint new trustee for Kanata

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The Ottawa Catholic School Board is to appoint a replacement for a trustee who has announced his resignation.

The board held a special meeting last week to accept the resignation of Romeo Bellai and decide whether to hold a byelection or appoint a replacement for the remaining two years of Mr. Bellai's term. Mr. Bellai was trustee for Zone 2, which covers North and South Kanata.

The trustees opted to appoint a replacement for Mr. Bellai, who cited personal reasons for resigning.

Under the Election Act, the board has 60 days to choose a replacement. It officially begins the search today with advertisements outlining the qualifications for the \$12,600-a-year job.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and Canadian citizens. They also must be Roman Catholic, live within the board's jurisdiction and qualify to vote in a school board election. Employees of school boards, municipal councillors within the jurisdiction and elected members of boards within the jurisdiction can't apply.

Candidates must forward their applications by Sept. 24, including a 1,000-word essay. The essays are to be posted on the board website and interviews will be held Oct. 8. The new trustee will be sworn in Oct. 14.

Application forms are available at the board website at www.ottawacatholicschools.ca

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Hacker breaks into Carleton students' accounts

Math undergrad says he was making a point about school's security

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OTTAWA - A computer hacker has broken into the Carleton University accounts of at least 32 students, gaining access to e-mail passwords and the Campus Cards that students use for identification and as a debit card to pay for purchases at 500 venues across campus.

Last week, someone mailed a report to university administration containing a list of the 32 accounts that had been broken into and the corresponding passwords for each account, said Carleton spokesman Christopher Walters.

Those students were notified and asked to change their e-mail passwords and get a new Campus Card.

The university also launched an internal investigation, Mr. Walters said.

By Sunday night, the hacker sent the report to those he had hacked, in an e-mail signed with the name "Kasper Holmberg."

In the e-mail, he claimed he was an undergraduate math and statistics student who easily broke into the accounts, using a program that captures keystrokes on a computer.

The writer, who admitted in an e-mail that he was using a fake name, said he hacked into the accounts to prove a point and urged the university to take action to improve security measures.

"Carleton University information systems infrastructure provides inadequate safeguards against information leakage, potentially leading to identity or financial fraud," he wrote.

"It has been proven that identity theft and fraud on a large scale are possible, and it is likely that this is merely the tip of the iceberg."

With the accounts he hacked into, he could have accessed student e-mails, course registration, library records and personal financial information about student loans and scholarships, as well as any money the students put on their cards.

By yesterday afternoon, Carleton administrators were reassuring students their accounts were safe.

Mr. Walters said that to the best of his knowledge, none of the information the hacker obtained was misused. Students have not reported money missing from their accounts.

"I certainly don't think it was an easy process. We think it was a fairly sophisticated hacking job," he said. "This is a serious breach of security."

Mr. Walters said the university has taken action to ensure a hacker cannot access the system using the same methods. He said the university has turned portions of the investigation over to police.

Students whose accounts were hacked were not convinced that they were secure.

Third-year student Liam Giffin said he was surprised to be notified on Saturday that his account could have been compromised.

"I didn't even consider that anything from Carleton would be a target," Mr. Giffin said.

Students are encouraged to put money on their Campus Card and then swipe the magnetic stripe like a debit card, but without a password. It works at venues around campus, including the bookstore, food kiosks and at photocopiers. It also serves as a university ID, athletics pass, library card and is required to write final exams.

A Carleton website video promotes it as "the most widely accepted form of payment on campus." According to the site, last year students made 3.5 million purchases worth more than \$9 million with the cards.

Other universities have dropped magnetic swipe cards for options they say are more secure. At the University of Toronto, students use a computer chip on their "T-card" to pay for small items like photocopying and printing, said T-card program manager Mike Durocher. The balance on the cards is limited to \$100.

This is the second time Carleton has dealt with hackers in recent months. In late July, a hacker broke into the e-mail system.

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