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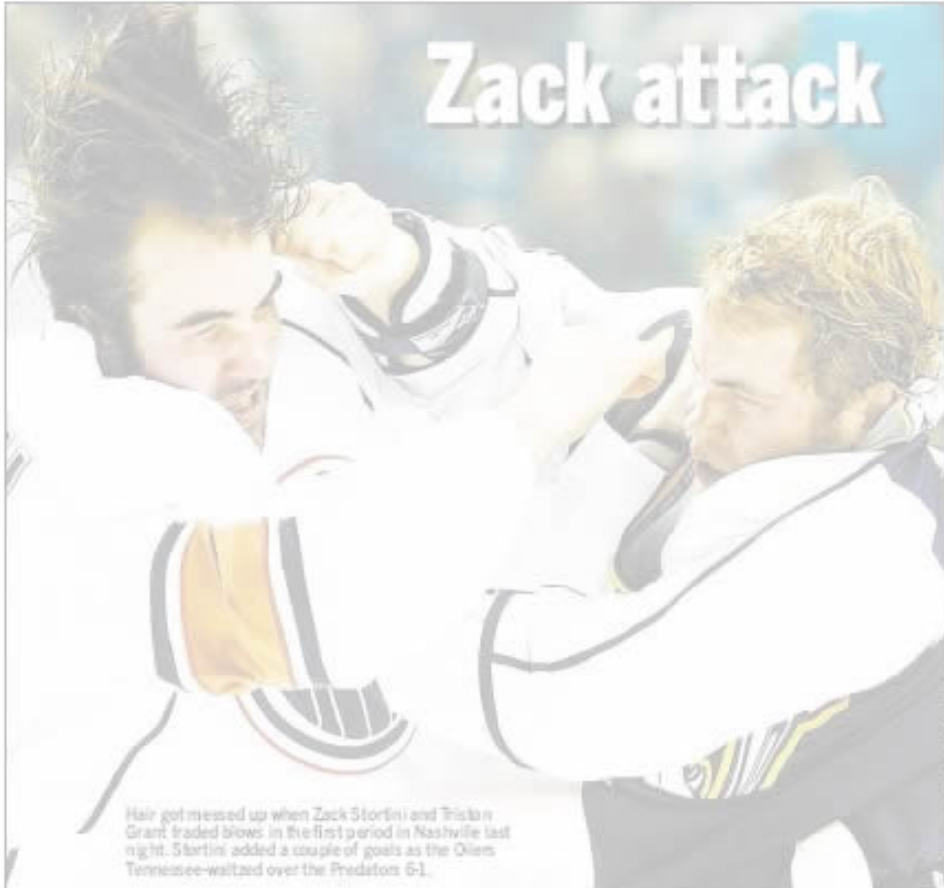
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Zack attack

Hair got messed up when Zack Stortini and Tristan Grant traded blows in the first period in Nashville last night. Stortini added a couple of goals as the Oilers Tennessee-waltzed over the Predators 6-1.

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Chris, ATCO Power employee, Sheppard Generating Station.

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The gourd, the bad and the ugly

14th annual Bon Accord festival celebrates humble pumpkin

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Since Tam Andersen was a child, she has grown pumpkins.

Now the Bon Accord horticulturist surrounds herself with the orange squash on a full-scale family farm — harvesting 7,000 pumpkins this year alone.

"I've taken it to the next level. They're big and glorious. It's a hoot connecting with (my) childhood," said Andersen, owner of Prairie Gardens & Greenhouses in Bon Accord, 25 km north of Edmonton.

To coincide with the harvest, the Andersen family kicked off their 14th annual Haunted Pumpkin Festival this month.

The farm yields 26 pumpkin varieties on seven acres. Some

have goosebumps speckled on them, others are ghostly white and some are blue.

"They are warty super-freaks," Andersen, 47, said yesterday of the bumpy pumpkins.

Northern Alberta doesn't offer ideal conditions for growing pumpkins due to short summers and cold nights, said Andersen.

Only selected pumpkin varieties that mature quickly can be grown due to the province's short season.

"It takes all summer," said Andersen, adding that a crew of 50 people help pick pumpkins and do other farm tasks at harvest time.

"It's a huge job."

At the festival, people pay \$2 to see a soccer-ball sized pumpkin fired up to 300 metres out of a cannon, with proceeds going to the Youth Emergency Shelter Society.

Other pumpkins are painted, sold for jack-o-lanterns or gobbled down as pumpkin pie.

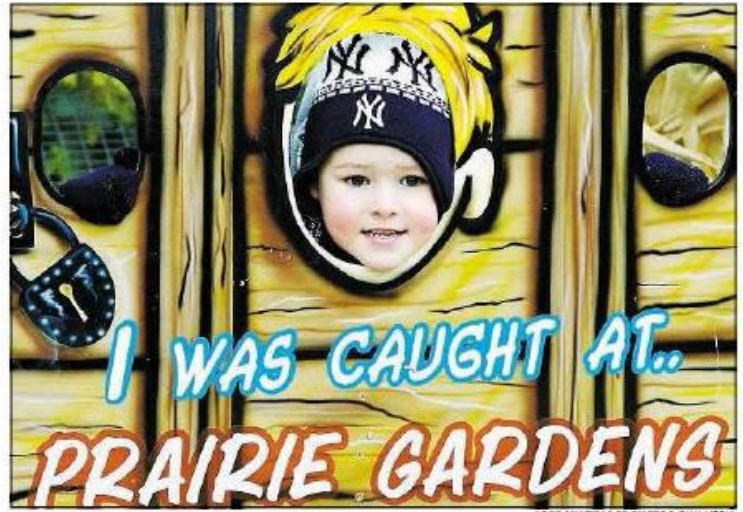
Catherine Green and Marc Anderson and their sons Kai, 1, and Joseph, 5, toured a greenhouse filled with hundreds of pumpkins.

"Look at all the pumpkins!" said Joseph.

A big part of the fair, said Andersen, is teaching city kids about pumpkins and life on a farm.

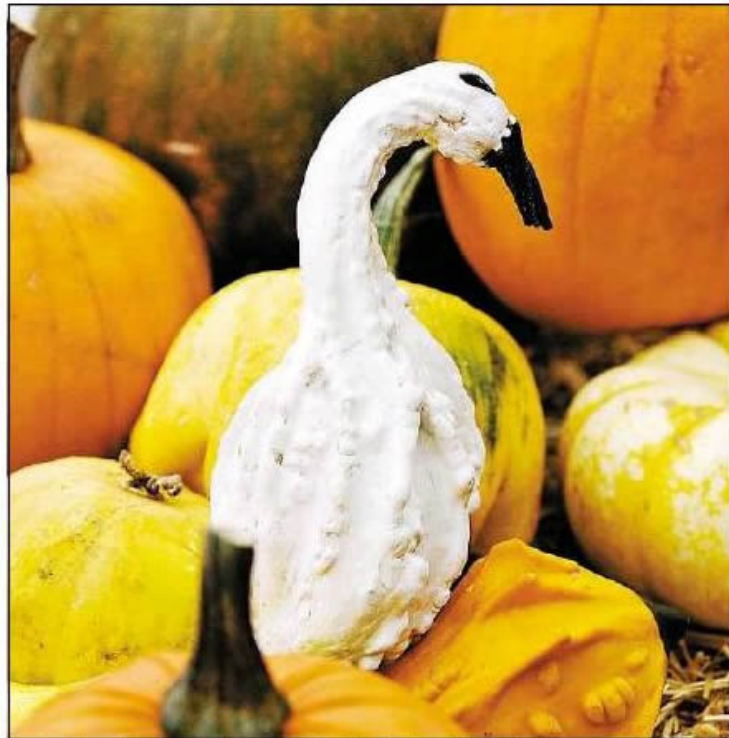
"The simple things in life, they miss. Most kids think pumpkins grow underground."

The fair runs until Nov. 1.



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Three-year-old Darrian Link sticks his head through a display yesterday at the Prairie Gardens & Greenhouses Haunted Pumpkin Festival near Bon Accord.



A squash is painted to look like a swan at Prairie Gardens & Greenhouses.



Jacqueline Tawhai, 3, paints a pumpkin yesterday at the Haunted Pumpkin Festival.