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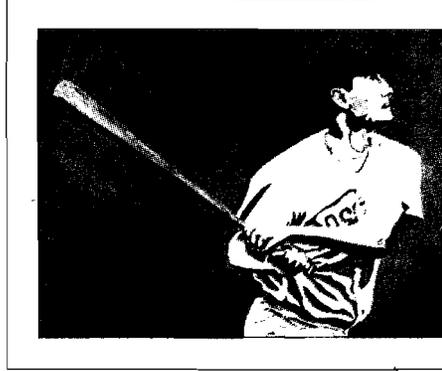
Baseball returns with a health pitch

BY KELLY SINOSKI and JONATHAN FOWLIE VANCOUVER SUN

The foot-long hotdog is back and the beers are bigger, but fans craving a greasy burger and fries while watching the Vancouver Canadians at Nat Bailey Stadium might strike out this season.

As Mayor Sam Sullivan tosses the ceremonial first pitch tonight, Nat Bailey will be serving up "fresh alternatives" — from sushi and fruit cups to chicken sandwiches on focaccia bread.

The new fare is in addition to old standards like burgers and fries, but even they won't be as greasy as they were last season, said Vancouver Canadians spokesman Rob Fai.



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"A lot of our studies found people were saying 'hey, we don't want to leave there feeling gross, we want to leave there feeling good,'" Fai said. "That's something you don't see in pro sports,

where the standard is 'how greasy can you get?'"

The new menu, which was devised after the Northwest League club polled fans on their food desires, is geared at setting

Nat Bailey apart in the growing competition among Vancouver's pro sports teams.

On the sidelines are packaged peanuts and Cracker Jacks; in the box are fresh roasted nuts, hot pretzels and popcorn popped in a new theatre-sized popcorn machine.

The foot-long hotdog, on hiatus since 1999, will return to the lineup, while barbecued bratwurst and sauerkraut will bring the "big league" to the minor league park, Fai said.

But the biggest hitter in the game, he expects, will be the fresh alternatives — from fresh cantaloupe and pineapple fruit cups to the sashimi and brown rice California rolls.

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Plan to alter ocean chemistry hits rough seas

U.S. agency tries to halt 'seeding' of the Pacific Ocean with iron dust to reduce global warming

BY KELLY PATTERSON

OTTAWA — A clash with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is threatening to scuttle a U.S. company's plan to "seed" the Pacific Ocean with iron dust to offset global warming. Planktos Inc., which has offices

in Vancouver and San Francisco, wants to set sail this month from Florida to dump more than 45 tonnes of iron dust into the sea near the Galapagos Islands.

The iron nutrients would stimulate the growth of phytoplankton, which would then absorb large amounts of carbon dioxide

— an experimental process Planktos compares to reforestation.

A for-profit "ecorestitution" company, Planktos plans to sell carbon credits from this and other projects to firms such as Vancouver's Wedgewood Hotel and Spa, which has agreed to buy

5,000 tonnes of carbon credits.

The firm launched its "Voyage of Recovery" program in March, mustering its supplies and launching a public relations campaign in Washington, D.C., to promote its "green message of hope."

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Mayor will throw out ceremonial first pitch

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Another new element to opening day this year will be evident on the field even before the game begins.

Sullivan will throw out the ceremonial opening pitch from his wheelchair, a first for the mayor, who became a quadriplegic as a result of a skiing accident.

Sullivan will use a catapult that attaches to his chair to throw the pitch. "It's like a modern version

of the old medieval catapult," explained Jay Drew, a volunteer with the Tetra Society that Sullivan founded. Volunteers from Tetra have helped with numerous projects, including building a fitting to allow Sullivan to wave the Olympic flag during the closing ceremonies in Turin.

Sullivan said he is ecstatic about the ball-throwing device, and about being part of tonight's game against the Tri-City Dust

Devils from Pasco, Wash. It starts at 7 p.m.

"I hope that by doing this I can demonstrate to people with disabilities, and in fact anybody, that if they really want to do something they can," he said. "It's a powerful statement about technology and that people with disabilities can do anything they want to do if they have the time and creativity."

Back in the concessions, even the coffee, once a stale staple of the ball park, will be freshly brewed rather than once every hour.

"It was definitely a conscious effort to go healthy," Fai said. "These aren't the things that are going to bulge your waistline. They're alternatives."

Still, the ballpark isn't about to toss out the old favourites and is jazzing up some of them with offer-



MARK VAN MANEN/VANCOUVER

Vancouver Canadians open the Class A Northwest League season tonight at Nat Bailey Stadium.

ings such as an all-dressed bacon-cheeseburger.

It's also introducing Sapporo beer, iced lemonade and 20-ounce cups of Granville Island beer — up from 16 ounces last year — so you don't take three gulps and you're out.

"You can't win 'em all," Fai said. "We've still got our hamburgers and our hot-dogs but even those aren't the standard fare."

While the new menu is aimed at catering to the "northwest demographic," Fai said, Nat Bailey wants

to keep the fare affordable to families. Prices will remain relatively the same as in the past, with hamburgers still selling for less than \$5.

"We just want to make sure people are getting the freshest stuff possible," Fai

said.

"Times are changing, we have to change with them. People are looking for the experience. They're just here to see the game."

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