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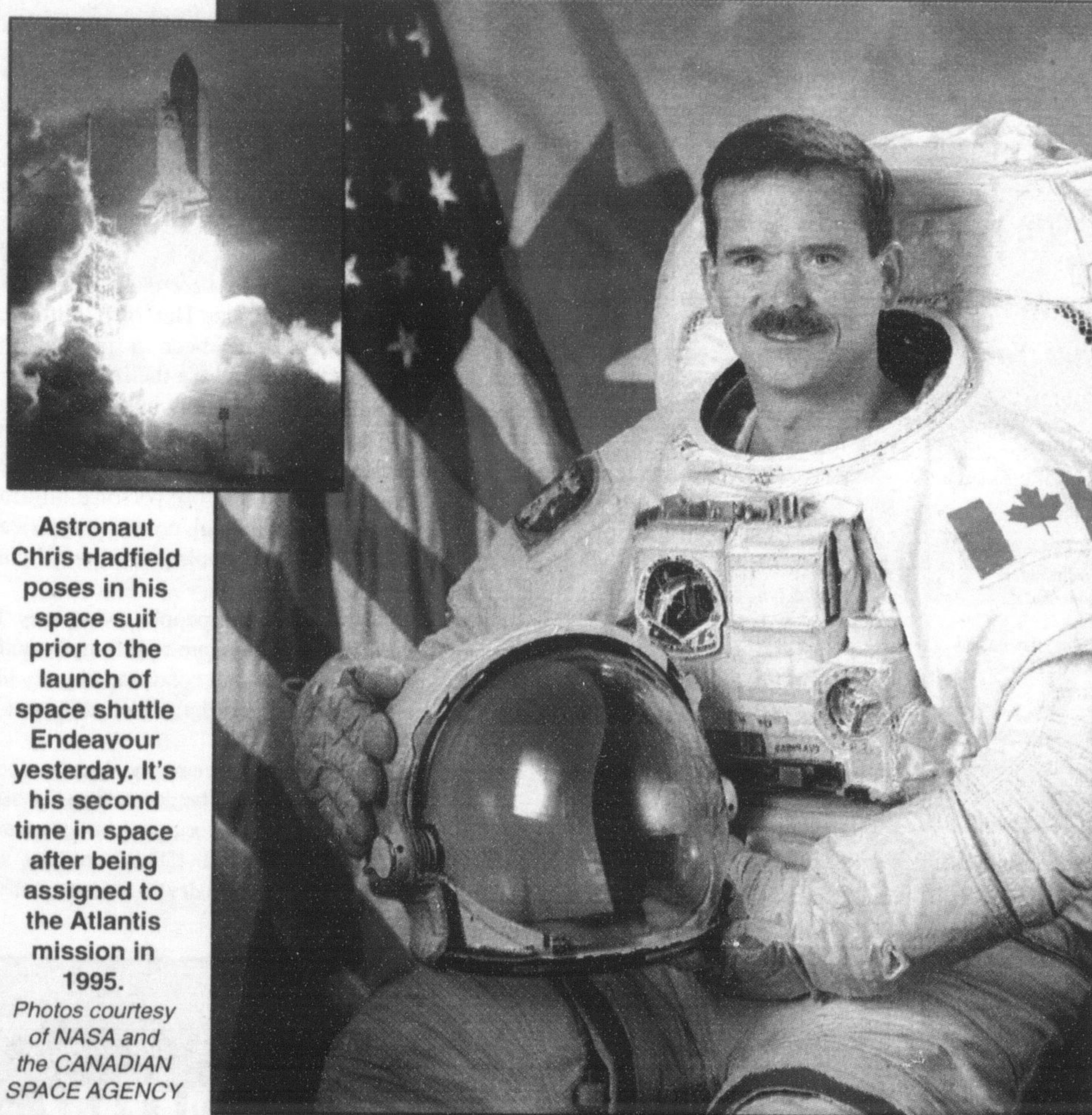
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Astronaut Chris Hadfield poses in his space suit prior to the launch of space shuttle Endeavour yesterday. It's his second time in space after being assigned to the Atlantis mission in 1995.

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Hadfield ready to take the first Canadian space walk

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

The Champion

Chris Austin Hadfield is well aware that he's making history.

But entering the history books is nothing new to the 41-year-old astronaut and chief capsule communicator (CAPCOM), who will add to his resume the honour of being the first Canadian astronaut to perform a space walk.

The shuttle Endeavour took off from the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida yes-

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terday destined for the International Space Station to install the Canadarm2.

The 17-metre, 1,641-kilogram arm will propel itself around the station structure like an inchworm, performing construction tasks beyond the reach of the smaller original Canadarm on the space shuttles.

A successful Canadarm2 will guarantee Canada some free scientific space and a human pres-

ence aboard the space station.

During the mission, Col. Hadfield will perform two space walks (three if necessary) along with American astronaut Scott Parazynski.

"I've known about this mission since June of 1997," Col. Hadfield told *The Champion* in a telephone interview from Houston earlier this month. "I've been training space walks for quite a while in a huge underwater training camp. This is an amazing opportunity."

The flight time lasted nine • see HADFIELD on page 16

CN doesn't have a lot of answers at information session

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

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Despite local residents hammering out question after question to CN officials Wednesday night, by their own admission the railway's staff didn't have a lot of answers.

"There are a number of issues CN has to work through together with the Town of Milton and the Region," CN communications director Ian Thomson told the crowd of about 400 concerned citizens who attended the Halton-Region hosted information session.

"The purpose of this information session is to inform and educate the stakeholders (about the development). We will maintain ongoing communication with the stakeholders and we will answer all questions in an honest manner. We're still in the very early stages of the project," he said.

In late 2002, a \$40 million intermodal terminal is scheduled to open in rural Milton. It will transport goods by truck and train. Trucks are expected to travel along Hwy. 407.

CN is in the process of acquiring land

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MAYOR GORD KRANTZ

adjacent to the Halton Waste Management Site on Regional Road 25.

The terminal will be located between Tremaine Road, First Line, Britannia Road and Lower Base Line.

"One fully-loaded train can take 300 trucks off the road," Mr. Thomson said. "It's not a waste transfer facility. The site will operate on 100 acres of land and expand to 400 acres over the next 30 to 40 years but the final footprint and layout is not yet determined."

The Milton site was chosen for a number of reasons, he said.

"The shape and size of the property was what we needed. It's close to (Hwy.) 407 and away from urban residential areas. Other industrial property we looked at in

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Public meeting about foot and mouth disease

A foot and mouth disease information night sponsored by the Peel-Halton Cattlemen's Association will be held Tuesday.

The meeting featuring experts from the OFIA and OMAFRA will be held in the Junior Farmer Building at the new Brampton Fair Grounds from 7 to 10 p.m.

Topics of discussion will include background on foreign animal diseases, eradication and compensation programs and improving biosecurity on farms.

The fairgrounds are located at 12942 Heart Lake Rd. in Brampton.

For more information, call the Ontario Cattlemen's Association at (519) 824-0334.

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