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Military mourn the loss of a great soldier, great leader

by Andrea LeBlanc
Contact Editor
with files from LFCA and
8 Wing Public Affairs

Personnel at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton are still reeling from shock and sadness following the sudden, tragic death last Friday of LCol Mike Blanchette.

The Commanding Officer of the Canadian Parachute Centre (CPC) died during a routine annual refresher jump into the waters off Baker Island on the morning of September 5. LCol Blanchette, as per tradition, was in the first chalk and the first of six to jump out of the CH-146 Griffon helicopter. Seventy-six soldiers were slated to jump that day.

According to Capt Shawna Bruce, spokesperson for Land Force Central Area (LFCA), the exact cause

of the fatal jump is not yet known, and the investigation into the incident is ongoing.

"We just don't know what exactly happened. There are so many factors to put into play, so many factors that could have contributed to this incident, and we don't want to speculate," said Capt Bruce.

Expressions of shock and sympathy have flooded in from across the Canadian Forces.

Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, stated she was shocked and saddened after receiving news of LCol Blanchette's death, noting he was highly respected by both soldiers and fellow officers.

Col Al Howard, Chief of Staff of LFCA, echoed these sentiments.

"He gave everything to his coun-

try and everything to the Canadian Forces, and it's exactly those type of folks that we need to be proud of. A lot of things are said about the Canadian military, but the best thing about the Canadian military is its people and Mike Blanchette is an excellent example of an absolutely outstanding soldier and officer and we're all going to miss him."

LCol Blanchette was born in St-Laurent, Quebec. After finishing CEGEP at Vanier College in Montreal, he enrolled in the CF in 1975 as an Officer Cadet. Following officer training in Chilliwack, B.C. and Gagetown, N.B., he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) as a platoon commander and completed his first peace-keeping tour in Cyprus.

Subsequent regimental assign-

ments included commanding a platoon in the Canadian Airborne Regiment, commanding the anti-armour and reconnaissance platoons of 1st Battalion, RCR, and serving as the operations officer and then as a combat team commander with 3rd Battalion, RCR in Germany.

Instructional duties have included an assignment to the Canadian Airborne Centre in Edmonton as a Course Officer. LCol Blanchette has qualified as a Jump Master, Parachute Instructor, Military Freefall Parachutist, and has commanded the 1981 Canadian Forces Parachute Team - The Skyhawks. He has also had two tours of duty at the Infantry School in Gagetown - the first as an Instructor/Course Officer and the second as the Deputy

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LCol Mike Blanchette

MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION



Photo: Laurie McVicar

Jessye Nielsen performed a demonstration on behalf of the 8 Wing Martial Arts Club during the annual Recreation Show on Sunday, September 7. Over 500 people attended the event, which featured 55 booths manned by local clubs and organizations. See page 8 for more photos.

CF firefighters finish third

The Canadian Forces Fire Marshall Team brought home the bronze after competing in the Firefit Combat Challenge Nationals held the weekend of September 6th and 7th, 2003 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Despite a relay playoff fall with "Rescue Randy" in the victim rescue portion of the race, the CF team held a top eight finish, qualifying them for the Sunday finals.

Only eight teams were permitted to compete on Sunday. In a head-to-head race against St-John's and with a time of 1:13.15 sec, the CF National team composed of MWO Chris Vezeau (CFB Cold Lake), Pte John Welsh and WO J.P. Rioux (CFB Comox), Cpl Darren VanZandbergen (CFB Esquimalt) and Cpl Robert Comeau (CFB Trenton), finished third overall. The team is now qualified to compete in the Combat Challenge World Championships expected to be held November 4 - 8 in Ottawa, Ontario, a grueling five-day competition.

"Despite our great performance at the Nationals, we still have a lot to improve on for the Worlds," said team member Comeau who beat his personal best time during the individual competition. "On the Sunday when everything is over with and that you win a place on the podium, you know you are the champion."

Over 400 participants took part in the event including other individual Canadian Forces Base teams and it proved to be a tremendous success.

"The atmosphere on site was fantastic," said Comeau upon his return from Charlottetown. "Event organizers did a fantastic job."

Dubbed "the toughest two minutes in sports," the Firefit of Canada Combat Challenge was established to display the physical aptitude required to be a part of the fire service. For more information and to access competition results, log on to www.firefit.com.



Photo: Cpl Robert Comeau

Members of the CF National Team.

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Personnel from 8 Wing help at Abbotsford Air Show

by MCpl R.L. DePape, 86 ASU

86 Airfield Systems and Utilities (86 ASU), Aircraft Arresting Systems (AAS), Section was tasked to install Mobile Arresting Gear (MAG), for the Abbotsford Air Show (08-10 Aug 2003).

AAS equipment is utilized to arrest or stop any tail-hook aircraft in the eventuality of a mechanical problem with the aircraft or landing on a short runway. The equipment is designed to bring the aircraft to a complete stop in approximately 900 feet.

The MAG Team is

comprised of a Team Leader, WO Refrigeration and Mechanical (RM) Tech; 2 I/C, MCpl RM Tech, Cpl/Pte RM Tech, two Fire Fighters and one Electrical Generation

Systems Tech. Installation of the equipment usually can be completed in four to eight hours.

Home based at 8 Wing Trenton, the AAS Section has eight sets of

MAGs and are tasked with 10 to 15 air shows in Canada and the USA each year.

During the Abbotsford Air Show the MAG Team received a visit from the Chief of

Defence Staff, Gen Henault. Gen Henault was briefed on the installed equipment. According to the Air Show directors, this year's show was a great success.



Photo: Bill Gilson, Aerophoto International, Calgary, Alberta

Team Leader, WO Aitken, presents Gen Henault with a team hat. Also shown in the photo are (L to R) Cpl J Levesque, Firefighter, MCpl R.L. DePape, Team 2 I/C, MCpl Gauthier and MCpl Wood, RM Techs.

WING LOGISTICS AND ENGINEERING PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Cpl Brown and Cpl Turner of Wg Supply are seen here in the new Receipts Area of 22 Hangar with Mr Dave Meitz of Wing Transport.

Wing Commander's Challenge

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Canada takes part in Arctic SAREX

WINNIPEG—Led by the commander of 1 Canadian Air Division, Maj-Gen Marc Dumais, 15 members of Canada's Air Force are participating in the annual Arctic Search and Rescue Exercise (Arctic SAREX 2003), hosted this year by the Russian Federation at Gelendzhik, Russia, from Sept. 10-12.

Arctic SAREX 03 is the 10th in a series of Canadian, American and Russian military efforts to improved combined Search and

Rescue (SAR) capabilities to respond to major air disasters and major searches.

"The Arctic SAREX program is an important series of exercises for us," said Maj-Gen Dumais. "Not only does it promote understanding between Russian, American and Canadian Forces, but it also provides a venue for each nation to observe the others' search and rescue procedures and equipment and to demonstrate

their own."

In a departure from what has become the normal theme of the Arctic SAREX series, this year's training scenario involves the rescue of three astronauts from the International Space Station who have made an emergency water landing in a Soyuz spacecraft (Russian spacecraft normally make dry-land touch-downs).

The Canadian contribution includes members from 442 Squadron in Comox,



B.C., 424 Squadron in Trenton, Ontario, 413 Squadron in Greenwood, N.S., 435 Squadron in Winnipeg, Canadian Forces School of Search and Rescue in Comox, 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters in Winnipeg, and two translators from Ottawa, for a total of 17 personnel.

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Search & Rescue UPDATE



Over the past week, 424 Squadron responded to four SAR calls.

The first mission was on Sept. 5, when the Herc and Lab were tasked to search for an overdue boat on Lake Erie. The vessel was found by RSCU 04 (Lab) and CCG Cape Mercy.

Also on Sept. 5, Rescue 04 (Lab) was tasked to search for an overdue boat from the Port Colborne area, with one person on board. The vessel was located with two persons on board. The injured people were hoisted to the Lab while CCG Cape Mercy was vectored to the disabled vehicle.

And later that day, the Herc was tasked to search for an overdue fishing craft with two people on board on Lake Nipissing. Shortly after arriving on scene, Rescue 313 was stood down as the vessel had been located by another resource. And finally, the Herc was tasked on Sept. 8 to search for a disabled 19-foot vessel with two people on board. The SAR-Techs were able to contact the disabled vessel with the SAT phone, which helped in directing the Herc to their location. Once located, Rescue 313 vectored CCG 100 to the scene. The two people on board were removed from their disabled boat and the vessel was towed.

Missions for 2003: 121 Missions for Sep.: 3 Persons rescued: 20

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Message from CENTCOM

Congratulations on achieving 1000 missions!

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work, professionalism, and superb dedication of your personnel in achieving the important milestone of 1000 missions flown in support of CF and coalition operations in the Southwest Asia AOR.

The men and women of the Tactical Airlift Unit have played a vital role in the campaign against terrorism and in supporting national operations while flying in support of Operations Apollo, Caravan, Iris and Athena. They can be justifiably proud of their accomplishments.

On behalf of the entire US CENTCOM liaison team, congratulations on a job well done.

Message from CO 8 AMS

Re: Tal Det 1000 Mission Achievement

On behalf of 8 Air Maintenance Squadron, I would like to take this opportunity to extend personal and collective congratulations to the Tactical Airlift Detachment (Tal Det) on completing one thousand missions, a truly outstanding accomplishment.

The success in achieving this milestone is a testament to all of the aircrew, ground crew and support pers who have deployed over the past 20 months. The extraordinary availability rate during Op Apollo is a direct reflection on the dedicated maintenance pers that work 24/7 to sustain the Det.

I am tremendously impressed and proud of you and your team. It has been an arduous journey, but the Tal Det has shown the CF and the Canadian Public the capability of Air Transport in the face of adversity and challenge. This milestone is a proud achievement to be celebrated.

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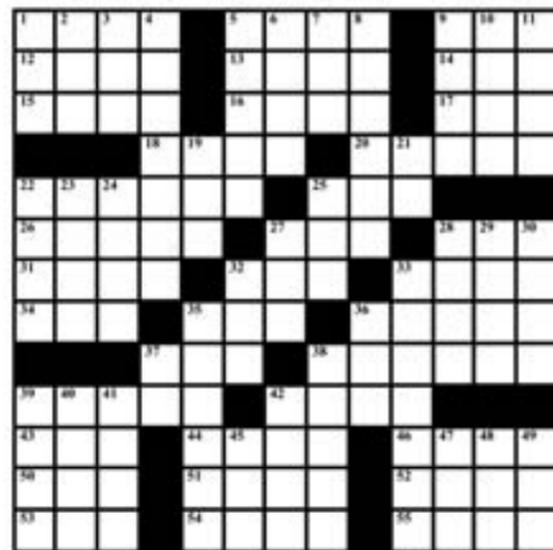
Bernice Rosella and James Kilner

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- 20 Ball teams
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This Week in Contact

1944--The House of Commons passes new \$750 million Gratuity Bill to increase foreign service pay: additional seven days pay & allowances for each six months overseas including the Aleutian Islands; \$15 per 30 days overseas including the Aleutian Islands; and \$7.50 per 30 days excluding the Aleutian Islands.

1953-63--Unavailable

1973--Minister of National Defense James Richardson announces that the government will procure eight Boeing Vertol Chinook helicopters for the CF; and 2RCR begins its first deployment to Cyprus.

1983--CFB Trenton Armed Forces Day Airshow a stunning success, attracting 60,000 spectators and over 100 aircraft.

1993--A new Chevrolet Corsica sells for \$13,000; and Remax Realtors list 3 and 4 bedroom area homes from \$75,900 to \$169,000.

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Act provides for lump-sum benefits

by Joanna Calder, Senior Public Affairs Advisor with ADM(PA)

The new Injured Military Members Compensation Act provides for lump-sum benefits for eligible CF personnel who suffered service-related injuries between October 1, 1972 and February 12, 2003 (inclusive) and who were not covered by the General Officers' Insurance Plan (GOIP).

The new Act eliminates a disparity in benefits between members of the Regular Force and the Primary Reserve who have been entitled to lump-sum benefits for injuries and those members who have not. Since October 1, 1972 the GOIP has provided generals, colonels and lieutenant-colonels with lump-sum payments of up to \$250 000 for dismemberment or loss of sight, hearing or speech. A Reserve Force GOIP was put in place on July 1, 1994. The plan is modeled on the compensation package provided to all executive-level federal employees.

A dismemberment insurance policy came into effect February 13, 2003 to meet the current and future needs of serving members in the Regular Force and Primary Reserve. The policy is administered by the Service Income Security Insurance Plan (SISIP) and provides dismemberment benefits similar to those provided by the GOIP. The Injured Military Members Compensation Act, providing for similar benefits for eligible CF personnel who suffered service-related dismemberment injuries in the past, received Royal Assent June 19 of this year.

"All members of the Canadian Forces, regardless of rank, can expect to receive assignments that may put them in harm's way," Dominic Leblanc, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National

Defence, said during second reading of the Bill in the House of Commons. "Junior ranks are just as likely as senior officers to need accidental dismemberment insurance. The government recognized this fact when it changed the insurance plan to cover all ranks.

"But this initiative is not enough. [Limiting the benefit to senior ranks] is unfair today and it was unfair in the past. That is why the Minister has introduced this Bill."

The injuries covered under the new Act include the loss of a hand, a foot, or the thumb and index finger on the same hand, and the loss of sight, hearing or speech – but only if the injury was the result of military service and only if the member survived for at least 30 days following the injury.

DND will provide the necessary funding for this benefit, estimated at \$26.3 million, and will administer the benefit through the Directorate of Casualty Support and Administration (DCSA).

About 200 serving and retired members are eligible to receive the payment. Of those, about 80 are deceased, and so the benefits will be payable to their estates. The benefits are not subject to federal income tax or reduction by other benefit plans such as SISIP or the Pension Act.

The Department will contact serving and retired members who may be eligible for the benefit and who are currently receiving disability pensions under the Pension Act to initiate the application. Serving or former members, or estates' representatives, who believe they are eligible may apply for the benefit.

Telephone the Director of Casualty Support and Administration (DCSA) at The Centre at 1-800-883-6094, or visit www.dnd.ca/hr/thecentre/ or <http://hr.dndhq.dnd.ca/dcsa/> for more information.

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Incident claims life of LCol Blanchette

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Commandant / Chief Instructor.

Experience with peacekeeping and multi-national operations include two tours of duty in Cyprus (1976 and 1984) and command of the ground defence force of the Canadian Air Task Group in Qatar during Operation Friction (Gulf War - 1990).

LCol Blanchette is a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger Course, the U.S. Army Special Forces Course, and the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College. In addition, his professional military education includes

graduating from Canadian Forces Staff School and Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College. He received his Baccalaureate in Military Arts and Science from RMC in 1999.

LCol Blanchette was assigned as the G3 of Land Force Central Area in June 1999. He spent two years with that Headquarters, most often in the capacity as the Acting Chief of Staff. LCol Blanchette was appointed Commanding Officer of the Canadian Parachute Centre in June 2001, which is the position he

held at the time of his death.

Lieutenant-Colonel Blanchette is survived by his wife and their two children.

A memorial service is scheduled for today (Friday, September 12, 2003) at 2 p.m. at the 8 Wing Chapel. A private family cremation will follow the memorial service. Military members and guests are invited to a reception at the CPC following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Juno Beach Centre in the name of LCol Mike Blanchette, CD.

Donating to your future

by Laurie McVicar
 Assistant Editor

ing to their future and their community."

With United Way supporters now able direct their donations to an organization of their choice, two 8 Wing/CFB Trenton employees are hoping some funds will be earmarked for the construction of a new retirement home in Belleville.

Sergeant Lisa Harvey and Master Corporal Marlene Shillingford are volunteers on the Hastings Manor Dedication for Generation fundraising campaign team. Hastings Manor is a non-profit long-term care facility that has been providing care to the elderly for over 90 years. Due to deterioration, antiquated design and layout, the current building has been a deemed a "D" facility by the Ministry of Health and must be rebuilt.

"(The committee) came to DND because they know a lot of people from 8 Wing retire in the area," said Sgt. Harvey. "This is a way of donat-

The new 253-bed facility is currently under construction and is expected to be completed by late Spring 2004. The goal for the community portion of this project is \$2.5 million.

"This is a one-time donation - they won't be coming back year after year looking for funding," said Sgt. Harvey.

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 Sgt. Lisa Harvey

She is currently seeking members for a sub-committee tasked with raising at least \$5,000 here at 8 Wing / CFB Trenton.

"We've set the bar fairly low and are hoping we don't let them down," said Sgt. Harvey.

Money raised during the Hastings Manor fundraising campaign will be used to purchase updated equipment, landscaping and furnishings for the new building.

If you are interested in becoming part of the sub-committee to raise funds for Hastings Manor, contact Sgt. Harvey at local 2180.

Pet Particulars

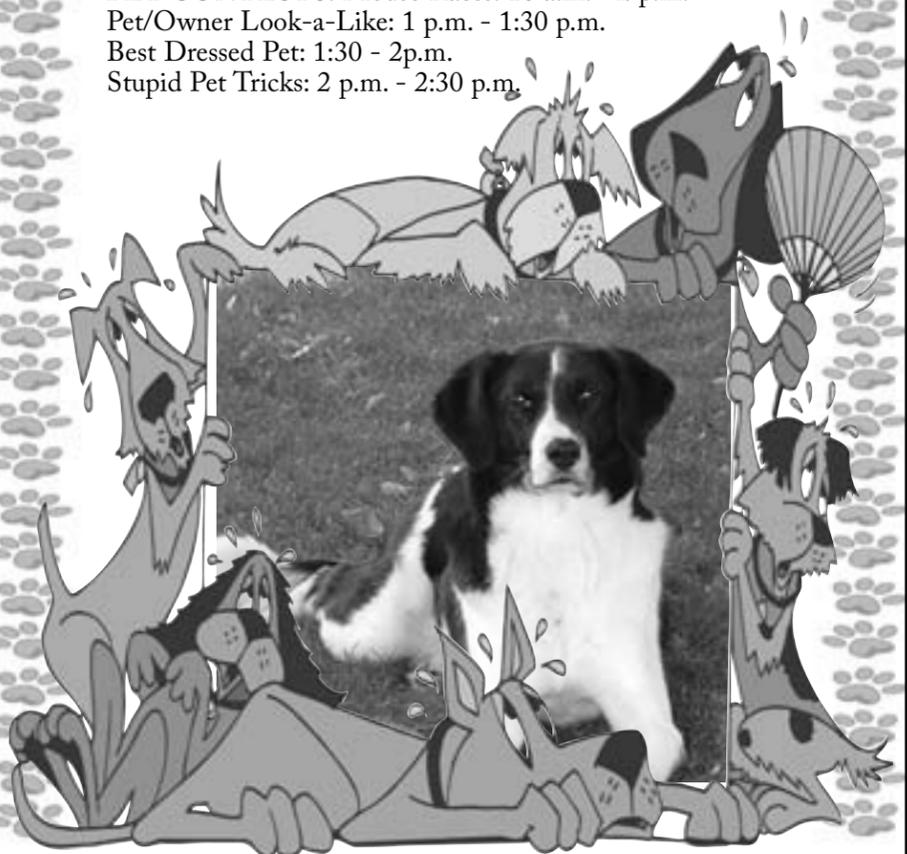
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WHERE: Pet Valu (260 Dundas Street East, Trenton)

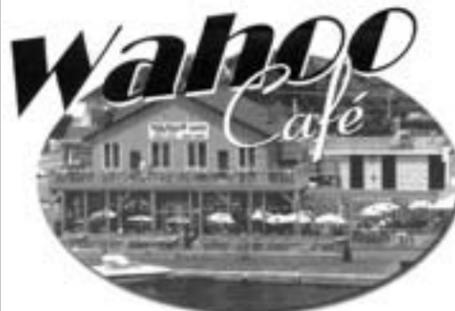
WHEN: Saturday, September 13th, 10 am - 5 pm

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Legion programs developed during the Second World War included reading rooms, show tours, educational services, and wet and dry canteens, all available to Canadian sailors, air-crew and soldiers both at home and overseas.

“Our main support to troops from then until 1996,” says Pat Varga, the Legion’s Public Relations Committee Chair at Dominion Command in Ottawa, “was the supply of reading material from a central book depot.”

Today, with the CF undergoing changes in infrastructure and the CF Personnel Support Agency (CFPSA) assuming responsibility for delivery of support, the Legion has once again stepped in to help. Since 2000, the Legion has been providing funds to CFPSA to support CF sports

championships and awards events, show tours, and Operation Santa Claus. The Legion also supports the remembrance activities of the Nijmegen March Teams that deploy to the Netherlands each year.

“These funding efforts are supported by Legion members’ fees,” Varga says. “They are not funded from monies collected during the poppy campaign.”

“Operation Santa Claus is a great program for everyone involved,” she adds. “Each deployed CF member gets a gift from the Legion at Christmas. We want CF members to know that we care about them and about what they’re doing.”

The Legion’s Membership Committee also invests in the CF, spending “about \$12,000 a year advertising in base newspapers so that CF members can see that we support them,” says Legion Membership Chair Wilf Edmond. “We are involved because Legion members want us to ensure that CF personnel are cared for in whatever circumstances they may find themselves. But we need them to help as well.”

Many changes to veterans’ legislation that were initiated by the Legion, such as CF members’ eligibility for a disability pension while still serving in the CF, relate directly to today’s personnel. In turn, CF

members can join a Legion branch or as a member-at-large. By doing so, you support the programs that supported your predecessors, and support you now.

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The Intersection Curling League organisational meeting is scheduled for 1000 hrs, Tuesday, September 23 at The Gymnasium conference room.

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Indoor Soccer League

Come and join us for this year's 2003 - 2004 Indoor Soccer League. The league is open to all CF Military, DND, and NPF full time employees. The teams will be mixed men & women, so all are encouraged to join!

The Intersection Indoor Soccer League will commence Thursday, October 16. There will be a meeting held on 1000 hrs Friday, September 19, all interested team reps are asked to join. Games will be held tentatively on Thursday evenings. Joining the league is easy; bring in a whole team or join individually!

All of those who are interested in playing & having fun please contact Military Sports Coordinator at local 3373.

CISM Sailors wanted

The CF CISM Sailing Team is continuing to look for new members to strengthen the team's competitive performance at the next World CISM Sailing Championship. The next World event will be held in SNIPE class, in Spain May/June 2004. Team members must meet the following criteria:

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- Passed the annual fitness test and maintain an active fitness program;
- Proven competitive (top 50%) at the National level in one or more classes, preferably dinghy;
- Available to train and travel to regattas as required, with only partial financial support;
- Participate in local sailing events;
- Supporting the local sailing community through coaching, race Committee work, seminars, self-help support.

Interested members are requested to send the following info to the Military Sports Coordinator, Dan Cormier: SN, rank, name, MOC, current job description, age, sex, weight, height, home e-mail address, home & work phone number, copy of last year's fitness report, and a resume of the last 5-10 years racing to include: event, boat class, date, location, number of races, final placing, position (helm, tactician, foredeck, trimmer).

Intersection Floor Hockey

The Intersection Floor Hockey League organisational meeting is scheduled for 1000 hrs, Tuesday, September 16 in The Gymnasium conference room.

The league is open to CF Military, DND & NPF full time employees. Interested unit sports reps and executive are to attend subject meeting in preparation for the 2003 / 2004 Floor Hockey Season. League will play at The Gymnasium every Tuesday & Thursday evening 1800 - 2145 hrs. Players with no reps wishing to play and for more information contact the Military Sports Coordinator, Dan Cormier, at local 3373.

Intersection Volleyball

The Intersection Volleyball League organisational meeting is scheduled for 1000 hrs, Monday, September 22 in The Gymnasium conference room.

The league is open to CF Military, DND & NPF full time employees. Interested unit sports reps and players are to attend a subject meeting in preparation for the 2003 / 2004 season. League will play at The Gymnasium Tuesday & Thursday at noon. For more information contact the Wing Sports Coordinator at local 3373.

HUNDREDS TURN OUT FOR RECREATION SHOW



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Ann Goulding of the Brighton Barn Theatre group.



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Twelve-year-old Patrick Fagan checked out what the 8 Wing Martial Arts Club has to offer.



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Jessye Nielsen put on a weapons demonstration.



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Helene Cadotte-Gagnon and Susan Stoddard promoted programs offered by the Trenton MFRC.

CF Running Championship

The 2003 CF Running Championship will be run in conjunction with the Canadian International Marathon in Toronto held on Sun 19 Oct 03, and shall consist of the following races and categories:

Categories	Races
a. Under 19;	a. Marathon
b. 20 - 24 yrs	b. Half Marathon
c. 25 - 29 yrs;	c. 10 Km; and
d. 30 - 34 yrs;	d. 5 Km
e. 35 - 39 yrs;	
f. 40 - 44 yrs;	
g. 45 - 49 yrs;	
h. 50 - 54 yrs; and	
i. 55 and over	

To be eligible to compete, all participants must be a member of the Regular Forces, Class B or C Reserve. Each region is limited to 25 runners, provided that they meet the qualifying times. Personnel who do not meet the qualifying standard may still participate but will not qualify for temporary duty status.

The qualifying times listed below are the minimum times that must have been achieved on a certified course within 14 months prior to the race day. Proof of time must be forwarded to 8 Wing/CFB Trenton Fitness & Sports Flight no later than September 24.

Distance	Open	Masters	Senior
Marathon (Men)	3:15:00	3:30:00	3:40:00
Marathon (Women)	3:30:00	3:45:00	4:00:00
Half Marathon (Men)	1:35:00	1:40:00	1:45:00
Half Marathon (Women)	1:45:00	1:55:00	2:05:00
10 Km (Men)	39:00	45:00	50:00
10 Km (Women)	45:00	50:00	55:00
5 Km (Men)	19:00	22:00	25:00
5 Km (Women)	24:00	27:00	30:00

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The indoor pools will be closed for annual maintenance commencing Sept. 2 for approximately three weeks. Please call ext 3361 for an update on when they will re-open.

RecPlex Temporary Hours of Operation

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cal defense; and spearheading amphibious assaults by clearing obstacles and mines from the invasion beaches.

Canada's first volunteer companies of engineers were formed in 1859, and the Canadian Engineer Corps was added to the Permanent Active Militia on July 1, 1903.

They were renamed the Royal Canadian Engineers (RCE) on February 1, 1904. Canadian Engineers in general, and military engineers in particular, are noted for their ability to adapt available technology (which is sometimes obscure and marginal) to local conditions and the problem at hand.

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1944: Canadian Military Engineers sweep the road for landmines.



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1918: Canadian sappers building a bridge over a canal.



2001: 5e RG constructing a bridge over the St-Francois River.



8 Wing/CFB Trenton boasts own team of screensavers

by Captain Ian Stock
Wing Public Affairs

They're not doctors. They're not celebrities on TechTV. Nor are they insect exterminators. But you might want them to call them a "SWAT" team for 8 Wing/CFB Trenton computers.

"One of our primary jobs is to kill computer viruses and worms here at the base," explains MCpl Pierre Gagnon, team leader of IT Servicing at WTISS and chief "bug killer".

"With the recent spate of viruses and worms, including SoBig, Blaster and Nachi, our people have been literally working like a SWAT team."

Gagnon has the often daunting task of overseeing the smooth operation and maintenance of more than 2,500 computer workstations here at the Base.

8 Wing/CFB Trenton was not immune to the effects of the recent Internet slow down caused by wide-spread virus attacks,

some of which crippled systems at Air Canada, Microsoft and many other corporations.

"It really hit us on our Group Net Internet computers (those with Internet access) and forced 8 Wing to go without Internet access for several days," adds MCpl Al Woelders of WTISS Projects, and another member of the bug killing team.

"We basically have to drop everything we're doing at WTISS and devote everything we've got to clear our computers and networks of these insidious bugs. It took a lot of full days to get things back up and running."

On a normal day, WTISS Help Desk is busy servicing clients on a priority basis for day-to-day problems, but when a major "outbreak" occurs, the team must get together as a "SWAT" team and kick into action to rid the system of bugs.

"People are generally very understanding if we can't address their regular computer problems right away," says

Gagnon. "But we have to move quickly to get together as a team and clean up the infections before they get worse. We then have to play a lot of catch-up with our regular work and client concerns once we're done with the bug."

How do computers at the Wing get infected with viruses and worms?

"We have the same causes here as people have on their home computers: people forgetting to update and run their anti-virus programs; people opening suspicious e-mail attachments; people adding illegal software and hardware. You name it, people are doing it," explains Cpl Doug Austin from WTISS Networking and "star bug buster".

"But we're not here to blame anyone, we're just here to remind people to be vigilant and to call us to fix their problems when they need us."

One of the more surprising infections can be caused by simply keeping the preview pane open on your Microsoft



Photo: Capt. Ian Stock, 8 Wing Public Affairs

8 Wing/CFB Trenton's own "SWAT" team battle computer bugs and viruses: (l to r): Cpl Doug Austin, MCpl Pierre Gagnon and MCpl Al Woelders from WTISS.

Outlook program.

"Keeping the preview pane open is a major no-no," says Woelders. "It can unleash an html-based virus without the user doing anything and could create havoc with your workstation, and even the entire network. We ask people to please disable the preview function. If you don't know how, please call

us."

"Two weeks ago when we got hit, we were able to trace the initial infections here at 8 Wing from the Internet proxy servers in Ottawa," explains Woelders.

"These servers can track every Internet location users visit in the course of their surfing here at 8 Wing. We're not in the business of witch-hunting but users should be aware that their every move on the Internet here on base can be traced back in Ottawa. But it helps us pinpoint where infections may originate from."

The team's "dragon slayer" against the recent virus attacks was a program called "Stinger."

"It was a lifesaver for many people as it detected the infections and, in most cases, removed them safely without causing major damages," says Gagnon. "It saved a lot of computers and data."

The rest of the team lauded Cpl Austin for his efforts during the "campaign against the bug."

"He really worked hard and went beyond the call of duty to bring us back online as quickly as possible," says Gagnon.

"Organizations like the pharmacy at the Wing hospital rely heavily on their Internet connection to do business and Doug worked like crazy to bring them back online."

"It's no big deal for me," says a blushing

Austin. "I'm just doing my job like the rest of the team."

"We're in the business of helping people," explains Woelders. "But often we need their help too by being vigilant and by using their workstations wisely and within the rules set out by the Department of National Defence. Regardless, people can call us anytime for their workplace computer needs."

WTISS Help Desk can be reached at ext 3781 .or via the Intranet at this address: www.trenton.mil.ca/wtiss.

Tips for Safe Computing

1. Keep your anti-virus signatures updated regularly (weekly)
2. Run your anti-virus program often (set schedule to run weekly)
3. Don't open suspicious e-mail attachments
4. Turn off your preview pane on your Outlook
5. Stick to business only Internet surfing at work
6. Don't use peer-to-peer downloading programs at work
7. Don't add unauthorized software, including games, or hardware to your workstation
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Recreation Director prepares for Bosnia deployment

by Laurie McVicar
Assistant Editor

During her 20-year career in the military, Judi Christopherson never faced a deployment. Now, as a civilian, she is preparing to leave on a six-month tour in Bosnia...one that she applied for.

Christopherson will be taking over the position of Operations Manager, a job similar to that of a PSP Manager's. She will be responsible for fitness, sports, recreation, special events, equipment and resources and travel.

"(I applied) for the excitement and the challenge of the job. Having spent 20 years in the military and posted from base to base, I used to really enjoy moving on and experiencing fresh locations and new challenges," said Christopherson. "As a PSP employee, I have been here (at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton) for six years and I thought, what a unique opportunity to go over to a country such

as Bosnia and work in a different environment. You know what they say, a change is as good as a rest."

Before her deployment, Christopherson took part in a two-week selection and orientation camp in St. Jean, Quebec.



Judi Christopherson

"Part of the training included mine awareness and nuclear, biological and chemical warfare. We received training specific to the different aspects of the job as well," said Christopherson.

Camp participants were also given the chance to experience what the conditions would be like in their new workplace.

"A typical work day for the two weeks of training started at 0730 and finished at 2200 or 2300 hrs. We had 15 hour days in preparation for the long days we're going to have (in Bosnia)," said Christopherson. "Our living conditions were also not the greatest. We weren't living in the lap of luxury in St. Jean. We slept three to a room, which was meant to challenge us and see if we could all get along." A critical task, according to Christopherson.

"In theatre you can't get away from the people you are working with. You're with them 24/7 for the entire six months. You wake up beside them, you work with them all day long, and then at the end of the day you go home with them. It's not like here

where you jump in your car and drive to another city. You're in a confined camp," said Christopherson. "If you can't work as a team, it's going to make your deployment more stressful for everybody who comes in contact with you. It's important to remember that we're there to serve the military (members)."

Christopherson noted that PSP staff who are fortunate enough to work in theatre gain a greater appreciation for their military counterparts.

"This is a one time deployment for us PSP folks, but these military people do it much more often. They're leaving behind families," said Christopherson. "(By being deployed) we have a greater understanding of what they go through. We're there to do all we can for

them. Here we do morale and welfare programs for people under ideal conditions. Over there, the need intensifies. I look forward to be able to provide the military with great, innovative programs."

Although Christopherson will be stationed at Camp Zgon with the battle group, she is required to visit PSP employees at the remaining five camps, including Bihac where fitness instructor Jen Lecuyer from 8 Wing/CFB Trenton has been stationed since July. Christopherson has already made connections with some of her campmates - members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, who were recently at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton on a training mission.

"I saw a few (military personnel) down at Bain

Park and I actually stopped and introduced myself and told them I was going over on September 13. They've already given me orders to try and find TVs and VCRs," joked Christopherson.

When she's not putting in long hours as Operations Manager, Christopherson hopes for the opportunity to travel.

"I won't be coming back to Canada for my Home Leave Travel Assistance (HLTA)," said Christopherson. "I'd like to possibly visit either Italy or Greece, depending on the temperature of those countries. I want somewhere hot and sunny."

While she is in theatre, Fitness and Sports Director Manny Raspberry will be taking over Christopherson's position as Recreation Director.

Hungarian soldiers join Canadian Task Force

Captain Holly Apostoliuk
Task Force Bosnia-Herzegovina

A platoon from the Hungarian Defence Force joined the Canadian National Support Element of Operation Palladium effective September 1st 2003, and were officially welcomed into the unit in a flag-raising parade September 9 at Camp Black Bear in Velika Kladusa, Bosnia.

Colonel Gillespie, Commander of Task Force Bosnia-Herzegovina officially welcomed the soldiers, and Colonel Krnak of the Hungarian Defence Force (HDF) signed over operational control of the soldiers to Lieutenant-Colonel Davis, Commanding Officer of the National Support Element.

On six-month rotations, the platoon will provide HDF vehicle drivers, transport vehicles and equipment, maintenance support and personnel to serve with the Canadian Forces in Bosnia in exchange for CF training for Hungarian Defence

Force students in Canada. "This program presents an excellent opportunity for our soldiers to learn from another force and another culture," said Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Davis, Commanding Officer of the National Support Element for Rotation 12. "We welcome the Hungarian soldiers and will ensure they feel welcome within our team."

This new relationship will present some challenges, such as working with language differences, the introduction of different equipment, and managing differences in operating procedures. These concerns were addressed in a fact-finding mission that took place in June, and one of the outcomes is that HDF members employed as drivers will have to have a good command of the English language.

More than 1,200 Canadian Forces personnel are currently deployed in Bosnia on Operation Palladium, Canada's contribution to the NATO-led peace support mission in the Balkans. Rotation 13 of the mission will begin in October.



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Les programmes mis sur pied au cours de la Deuxième Guerre mondiale comprennent les salles de lecture, les tournées de spectacles, les services éducationnels, et les cantines avec ou sans alcool, le tout offert aux matelots,

équipages aériens et soldats canadiens, tant au Canada qu'à l'étranger.

« Notre soutien principal des troupes depuis cette date jusqu'en 1996 consistait à fournir de la lecture à partir d'un dépôt central de livres » explique Pat Varga, présidente du comité des relations publiques à la Direction nationale à Ottawa.

Aujourd'hui, compte tenu des changements affectant l'infrastructure des FC et de la prise en charge par l'Agence de soutien du personnel des FC (ASPFC) de la prestation du soutien, la

Légion a une fois de plus offert de prêter son concours.

Depuis l'an 2000, la Légion fournit des fonds à l'ASPFC afin de soutenir les champions de sports des FC, les programmes annuels de mérite sportif, les tournées de spectacles, et l'Opération Père Noël. La légion appuie également les activités du jour du Souvenir des

équipes de la Marche de Nimègue qui se rendent aux Pays-Bas chaque année.

« Ces initiatives sont financées par les frais d'adhésion des membres de la Légion » explique Mme Varga. « Elles n'obtiennent aucun financement de la campagne annuelle du coquelicot. »

« L'Opération Père Noël est un merveilleux programme pour tous. Chaque membre des FC en déploiement reçoit un cadeau de la Légion à Noël. Nous souhaitons que les membres des FC sachent que nous les tenons à cœur. »

Le comité des adhésions de la Légion

investit également dans les FC, en affectant « environ 12 000 \$ sur une base annuelle à la publicité dans les journaux de base afin de montrer aux membres les divers aspects de notre soutien. » explique le président des adhésions de la Légion, Wilf Edmond. « Nous nous impliquons car les membres de la Légion tiennent à ce que les membres des FC jouissent de notre soutien, quelles que soient leurs circonstances. Mais, nous nous fions à eux pour nous aider également. »

De nombreuses modifications à la loi sur les anciens combattants, amorcées par la Légion, notamment l'admissibilité des membres des FC à une prestation d'invalidité pendant qu'ils sont encore en service actif dans les FC, ont une incidence directe

sur le personnel d'aujourd'hui. Les membres des FC peuvent assurer leur adhésion soit à titre de membre d'une filiale de la Légion, soit à titre de membre personnel. Ce faisant, ils appuient les programmes qui ont soutenu leur prédécesseurs et leurs contemporains.

« Nous avons la ferme intention d'affecter la totalité de nos fonds à des programmes qui visent à soutenir le moral des membres des FC en dépit de leur retour » explique Mme Varga. « Ils se sacrifient pour protéger notre liberté et notre mode de vie. Ils méritent autant de notre part. »

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Welcome to the Contact Newspaper's Community Events page! Thanks to the generosity of Trenton's Centre Theatre, we can now feature (space permitting) public service announcements, community events and help promote non-profit and charitable organizations in the Quinte area. Fax us at 965-7490 or email to leblanc.al@forces.gc.ca, at least 10 days prior to your event. Call 392-2811 Ext. 7005 for more information.

What Every Babysitter Should Know!

Trenton St. John Ambulance is offering a one day babysitting course for youth 12 to 16 years of age.

What Every Babysitter Should Know teaches babysitters how to prevent injuries, provide basic first aid and how to get help in an emergency. It also provides information on nutrition, creative and educational recreation activities.

With this course you can apply for ANY babysitting job...and get a cool certificate too!



Date: Saturday, October 25, 2003

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Place: Dufferin Centre, 344 Dufferin Ave., Trenton

Cost: \$30 (includes books, certificates & tax)

To register, call 394-2990

ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADET CORPS TRENT

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Cours d'écriture administrative en anglais

Pour qui: Tout étudiant désirant réviser et maintenir ses acquis à l'écrit de niveau EEE ou CCC

Durée: 30 heures ou 60 heures

Préalable: EEE, CCC ou combinaison de E ou C, ex. ECC, ECE, CCE, etc

Objectif: Maintenir le niveau E ou C à l'écrit

Format: Semi-intensif 5 jours/semaine de 13h00 à 16h00 (15 heures/sem)

Date d'échéance : Aucune, quand nous aurons assez de candidats

Description: Ce cours est pour les militaires qui ont un profil linguistique très élevé. Il vise à maintenir les acquis à l'écrit et à améliorer l'habileté du militaire à écrire des rapports, lettres, note de service, etc. dans sa langue seconde, l'anglais. Il n'y a pas de test à la fin de ce cours.

French Admin Writing Course

Whom: Every student who wishes to review and maintain his or her EEE or CCC level in writing.

Length: 30 or 60 hrs courses

Prerequisites: EEE, CCC or a combination of both, (ECC, ECE, CCE, etc)

Goal: Maintain the E or C level in writing

Format: Semi-intensive 5 days/week from 13:00 to 16:00 (15 hrs/week)

Deadlines: None, when enough candidates register

Description: This course is for military with a very high linguistic profile. The goal is to maintain and improve your ability to write reports, letters, memos, etc in your second language, French. There is no test at the end of the course.

Visit the website for the registration form
Visitez notre site Internet pour le formulaire d'inscription
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Volunteers needed!

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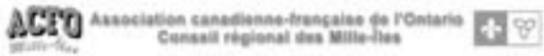
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Trenton & District Big Brothers and Big Sisters need eight volunteer Big Sisters to be matched to a girl aged 7-12. Big Sisters are women over 19 who are available approximately three hours a week for a minimum of one year. If you think you are ready for the rewarding experience of being a Big Sister, please call 394-3472.

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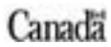
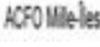
18 septembre: 19h à 21h30, Prince Edward Collegiate, 41 rue Barker, Picton

20 septembre: 9h30 à midi, Bibliothèque municipale, 223, rue Pinnacle, Belleville

9 octobre: 19h à 21h30, École Marc Garneau, 83 Marmora, Trenton

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COME ONE, COME ALL!

The 8 Wing Trenton Ceramic Club has once again opened its doors. There will be a Meet and Greet at 2 Rivers Drive (the PMQ beside the Siskin Centre) on Sunday, September 14 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Come and meet the executive members who will be running your club this year. Open to all military members, military dependents and civilians over the age of 12. For more info, call Kelly Hudson, president - 394-6066 or Chris Myers, vice president - 394-6945.

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RESPs at a glance...

(NC)—There is still some confusion about the Canadian Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) program and how it works. Here is a big-picture overview:

- Parents, grandparents, godparents, uncles and aunts or anyone else can create and contribute to a child's RESP.

- The federal government's Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG) program adds 20% to your RESP contributions to a maximum of \$400 per year, per child, until the child reaches age 17.

- The maximum lifetime CESG payment is \$7,200 per child.

- Contributions from all sources for a child's RESP are subject to a maximum of \$4,000 per year, per child, to a lifetime maximum of \$42,000 per child.

- Contributions aren't tax-deductible, but investment income and gains generated within the RESP are allowed to grow on a tax-deferred basis.

- When RESP funds are used for post-secondary education costs, the income portion earned will be included in your child's taxable income. As students, your children will probably not have much other income and will be eligible for the tuition and education tax credits so they may pay little or no tax.

- Contributions can be made for as long as 21 years. The plan can exist for as long as 25 years.

- If your child doesn't pursue post-secondary studies, the income and growth can be rolled over tax-free into your RRSP or a spousal RRSP, provided that contribution room is available. The CESG portion of the funds must be returned to the government.

The real estate question: How much is too much?

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Garth Turner

He's the chief economist at one of the country's big banks, and for holding that position gets a corner office in the clouds over the corner of King and Bay. But like most economists, he is completely absorbed by the day-to-day activities of all those little people on the sidewalk far below, watching where they spend their money and tuning in to their dreams and fears.

"It is absolutely remarkable," he said to me last week. "We have run the numbers a dozen times, and they point to the same thing - a total disconnect."

He's talking about real estate, and the "disconnect" is between what's been a weak, sputtering, jobless economy, and a housing market that just will not quit. In July, resales were up a stunning 14.5 per cent across the country. In August, housing starts once again topped the magical annual number of 200,000. In June, housing permits surged more than 4 per cent, and the pace continued into August. And now it's September, and the hordes of buyers are again trolling desirable neighbourhoods, looking to pounce.

The common practice among hip urban realtors these days is to take a listing, let people tromp through for two or three days, and

then allow offers to come in for presentation. It's a deliberate attempt to set up an auction-like environment, which forces anxious buyers to pony up their very best, all-or-nothing offer, or risk losing the bidding war in its first, early, grisly, violent moments. And it works.

These days we have the highest average price for residential real estate in the

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country's history. In places like Vancouver and Toronto, \$200,000 will buy a lot without a house on it, miles and miles away from the downtown core. In chi-chi places like Chester or Whistler, it is routine to see millions being spent in a heartbeat on unique vacation properties. A financial buddy of mine recently put down \$1.1 million for a fixer-upper in mid-town Toronto which will take \$700,000 and a few months to render habitable.

This is the "disconnect" the economist was speaking of. At a time when Canadians are getting into more mortgage debt than ever in history, the economy

has been barely growing, job creation has gone into reverse, the national unemployment rate has topped 8 per cent for the first time in two years, and we have been sideswiped by SARS, mad cow, wild fires and a continental power blackout.

Why is this happening? Why are people doing arm-to-arm combat for the privilege of buying a home for tens, sometimes hundreds, of thousands more than the sellers are asking?

The first reason, of course, is the cost of money. Mortgages have been ridiculously cheap now for a couple of years, and the Bank of Canada has just finished erasing the hasty

rate hikes it brought in last Spring. The prime rate is back down to just 4.5 per cent at the chartered banks, and below-prime, variable rate mortgages are widely available in the 3 per cent range.

That means houses can get more expensive and mortgages can get bigger, and yet monthly affordability is hardly impacted. The good news is, these cheapo rates are going to last quite a long time - certainly well into 2004. Yes, that means variable is still the way to go.

The second reason for the real estate renaissance is more emotional than logical. Most Canadians apparently believe that no matter

how expensive housing gets, it is still safe and secure. They are still scared by the volatile stock market, soured at the lousy returns their once-darling mutual funds are paying, and disgusted at the amount of interest flowing in from GICs, bonds or bank deposits. Financial advisors are in ill repute these days, while corporate leaders are suspect and stockbrokers considered crooked.

Because most people think they understand real estate, and because most of their parents made decent money through this one single investment, then they consider it sacred. No risk. A no brainer. This is precisely why the vacancy rate is going up and why a lot of landlords are desperate - it is actually cheaper to buy a home these days than to rent an apartment.

How long are these disconnect conditions likely to last? Probably a few more months - perhaps most of a year. Rates will be low and prices will continue to edge higher. But it is all going to turn later in 2004, when the price of money starts to edge relentlessly higher and the American economy swings into top gear. The stock market and mutual funds will regain their sparkle, and a bunch of people will wake up to the reality they owe hideous amounts of money on houses they bought at a premium.

Of course, it happened before. It's just that we don't remember.

Garth Turner's *Investment Television* airs nationally, Sundays, on the *Global TV* network.

How to save for that downpayment faster

(NC)—For many first-time homebuyers, the thought of saving a substantial amount of money for a downpayment can seem overwhelming. But there are several ways to make a downpayment a lot easier and have you into your new home faster than you'd ever imagined. So, here are a few tips on how to get your downpayment together:

Invest in yourself first.

No doubt you think that paying your monthly bills is an important financial commitment. And like many people, you may also consider savings or investments to be purely optional. However, if you can commit yourself to paying everyone else, you can make the same commitment to yourself. Set up a savings or investment plan and start making payments to it, just as you do for your

other creditors.

Re-organize your finances and you may find the money you need.

Often, finding extra money for savings is as easy as reorganizing your budget. Managing your money a little differently, perhaps by consolidating your debts, can sometimes free up the extra money you need.

Consider tapping into your RRSPs.

RRSPs are a good way to secure your financial future while enjoying tax benefits today. Certain buyers may qualify for the government-approved CIBC RRSP Home Buyers Plan that allows you to use your RRSP savings toward the purchase of a home. If eligible, you and your spouse may withdraw up to \$20,000 each from funds that have been in your RRSPs for at least 90 days. The

funds aren't taxed as long as you repay the total amount to your RRSP over the next 15 years. Your payments don't have to start until the second year after the initial withdrawal.

Use GICS to help you save.

GICs offer you competitive rates of return and offer a safe, secure way to grow your savings. For flexibility, you can choose from a variety of terms. Choose non-cashable GICs and you won't be tempted to dip into your savings.

Mutual funds.

Saving for a home doesn't mean you have to put your retirement planning on hold. Lower-risk savings mutual funds are great for achieving short term goals like saving for a downpayment, while other funds can offer higher returns for a longer-term investment.

National Firefighters Week honours 1,000s of firefighters and volunteers who battled forest blazes this summer

"Incredible Bravery and Perseverance" lauded by Canada's Fire Chiefs

OTTAWA, ON – More than 4,000 firefighters who battled over 850 separate fires in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario from June through August are being designated for special recognition during National Firefighters Week in Canada, September 7-13.

"Every single man and woman who served in the fight against these fires is a Canadian hero," said Ken Kelly, President of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC), and

Chief of the Yarmouth, NS Fire Department. "Every person who risks his life and health in fighting a fire deserves the gratitude of every Canadian, but the combined effort of these thousands of forest firefighters prevented what could have been the biggest natural disaster in Canadian history."

While fires wiped out several thousand hectares of forest, and hundreds of homes and businesses – most particularly in southern British Columbia – the damage

and loss of life could have been significantly worse, if it had not been for the valiant efforts of both professional and volunteer fire service person-

nel. Where fire service resources were stretched to their limits, profes-

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sional firefighters from other provinces came in

these devastating blazes," said Chief Kelly. "But they disregarded their own hardship to fight for the safety and possessions of others. Our hats and helmets are definitely off to them."

National Firefighters Week was established by the CAFC in 2002, to pay tribute to the thousands of men and women across Canada who have chosen firefighting as a profession, or as an avocation for volunteers in smaller communities. The second week in September, incorporating

the 11th day of the month, was chosen by CAFC to perpetually honour the 344 New York area fire service personnel who lost their

lives in response to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001.

"There are many people who have high-risk jobs in the service of the public good," Chief Kelly continued. "These include police, armed forces and peacekeeping troops, Red Cross workers, emergency response personnel, paramedics, the entire medical profession who deal with contagious diseases... it's a long list, and everyone should be commended for what they do."

"But in so many cases, the firefighter is the first person on the scene at fires, poison gas incidents, accidents, violent disputes, rescue operations, and retrieval of bodies. The bravery that is demonstrated in the face of such stress and challenge is awe-inspiring, every day."

"On behalf of all Canadians, we the Chiefs salute our firefighters. And this year especially, those who served in saving our forests, and our homes."

Fire departments across the country are encouraged by the CAFC to ensure that their fire service personnel acknowledge National Fire Fighters Week in their own way. Chief Kelly has also requested all CAFC members to send messages of thanks and best wishes to their counterparts in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario.

Averting 'unexpected energization'



Submitted by
**Doug Bird, Deputy
Wing General Safety
Officer**

Lockout/Tagout procedures are intended to provide employees with protection from "the unexpected energization, start-up, or release of stored energy, while performing servicing and/or maintenance operations."

Those operations might include installation, set-up, inspection, adjustment, repair, replacement, construction, modification, and maintenance and/or servicing of machines or equipment. Lubrication, cleaning, unjamming, and adjustments or tool changes, during which workers could be exposed to unexpected energizing/start-up of equipment, or release of hazardous energy, is also included under the standard.

Lockout refers to placing a lock on any device to ensure that energy can't be released while it is being serviced. Tagout means placing a tag on a switch or shutoff device to alert people the machinery or equipment cannot be turned on. Workers will sometimes

lockout and tagout a system and start maintenance procedures without first trying to activate the system to see if any potential energy remains within it. Remember to try out any system after locking and tagging it out. It could save your life.

OSHA's LOTO standard contains a "minor servicing exception," which means routine and repetitive activities, such as tool changes and adjustments that are necessary to the production process, are permitted without the need to lock or tag out that equipment. However, alternative measures, which might include remote oilers or special servicing tools, must be used to protect employees from exposure to hazardous energy sources.

Four kinds of energy pose risks when released without warning:

Electrical energy can include everything from electrical power from a wall socket to batteries or storage capacitors.

Potential energy may be stored in hydraulic/pneumatic systems, springs, pressure vessels and gasoline tanks.

Kinetic or mechanical energy is the energy of moving parts.

Thermal energy is heat resulting from mechanical operation, chemical reaction, electrical resistance or radiation.

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September 14 - September 20

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will have a much better handle on your professional goals on the 14th, 15th and 16th. Take the ideas that you have been working on and elaborate on your concept. It may not be the right time for presentation. Don't turn down an opportunity to get out and enjoy a community event on the 17th and 18th. It could lead to an interesting and informative encounter. Romance is evident. You are likely to test the patience of the people you live with on the 19th and 20th. Not everyone has to do what you do. Give everyone a break — including yourself. Nothing has to be done immediately.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The chance to meet new people looks promising on the 14th, 15th and 16th. Love relationships will develop if you are single and, if not, you can win points with the one you are involved with. Shopping will be satisfying but don't spend money just to impress someone. Take care of important matters before deciding to take on new projects or socializing on the 17th and 18th. Responsibilities due to an aged or disabled relative will develop. You may feel like mothering everyone around you on the 19th and 20th, but being a friend and a good listener is all that will be required.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be far too restless to take it easy on the 14th, 15th and 16th. Research will help you stay ahead of the game professionally. Don't spread yourself too thin but be sure to clear any mess that you've left. Your changing attitude may cause some upset for the people around you on the 17th and 18th. Patience and stability will be the answer. Avoid discussing your thoughts and intentions. The possibility of investing in something you are interested in will lead to a proposal on the 19th and 20th. Open your home to group meetings that will contribute to putting some of your ideas into motion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Opportunities to meet new people will develop on the 14th, 15th and 16th if you actively pursue one of your interests. You will be able to share thoughts and pick up information. Be a contributor and participate in a community event that will benefit the environment. Make some adjustments to your living arrangements on the 17th and 18th. Doing something special with family will bring positive results. You may find it difficult to see things clearly at an emotional level on the 19th and 20th. Don't overreact, but rather, calm down, take care of your own needs, and don't worry so much about what others think.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be walking on thin ice on the 14th, 15th and 16th if you don't leave well enough alone. Don't let your emotions interfere with your goals. Take a look at the changes you need to make. Your powerful, outgoing persona will get you everything you want on the 17th and 18th. Be humble. Leadership will be yours if you relate to others on their level. Focus on what you can do on the 19th and 20th, not on what appears to be impossible. Changes are apparent regarding your financial situation. Dealing with an authority figure may be frustrating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attend a seminar on the 14th, 15th and 16th that will help you better understand how you can get ahead. A friend will help you change your mind about your current direction. Take a chance. Your business savvy will pay off. You could make a very big mistake on the 17th and 18th if you miscalculate the cost of something or promise more than you can deliver. You may have trouble understanding the reason someone wants you to do something. Don't sign up for too many things on the 19th and 20th, but you can make a difference if you volunteer your time to something you feel strongly about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financial maneuvers can help you get a handle on your money situation on the 14th, 15th and 16th. Work out a budget so that you can put extra cash into a retirement fund. Don't let your own insecurity stand in your way on the 17th and 18th. Being vocal will allow you to meet someone who sparks more than just a business interest. Mix travel, business and pleasure. Stop being so hard on yourself on the 19th and 20th. Your nerves may be frazzled if you let everyone around you wear you down. Plan activities with people that you feel comfortable with. Stick up for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Romantic encounters are evident on the 14th, 15th and 16th. If you can harness your imagination, a very auspicious turn of events is likely to take place. Attend entertaining events. Money matters will be the focus on the 17th and 18th, so proceed with caution. Terminate any project that has had trouble getting off the ground. Look at the possibilities before you make your move. You will be the mastermind behind something very important on the 19th and 20th. Speak your mind and take part in anything that concerns you. Unleash your creative spirit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may want to make some changes in your lifestyle and daily routines on the 14th, 15th and 16th. Poor eating habits and a lack of exercise will lead to illness. Emotional matters should be put on the back burner. You will be able to put a unique slant on any matter that arises on the 17th and 18th. Don't get in over your head or you may have to answer to either a personal or professional partner. Do your research. Loss is likely on the 19th and 20th if you leave things lying around. The dynamics of your living arrangements may change, which could be the push you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Social events on the 14th, 15th and 16th should include enrichment of your mind, body and soul. Sudden romantic adventures are likely to develop. Travel in an effort to learn valuable information. You can instigate changes in your professional direction on the 17th and 18th that will result in financial gains. Lasting partnerships will develop through work. You may appear to be impulsive on the 19th and 20th, but nothing could be farther from the truth. You will know a good deal when you see it. Don't let anyone hold you back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Expect someone to cause a bit of a riff on the 14th, 15th and 16th that could result in a change of plans. Listen to this person's plea for help. You can find a good alternative. The way you do things will make a difference on the 17th and 18th. Don't hesitate to observe some of the younger people around you. Their influence will spark a multitude of great possibilities. If you have been putting your mind to good use on the 19th and 20th, you probably have a project that could lead to extra cash. This is a perfect time to expand or develop your ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will captivate the imagination of others on the 14th, 15th and 16th through your vision and perception. Opposition will be there, but you will prevail. Love connections can be made or new friendships developed. Partnerships may be on shaky ground on the 17th and 18th. Poor advice may result if you depend on close friends or family to understand the way you feel. Follow your heart and don't worry about what others think. Don't sit around waiting for a phone call on the 19th and 20th. Make plans to get out and have some fun. If you do things you enjoy, you will meet someone who will make a great friend.



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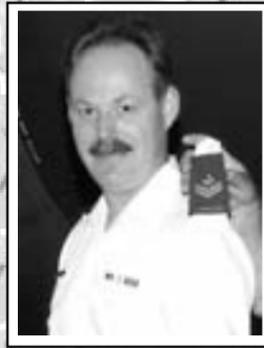
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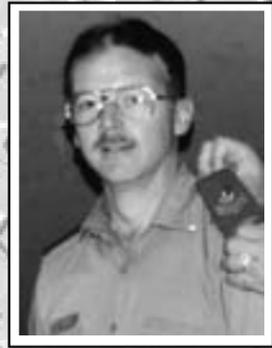
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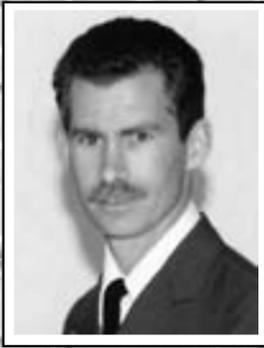
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Selling Your Home: Part Three--The Listing Agreement

by David Weir BA,CD

As mentioned in Part Two of this series, your home is normally the largest investment you will ever sell. Therefore, it makes sense to educate yourself as to the most effective manner in

which to sell your residence.

All of the articles in this series, as well as a series regarding "Buying a Home", can be obtained via the Internet at www.quinterealty.com, or by contacting the author as mentioned below. In this third part of a four

part series, I will discuss the contract between you and your realtor - also known as the Listing Agreement.

The Listing Agreement (LA) is a contract between the homeowner and the real estate brokerage to sell the home. The broker, in turn, authorizes his Sales Representatives (realtors) to sell the home. Chances are you will never meet the broker but, instead, you will deal directly with the realtor.

The LA performs three basic functions. First, it establishes the agency relationship between the broker

and the homeowner. Most importantly, it outlines the limits within which the broker may act. For example, it states how long the contract between the broker and homeowner will last. Secondly, it provides the details of your home. These details provide other realtors and prospective buyers with information that will assist them in determining if your property is what they are looking for. For example, is the garage attached or detached? These details are particularly important to a Multiple Listing Service (MLS) listing because the buyer's realtor may work for another company and may not have ever seen your home. Finally, the LA provides the framework for an initial offer from a prospective buyer. For example, when an offer is submitted the legal description and list of items to be included with the property will be based on the LA. Proofread carefully!

From these three basic functions the form itself takes shape. The LA form is usually comprised of a number of components. Some of these include:

The contract between the owner and the broker. This is where the specifics of the contract are indicated. For example, the amount of commission payable is spelled out, the street address of the property is noted, the effective date of the listing, and, of course, appropriate signatures, witnesses, and copies to all signatories are needed.

The details of the property. Specifically, the size and number of rooms, directions to the property, lot and house size, easements, encroachments, things to be left with or taken from the house at the time of sale (fix-

tures and chattels), your preferred possession date, and perhaps most importantly, any other remarks. This is the easy-to-read narrative part of the form and quite often the first thing prospective buyers look at. Hook them here!

As a sub-component of the details portion of the LA, many real estate boards are asking homeowners to complete what is commonly known as a Vendor Property Information Statement (VPIS). Quite often this is a check the box style document that the homeowner completes and signs. With this form, the homeowner is disclosing anything he/she may be aware of, but may not be readily apparent to the potential buyer. For example, is the lot subject to flooding, are there any easements over the property, are there any structural problems with the home etc? Quite often homeowners are reluctant to complete the VPIS. Keep in mind, if this form is not completed, a potential buyer may be wary of making an offer. Furthermore, if an offer does come forward, it could be conditional on you completing a VPIS that is satisfactory to the buyer. Completing this form may also prevent you from being sued later, in that the new owner cannot claim he/she was not made aware of an actual/potential problem with the property.

The final component of the LA is the Mortgage Verification Form. This allows the broker to confirm the mortgage details, if there is indeed a mortgage on the property. Buyers may be more interested in your property if there are attrac-

tive terms or rates on the existing mortgage. For example, the mortgage is assumable and it is at a good interest rate. You may also wish to port this mortgage to your next residence - if that is permitted by your lending institution.

The LA has many additional components and sub-components to those listed above. However, given the space available, only the important major components have been discussed here. The thing to remember is to read and understand what you are signing. This is particularly critical in the contract and VPIS portion of the LA.

With this third installment of the series completed, you will have a better idea of what is involved in the hiring of a realtor and with the nuances of a Listing Agreement. The next and final edition of the series will discuss "Dealing with an Offer". This part of selling your home is often the most stressful for the homeowner. Those of you who continue to educate yourself in what to expect in the sales cycle will suffer less stress and be able to remain more calm throughout the process.

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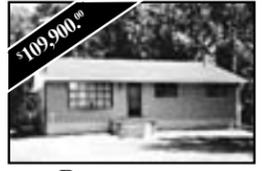


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