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## Bisons bid farewell to Colours at Stand-down Ceremony

by Laurie McVicar  
Assistant Editor

"There's pathetic fallacy when you have the weather in agreement with the sadness of the particular moment," remarked Lieutenant General Steve Lucas, Chief of the Air Staff, during a rain-soaked ceremony on July 8 marking the disbandment of 429 Transport Squadron.

Acting as presiding officer, the CAS also served as witness to the final chapter of a long and prosperous history for this squadron.

"The battle honours proudly displayed are representative of the significant level of personal sacrifice and dedication in service to our great country; characteristics that have become steadfast over the years,"

stated LGen Lucas, after recounting the birth of 429 Squadron.

The squadron was first formed on 7 November 1942 as a bomber squadron at Yorkshire, England. After two disbandments – once in 1946 and again in 1971 – the Squadron's responsibilities shifted in 1972 from transport to training after it became part of the Canadian Forces Air Navigation School (CFANS) Flying Squadron and the Instrument Check Pilot (ICP) School. In 1981, 429 returned to the transport community after a reorganization of Air Command, and moved to Trenton 10 years later.

"Although the missions and tasks for 429 have changed over the years, the dedication, professionalism

and teamwork displayed by the men and women of the Bison Squadron continue to be exemplary, ensuring the Squadron's continual success," said the CAS. "Even though we are disbanding 429 Squadron today, its legacy will continue through the legacy of our war veterans, the generations of air navigators and instrument check pilots trained at the Squadron, the men and women who were recipients of the Squadron's sustainment support, former challengers of Bulls Eye, Cross Check and Rodeo competitions."

The majority of personnel from 429 (T) Squadron have been folded into 436 Squadron, while others will lend their expertise to Canadian Forces

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Photo: Cpl Jean-Francois Neron, 8 Wing Imaging

Commanding Officer of 429 (T) Squadron, Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Hood, lead the Squadron Colour Party toward the Royal Canadian Air Force Memorial Museum in Trenton on July 8 during the 429 (T) Squadron Laying Up of the Colours Ceremony.

### MGEN LANGTON VISITS



Photo: Bob Payette, PSP Manager

MGen Doug Langton, CEO of Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency (CFPSA) paid a visit to 8 Wing/CFB Trenton on July 7 and 8, touring such sites as the MFRC daycare, the Gymnasium, Recplex and CANEX. Pictured above with MGen Langton is Cheryl Rothenburg, Health Promotion Director. Please see page 10 for more coverage.

## A word from the Wing Commander

It is that time of year again when many of you are departing 8 Wing/CFB Trenton for new paths, and when I take a moment to reflect on the fine work that the men and women of 8 Wing have accomplished here in recent months. Much has been happening and I will take a moment to recount some of the recent highlights as examples of the great work done by base personnel.

Life has been busy with several high profile visits that could not have been successfully carried-off without support from many units across the base. The Chief of the Defence Staff, General R.J. Hillier, gave a highly informative presentation to base personnel and

local reserve units during his town hall in April, where he presented his exciting vision for the CF. His Royal Highness, the Earl of Wessex flew into 8 Wing and spent a night in our historic Officers' Mess in June. Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada and Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces depended on the people of 8 Wing to arrive safely in Eastern Ontario in order to visit a local school. In addition, we have had numerous visits by other senior officials such as the Chief of the Air Staff, Chief Executive Officer of CFPSA and the Deputy Commander of Canadian NORAD Region.

These well-planned and executed visits have re-enforced the standard of excellence that has come to be expected of 8 Wing.

As part of Air Force and CF transformation efforts, many important changes have taken place recently to which we have all had to adjust. These have included the grand opening of our new, outstanding combined medical and dental facility, the consolidation of 429 and 436 Transport Squadrons and the upcoming opening of the CF Aerospace Warfare Center. Both 412 Transport Squadron and ATESS have had Change of Command Parades, with LCol Dagenais and Allen joining the command team. Other units such as 8 ACCS

and 424 Transport and Rescue Squadron are also expected to see a change in senior leaders before the summer finishes.

This new fiscal year has also brought with it a renewed determination to advance base rejuvenation. As can be seen around the base, we have been able to make tremendous progress in improving facilities and doing long-overdue maintenance. Although this is certainly a great thing to see happen, it has also put tremendous stress on our base workforce in WCE, Wing Telecom and many other base support organization as they race to make these projects occur while dealing with ongoing commitments –

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# Stand-down ceremony for Bisons, Cont'd from P. 1

Transformation.

"The consolidation of personnel and resources of select squadrons is one of the initial steps in air force transformation," stated LGen Lucas. "As the result of downsizing over the past decade, our operational squadrons are not as robust as they once were. In addition to addressing this 'hollow squadron' issue, today's ceremony will free up personnel with crucial command and operational experience who will be the foundation of the recently announced Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre.

"Following the layup of 429 Squadron Colours, I encourage you to support the challenge of rebuilding capability not only within the transport community but across the Air Force - providing the capacity to deliver air power to a more integrated and transformed Canadian Forces."

Among those who will be assisting with the transformation is 429 Squadron Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Mike Hood.

During an interview with the press prior to Friday's ceremony, LCol Hood noted he will always consider his time with the Squadron as the highlight of his career.

"The Squadron has taken this challenge as its members have taken every other challenge since 1942 - with professionalism. We'll all be sad to see the Bison colours laid up in the museum, but certainly most people will take away pride in their hard work and dedication," he stated. "Our proudest accomplishment is that we met all the demands that were placed upon us safely and effectively and continue to do so."

"429 has also been fortunate to have had a long line of great COs that provided the vision and leadership to make the Squadron a unit to be proud of," stated Colonel Andre Deschamps, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton during his address. "In the tactical transport community we are fortunate that the personnel within these units have represented Canada so well on



Photo: Cpl Jean-Francois Neron, 8 Wing Imaging

**Commanding Officer of 429 (T) Squadron LCol Mike Hood entrusts the 429 Squadron Colours to the Royal Canadian Air Force Memorial Museum. Present are Col Andre Deschamps, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, the Chief of the Air Staff LGen Steve Lucas and the Chairman of the Board of the RCAF Memorial Museum Mr Joseph Bourgeois.**



Photo: Cpl David Cribb, 8 Wing Imaging

**Col Andre Deschamps, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton, presents LCol Mike Hood, Commanding Officer of 429 Squadron, with the last crest of 429 Squadron.**

the long list of domestic and international operations. 429 Squadron certainly did its share of those hard and thankless missions in often hostile and tense situations.

LCol Hood, you've led this Squadron through some very tough times in the past two years and I'm sure you weren't expecting to be the individual who would have to hang up the Squadron's Colours. However, I can't think of a better person to have led the Squadron through these turbulent, demanding times."

Col Deschamps pointed out that 429 (T) Squadron has proven itself time and time again with its ability to finish the task at hand.

"To all the past and present members of the squadron, you can be very proud to have been part of such a tremendous Air Force unit. The squadron will close its doors today



Photo: Cpl David Cribb, 8 Wing Imaging

**LCol Mike Hood, Commanding Officer of 429 Squadron, presents Mrs Gloria Hewson with the Squadron stand-down gift. Gloria was named the anchor of the Squadron, and was it's longest serving member with over 12 years service to the squadron.**

at the top of its game and we'll be able to point with pride to the fact that during their time at this wing they flew tens of thousands of hours on the C-130, accomplished all their missions and, best of all, they've done so with-

out suffering any losses - a truly enviable record for any flying squadron. I'm sure that this pause in the long history of the squadron will only be just that...a pause. Therefore I will not say farewell, but see you later."

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## Is it the heat or the humidity?

by WO PJ Davis  
A3 Met

Actually, it's both. For the unwary, the combination of high heat and humidity can have serious health effects. However, when armed with correct information and by following established guidelines, we can still work and play safely outdoors.

Since the oppressively hot weather settled in over the region, the Wing weather office has fielded an increasing number of inquiries regarding heat stress and the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT). The WBGT is the recognized method by which heat stress conditions outdoors are determined.

Although A3 Met is a ready source for most weather-related questions, we do not monitor or provide any information regarding the WBGT.

Some confusion has arisen due to the fact that a

wet bulb temperature is reported by A3 Met and can be found on the 8 Wing weather page. This wet bulb differs significantly from WBGT readings, as it is not related to heat stress, and cannot be used to determine water intake and work/rest cycles for Wing personnel. The WBGT is a specialized instrument which combines air temperature, humidity, air flow and radiant heat to measure the risk of heat stress disorders. The wet bulb temperature reported by A3 is derived from a simple thermometer measuring the temperature that the air would have at 100 per cent humidity, and is used to determine the probability of precipitation, cloud formation or fog.

A Humidex value is also reported on the weather page. Humidex is only an estimation of the degree of discomfort a person might experience due to high heat

and humidity. Humidex is different from and not interchangeable with WBGT. Therefore Humidex values cannot be used to determine work/rest cycles.

WBGT readings are reported by the Wing PMed section only, and can be obtained by calling local 2527. Guidance regarding the WBGT index, along with related water intake and work/rest cycles, can be found in Wing Standing Order 1.08.

Additional information concerning WBGT and Humidex is available by visiting the following websites: Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, accessed at [http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys\\_agents/humidex.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys_agents/humidex.html), and Environment Canada - Frequently Asked Questions, can be accessed at [http://weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/main-menu/faq\\_e.html](http://weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/main-menu/faq_e.html).

## Cadets return to 8 Wing

by Lt Steven Dieter  
Public Affairs Officer  
TACSTC

The descent of approximately 700 air cadets on 8 Wing/CFB Trenton and the Trenton Air Cadet Summer Training Centre (TACSTC) marked the beginning of the summer training season.

By the end of the summer, close to 2,000 air cadets will be trained and supported by close to 200 senior cadets, civilian instructors, and military members. Most of the military members are officers of the Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC).

Grey skies and the threat of rainy weather could not dampen the personal pride evident on the faces of each graduate staff cadet on the afternoon of Friday, July 8. As dignitaries, families, friends and training centre staff watched, staff cadets took part in the opening highlight for the TACSTC for 2005: the graduation from the Pre-Employment Course (PEC).

The course is mandatory for all senior cadets who

wish to work at TACSTC. Under the leadership of Major Michael Campbell, the Officer Commanding the PEC, staff members conducted the lessons and instructed the cadets throughout the eight-day program.

The Reviewing Officer for the parade was Lieutenant-Colonel Marcel Parisien, Deputy Regional Cadet Officer for Regional Cadet Support Unit (Central) based at CFB Borden.

In total, 92 Staff Cadets received their promotions and appointments for the summer training season. Staff Cadet David McLean

of Mississauga was appointed Cadet Training Centre Warrant Officer First Class. The Cadet from 845 Avro Arrow Squadron was most recently a graduate of the Air Cadet Senior Leaders Course in Cold Lake, Alberta in 2004.

During the week-long course, the senior cadets were trained in supervision, motivation, problem solving, stress management, and conflict resolution. Cadets promoted to any of the 11 senior positions in the Training Centre had to apply for the positions, and then go through a series of interviews and a selection board.



Photo: Lt Josh Bambrough, TACSTC  
Staff Cadet David McLean (centre) receives the rank of WO1 and appointment as TACSTC Chief Warrant Officer from LCol Jacquie Pepper (left), CO of TACSTC, and MWO Real Comeau (right), the TACSTC Warrant Officer.

## Search & Rescue UPDATE



A total of six missions were flown by members of 424 Squadron in the past week.

Our first tasking was to search for two overdue kayakers near Bruce Peninsula. After briefly combing the shore, the pair was found safe and sound camping on shore. A Coast Guard vessel communicated with the kayakers while the Herc turned around for home. Returning from the mission, our Herc was tasked to investigate two ELT signals in the vicinity of Midland and Oshawa. Nothing further was heard at either location.

Another mission involved a night ELT search near Muskoka. After illuminating the area with flares, the signal was pinpointed as coming from a hangar near Kilcoo Camp on Gull Lake. The RCMP was dispatched to the location and our Herc returned home.

The next mission tasked involved returning to Kilcoo Camp for the same ELT signal. Nothing additional was spotted from the air, and a CASARA crew was tasked to investigate further.

An overdue canoe with three persons on board was the object of the next search in Pottohawk. Our Cormorant crew located the canoe, and a SAR-Tech was inserted to check on the occupants, all in good physical condition.

The week's final mission was a search for an overdue canoe with three persons on board in the Saullit region of northern Quebec, just off the Hudson Strait. The canoe was located capsized and empty, and the search continues for the occupants.

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## Editor

The Contact Office will be closed from July 18-August 1 for summer vacation.

Please note, there will be no papers for these two weeks. We will reopen on August 2.

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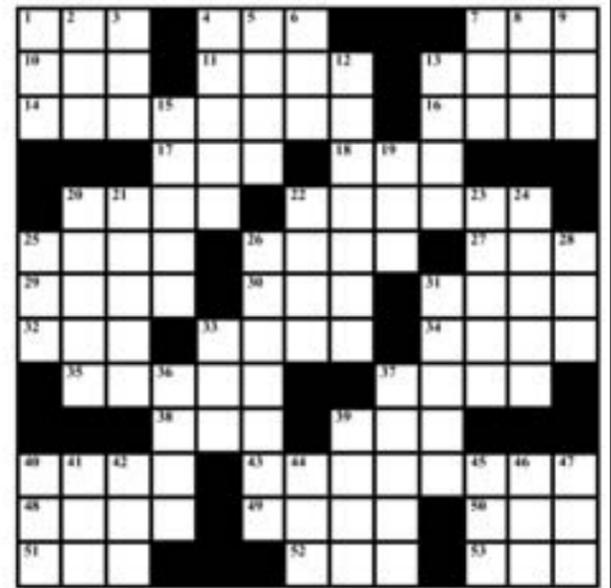
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## This Week in Contact

1975 - The new Base Exchange store and Expressmart opened on Wednesday, July 9. There was a huge crowd in attendance to see this long-awaited complex. At 1000 hours, after a short address by the Base Commander, Colonel J.C. Henry, the store was officially opened when Mary Martin of Base Community Services cut the ribbon.

1985 - Canada Day 1985 was very special for approximately 1,000 Trentonians. His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, on the last leg of his first official tour of Canada, honoured CFB Trenton with a short visit. After the 21-gun salute and the Royal Salute, HRH inspected the Honour Guard, accompanied by Colonel G.R.J. King, Base Commander, and Captain Ken Usher, Honour Guard Commander.

1995 - Colonel Marc Dumais took Command of Canada's largest Air Force wing on Friday, July 7. He replaced Col Barry Krall, who has been Wing Commander since August 6, 1993. "Commanding such a large operational air base is an honour and a privilege," said Col Dumais. "I'll be proud to lead this base which has a global operational mandate. Crews from 8 Wing have repeatedly met the challenge of numerous and often concurrent major airlift operations and their professionalism continues to enhance the reputation of CFB Trenton."

**Created by Lt J. H. MacDonald,  
Compiled by Laurie McVicar.**



# LCol Shaw bids adieu during Change of Command

by Laurie McVicar  
Assistant Editor

Personnel of the Aerospace and Telecommunications Engineering Support Squadron bid farewell to their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Kirk Shaw, on July 8 and welcomed the first-ever woman to command the Squadron-- Lieutenant-Colonel Frances Allen.

During a ceremony presided over by Brigadier-General T.F.J. Leversedge, Squadron members presented LCol Shaw with a three-wheel golf cart to improve his game, a Colour Party decked out in hockey gear in honour of his passion for the game, and other memorabilia to remind him of his time spent with ATESS.

LCol Shaw will be assuming the Project Manager responsibilities in Ottawa for the procurement of up to 15 Fixed Wing SAR air-

craft, which will replace the older Hercules and Buffalo platforms currently being used for this role.

Following a brief acknowledgement of the rich history of ATESS, BGen Leversedge commented on the importance of a change of command ceremony.

"It is a very important tradition that we need to honour and recognize. It signals the passing of a torch from one commanding officer to another," he stated. "It is vital that the commanding officer illuminate the way. He or she is there to provide vision, provide advice and guidance and, if they are wise and sage, to point the direction and to know when it's time to stand back and let the people of the unit get on with the job. We have today two examples of two outstanding leaders. Both have had extensive command experience. For them both, it's a combination of a sad day

for one and a very happy day for the other.

LCol Kirk Shaw, I thank you for your superb leadership. If I'm absolutely candid, I don't feel sorry for you; it's time for you to move on. You've had the benefit of two commanding officer experiences back to back. I wish you fair winds and good luck as you navigate between the shoals and reefs of project management."

Referring to LCol Allen, BGen stated, "I won't wish you good luck. You don't need it. You've proven that you are ready for this challenge, so therefore I charge you with the welfare of your personnel and the maintenance of that tradition of excellence through your leadership.

To the men and women of ATESS, I say well done on your accomplishments to date."

In his speech, LCol Shaw proudly expanded on the numerous

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From left: Incoming ATESS Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Frances Allen, Brigadier General T.F.J. Leversedge and outgoing CO LCol Kirk Shaw.

achievements attained by his unit, including:

- Re-establishment of maintenance analysis capabilities which have already saved the Crown millions of dollars in streamlined CH-124 Sea King and CP-140A Arcturus maintenance;

- Renewal of Aerospace Engineering and Maintenance contract with industry as well as major service level agreements with the Director General Aerospace Equipment Program Management;

- Development of innovative techniques that were credited for discovering serious cracks in the F-18s;

- Installation of an electro-optical infra red system on an Aurora;

- Revitalization of Aircraft Recovery and Salvage Support capability that was successfully tested during the tragic Snowbird crash last December.

- Employment of Radar Process and Display System in all

military air traffic control towers, providing unparalleled operational enhancements while saving the Crown more than \$20 million.

- Development of the Mission Management Application, which is now enhancing flight mission proficiencies for flying squadrons and is being considered for Australian and Turkish forces.

"I could go on and on," said LCol Shaw. "There are currently 314 such projects underway at ATESS and the Squadron's unique integration of military, public servant and contract personnel is enabling these products to be delivered for at least 25 per cent less than the industry average.

It has always amazed me how the Lord has allowed me to be surrounded by such a strong team of work associates and supportive friends.

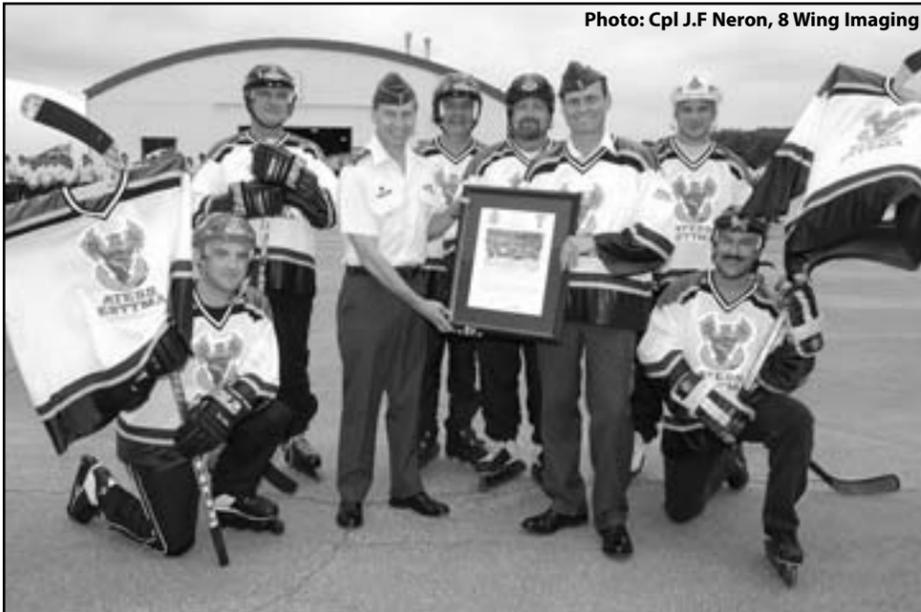
Those who know me best know I am just an average Maritimer from

Nova Scotia who is simply out of his lake when one considers the immense skills of my peers, some of them whom are here today. I thank God for the incredibly opportunity to work with each one of you. In Air Force operations, nothing flies without support."

His dedication to his job and his people did not go unnoticed in a speech given by LCol Allen.

"LCol Shaw, the enthusiasm, the passion you have for this job was so clear to me in the hand-over we had this week. You have done an outstanding job here. The individual excellence that exists within this Squadron is due largely to the channeling that you've done along a common vector for all the work being done here. You've left me with very big shoes to fill. Thankfully I have a size 11 foot, so I have a chance of doing it," she quipped.

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The "Colour Party", aided by BGen Leversedge, present LCol Shaw with some parting gifts during the Change of Command parade on July 8.

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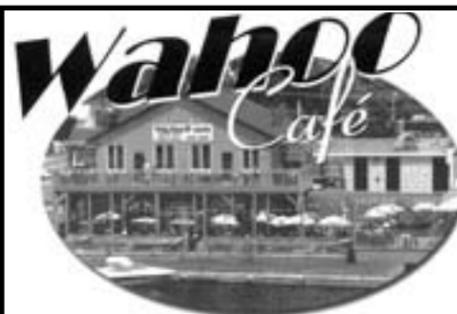
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# Fast times at the Bank of Canada

## it's your Money



Garth Turner

The Bank of Canada has had a tough few days. First, the loonie's been on a tear, adding more than 2 per cent to its value in less than a week. And a high dollar is not something the boys who look after our monetary policy want, because it makes exports more expensive and kills jobs.

Then there is the pace of job creation which, dare we say it, is almost too fast. Yes, jobs are good, but the economy is expanding at a faster pace than the central bank would like, since in the wake of a boom there is usually a bust. And, hey, speaking of boom, the pointy-headed ones in Ottawa are also worried about the real estate market, where values have been taking on the characteristics of mushrooms at midnight. The bankers are getting fairly desperate to slow things down lest the bubble burst, to mix a few metaphors.

And then there are the attacks in London, and the hurricanes threatening Gulf of Mexico oil supplies. The price of

energy is already at a level high enough to threaten global growth, while a renewed wave of terror in Europe or North America is enough to send icy fingers down the spine of every central banker.

Remember the response of the American Federal Reserve after September 11th? Sure you do - it was to slash interest rates by almost two full percentage points, giving a massive injection to the staggering U.S. economy. That truly saved America's bacon. And it is precisely why the Fed has been raising interest rates relentlessly now for months. After all, if rates are not restored to a more normal level, then they cannot be slashed again as an anti-terrorism measure should disaster befall the States again.

So, there is a lot on the minds of our Bank of Canada crew, which is led by career civil servant and gravelly-voiced bureaucrat David Dodge. This week they had to weigh what to do with rates, and

opted to do nothing, but none of us should read much into it, because the cost of money is going to go up. 100 per cent guaranteed. Count on it.

Today's prime rate of 4.25 per cent, the bank knows, is too low. It is fuelling the unhealthy over-feeding of the real estate market and keeping too much money out of equities. Lines of credit in the 4 per cent or 5 per cent range are also encouraging consumers to gorge on plasma televisions, while the carmakers are moving vehicles with gas giveaways and free financing. In other words, and as the bank likes to say, our monetary policy is too accommodating. And it will change.

The wild card is the dollar, because when interest rates rise, it encourages more money to flow into Canada where it can get a better rate of return, and that plumps the currency. Another factor is the federal government's recent budget, passed with the backing of the NDP, and which adds about \$5 billion in new spending. The central bankers know that when the feds open the big wallet again, there will be new pressures on the system, with inflation - and rates - likely to rise as a result.

So, what does this mean for we peasants

below? Simply that you need to keep an eye on your debt level, and financing costs. If you are the proud owner of a honking big mortgage on a house you bought with basically nothing down, then you might want to consider locking in. There's a lot of 5-year money around these days at not much more than the prime rate. That is one great deal.

If you have floating debt, like a personal line of credit, then be prepared for the cost to creep higher - with the prime increasing as much as a full point within the next year. If you use that line for investment purposes, then, of course, you don't care - since all the interest is tax-deductible. But if you used the money for a trip to the island, or to renovate the kitchen, then this will be considerably more painful.

Finally, we all have to realize that today's environment of 3 and 4 per cent interest rates is not normal, and will not last. Over the last 20 years, rates have averaged closer to 10 per cent. In 1992 my mortgage was at 14 per cent. In 1975, it was 12 per cent. Just imagine what those numbers would do to the real estate market today.

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# Fitness, Sports & Recreation

## Treadmill column upsets reader



Laurie McVicar

### Confessions from the Gym

I always welcome and encourage comments about this column - whether they are good or bad. Here's what one reader had to say in regard to "The Treadmill of Horrors" column which ran in the July 1st issue of The Contact.

I read your article in the paper about the treadmills and I am very upset about this.

I think that if there is one thing that the military needs is a boost in their physical activity. Take a look at them for one second - people who at least say, "I will go on the treadmill." Now you put an article like this in the paper to tell them that this is dangerous. I know that you

mean well by saying go get some air, but how many overweight people want to go outside and run in front of others? Seriously, how many?

You are mainly giving these people another excuse on why they shouldn't be exercising. I understand your point of view is a point of view, but if there are (and I know there has to be some) people who do listen to what you say, you just effected that person's physical fitness. This is only worsening the problem.

Why not put an article in the paper about the people who NEED to do some physical fitness by showing easy first steps, instead of

telling them that this machine is not good for you cause it's dangerous? You might as well tell these people not to lift the weights cause they might drop on your feet. I'm only voicing my opinion not in bad spirits, but when I read this, this really got to me.

My point is, if someone is willing to pull themselves together and at least try a treadmill then so be it, at least it's a step. Don't take that from them.

I just think there is a better way of expressing the way you feel about fitness than to judge the easiest way out. I think that the treadmill is an easy escape, but it's always a start. If you take the start away from them, then how are they going to start in the first place?

Picture the person who is trying. They don't start outside, they start on the treadmill. When they finally get serious about it, they eventually realize they need

more, so they run outside.

What would happen to the person who thought that the only thing pushing them to the gym was in fact the treadmill. And they read that article. NOW WHAT!

Private Mike Hill

The purpose of my column (and it's been the same since I started writing it two years ago) is to prove that fitness is for everyone.

When I started at the gym, I had just had a child and was unbelievably unfit. I write my articles the way I do to add a lighter side to what can be a very difficult life change for people. It's basically me, the "Average Jane", saying "if I can do it, anyone can."

Those who have read my articles on a consistent basis know that I make all attempts to encourage people to get active and to make full use of the resources and staff at the gym. ~LM~

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— well done to all!

Of course, the operational tempo has remained high and as we get into the posting season the loss of experienced personnel will be keenly felt by all units. When combined with the effort to get folks to enjoy some summer leave, the combined effect does place significant strain on those remaining who do their best to meet all demands. I would ask all base personnel to use an extra ration of patience and tolerance as each base unit does its best to meet customer demands.

Even before summer began the weather became warm and a special word must be said for all those who are working in the heat. It is not easy to undertake important functions such as aircraft maintenance, construction and maintenance projects, and the other numerous outside jobs in hot, humid conditions. However, these functions are vital to the operational role of the Base/Wing and while the work

may seem thankless at times, it has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

After one year in Command of 8 Wing, I am constantly reminded of what a great organization I have the pleasure of commanding. No matter the challenge at hand, I can always rely on the professionalism and dedication of my personnel to get the job done no matter what the circumstances. For those who are leaving us, you can take pride in your contributions to the success of this Wing. On behalf of the Wing Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Don Cheverie and myself, I wish to extend sincere thanks and all the best to all members of the Wing who are departing. To those posted in, I welcome you warmly and hope that your time at 8 Wing / CFB Trenton will be professionally rewarding and personally enjoyable.

Sincerely,  
Colonel Andre Deschamps  
8 Wing/CFB Trenton Commander

## New CEO for CFPSA pays visit to 8 Wing/CFBTrenton

by Laurie McVicar  
Assistant Editor

Less than a year after assuming the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency, Major General Doug Langdon paid a two-day visit to 8 Wing/CFB Trenton on July 7-8.

“He had the opportunity to visit the facilities, say hi to all the staff and get a good taste of the multitude of programs available to military personnel at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton,” said Bob Payette, PSP Manager.

In his capacity as CEO, MGen Langdon visits all CF bases every two years, noted Payette.

“He was very happy with the quality of service and impressed with the upgrades to the facilities,” said Payette.

His itinerary included visits to the Trenton Military Family Resource Centre and Daycare, the RecPlex, The Gym, CANEX, the Health Promotion office, NPF Human Resources, the messes and the RCAF Memorial Museum.

“He was delighted to see the Halifax Bomber project and marveled at how far along it they were,” said Payette.

Since taking over the position in October 2004, MGen Langdon

has gone on record with his opinion that CFPSA's greatest strength is its people and the service they provide.

“When I was appointed, a number of former Base and Wing Commanders talked to me and said they were really pleased with the support they'd received in the field. I am impressed with the expertise of the people within this agency,” he stated in an interview for the CFPSA newsletter, *Apropos*.

MGen Langdon himself comes with an impressive background. A graduate of the University of Waterloo with an Honours BA in Recreation, MGen Langdon joined the CF in 1975, and trained as an Air Navigator. He has held a number of command positions including Commanding Officer of 443 Maritime

Helicopter Squadron and Commander of 5 Wing Goose Bay. In 1999 he was posted to National Defence Headquarters as Chief of Staff, Strategic Planning. Following a six-month National Security Studies Course, he assumed the position of Director of National Defence Secretariat in August 2000. He was later promoted to Brigadier General and appointed Director General Air Force Development and then Director Force Planning and Program Coordination.

“I consider it a privilege to have been appointed by the (Chief of Defence Staff) as CEO of the CFPSA. I'm delighted to be here. I believe I've joined an organization of people who are dedicated to ‘Serving Those Who Serve’,” MGen Langdon stated in *Apropos*.



MGen Langdon stops to speak with a volunteer of the Halifax Restoration Project during his tour of the RCAF Memorial Museum on July 7.

## CF-18 loses piece of luggage pod over Lake Ontario

by Holly Bridges

3 WING BAGOTVILLE – A CF-18 from 3 Wing Bagotville lost a small piece of its luggage pod during a fly-past over Lake Ontario during the Toronto Molson Indy on Sunday, July 10.

The piece dropped into Lake Ontario away from spectators. Members of the Toronto Marine Police quickly and safely recovered the piece. There were no injuries associated with the incident.

Both CF-18s landed safely in Toronto following the fly-past and subsequently returned to their home base. A flight safety investigation will be conducted through the Squadron of Operations to determine the cause of the incident.

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Showcase

# Showcase



LCol W. Lewis, CO 8 AMS, presents 2Lt R. Morris , Sgt D. Murphy , Cpl S. Neville , MCpl L. Plante and Cpl J. Randell with the General Service Medal.



LCol W. Lewis, CO 8 AMS, presents WO B. Shackleton, Sgt T. Shier , MCpl D. Sinclair , Cpl C. Sullivan and Cpl J.Taylor with the General Service Medal.



LCol W. Lewis, CO 8 AMS, presents Maj. G. Ralph , Cpl P. Ritchie , MCpl T. Riutta , Cpl S. Roy and Cpl K. Roy with the General Service Medal.



LCol W. Lewis, CO 8 AMS, presents MCpl D. Thompson , Cpl B. Wareham , Sgt P. Wescott and Cpl M. Wells with the General Service Medal.



**Capt N. Roy** received a gift before her departure from 8AMS, presented by LCol W. Lewis, CO 8 AMS.



**Capt J. Miller** received a gift before her departure from 8AMS, presented by Maj D. Black, 8 AMS.



**MWO G. Foran** received a gift before his departure from 8AMS, presented by CWO G. Lyons, 8 AMS.



**WO J. Savoie** received a promotion to that rank, presented by LCol W. Lewis CO 8AMS, and CWO M. Rodrigues.



**Sgt A. Proulx** received a promotion to that rank, presented by LCol W. Lewis CO 8AMS, and CWO M. Rodrigues.



**Sgt D. Garlick** received a promotion to that rank, presented by LCol W. Lewis CO 8AMS, and CWO M. Rodrigues.



**MCpl R. Best** received a promotion to that rank, presented by LCol W. Lewis CO 8AMS, and CWO M. Rodrigues.



**WO D. Murphy** received a promotion to that rank, presented by LCol W. Lewis CO 8AMS, and CWO M. Rodrigues.

***Congratulations! Félicitations!***



Safety

# HOROSCOPES

ASTRO ADVICE WEEKLY By Eugenia Last

July 17 - July 23

**ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19):** Things are looking up. A surprise will put you in the spotlight and in everyone's good books on the 17th. You will be dynamic on the 18th and 19th and should be able to convince others to pitch in and help you. A partnership may come to a head. Stand your ground — you will win if you are confident. A chance to make a personal change is apparent on the 20th and 21st. A past lover may still own a tiny piece of your heart. Find out what this person is doing. You may both be thinking of one another right now. You will get the recognition you deserve on the 22nd and 23rd for your unique contributions. Love and romance are looking very positive.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20):** Don't get jealous on the 17th if someone you like is too busy doing things with other people. Someone will take advantage of you on the 18th and 19th. Personal relationships may be strained, but don't be afraid or too shy to ask for what's rightfully yours. Collect old debts. Chances are, people aren't going to do things your way on the 20th and 21st. Don't take it to heart — compromise, and you will get favourable results. Overspending on loved ones will be your downfall. Offer your time and guidance instead. If you want something done on the 22nd and 23rd — do it yourself. Family annoyances can be expected. You could end up saying things you'll later regret.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20):** A huge opportunity is in the works on the 17th if you orchestrate the situation to suit your requirements. A partnership will take a favourable turn on the 18th and 19th if you are open and honest about the way you feel. A long-term investment will pay off. Don't put too much emphasis on your bank account on the 20th and 21st. A few little extras that will make your life easier will be well worth the cost. Love is in the stars, and an opportunity to do something appealing is evident. Besides being a little erratic and changing your mind constantly, you will have a fun on the 22nd and 23rd. Love and romance are in a high cycle, but keep in mind that you will be fickle.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22):** A relaxing time spent with a good friend or lover will do you good on the 17th. Don't let the stupidity or incompetence you have to deal with get to you on the 18th and 19th. Expect someone to try to make you look bad or talk behind your back. Innocence and honesty will prevail, making you look even better. You may overspend on something that really isn't necessary on the 20th and 21st. Refrain from taking on too much or giving in to children or loved ones. Fulfill family responsibilities on the 22nd and 23rd. Someone will repay a favour or a debt if you ask for it — don't be shy. Your ideas could turn into some extra cash.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22):** Be a doer, take action and the end result will be love and romance on the 17th. You are definitely in the driver's seat on the 18th and 19th. Be firm and stick to your principles. You can get ahead if you are disciplined and concentrate on exactly what needs to be done. Your serious attitude will surprise everyone, including you on the 20th and 21st. You are re-evaluating your position and your future, and you know it's time to become industrious. A change can be good; look at options. Be honest with yourself regarding relationships. You can't fix anything if you don't recognize the problem. Emotional matters will escalate on the 22nd and 23rd if you don't act fast.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22):** Feeling guilty is a waste of time and energy. Someone you trust will be able to enlighten you on the 17th regarding your present situation. Problems may occur at home on the 18th and 19th if you criticize others or neglect your obligations. Make positive changes to your living arrangements. A new outlook will help alleviate some of the problems you've been facing. Empty promises may leave you confused on the 20th and 21st. Be honest, but don't divulge something that will get you into trouble. Changes regarding your personal life are apparent on the 22nd and 23rd; how you handle the situation will be important. Ignoring existing problems will backfire.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22):** Your ability to intellectualize and still maintain your sense of humour will attract someone's attention on the 17th that will interest you in many ways. Love is looking good. It won't be difficult to get people to listen to what you have to say on the 18th and 19th. Partnerships are looking positive. Travel, communication and romance will be highlighted. Look at the big picture and go after your dreams on the 20th and 21st. You will discover how talented you really are. Advancement can be expected. Put your creative ideas to the test on the 22nd and 23rd. Someone will do you a favour, altering the direction of something you've been working on.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21):** You should be setting up a creative space on the 17th that is conducive to expanding your ideas and taking on projects that will lead to extra cash. You will be professionally powerful on the 18th and 19th so don't miss a beat. Your drive and intensity will attract the right kinds of people. Plant the seed for future opportunities. You may be experiencing a change of heart and desire on the 20th and 21st. Address your motives and issues before you involve the expectations of others. The very people you thought were on your side will opt out on the 22nd and 23rd. Contracts will be important — get everything in writing. Discipline and hard work will pay off.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21):** Get involved in competitive games on the 17th and you will show everyone what you are capable of doing. The action will be around you on the 18th and 19th. If you are quick to act, you will have a following before you know it. Travel for business will bring good results and formulate lasting friendships. Problems dealing with an older relative will crop up on the 20th and 21st. A trip may be necessary. The connections you make while en route or visiting friends or relatives will be long lasting and change your future. Keep your thoughts to yourself on the 21st and 22nd and let everyone else do the talking. Disagreements will lead to bad feelings.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19):** Back off if someone tries to get you to lay cash on the table for an investment or just to borrow on the 17th. Don't let personal issues confuse you on the 18th and 19th. Focus on work. A chance to hook up with someone from your past will help you move in a positive direction. Talks will lead to action. Take special care to watch where you are going on the 20th and 21st. Mistakes can be made if you aren't on top of your game. You'll be tempted to brag and promise things that you probably can't deliver. Deals can go through at the last minute, but expect all sorts of little aggravations in the process on the 22nd and 23rd. Stay calm and combine business with pleasure.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18):** Focus on yourself and doing what you can to develop your inventions and concepts on the 17th. Let love come to you. Honesty will be an issue on the 18th and 19th, especially where partnerships are concerned. It's time to set the record straight and find out where you stand. Getting baggage off your chest will help pave the way to a better future. You will be tempted by someone you are attracted to on the 20th and 21st, but don't let this person fool you. Appearances can be deceiving. Found money is in the picture on the 22nd and 23rd. Winnings, rebates or an old debt being paid back are apparent. Be smart and you can make it grow. Invest in your own unique ideas.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20):** You have to follow your heart and refuse to get caught up in other people's melodramas on the 17th. Forget about what you can't change and work toward accomplishing what you can on the 18th and 19th. Work-related matters must be dealt with efficiently. Someone you work with may be trying to undermine you. Watch your back. There will be plenty of uncertainty surrounding your situation at work or when dealing with institutions on the 20th and 21st. Don't push matters, or you will end up getting a negative response. Bide your time. You will have trouble making up your mind on the 22nd and 23rd, but with a little guidance you can make spectacular changes.

# Swimming pool and hot tub safety



Submitted by  
**Don Heans,**  
Wing General Safety  
Officer

If you have a pool, constant supervision is critical when there are children around.

Make sure the fence will keep out the neighbours' children. Keep your gate locked when the pool is not in use. The height of the fence should be a minimum of five feet and you should use a self-locking gate.

Sliding doors from the house to the pool deck should be locked to avoid having children get

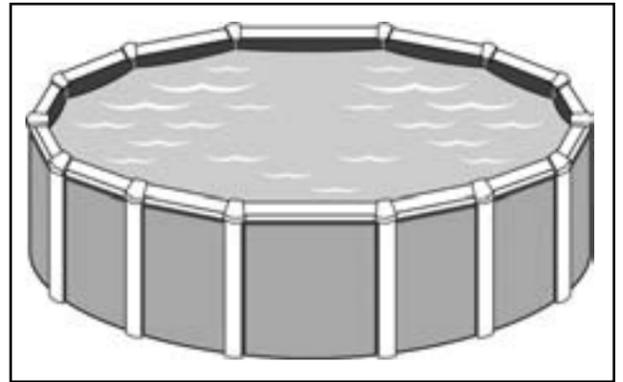
out to the pool area unsupervised.

Consider a pool alarm. These are devices that float in the pool; the rocking motion caused by sudden waves will sound the alarm. This warns you that someone may have fallen in. Remember, an alarm does not prevent children from falling in, it only warns you after the event — don't rely on it.

Avoid running and horseplay on the pool deck. Decks are usually slippery and they are always hard.

Diving boards may be dangerous in certain pools. Many broken necks have been the result of hitting the up-slope of the pool bottom head first. This is also a frequent cause of spinal cord injuries in adolescents and adults.

Pool covers do not



prevent drowning. In fact, children and adults have drowned when they became trapped under the pool cover and could not get out.

Children may drown in pools of water that have collected on top of the pool cover after a rain. When there is a small weight on the cover (such as a small child), the water will collect in the indentation and form a puddle that is deep enough to drown a small child.

Covers for hot tubs should be locked to keep children out.

In a hot tub, close supervision is as important as it is for swimming pools. Very young children should not be allowed into hot tubs. Young children cannot tolerate the heat as well as adults can; serious heat-related illnesses may occur.

Keep pool and hot tub chemicals out of reach of the children and locked in a cabinet.

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# Le premier Aurora doté de détecteurs modernisés

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 GREENWOOD, N.-É. – Le premier CP-140 Aurora à avoir été modernisé avec de nouveaux détecteurs électro-optiques et infrarouges a rejoint la flotte de la 14<sup>e</sup> Escadre Greenwood, suite à l'intégration réussie de cette nouvelle technologie de surveillance de pointe. La Force aérienne a officiellement accepté aujourd'hui l'aéronef modifié par l'entrepreneur Lockheed Martin Canada, à l'issue d'un programme d'essai rigoureux mené conjointement par des membres de l'entreprise et de la Force aérienne.  
 « Cette technologie

de pointe est le résultat de l'engagement de la capacité de surveillance aérienne maritime inscrit dans la nouvelle politique de la défense », a déclaré le ministre de la Défense nationale, Bill Graham. « Les nouveaux détecteurs accroîtront la capacité du Canada dans la poursuite de ses rôles cruciaux de soutien à la sécurité ».  
 « Ce nouveau système constitue, pour les Forces canadiennes, un progrès remarquable en matière de capacité de reconnaissance et de surveillance », ajoute le Général Rick Hillier, Chef d'état-major de la Défense. « En augmentant la distance et l'ex-

attitude auxquelles les équipages aériens peuvent opérer dans toutes les situations, nous améliorerons leur aptitude à s'acquitter de missions complexes au pays et à l'étranger. »  
 Le contrat original de développement des détecteurs électro-optiques et infrarouges L3 Wescam avait été accordé à Lockheed Martin Canada

d'Ottawa à l'été 2003, dans le cadre du programme de modernisation progressive de l'Aurora. L'installation et l'essai des détecteurs consiste en un projet de suivi de 14,5 millions de dollars, qui s'inscrit dans le cadre du contrat original accordé à Lockheed Martin Canada. Il s'agit là d'une solution provisoire jusqu'à l'intégration complète des

détecteurs au système de mission modernisé de l'aéronef, en 2008.  
 Le CP-140 Aurora est le principal aéronef de surveillance stratégique terrestre et maritime aéroportée. Il joue des rôles importants au pays et dans le monde depuis 25 ans. Dernièrement, à l'automne 2004, deux aéronefs de patrouille maritime de ce type ont

été déployés à Sigonella, en Italie, dans le cadre de l'opération Sirius, participation du Canada à l'opération Active Endeavour. Une fois le programme de modernisation terminé, le CP-140 Aurora sera doté de nouvelles normes de capacité et de durée de vie qui lui permettront de demeurer en service jusqu'en 2025 environ.

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"This state-of-the-art technology builds on the new defence policy's pledge for increased maritime aerial surveillance capability," said Defence Minister Bill Graham. "The new sensors will amplify Canada's ability to continue its crucial security support roles."

"This new system affords the Canadian Forces a remarkable improvement in reconnaissance and surveillance capability," said General Rick Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff. "By increasing the range and accuracy at which aircrews can operate in all situations, we expand upon their ability to carry out complex missions at home and abroad."

The original contract for the L3 Wescam electro-optics and infrared sensor systems was awarded to Lockheed Martin Canada of Ottawa in the summer of 2003 as part of the Aurora Incremental Modernization Project. The installation and testing of the sensors is a \$14.5 million follow-on project within the scope of the original contract with Lockheed Martin Canada. It provides an interim solution until the sensors are fully integrated with the aircraft's modernized mission system in 2008.

The CP-140 Aurora is Canada's primary strategic airborne land and sea surveillance aircraft. It has played important roles domestically and internationally for 25 years. Most recently, in the fall of 2004, two CP-140 Aurora maritime patrol aircraft were deployed to Sigonella, Italy, on Operation SIRIUS as Canada's contribution to Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR. The complete Aurora modernization program will bring the aircraft to new capability and longevity standards for continued service until approximately 2025.



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