



NEW AIR DIVISION STANDS UP

On June 25, BGen Rick Pitre (right) was appointed to the historic position of inaugural commander of 2 Canadian Air Division. Chief of Air Staff LGen Angus Watt (left) said that he believes the creation of the new air division will be "the right thing for the Air Force." 2 Can Air Div will assume control of all Air Force training and doctrine, freeing up 1 Can Air Div to focus on operational requirements.

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2 CANADIAN AIR DIVISION STANDS UP

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BGen Rick Pitre assumed command of the Canadian Force's most recent formation, the newly established 2 Canadian Air Division/Air Force Doctrine and Training Division in a formal ceremony at 17 Wing, Winnipeg on Thursday, June 25. The Air Force has embarked on what BGen Pitre calls "a new and exciting chapter in our rich air force history."

Commander 2 Canadian Air Division is now responsible for all Air Force doctrine, individual training and education. In addition to the Canadian Aerospace Warfare Centre located at 8 Wing Trenton, BGen Pitre will oversee the conduct and management of training establishments at: 15 Wing Moose Jaw, 16 Wing Borden, and a new Air Force Training Centre comprising several Air Force schools and training institutions. In addition, he will have oversight of training conducted by the Prairie Cadet Region.

"The creation of 2 Canadian Air Division/Air Force Doctrine and Training Division will regroup the majority of Air Force training, education and lessons learned functions into one formation, which will allow



Members of 17 Wing, 1 Canadian Air Division and the newly formed 2 Canadian Air Division gathered for the Formation Parade at Stevenson Park Parade Square on 25 June 2009. In this photo Brigadier General Rick Pitre salutes the parade.

a better focus on doctrine, training and associated support at this crucial time in our history," said LGen Angus Watt, Chief of the Air Staff, who presided over the ceremony. "The reorganization of existing resources into two formations will allow 1 Canadian Air Division

to enhance its focus on Air Force operations at home and abroad."

The conditions influencing the training environment today present significant challenges and will require a much more focused integration of doctrine, training and education, not only within

the Air Force, but across the whole of the Canadian Forces, according to BGen Pitre.

"Today we need the ability to track and influence an individual's career from the moment he or she steps into the recruiting office... to commencing training," he said. "The tools to make this happen exist. We have them and what we need to do now is to make them work for us in a practical and affordable way."

"The creation of 2 Canadian Air Division is a reflection of CF transformation

initiatives and is all about increased efficiency and effectiveness," said CWO Bill Dalke, Division Chief Warrant Officer. "There will be a distinct benefit to having a Commander whose focus is dedicated to Air Force doctrine and training matters."

The Air Force's ability to be a "learning organization" while continuing to generate forces for operations will be significantly improved through this realignment, which will make effective use of already existing resources. The principle objec-

tive for this transformation is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of training, standards, activity levels and resource allocation.

"We improve through learning, by having agile processes that can adapt to an evolving environment, while remaining true to the core principles," said BGen Pitre. "And therefore it stands that 2 Canadian Air Division must be responsive, forward-thinking, innovative and continuously learning."

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Lieutenant General Angus Watt salutes the march past as the Reviewing Officer. CF Photo by Cpl Levarre McDonald

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

1 CANADIAN FORCES FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL (1 CFFTS)

Capt Jeff Noel
WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Canadian Forces School of Air Navigation (CFANS) has, as of 26 June, officially ceased to exist. Ceased to exist, that is, in the lexicon of the Canadian Air Force.

In its stead has emerged 1 Canadian Forces Flying Training School (1 CFFTS). A new, more robust entity that more accurately reflects the future capabilities graduates of the Air Combat Systems Officers (ACSOs) and Airborne Electronic Sensor Operators (AESOPs) courses will bring to the 21st century battle space.

"This name change is important because it recognizes that the school has been training AESOPs since 2001, but the old name did not reflect that," says Lt-Col T.W. Heuthorst, 1 CFFTS's first Commandant.

The name, first mentioned last November by Lt-Gen W. A. Watt, Chief of the Air Staff, at a Mess Dinner celebrating both the graduation of the last air navigator's course and the 40th Anniversary of the formation of CFANS, has now been approved by the Minister of National Defence and Minister for the Atlantic Gateway, the Honourable Peter MacKay.

With the actual role of ACSOs and AESOPs evolving far beyond their traditional tasks, the 'new' name is meant to better reflect the importance rapid technological advancements and the introduction into the Air Force of new equipment will have on the expanded missions both occupations will perform.

As well as a significant expansion to the curriculum for both occupations, the newly renamed school here will also see the number of students increase annually from its current level of 30 to 80 by 2012.

"1CFFTS brings a common name to all ab initio flying schools as we implement the new Doctrine and Training Division," said Lt-Col Heuthorst.

amid family, friends and invited guests, now Lieutenant Colonel (LCol) Heuthorst signed his name to the a pair of ceremonial scrolls signifying his appointment as Commandant of the school he graduated from some two decades ago.

Seven years after his graduation, he returned to 1 CFFTS as an instructor. During his tenure LCol Heuthorst was instrumental in transforming the focus of Air Navigator training from long-range to tactical. Now he is back as Commandant.



A NEW MAJOR-GENERAL: Major-General Yvan Blondin smiles as his new rank is pinned on by his wife Jinny Lamoureux in a ceremony held in the atrium of 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters in Winnipeg on June 24. MGen Blondin recently assumed the position of Commander of 1 Cdn Air Div/CANR on July 9. SEE STORY ON PAGE 9



An Airborne Electronic Sensor Operator (AESOP) monitors the sensor panel aboard a CH-124 Sea King helicopter. (CF Photo)



A Search and Rescue Navigator with 413 Squadron based out of 14 Wing Greenwood operates the radar inside a CC-130 Hercules aircraft. Photo: Pte Melissa Spence

NAVIGATOR HAS SIGHTS SET ON NEW COMMAND

Capt Jeff Noel
WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It has been twenty-years since then Lieutenant Theo Heuthorst marched proudly across the parade square to be presented with his Air Navigator's wings following his graduation from the 1 Canadian Forces Flying Training School (1 CFFTS).

That sense of accomplishment and pride was front and centre again last Thursday, June 18, when

amid family, friends and invited guests, now Lieutenant Colonel (LCol) Heuthorst signed his name to the a pair of ceremonial scrolls signifying his appointment as Commandant of the school he graduated from some two decades ago.

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"The skills, the knowledge, the compassion that LCol Heuthorst has will serve him well during his time as Commandant," says Colonel Scott Howden, Commanding Officer of 17 Wing. "I can think of no one whom I would entrust with the future of this school than him."

In addition to his duties as Commandant of 1 CFFTS, LCol Heuthorst is also responsible for the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies (CFSAS).

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WING GETS NEW COMMANDER

COL BOILARD BECOMES COMMANDER OF 17 WING WINNIPEG

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Although autumn is considered the season of change, for the men and women of the Canadian Forces, that season occurs in the summer when hundreds of military personnel and their families move to new duty-stations throughout Canada and around the world.

It was no different today as 17 Wing celebrated change once again when Colonel (Col) Yvan Boilard became the Commander of 17 Wing Winnipeg during a ceremony at Stevenson Park Parade Square.

This is the second time Col Boilard has been posted to 17 Wing during his career. He started his military aviation career in 1984 when he graduated from the Canadian Forces Air Navigation School (CFANS) lo-

ated here. Since then he has served tours of duty in such diverse locations as Halifax and Greenwood, N.S.; Ottawa, Ont.; Montgomery, Alabama; and Tampa, Florida.

"It is great to be back in Winnipeg," said Col Boilard. "If it is not the Wing you fall in love with, it's the importance of the mission and the pride of the men and women, who operate, maintain, secure and support the Wing day in and day out. That's what makes it great to be back."

Lieutenant General Marcel Duval, Commander NORAD, presided over the ceremony.

"We are here today to celebrate the departure of one exceptional wing commander, to welcome a new one and to start another new chapter in the rich history of 17 Wing," said Lt-Gen Duval.

Lt-Gen Duval praised Colonel Boilard's capabilities explaining he has been given the chance to excel, once again.

"Your hard work, dedication and many successes have earned you the honour of commanding a wing," Lt-Gen Duval said. "You've earned that sacred trust of the commanders who have given you this opportunity."

Col Boilard was preceded in command by Col Scott Howden who will move on to become the Air Attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

"The Boilard's are immensely qualified to lead you," said Col Howden. "I know you all will give them the same support and dedicated service that you gave to Sharon and I."



(L to R) As Col Howden looks on, Lt-Gen Duval passes the Wing Commander's pennant to Col Boilard. Photo Credit: Cpl B. Gomm

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(L to R) Col Boilard, Lt-Gen Duval, Col Howden sign the official Change of Command scrolls. (CF Photo: Cpl B. Gomm)



Former Wing Commander Col Scott Howden passes the ceremonial Wing Chief Warrant Officer's sword to CWO Sheila Blair on 26 June during the change of appointment ceremony for WCWO. Photo: Cpl Bill Gomm.

NEW CHIEF FOR 17 WING

CWO BLAIR BECOMES NEW WING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

2nd Lt Gregory Kuhn
WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On June 26th, 17 Wing Chief Warrant Officer (WCWO) Glenn Wallace, MMM officially handed over the Wing Chief responsibilities to Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Sheila Blair, MMM at the Change of Command Ceremonies.

This is an honour and

privilege to serve as the new Wing Chief," said WCWO Blair. "I am looking forward to the challenge of this new role brings and working with such superb personnel at 17 Wing."

WCWO Blair enrolled in the Canadian Forces (CF) in 1980, and in the twenty-eight years since her first posting as an airframe technician, there have been very few aircraft in the CF

that WCWO Blair has not worked on. From her early days working on the CF-101 Voodoo and CT-133 Silver Star to later posting at CP-144 Challenger, CP-140/140A Aurora and CH-124 Sea King Squadrons, WCWO Blair's career has taken her across Canada and back.

In her latest role, WCWO Blair moves from being a Squadron CWO at

403 Helicopter Squadron at CFB Gagetown, NB to her current appointment as the new Wing Chief Warrant Officer at 17 Wing.

At last weeks' Wing Commander's Coffee Break, WCWO Blair talked about the importance that the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) plays in the military community and the unique relationship that 17 Wing shares with them.

"The previous command team forged strong ties with the MFRC and the Winnipeg community, and I look forward to the challenge of building on this relationship with the new Wing Commander," said WCWO Blair.

CWO Wallace will be retiring and moving back to Pictou County in Nova Scotia.

"My final job and ap-

pointment as the WCWO at 17 Wing Winnipeg has clearly been the highlight of my career; I owe a great deal of gratitude and respect to the men and women of the Defence Team and I will be forever grateful to the Canadian Forces leadership that had the confidence in my abilities to serve in this capacity," said CWO Wallace as he departed the parade square for the last time.

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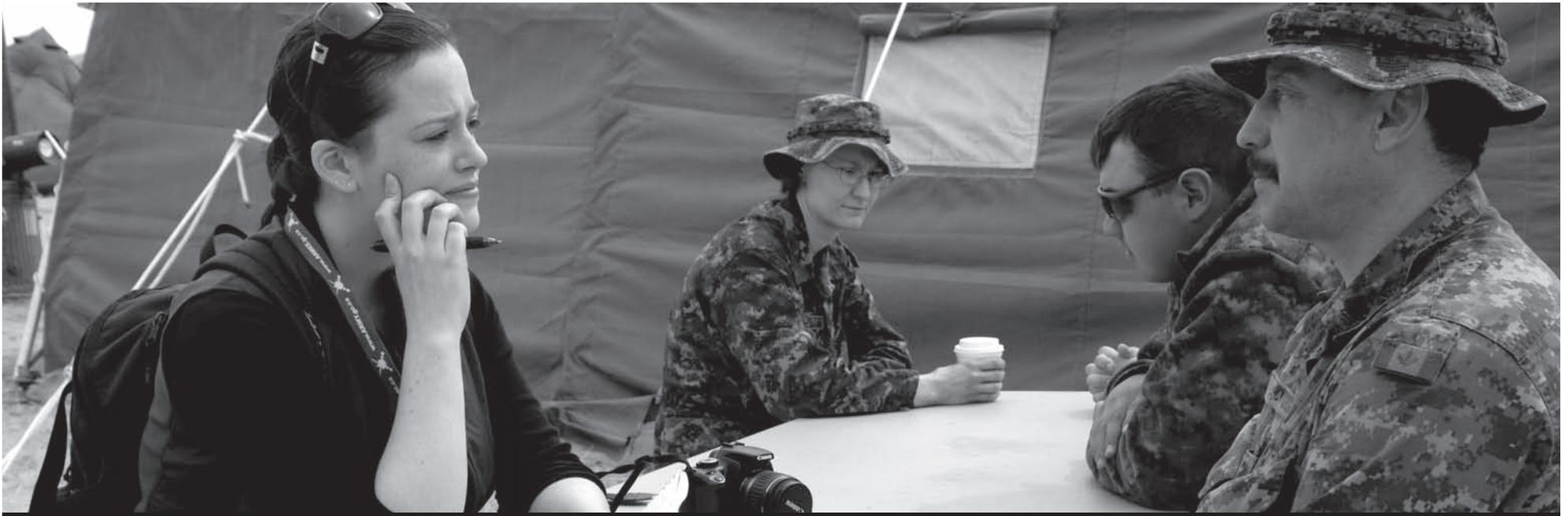
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(from left to right) WCWO Blair, Col Howden, CWO Wallace, sign the Wing Chief Warrant Officer appointment scroll Photo: Cpl B. Gomm



Anna Harrison interviews Master Warrant Officer Dave LeBlanc behind the field kitchen. MWO LeBlanc is the Chief Cook for the exercise and is with 17 (Winnipeg) Service Battalion, while Ms. Harrison a journalism student at Red River College and is participating in the exercise as an embedded reporter. Photo: Corporal Bill Gomm

REPORTING FROM THE FIELD

JOURNALISM STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE WESTERN DEFENDER

Cpl Bill Gomm

PHOTOJOURNALIST WITH 38 CBG

CFB Suffield, Alta. – “Individual Meal Packs” were not top of the list for Emily Baron when reflecting upon the highlights of her embedded journalism experience on Exercise Western Defender. “...they sucked,” she blurted.

38 Canadian Brigade

Group (38 CBG) hired three students from the Creative Communications Program at Red River College to be embedded as journalists during Exercise WESTERN DEFENDER from 2-10 May.

Exercise WESTERN DEFENDER was a joint training exercise with approximately 700 Reserve soldiers from 38 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG), 39

CBG and 41 CBG at Canadian Forces Base Suffield, Alberta.

For Adam Toy, Emily Baron and Anna Harrison it was a rare opportunity to see how the military works, specifically, how Reservists train and live.

“I thought it was really good,” said Mr. Toy. “Going in, I tried to be as open as I could. I really didn’t know a lot about the military and who was in it.”

“I really didn’t have a lot of expectations. But that really changed when I got there. I was able to meet the guys and kind of lift the veil that separates between military and civilian life.”

All three of them started in unfamiliar territory, unsure what was going on and trying to understand what the soldiers were saying.

“In the beginning, I was a little frustrated,” said Ms. Harrison “I wasn’t able to understand the language right away with all the acronyms.”

“I’m not used to not knowing the language.”

But as the days progressed and the students were embedded with a different group each day, they were able to find their own way.

“Everyone is really motivated, professional, friendly, helpful and very sincere,” said Ms. Baron. “They genuinely want to be here. It’s something that they choose to do and something that they work at in their spare time.”

“I was also surprised about how young everyone is; very few people that I talked to were over the age of 25 or 26.”

From being able to stand beside a soldier firing his weapon on the platoon live fire range, wearing two pairs of socks, no showers and the cold, they all had their favourite moments and least favourite moments.

“Riding in the Light Support Vehicle Wheel (LSVW) going down to Medicine

Hat,” said Mr Toy.

“We hit these washboard roads. It’s like two in the morning, I’m trying to get some sleep and I’m shaken from my sleep, waking up and not being able to focus. I couldn’t even make sense of what I was seeing, trying to go back to sleep and be shaken again over and over.”

All three students were glad to have the opportunity to take part in the exercise and were willing to do it again.

“I think I’m a changed woman,” said Ms Baron. “I really had a good time personally and professionally,

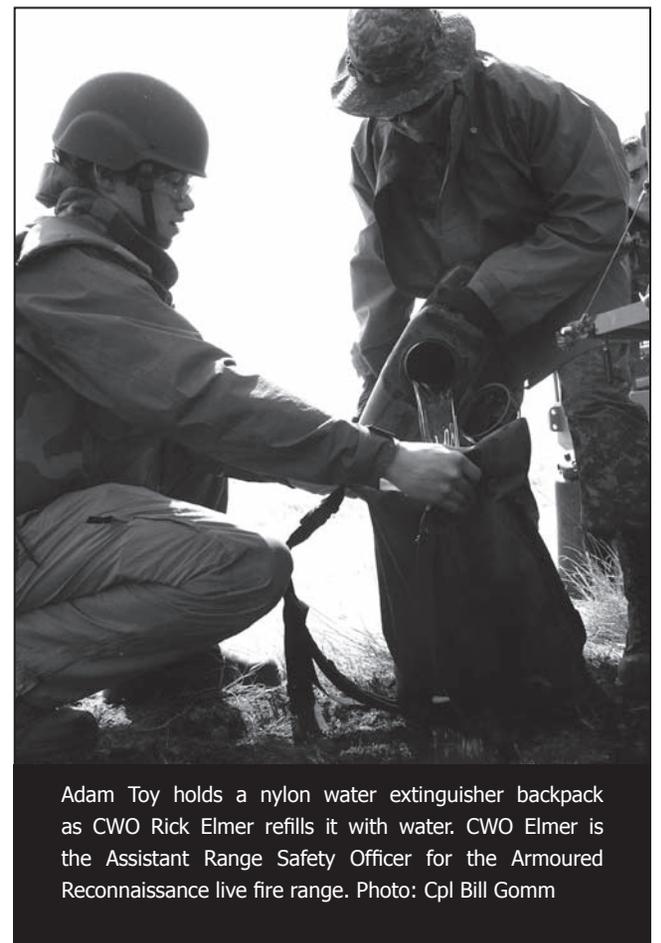
so I would do it again in a heartbeat.”

This has been the second time that 38 CBG has used students as embedded journalists in an exercise. Last year four Creative Communications students took part in Exercise PRAIRIE DEFENDER at Canadian Forces Detachment Dundurn.

“I think it’s a great thing to have the military open to having student journalists come out,” said Ms. Harrison. “I really hope that as much as we have taken from the experience that we were able to help get the guys and girls get a little bit used to media as well.”



Emily Baron types an article about Exercise WESTERN DEFENDER. Ms. Baron was embedded as a student journalist during the exercise. Photo: Cpl Bill Gomm



Adam Toy holds a nylon water extinguisher backpack as CWO Rick Elmer refills it with water. CWO Elmer is the Assistant Range Safety Officer for the Armoured Reconnaissance live fire range. Photo: Cpl Bill Gomm

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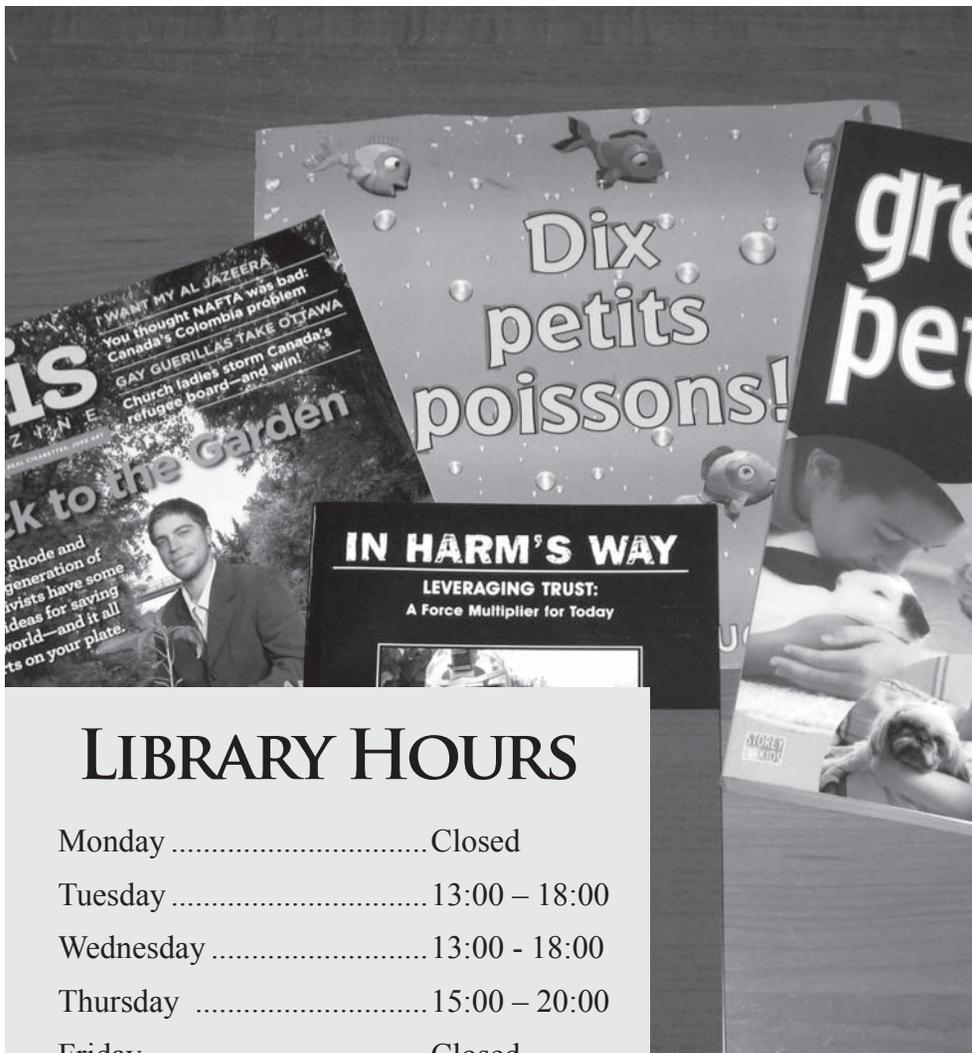
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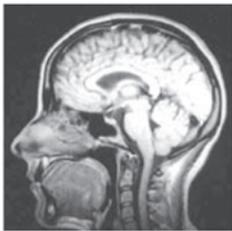
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KENORA, On – “The response has been fantastic,” said Bombardier Lynn Danielson. “Everybody was into it from the get go and have done more than enough to assist in getting things working here, making it the big event that it is today.”

The City of Kenora hosted the Lake of The Woods (LOTW) Canadian Forces (CF) Day 6-7 June at the Harbour front. The event included a parade, static displays from various elements of the CF and local emergency services. In the evening a military ball took place with

civilian participation.

Bdr Danielson from 116 Independent Field Battery helped organize the event.

“The turnout has been fantastic, we’ve been getting phone calls on the event and the Military ball is almost sold out,” said Bdr Danielson.

Also taking part in the parade were members of the Hindenburg Line Unit of the Canadian Army Veterans (CAV) Motorcycle Units.

“It was fun, glad to see all the bands in the parade,” said Barb “Chopper” Manson Road Captain of the Hindenburg Line Unit. “For us it’s a little tough with the motorcycles, keeping them

from being overheated so we decided to do some circles as we rode, but it was a lot of fun.”

After the parade static displays from the CF, Ontario Police Force, Kenora Police Force, Treaty 3 Police, Firefighter and CAV were set up around the Harbour front area.

Some of the more popular events were the face painting, The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment “Kill House” and the firing of the C3 105 mm Howitzer using blank rounds.

“This was a great community outreach event,” said Brigadier General Kelly Woiden, Deputy Commander Land Force Western Area. “A great opportunity for the local citizens to see their soldiers and representation of the Canadian Forces as a whole.”

“We have seen a variety of these events right across LFWA, there big ones such as Op Connection activities but these are just as effective as anything else.”



ABOVE: Members of 38 Canadian Brigade Group Artillery Tactical Group fire a blank round during Canadian Forces Appreciation Day at the Kenora Harbourfront. INSET: Gerald Schaerig and his son Benjamin who are both members of the Canadian Army Veteran Motorcycle Unit, Hindenburg Line, take part in the parade. Photos by Cpl Bill Gomm

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A NEW CAOC AND A NEW COMMANDER

Karen Christiuk & Capt Holly Brown

Canada's Air Force strengthened its operational command and control on July 9 with the official unveiling of the Canadian Combined Aerospace Operations Centre (CAOC), and with Major-General Yvan Blondin assuming command of 1 Canadian Air Division (1 Cdn Air Div), Canadian NORAD Region (CANR), and the Combined Forces Air Component (CFACC) in Winnipeg.

"This is a culmination of about 18 months of work," said Lieutenant-General Marcel Duval, who participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the CAOC as his last official duty as Commander of 1 Cdn Air Div/CANR/CFACC. "Everyone here in this room has put their soul into this."

The CAOC never sleeps and is the operational-level focal point for planning, directing and coordinating all Canadian air operations. It is a sharp indicator that Canada's Air Force is transforming and strengthening itself in order to meet Canada's evolving defence and security requirements. The CAOC is fully interoperable with other NORAD CAOCs, creating a commonality of shared doctrine, processes



The new CAOC was officially opened July 9 by (left to right): LGen Marcel Duval, the outgoing Commander of 1 Cdn Air Div/CANR, LGen Angus Watt, Chief of the Air Staff, Gen Victor E. Renuart Jr., Commander of NORAD and US Northern Command, United States Air Force, and VAdm Bruce Donaldson, Commander of Canada Command. Also shown is (left to right) CWO John Mercer (1 Cdn Air Div/CANR CWO) and Chief Master Sgt William A. Usry (Command Senior Enlisted Leader, NORAD/USNORTHCOM, U.S. Air Force) Photo: Cpl Levarre McDonald

and procedures.

Following the CAOC ribbon-cutting, Vice-Admiral Bruce Donaldson, Commander Canada Command, officiated an additional short ceremony to mark the transfer of command of the Combined Forces Air Component from LGen Marcel Duval to MGen Yvan Blondin.

LGen Angus Watt, Chief of the Air Staff presided over the final ceremony of the day, marking the change of command of 1 Cdn Air

Div to MGen Yvan Blondin. LGen Watt was also assisted by General Victor (Gene) Renuart Jr., Commander of NORAD and U.S. Northern Command, who presided over the passage of command of the Canadian NORAD Region (CANR).

"You've done a great job," noted Gen Renuart, to outgoing commander LGen Duval in a speech he gave during the traditional ceremony, which included a large parade and the music of the Air Command Pipes and Drums. "The Canadian NORAD Region has excelled at every task."

"It has been a tremendous privilege commanding 1 Canadian Air Division

and the Canadian NORAD Region," said LGen Duval. "My time here has provided tremendous opportunities. We significantly increased our Air Force role in Afghanistan, and we have celebrated the Canadian Centennial of Flight, the 50th anniversary of NORAD, and the 85th anniversary of Canada's Air Force. I now have the pleasure of turning over command to an officer with whom I have enjoyed working immensely. I have the utmost confidence he will lead the men and women of 1 Canadian Air Division and Canadian NORAD Region with distinction."

MGen Yvan Blondin has served as Deputy Command-

er Force Generation for the past two years, overseeing all operational-level force generation at 1 Canadian Air Division. LGen Duval will continue to work closely with MGen Yvan Blondin as he takes on a new position as Deputy Commander of NORAD in Colorado Springs, Colo. on July 10.

"I consider it a great honour to be taking command of 1 Canadian Air Division and Canadian NORAD Region," stated MGen Blondin. "The Air Force has implemented a great deal of initiatives under the command of LGen Duval, further establishing the division as a key component in the overall success of the Air Force and of the

Canadian Forces. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and believe that with our excellent personnel and new capabilities we are ensured continued relevance in both the domestic and international theatres of operations."

An experienced CF-18 pilot, MGen Blondin has over 25 years of leadership experience, including Commanding Officer of the Canadian Operational Force in Aviano, Italy, supporting the NATO forces in the former Yugoslavia, Commanding Officer of 425 Tactical Fighter Squadron in Bagotville, and Wing Commander of 3 Wing Bagotville.

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WCWO/PUBLIC SERVICE SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT

29 TEAMS VIE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP IN OVERWHELMINGLY SUCCESSFUL SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT

Submitted by
Chris Merrithew

The annual Wing Chief Warrant Officer's/ Public Service slo-pitch tournament took place on Fri 19 Jun 09 with 29 teams registered for this event.

Due to the overwhelming response, slo-pitch games were played on the Silver Heights diamonds, Boeing diamonds and Bldg 90 diamonds. Teams played slo-pitch throughout the morning and then proceeded to the Bldg 90 parking lot for the barbeque, refreshments

and the opportunity to win numerous prizes.

The "Admin Branch" were chosen as the "Most Spirited Team" in the tournament and the "Toothbrush Teasers" were chosen as the most sportsmanship team. A big thank you is extended to the Human Resource Community, the PSP staff and all its members for their valuable assistance in making this annual event such a huge success. Thanks to all the members who attended and look forward to seeing everyone out next year.



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MCPL AUDET & CPL JOANNETTE



OTTAWA— Two Canadian air crew members and one ISAF soldier were killed when a Canadian CH-146 Griffon helicopter crashed during take-off. The incident occurred at a Forward Operating Base in Tarnak Va Jaldak, Zabul Province, northeast of Kandahar City at around 1:50 p.m., Kandahar time, on 6 July 2009.

Killed in action were MCpl Pat Audet from 430e Escadron tactique d'hélicoptères based at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier and Cpl Martin Joannette from the 3e Bataillon, Royal 22e Régiment based at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier, near Quebec City.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of our fallen comrades during this very difficult time.

CPL CHARLES-PHILLIPE MICHAUD



OTTAWA— A Canadian soldier who recently sustained serious injuries in Afghanistan passed away in a Quebec hospital yesterday. The deceased is Master-Corporal Charles-Philippe Michaud from the 2e Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment based at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier, near Quebec City.

At approximately 9:15 a.m. Kandahar time on June 23, 2009, Master-Corporal Michaud was seriously injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated near his dismounted patrol in Panjwayi District, southwest of Kandahar City.

Master-Corporal Michaud was evacuated by helicopter to the coalition medical facility at Kandahar Airfield and subsequently moved to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre in Germany. He arrived in Quebec City on June 28, 2009 and succumbed to his injuries at approximately 2 p.m. EDT on July 4, 2009 in a Quebec City hospital.

Master-Corporal Michaud was serving as a member of the 2e Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment Battle Group in Kandahar, Afghanistan. This was his third operational tour and second to Afghanistan.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of our fallen comrade during this very difficult time.

CPL NICHOLAS BUGLER



The incident occurred south-west of Kandahar City at around 11:20 a.m., Kandahar time, on 3 July, 2009.

Killed in action was Cpl Nicholas Bulger from the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based in Edmonton.

OTTAWA - One Canadian soldier was killed and five injured when an improvised explosive device detonated near their armoured vehicle during a patrol in the Zhari District.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of our fallen comrade during this very difficult time.

PRIVATE SÉBASTIEN COURCY



One Canadian soldier died while conducting operations in the Panjwayi District. The incident occurred approximately 17 kilometres south-west from Kandahar City at around 6:00 a.m., Kandahar time, on July 16, 2009.

Killed in action was Private Sébastien Courcy from 2nd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment based in Quebec City, Quebec. Pte Courcy was serving as a member of the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment Battle Group.

Pte Courcy was evacuated by helicopter to the Role 3 Multi-National Medical Facility at the Kandahar Airfield.

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Former Wing Commander Scott Howden presents former Health Promotion Director Christa Zappitelli with a Wing Commander's Commendation on 24 June 09. Photo by John Towns



Combat Ops Division Chief LCol B. Baker presents MCpl Rioux with her promotion to Sgt on the 3rd of July 2009. Rioux is an AC OP currently employed at the 1 Cdn Air Div CAOC. Photo by Cpl Levarre McDonald.



Col Dan Edgar, AF Training Director (left) and BGen Rick Pitre, Commander, 2 Canadian Air Division (far right), pin on Maj Travis Pink's new rank in a ceremony held on June 26 in the atrium of 1 Cdn Air Div/CANR. Photo by Karen Christiuk

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Fall fair

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Attention Southport families!

We want to hear from you! Please visit www.mfrc.mb.ca and fill out the questionnaire you'll find under the Portage la Prairie heading. We want to know what programs and services you would like the MFRC to offer in your community. Fill out the survey before September 12, and you could win a prize!

Donation



Don Brennan, Executive Director and Sandra Doody, Deployment Coordinator from the MFRC holding a cheque for \$500 from the sale of raffle tickets for the Poppy Truck. It is being sent to The Canada Company Scholarship Fund for

the children of the fallen. Thank you to all who purchased a ticket.

Meet me Monday

Newcomers! Come down to the MFRC, 102 Comet Street, every Monday from 10-11 a.m. for an informal get together. The coffee will be on and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about the MFRC and your new community.

Newcomer event: sights of the city

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The welcome program is here to help you get to know the city of Winnipeg better, and connect you with other families who are new to the area.

Registration is required for all newcomer events.

Climb on the bus for a tour of Winnipeg's hot spots and a visit to the corn maze. We'll meet at the MFRC for coffee and muffins before we hit the road.

We'll show you some of Winnipeg's attractions, then, it's off to A Maze In Corn, just 10 minutes south of the Perimeter highway. There, we'll have a barbecue lunch and you'll be able to wander through the maze, check out the petting zoo and bale pyramid before heading back to the MFRC.

Free child care is available. Please advise if you need the service when you register.

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2009. Rain date: Saturday, August 29, 2009.

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: Free

Register by: Friday, August 14, 2009

Kidventures

Looking for something for the kids to do this summer? Register them for Kidventures... there's a different theme every week. Join us for a summer that's sure to be filled with adventures and lots of fun! To register, drop in at the MFRC, 102 Comet Street.

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A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per child per week is due at the time of registration.



As part of the Commuter Challenge 2009, the MFRC and Health Promotion partnered this year to bring its first annual Bike to Work Breakfast on June 3. The weather that morning was glorious as Sandra Doody, Penny Wawrzyniak and Shauna Eggertson set up at 6:30 am across from the main gate off Wihuri Road, handing out lots of healthy snacks and refreshments. Thanks to all the cyclists and walkers who stopped by.

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Discover Science & Nature : Aug 4 - 7

Delve into the wonders of science and nature this week. From the 7 wonders of the world to learning about gravity at Fun Mountain, this week has it all.

Discover the World : Aug 10 -14

Take a trip around the world to exotic places Australia, China, or Germany. Learn the customs and traditions of different cultures and experience the Chinese Market at the Children's Museum.

Discover Being Active: Aug 17 - 21

Each day we'll look at different ways of being active. We'll learn different sports, try yoga, and play lots of fun games that keep you active! During the week, we'll head to the Gold-eyes game to cheer them on!

Discover Animals: Aug 24 - 28

Spend each day with a different animal friend and discover where the wild things live. Explore the Tropics with a snake or the ocean with a shark. This week we'll visit the Zoo to see all our animal friends in person.

Coffee Break

Come join us for our monthly coffee break, August 6 from 10 to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Thank You!

I would like to take this moment to send out a warm and heartfelt thank-you to 17 Wing's Military Family Resource Center (MFRC) and 17 Wing's Maintenance Shop on behalf of myself and my co-workers at the Grace ICU Department. On Friday, June 26, 2009 we hosted a Social/Silent Auction for our co-worker and dear friend, Virginia Clement, whose 3 year old son was diagnosed with a rare cancer - Neuroblastoma..

The support and donations were very generous and greatly appreciated. 17 Wing MFRC donated a wonderful "Yellow Ribbon Basket" and 17 Wing Maintenance Shop, along with their Supplier Companies donated lots of wonderful items that went into "The Handy Man" themed basket. The Silent Auction was a huge success, and our deepest thanks to the wonderful and generous people who gave their time and donations to help make it a huge success.

Sincerely and many thanks, *Ginger Richardson*

CARE AND SHARE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Padre
Kenneth MacRae

A sincere thank you is extended on behalf of the Chaplains of 17 Wing to everyone who played in and contributed to the Care and Share Golf tournament held on Friday, 3 July. Twenty golfers played on that bright and beautiful day and over \$800 were raised. This fund, administered by the chaplains, is "a benevolent fund that assists the military family in helping military families." The vision for this fund is "To uphold the dignity and well-being of military and DND families through the provision of emergency

financial and/or commodity assistance, and to provide support to families and their members."

While everyone is a winner by supporting the Care and Share program, the prize-winning golf team this year was Claude Parent, Bill Rideout, Norm Mayo and Dennis Hendrickson. The longest drive was made by Dori Chunn and the closest to the pin was Bert Quinlan. Many great prizes were contributed by: Marigold Restaurant, Gasthaus Guttenberger Restaurant, Sportmart, Dominica's hairdressers, Hair Force Barbers, Canada Forces Recruiting Center, PSP Staff, Rama Medical



The winning team at the Care and Share Golf Tournament celebrates around their trophy. Photo supplied by Padre MacRae.

Supplies, Hendrickson's Medal mounting service and the Winnipeg Blue bombers. The grand prize, contributed by Kelsey's restaurant, was a patio set complete with 4 chairs and an umbrella. This was won by Maj. Bob

Orzechowski of CFSAS.

Special thanks go to CFB WPG Golf Course and to the club Manager Darlyne Fathers and MWO Dennis Hendrickson who helped to organize this tremendous event.

A LIFE LIVED: HOW DOES YOUR LIFE SPEAK?

Fr. Gordon G. Mintz
Chaplain

In this article series we have looked at the basic ingredients of a faith journey. They are worship, prayer, study and we now conclude with fellowship or community. This last topic is perhaps the most important as it has to do with how we interact with others and we all learn very early in life that actions speak louder than words.

We have no choice about the fact that we all live in a world with others. This is good as we are by nature social creatures that look for community where we feel comfortable and "at home" with other people and ourselves. Some define this as fellowship. We rub shoulders with others which can bring joy and companion-

ship or conflict and struggle. This is the stuff of every life.

A faith perspective on this fact says that this where one's spiritual journey is lived out on a practical level. This is where the rubber meets the road. Every faith holds to the foundation that people of faith should make a positive difference in the world starting with themselves and making positive choices about how they will treat others. "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Leviticus 19.18) is a common principle in the major faiths. Whether you consider yourself a person of faith or not, you and I will make moral choices that can have good and bad outcomes everyday. A faith perspective helps inform those choices.

For Christians, Jesus

was clear when he said, "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets." (Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31 - New Living Translation) Most major faiths have a version of the "Golden Rule" as it is known. We are called to make a positive difference which is one of the reasons many of us joined the military. Our lives can make a difference. Duty, loyalty, integrity and courage are not just pillars of the CF they are pillars of a life of faith and can be reflected in our daily lives.

How do we know what kind of difference we make? Do you ever wonder what people will say about you at the end of your days? It is probably not much different than what your community of friends, family and co-workers in your unit say about you now. The choices we make speak for us and our actions shape people's impression of us.

Do you stop and ask yourself the question, "How does my life speak?" It is important to do that every once in a while. Asking such questions makes a big difference in our lives. We all live life, the choice is whether to simply exist or live life to the fullest and in the most positive way possible which is what the one God who is Love wants for us. The choice is always ours.

One of my favourite quotes is a saying from St Francis of Assisi who said,

"Preach the gospel always and if necessary use words". I have adopted that as my personal mission statement as an Anglican Priest and CF Chaplain. As a padre I must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk" but I would suggest that we each must "walk the walk" of living a life that makes a positive difference in our community, in our families and in our own lives.

The Canadian Forces is a family. Most of us are raised to know the difference between right and wrong in our families. I would therefore challenge each of us to aim high in the choices we make. Live life striving to make a positive difference every day and you will be pleasantly surprised by the effect that has on your life and those you live in community with.

The battle of good and evil is not just the stuff of the latest Harry Potter movie or Star Wars. It starts on a much smaller scale in the simple yet profound choices we make in how we treat others and ourselves. May God bless you and inspire you always to live life to the fullest and most positive way possible. I would invite you to join me in the following prayer to that end:

Gracious God, bless us and encourage us to choose what is right and good for our sakes and for those around us and in so doing change the world for the better starting with ourselves. Amen.

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TAROSCOPES

BY NANCY

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 19): You think you can come to a decision that everyone will approve of? Give it a try. Still if things don't go the way you'd hoped, opportunities for new ventures and adventures appear. Before you begin, step back and honestly assess your behavior so you don't repeat this past lesson.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20): You may not feel fortunate but you are. It may be the speed with which things are happening or the fact that you're forced to spend more than expected. Build in some flex time in case plans don't go smoothly. Practical realities, though uncomfortable, can teach you empathy.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 21): Create new traditions if the old ones don't suit you. Set your sights on what you want. You've got the energy and willpower to stick to a goal right now. Success at finding the perfect fit affects your confidence and affirms that you know what is right for you. Waiting for it really was best.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 22): If you expect things to go the way you want them to in the next little while you're in for a shock. The status quo may seem fine but if it's set in stone stagnation sets in and problems will erupt eventually. Your awareness of people improves when you stop pretending and accept what is.

LEO (JULY 23 - AUGUST 22): You could over-extend yourself or make promises you can't keep because, receiving recognition makes you inclined to up the ante. There is a limit to what you can do. True power comes from inner strength - cultivate this instead of confident postures or boastful statements.

VIRGO (AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22): Your generous spirit has you eagerly opening your home and heart to others. You're at the centre of activities, soaking up praise and admiration. Watch that you don't inadvertently overindulge. If you do, don't be too hard on yourself, ease back into a sensible routine.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23): Keep your life in balance and you'll reap the rewards. Review and revise your course periodically. Things will fall into place as adjustments are made. Simply doing your best will be enough, but you earn people's appreciation when you go the extra mile.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21): If life does not feel complete for you, make a few choices. Weed out what isn't working and devote more time to that which enriches your life. Foster new contacts, habits and interests. Let go of past hurts or negative influences so you can live fully in the present.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21): It can make you uneasy if others get upset when you fail to do what they expected. Or you may feel anxiety because you're making difficult choices. Build bridges not walls. Though you may feel there is risk involved, you can do it. It can be scary but it's also freeing.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19): You know what will work and you want to set things in motion then watch all unfold as planned. However, initially great effort is required to overcome obstacles that arise. What looked good in theory is harder than it seems. Still this is a time of opportunity for you.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18): You may feel forced to stand up for yourself or be in the spotlight when you wanted to hide in the shadows. Try and see this as a positive thing. Be prepared. Speak with authority. You may feel alone without the comfort of the crowd, but you'll also be proud of yourself.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20): Implementing a new method to reach a goal will bring hope. Your resolve is strong and you'll see results from the effort you make. Try your hand at something just for the fun of it or revisit something you've tried before. You'll get a positive response this time if you do.



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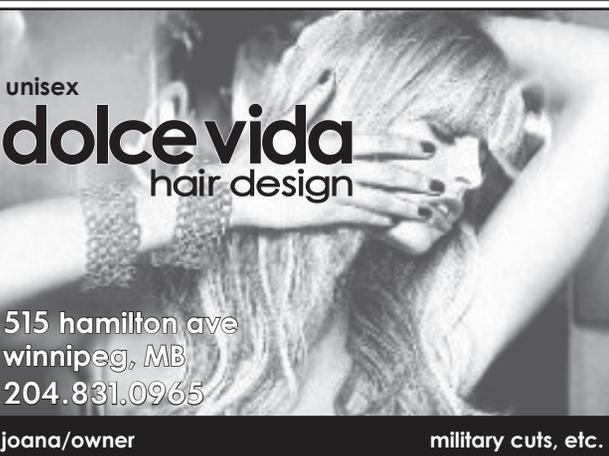
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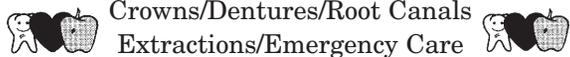
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