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Troops Depart for Bosnia



First group of soldiers of Rotation 12 ship out to keep the peace in the Balkans

By David Lavallee

The first group of soldiers departed from 1 Air Movements Squadron for Rotation 12 of Canada's peace-keeping mission, called Operation Palladium, in Bosnia-Herzegovina on Sunday, March 23. Approximately 150 soldiers left Winnipeg that afternoon, and were joined by approximately 600 additional troops and support personnel in the following weeks.

"Canada has a decade-old presence in the Balkans. We were there in its darkest days, and now we're there in its brighter days," said Colonel Stuart Beare, Commander 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group.

"Our continued presence there is a big part of maintaining a safe and secure environment for those people."

As the troops gathered in the hangar and waited to board the

plane, many of them seemed anxious to go.

"I'm excited," said Cpl Glover, a Reservist from 1 Royal Newfoundland Regiment. "I'm interested in seeing what life is like over there and I want to help out any way I can."

While they waited, the troops were addressed briefly by Col Beare, who had flown in for the send-off. Speaking to the media afterwards, Col Beare shed some light on what he shared with the departing soldiers.

"I told them three things: one, that they're being sent to do a job that is important to us, to Canada, and to Canadians," he said. "Two, that they need to be aware that the world is evolving around us and that there can be effects wherever you go."

Col Beare's third point was for the troops to stay in touch with their families and to maintain their ties at home.

"I reminded them to write home as often as possible," he said. "We have a habit of using technology to communicate, but it's hard to look back on a phone call or an email later in life; a shoebox full of letters from overseas service lasts a lifetime."

Despite the unfolding events in Iraq, Col Beare said the troops will not lose sight of what it is they intend to accomplish in the Balkans.

"The troops are professionally and personally interested in events in Iraq, but that's not going to cause them to lose their focus on the mission they're going over there to do," said Col Beare.

"They are hugely ready for this," he said. "There is such a depth of experience in the Battle Group soldiers from Winnipeg and elsewhere; they bring not just their military qualities but their great Canadian qualities to bear on this mission, as well."

Wing Commander Col D.C. McLennan echoed Col Beare on the importance of the mission in the Balkans.

"Canada is well-respected for our commitment to maintaining the peace in Bosnia," he said. "We've been over there for ten years, our troops know the area and the mission, and they are well-trained for their role in Bosnia."

Col McLennan also emphasized the importance of making sure the families of deployed personnel are taken care of.

"The MFRC offers a variety of services for families of deployed personnel," he said. "It's crucial for deployed personnel to know that their families will receive the services and support they require so that our troops can focus on their tasks."

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17 Service Battalion Museum Opened March 2003

By Dave Pither, Red River College, Technical Communication program



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Honorary Colonel Ken Langridge

Honorary Colonel Ken Langridge, along with a group known as the Senate, has brought together a display of war time memorabilia he hopes will eventually be recognized officially as a museum. Born in Kent, England, Langridge immigrated to Canada in the late forties and spent all his working life in the military. After reaching compulsory retirement age, he remained active with St. John Ambulance and became provincial president of the organization during 1985-86.

In 1992 Langridge became closely aligned with the military once again when he was asked to be Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of 17

Service Battalion. After six years of service, Langridge filled the then vacant position of Honorary Colonel where he started to work on his dream of a museum for his battalion. With the help of Barbra McManus and John Lawrence, both former commanding officers of the battalion, along with a substantial grant from the Winnipeg Foundation, the dream is becoming a reality.

The Service Battalion's function was to support other divisions of the military, making sure soldiers got the equipment they needed. Commenting on the role of the Service Battalion, Colonel Langridge says "Every one was caught up



PHOTO BY JOSE ORELLANA

A view of the 17 Service Battalion Museum

with being part of the action. Without us, they don't even cross the street. Everything they have and everything they use, their maintenance is done by us." Today the collection features many artifacts that Langridge himself gathered through out his service career from places like Burma, where he served with the West African Frontier Force. Uniforms, along with pictures and various objects used by soldiers in their daily life to survive war, are featured.

All museums display artifacts, but what makes this museum particularly interesting is being able to talk to the man who can tell first hand stories behind the relics

on display. You could say that Colonel Langridge is himself part of the display as he tells tales that give the collection credibility and its part in Canadian history.

A visitor will quickly realize the sacrifices others made for the freedom we have today. A visit to the collection is an important lesson for our children that will reveal the costs of our liberty. And with the gentleness of a kindly grandfather, Langridge can get his point across.

During this spring, dig around your basement or at-

tic as the museum also welcomes donations of artifacts left over from the war. Tax receipts will be given for an appropriate amount.

Money raised helps support the Winnipeg Grenadier Cadet Corps who since losing their sponsor would have a difficult time surviving.

The museum's official opening was in March, 2003 at the Minto Armory room 121, 969 St. Matthews Avenue.

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Honorary Colonel Ken Langridge shows some of the glass displays at the Museum



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Fourth New Patrol Opens for Manitoba: Lynn Lake Patrol

By MWO Wade Jones

Lynn Lake is situated 1100 km north of Winnipeg by road and is accessible by an all weather road from Thompson some 349 km south. Lynn Lake has a population of about 800 residences. It was first established as a mining town in the 1940s. The first town residences moved some of the existing buildings from Sheridan about 300 km south west of Lynn Lake. This was no easy feat as no roads existed and all were moved cross-country and over lakes over the next few winters. Such set the stage for a town that became known for its determination. The town has seen up to seven mines running in the immediate area over the past 60 years. All have eventually closed with the last in 1985. Minerals are still abundant but too expensive to mine at today's prices.

Then, as is today, the residents are a determined strong-minded group and extremely friendly. This set the stage for a warm welcome, after a long week conducting leadership training in Thompson the week before, for MWO Doug Colton, MWO Wade Jones (then WO) and Sgt Jeff Belisle for the initial community briefing. Interest was very high

and the turnout was very good for each briefing. A total of 24 Rangers made the commitment and joined the Ranger Program during the first visit.

Week one of Basic Recruit Training was scheduled for 22 - 28 July 2002. Five more Rangers signed up and a few decided the program was not for them. The Patrol ended the week with a patrol strength of 27, 1 female and 26 males.

The first night was the one most rewarding as it saw all the new Rangers kitted out in their new uniforms and the group Espirt-De-Corps start to build. The week went extremely smooth with enthusiasm and eagerness running high. Highlight of the week had to be drill, thanks to the sound instruction of Sgt Jeff Belisle. The weather was so nice, some drill was conducted outside. This of course was well received by the on-lookers from the community and only made the Rangers more proud of their uniforms and newfound skills in foot drill.

Map and compass, as usual, captured everyone's interest with amazement and many were heard saying that

they always thought it was much more difficult. When it came to the survival and food and water lessons, the Lynn Lake Patrol had many of their own experiences to add and gave meaning to the importance of being prepared for the worst. The classroom portion of the week ended with the .303 rifles, weapons handling drills were second to none. Most had handled firearms before and it was evident that

confidence was not lacking within the Patrol.

The FTX took place at Zed Lake about 12 miles from town. Here the Rangers practiced bivouac routine. Classes carried on through the early afternoon on orienting a map, resections and obtaining magnetic bearings. Each Ranger practiced their map and compass work on a short orienteering course set up by the Ranger Instructors. All did well, and some valuable lessons were learned in shooting bearings and pacing. IMPs, with the new menus, were a great hit and kept everyone busy discussing who had what.

The evening was set aside for traditional skills and of course a little fishing.



Lynn Lake Patrol

Back Row: Rgr Kathy Leahy, Rgr Philip Rodgers, Rgr Al Magson, Rgr Gerald Maneil, Rgr Gabriel Sayies, Rgr Horace Cockerill, Rgr Lawrence Hunt, Rgr Glenn Osmond; Middle Row: Rgr Victor Shortt, Rgr Ken Anderson, Rgr Bert Swain, Rgr Mike Lysohirka, Rgr Jim Sherwood, Rgr Kenneth Cockerill, Rgr Terry Dulewich, Rgr Stevo Potkonjak; Front Row: Patrol Commander Brian Stein, Section Leaders Audie Dulewich, Dennis Holmes, Rick England, Patrol 21/C Fred Salter; Missing: Rgrs Larry Skomorowski, C Burton, Doug Holmes, Ovide Bighetty, K Hrechka, F Magson.

A friendly bet had the Rangers throw some change into the pot for the biggest walleye of the evening. Little did the men know that Ranger Kathy Leahy would capture the prize with the on-ly catch, a 22" walleye. "The Fisher Women". Sgt Jeff Belisle took a few lake trout (and knocked a bigger one off someone's line at the boat) so Ranger Glenn Osmand could give a demonstration of a fish fry. Nothing like fresh trout and fired potatoes around a campfire.

Many discussions erupted about bush skills when Ranger Horace Cocherill gave a demonstration of how to boil water, over an open fire, in a 2 liter plastic pop bottle. Rgr Cockerill will explain this detailed in a future article for the Ranger. Everyone turned in early as the skies opened up and rain cut the evening short.

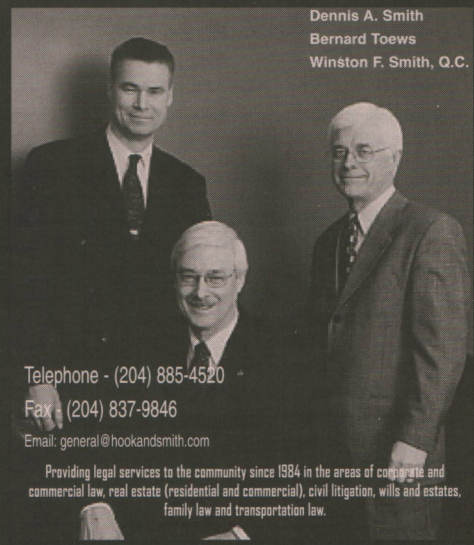
The second morning had the Rangers move to the Lynn Lake Rifle Range about 40 miles away where all had the opportunity to fire their rifles from various positions at a fixed distance. Shooting as a whole was good with the best group produced by Ranger Victor Shortt. The week ended with a move back to town and the Legion Hall for final debrief and pay. With the sound leadership and the enthusiasm of the group, the Lynn Lake Patrol is well on its way to forming a strong Patrol.

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Submitted by Melissa Davidson, Com Rec, local 2059

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by Gail Schmidt

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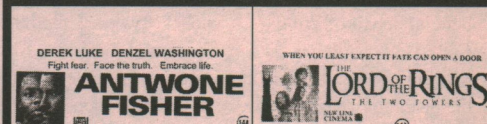
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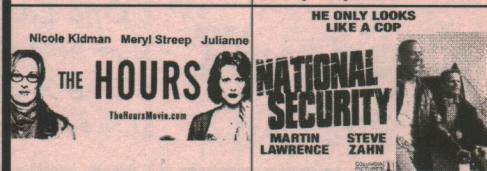
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First Aurora breaks 20,000-hour barrier



A Canadian Forces CP-140 Aurora aircraft

A Canadian Forces CP-140 Aurora aircraft has logged its 20,000th hour during a recent surveillance mission over the Arabian Sea, the first in a fleet of 18 to reach this milestone. The Aurora and her crew form part of the Long-Range Patrol Detachment (LRP Det) deployed on Operation Apollo, Canada's military contribution to the campaign against terrorism.

"The Aurora has proven to be a reliable platform over the years," said Lt-Col

Fred Bigelow, commander of the Long Range Patrol Detachment. "On Op Apollo, our outstanding mission completion rate of 98% is testimony to the hard work and dedication of our maintenance technicians. At times faced with unbearable working conditions, they have built Canada's reputation as the most dependable maritime surveillance platform in this coalition."

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New SISIP Office Opens in Winnipeg

By David Lavallee and Natalie Fondren-Gasc

SISIP officially opened its new office in Winnipeg on March 20 at a ceremony at the Junior Ranks Mess. The ceremony included a presentation by M. Andre Bouchard, VP of Financial Planning Services for SISIP, on the various services that SISIP offers to the military community.

"It's a pleasure to be here on behalf of Wing Commander Colonel McLennan to participate in the opening of the new SISIP office," said Wing Chief Warrant Officer Frank Emond, addressing the gathering at the mess. "SISIP provides an important service to the members of the CF, and their new office will better enable them to serve the members of the military community."

For the past eleven years, SISIP Insurance Representative Garry Lind has operated out of a home

office to provide SISIP insurance services to military personnel in Winnipeg, Cold Lake, Moose Jaw, Thunder Bay, and Shilo. SISIP Financial Counsellor Andy Anderson has been headquartered in the Westwin Community Centre for the past few years offering counselling services, CFPAF, and SILP loans. Two new members have also joined the SISIP team in Winnipeg, financial planner Gordon Moore and

administrative assistant Natalie Fondren-Gasc. With the new office, SISIP can now offer financial planning, tax preparation, and investments to 17 Wing personnel, and is headquartered in the ground level of Building 63.

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Soldiers and Families Ready for Bosnia Deployment

By David Lavallee

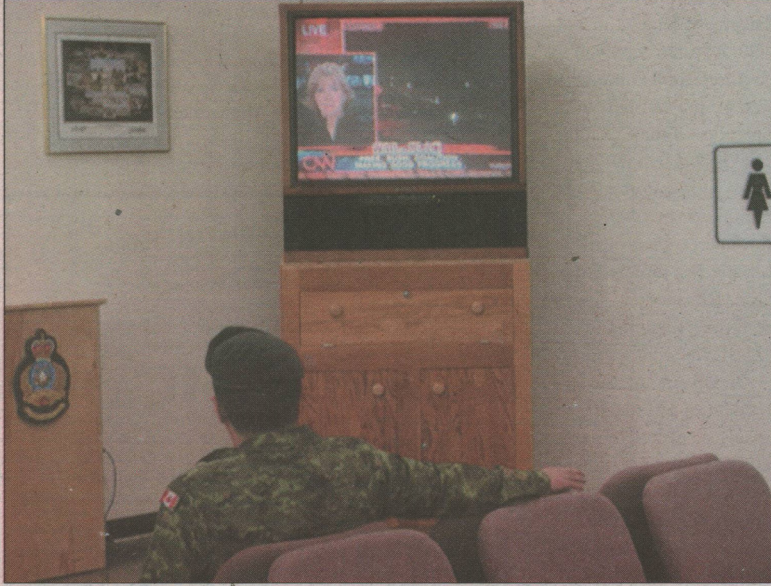


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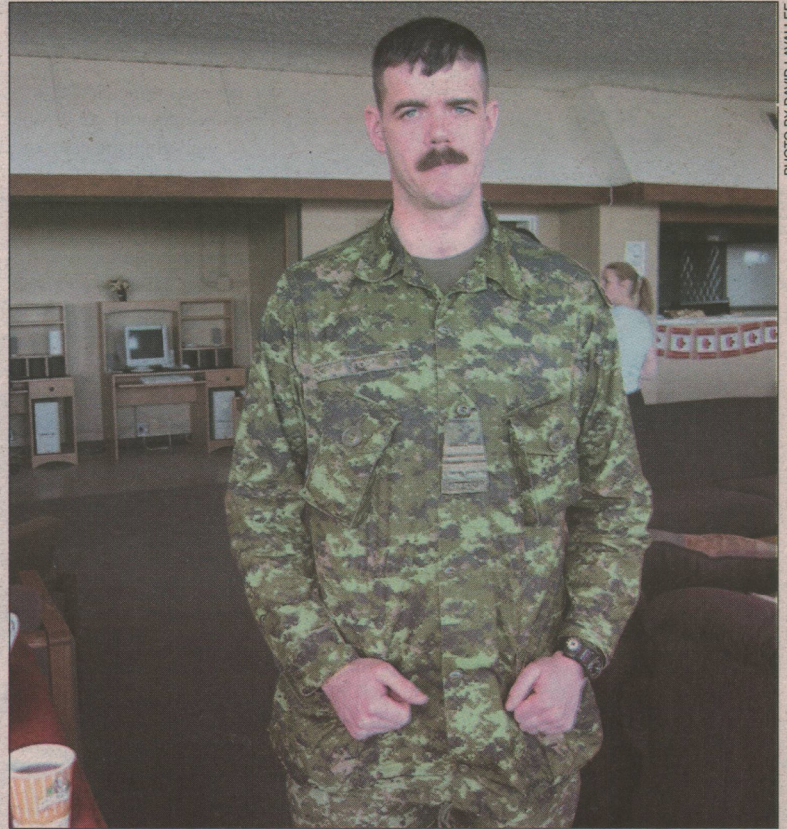


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Clockwise from top left: A soldier watches unfolding events in Iraq before shipping out for Bosnia; Maj Bob Ford, CO of 2PPCLI Admin Company; Cpl Anna Comerford and her brother will be deployed together in Bosnia; at left, Pte Roger Senum (left) and his wife Pte Crystal Yaroslowski (right) will also be deployed together in Bosnia.

Soldiers from across Canada and their families readied themselves for the six month Rotation 12 of Operation Palladium in Bosnia-Herzegovina as the troops prepared to depart at the end of March. Two days before the first troops shipped out on March 23, a group of soldiers gathered at the Rear Party Drop-In Centre at Kapyong Barracks to discuss their deployment with the media.

For the most part, the soldiers were looking forward to the deployment, which will be a first for many of them.

"I'm pretty excited about going," said Cpl Anna Comerford of the 1st Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment of

her first deployment. "It's my first time being away for an extended period of time, but I'm looking forward to it."

Cpl Comerford's brother, MCpl Gary Comerford, will join her on deployment in Bosnia while her other brother, Cpl Keith Comerford, will be deployed to Afghanistan in August.

"My family's definitely worried about me and my brothers, but at the same time, I think they're pretty proud of us," said Cpl Comerford.

Pte Roger Senum of 2PPCLI was also anticipating the deployment, which will be his second in Bosnia.

"It's exciting to be go-

ing again," said Pte Senum. "The last time I went they were just starting to rebuild, so it'll be interesting to see how far things have come along and how the people are doing."

Pte Senum will be joined in Bosnia by his wife, Pte Crystal Yaroslowski of 2PPCLI, who will be on her first deployment. "Our families are worried, but overall, they're very supportive of what we're doing," said Pte Yaroslowski. "It's comforting to know that Roger and I will be over there together."

Pte Senum and Pte Yaroslowski have a 2-year old son, Alexander, who will stay with Senum's aunt until his parents return.

Also heading to the Balkans is Maj Bob Ford, who will command the 2PPCLI Administration Company.

"I'm pretty good with it, as is my family," said Maj Ford of his deployment. "My kids don't understand as much as my wife did, but this is what I joined the Army to do, and I've got lots of time later on in my career to sit behind a desk, so I want to take the opportunity to serve overseas while I can."

Maj Ford is a veteran with many overseas missions under his belt, including Cyprus (ten months), Rotation 6 in Bosnia (March-June 2000), and Operation Apollo (March-July 2002), and he recog-

nizes the importance of Canada's presence in the Balkans.

"It's an important mission," said Maj Ford. "There are still a lot of problems in Bosnia and we have an important job to do in ensuring stability and security in the region."

The Battle Group is made up of a headquarters, two infantry companies, one support company, and an administration company. Approximately 350 soldiers from 2PPCLI will be joined by 90 soldiers of "C" Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) of Edmonton; 80 soldiers from 13 Squadron, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment of Edmonton, and 18 soldiers

from the First Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery of Shilo, Manitoba.

The Battle Group will also be joined by 185 Reserve soldiers (including a formed company of 124 soldiers) and a Civilian Military Cooperation organization. A number of individual augmentees representing more than 25 Reserve units from British Columbia to Newfoundland will also deploy as part of the Battle Group, which is the major component of the 1 100 member Canadian Task Force Bosnia-Herzegovina. Canada has contributed almost 40 000 soldiers to helping maintain the peace in the Balkans for the last 10 years.

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More images of Troops Departing for Rotation 12 in Bosnia



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The first group of soldiers leaving for Rotation 12 in Bosnia gathers around as Colonel Stuart Beare offers some words of encouragement and inspiration to the troops prior to their departure (left). An army captain is interviewed by a Winnipeg Free Press reporter as he waits to board the plane (bottom left).



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Maj Kiteley (left) presents MCpl Lee of 2nd Line Ammunition with his promotion effective 16 Mar 03



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Fitness & Sports Page

17 Winnipeg Snags Curling Silver

By MWO Paul Batchelor

The 17 Wing curling team, comprised of skip Cpl Julie Whyte, third MWO Paul Batchelor, second CWO Earl Meikle and lead Sgt Brigitte Marley, got off to a slow start at the Prairie Region Curling Championships, which ran from March 24-28 at CFB Edmonton.

17 Wing Winnipeg lost their first two games of the round robin tournament to Cold Lake and home team Edmonton. They rallied back in their third game, however, and steamrolled the foursome from 17 Wing Moose Jaw before losing

again to the sharpshooters from Wainwright. A close victory over their fellow Manitobans from Shilo, followed by an extra-end tie breaker against Edmonton earned 17 Wing fourth place in the rankings and a chance to exact revenge on Cold Lake in the third vs. fourth place playoff. Julie, Paul, Earl and Brigitte rose to the challenge and beat Cold Lake, then went on to narrowly defeat Shilo.

The final game against Wainwright was hard-fought and came down to the last rock in the last end before Wainwright stole the gold

medal. After a poor start, 17 Wing battled back and earned silver for their hard work. The team enjoyed their time in Edmonton and would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all those who threw their support behind the 17 Wing Winnipeg curling team at the prestigious Prairie Regional Championships. Congratulations to Julie, Paul, Earl and Brigitte on bringing home the silver and for their hard work and dedication in representing 17 Wing Winnipeg in Edmonton!

17 Wing Oldtimers are CF Champs!




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The 17 Wing Oldtimers championship hockey team (back row, l-r: Maj Ouimet (coach), Capt Thietke, LCol Reid, Maj Beal, Capt Loney, Sgt Lake; middle row, l-r: Maj Lawrie, Cpl Aube, Cpl Kennedy, Pte Larose, Sgt Spencer (Suffield), MCpl Bond (Cold Lake), Maj Hill; front row, l-r: Maj O'Neill, Sgt Sommerfeld, Cpl Baker, Cpl Don Cormier, Cpl Shemko)

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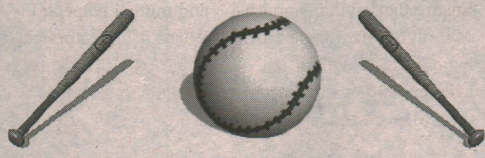
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Mon., Wed. and Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Why not consider our French Immersion Nursery Program? This program will help prepare your child for a French Immersion kindergarten. It will give your child the unique opportunity to be exposed to a French environment during our nursery program. Westwin Children's Centre Mon. Tues and Thursday 1:00p.m. to 3:30p.m.

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This program will be offered at two locations and times. Lipsett Hall Nursery School Mondays from 1:30 to 3:00pm. The cost is \$3.00 per family. Please bring a snack for your child.

Mother Goose

This program is a group experience for parents and their babies and young children. It focuses on the pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs and stories together. Come out and have some fun with your children. For information call Wendy or Shannon at 833-2500 ext. 6846. The next session starts on April 16th.

Location: 102 Comet St. (main office of the MFRC) Wednesdays from 11:30 to 11:15am. This session is being funded by the St. James Neighbourhood Resource Network. The fees will be waived.

Rock and Read

This program is a hands on learning experience teaching nursery rhymes, lullabies, finger plays, book sharing and bookmaking (for the parents). Participants will go home with home made books and a head full of rhymes and songs, information on children's books and how to create a healthy learning environment for children.

Location: Lipsett Hall Nursery School Wednesdays from 1:15 to 3:00pm This session is being funded by the River Heights/ Fort Rouge Parent Child Coalition. The fees will be waived.

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Location: Lipsett Hall **Time:** 1:15 to 2:15p.m. Thursdays **Cost:** \$20.00 per family for a ten week session. The drop in fee will be \$2.50. Start date: April 17th.

MFRC Fundraiser BBQ



Beginning Friday 25 April 2003 the MFRC will be hosting a BBQ outside our 102 Comet Street location every Friday from 1130 hrs to 1300 hrs (weather permitting).

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The program is designed to: Ensure that family support within our community becomes part of the Canadian Forces way of life; Ensure that civilian spouses of military members participate in the planning, management and evaluation of their MFRC; and

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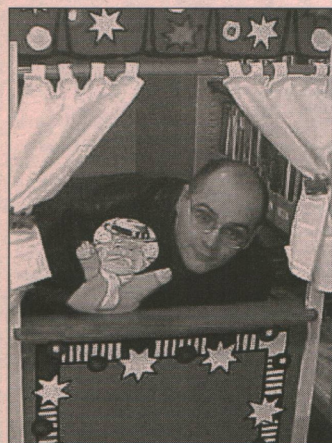
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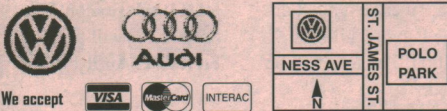
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Weddings -Marriages

Contact the chaplain at least six months in ad-

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Thursdays	13, 20, 27 Mar;	3, 10 Apr 03	1830 hrs	
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	Holy Thursday	17 Apr 03	1900 hrs	
	Good Friday	18 Apr 03	0900 hrs	Morning
	Prayers	1900 hrs	Way of the Cross	
	Saturday	19 Apr 03	0900 hrs	Morning
	Prayers 2100 hrs	Easter Vigil		
	Easter Sunday	20 Apr 03	1130 hrs	

B. Protestant

Sundays	9, 16, 23, 30 Mar;	6, 13 Apr 03	0915 hrs
	Maundy Thursday	17 Apr 03	1830 hrs
	Easter Sunday	20 Apr 03	0630 hrs

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Get organized, mayhem is about to descend. Endings and beginnings highlighted. You're working longer hours than usual, or you find a special task takes longer than expected. Saying goodbye to someone.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Be patient, understand that a team works for the good of the whole. Don't compromise health by insisting on doing everything yourself. Expect economic changes to affect your own cash flow. Appreciate what you have, you're much better off than you realize.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Unconscious desires surface, surprising you. Don't downplay or hide your intelligence. Teach others how to treat you with respect. Unconditional acceptance and love of self and others deepens when you realize that no one is perfect, and that's perfectly okay.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Clarify what you hope to achieve through your actions. You may feel that you're better off if you do what's best for the majority but sometimes you need to claim your own power and make definitive choices for yourself as well.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): Caught up in wishful thinking, you're not seeing how good you actually have it. Happiness is not waiting at the end of the rainbow. Life will not begin when all your problems are solved. Be present in the moment or you'll lose today and the tomorrow that results from it.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22): News of change arrives. Some of your schemes are not working out as planned. Vying for attention you find out you're almost invisible sometimes. Better to be straightforward and honest even if you're not sure this will get the results you want.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23): Be sure someone is at fault before you voice your displeasure, especially if you could have misread intentions or the signs along the way. Avoid this by watching the assumptions you make. You're setting precedents, so consider reactions before taking action.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 21): Awake at night and sleepy during the day. Put off decisions or meetings. Don't try and impress anyone with new ideas as you could forget to present your main selling point. Learn how to identify behaviors of martyrs, pessimists and manipulators.

SAGITARIUS (November 22 - December 21): Better to rent than to buy. Travelling to serene and historic locations appeals. Stay away from crowds. You need solitude. This is a good time to take an educational leave or leave of absence to renew creativity and vitality.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19): Consider how you interact with others. You feel richer when others hold you in high esteem. You'll be remembered for your ability to relate. When you help others it's returned tenfold. You get what you deserve but a self-absorbed person near you doesn't see it that way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): Feeling like you are always saying goodbye while others form long term commitments and partnerships. Get out and get busy. Throw yourself into a task that will keep your mind off what's happening elsewhere; you can't change it with worry.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20): Someone wants their priorities to be the only consideration. Money issues are going to get worse before they get better. Stop avoiding the obvious, look clearly at what is going on and amend your behavior to minimize loss by saving time and resources for yourself.

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