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((BERNIER-COULLARD))

En dépit du silence obstiné du gouvernement sur la question, le scandale qui a mené à la démission de Maxime Bernier de son poste de ministre des Affaires étrangères ne montre aucun signe d'essoufflement.

Les plus récentes informations sur les liens entre Julie Couillard et le milieu du crime organisé ont effet apporté de l'eau au moulin des partis d'opposition qui exigent des explications sur les mesures prises par le gouvernement pour préserver la sécurité nationale.

Le quotidien The Globe and Mail a révélé ce matin que la Gendarmerie royale du Canada s'était intéressée à la femme d'affaires lavalloise dès 1998, soit dix ans avant sa rencontre avec Maxime Bernier, dans le cadre d'une enquête sur le trafic de stupéfiants.

La télévision de Radio-Canada affirmait pour sa part hier soir que Mme Couillard avait été vue en 2006 en compagnie d'un proche du chef des Hells Angels Maurice "Mom" Boucher.

Les trois partis estiment que le gouvernement Harper est de moins en moins crédible dans cette affaire.

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((PROCES-GARDIENNE))

Au procès de la gardienne Sandra Davidson, accusée d'avoir secoué un bébé au point de l'avoir handicapé, la défense a fait entendre son premier témoin au palais de justice de Montréal.

Il s'agit d'une fillette de 10 ans, la demi-soeur de la petite victime.

L'enfant a raconté au tribunal avoir vu sa mère, à l'époque des incidents en 2004, prendre son petit frère par la taille et le mettre brusquement dans son lit parce qu'elle était fâchée à cause des pleurs du poupon.

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Le gouvernement fédéral se dirige vers un affrontement s'il ne rétablit pas le financement destiné à des organismes sans but lucratif qui font du développement économique au Québec. C'est ce qu'a déclaré aujourd'hui le ministre du Développement économique, Raymond Bachand.

Ce dernier soutient que la décision du ministre Jean-Pierre Blackburn, responsable de l'agence Développement économique du Canada pour le Québec, d'éliminer progressivement son soutien financier à ces organismes attaque la manière québécoise de développer le secteur privé.

Les sommes en jeu sont de l'ordre de 20 à 30 millions \$, selon M. Bachand.

M. Blackburn a déjà affirmé que cette décision avait reçu l'appui du cabinet fédéral et n'était pas personnelle.

((UQAM-COUPES))

La ministre de l'Education Michelle Courchesne approuve la décision du recteur de l'UQAM d'éliminer une trentaine de programmes pour améliorer la situation financière catastrophique de l'institution.

Mme Courchesne, dont le ministère a été pointé du doigt par le Vérificateur général dans son récent rapport sur le fiasco immobilier de l'UQAM, estime normal que l'institution réexamine son offre de services aux étudiants pour réparer le gâchis laissé par l'administration précédente.

Le recteur Claude Corbo a annoncé hier que son équipe de gestion avait décidé de retrancher une soixantaine de programmes en prévision de l'automne. Ce chiffre a été ramené à 30 un peu plus tard dans la journée. .

Pour l'heure, près d'un demi-milliard de dollars ont été engloutis dans les projets immobiliers initiés au début des années 2000 par l'ancien recteur Roch Denis et ses proches collaborateurs.

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((U.S.A. - H.CLINTON ABANDONNERA DEMAIN))

Hillary Clinton devrait confirmer, demain, à Washington, son retrait de la course à l'investiture démocrate. Elle remerciera ses partisans et devrait endossera la candidature de son rival, Barack Obama.

Dans un communiqué publié ce matin par l'équipe de Mme Clinton, on apprend que l'événement de demain aura lieu au National Building Museum.

M.Obama et Mme Clinton se sont rencontrés en privé, hier soir, pour évoquer la manière de réunifier le Parti démocrate en vue de l'élection présidentielle de novembre contre le candidat républicain, John McCain.

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The Barrie Examiner

Soldier recounts piper's lament to fallen soldier;

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Section: News
Illustrations: LEARY

Dear friends,

Unfortunately, I write to you having just participated in a memorial ceremony for Capt. Richard Steven Leary of the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Although Capt. Leary was not a member of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT), we hold a memorial ceremony at precisely the same time as the ramp ceremony at Kandahar Airfield, acknowledging the loss of our comrade.

This evening, I had a direct role to play in our service of remembrance; I performed the piper's lament.

Although I am not the only piper at the KPRT, I have been called upon by the regimental sergeant major to fulfill several musical duties here at the camp, the memorial ceremonies being some of the more sombre responsibilities.

Instead of following the usual format for a memorial and playing Amazing Grace, I departed from tradition and played It's a Long Way to Tipperary, one of three regimental marches embraced by the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry during the First World War.

I only met Capt. Leary once -- when we deployed to theatre in February. He and I were on the same flight from Canada. When we landed enroute to refuel and draw our personal weapons for our final descent into Afghanistan, he stood behind me as we waited outside the arsenal in the searing heat. We exchanged a few words about how much warmer the temperatures were here and how we found it rather surreal to be heading into the mission that lay ahead.

When I heard that we lost a platoon commander in operations against the insurgents, time seemed to stand still.

I don't know how else to describe the feeling.

When my chain of command announced that it was Capt. Leary, I didn't recognize his name. But, I certainly didn't forget the face when I saw his photo. Those few brief moments that he and I held our conversation on the tarmac -- those recollections that escaped me and were never thought of since then -- suddenly flooded back into memory as if they happened yesterday.

So there was some poignancy in my musical tribute to him this evening.

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The StarPhoenix (Saskatoon)

Soldier's body returns to Canada

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Section: National
Byline: Meagan Fitzpatrick
Source: Canwest News Service
Illustrations: Colour Photo: Leary

A repatriation ceremony was held Friday afternoon to mark the return of the most recent Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

The plane carrying the body of Capt. Richard Steve Leary touched down at Canadian Forces Base Trenton -- about 220 kilometres southwest of Ottawa -- at 2 p.m., under a hazy sky and was greeted by family and other mourners.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier and his successor, Lt-Gen. Walter Natynczyk, who was named to the top job earlier in the day, attended the ceremony.

"It certainly seems supportive of the family and overall, the Canadian Forces, to have them both here on the tarmac," said Capt. Nicole Meszaros, public affairs officer at CFB Trenton.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay also attended the ceremony.

Leary's family approached his flag-draped coffin once it was loaded off the plane into a waiting hearse and had an "emotional" few moments, said Meszaros.

Members of the public were there to show their support and watched from outside the fence around the base.

"There were many, many flags at the fenceline," said Meszaros. She also expected supporters to be lining the stretch of Highway 401 to Toronto, dubbed the Highway of Heroes, where Leary's body was to be taken.

"I know that Canadians were coming out along the 401 to pay respect to the family," she added.

Leary was killed Tuesday while leading his troops on a foot patrol that came under attack by enemy small arms fire in the volatile Panjwaii district. He was a platoon commander with the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based at CFB Shilo in Manitoba.

In the wake of his death, the 32 year old was praised as an effective and dedicated leader and earlier this week his wife, and high school sweetheart, Rachel told the media that Leary was "my very best friend and a wonderful husband."

Leary was the 84th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

The Sault Star

Dozens show support as body returns home; Crowd waits on overpass for procession of Capt. Leary;

Saturday, June 7, 2008

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Byline: BY KRISTINE OWRAM, THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dateline: BRIGHTON, Ont.

Illustrations: The Canadian Press

RACHEL LEARY is comforted as the casket of her husband Capt. Richard Leary is loaded into a waiting hearse during his repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton on Friday.

Maureen Campeau stood in the afternoon heat on an overpass near Brighton, Ont., with only a camouflage-coloured hat decorated in military pins and other paraphernalia to shelter her from the oppressive sun.

But her mind wasn't on the weather.

She was one of dozens of people waiting for the body of Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary to pass beneath. Leary was killed Tuesday during a fire-fight with Taliban militants in Afghanistan, and his body had been repatriated to Canadian soil only minutes ago at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, just down the road.

Campeau and the others, many dressed in red and clutching Canadian flags, were there to show support for Leary's family as they accompanied his body down Highway 401 -dubbed the Highway of Heroes for the 83 soldiers' bodies that made the journey previously -to Toronto, where it will be examined by a coroner.

Campeau, who is from Brighton, has three brothers-in-law in the Armed Forces, and she said she was "ashamed" this was only the second time she stood on the overpass to show her support.

"It's the only way you can say thank you," she said, her eyes filling with tears.

"When you lose someone close to you, it's nice to know that other people are there to support you. I will be here from now on. Hopefully there won't be another, but if there is, I will be here."

The hearse's arrival was heralded by a single black police car, its siren wailing. The overpass fell silent as people waved their flags or simply stood and stared, some with hands over their mouths.

Afterwards, Cindy Clitherow picked up her baby and took her four-year-old daughter by the hand. It was the first time she had come out to stand on the overpass.

"It's interesting to explain this to a four-year-old, but she understands what she can, and I think it's important that she's here," Clitherow said.

At CFB Trenton, several other supporters lined up outside the air base where the plane delivering Leary's body landed.

Jim Dixon of Belleville, Ont., has only missed four repatriation ceremonies out of the 84 that have been held, and he plans to keep on coming.

He doesn't have any family members in the military, but he believes it's important show support just the same.

"It means a lot to the family to see such a large turnout," Dixon said.

Colin Stillwell, a retired serviceman who spent 28 years in the Canadian Forces, said he's missed "less than six" repatriation ceremonies.

"It's paying respects to a fallen comrade, and it's also to show support to the family that the loss was not in vain and that we do appreciate the sacrifice that the soldier made," Stillwell said.

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The Toronto Star

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Byline: Kristine Owram

Source: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Illustrations: Tom Hanson the canadian press Rachel Leary, front centre, widow of Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary, is comforted at a repatriation ceremony yesterday at CFB Trenton. Behind her are, from left, incoming chief of defence staff Lt.-Gen. Walter Natynczyk, retiring Chief of the Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier, and Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

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Times Colonist (Victoria)

Fallen soldier comes home

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Source: Reuters

Illustrations: Colour Photo: Fred Thornhill, Reuters / Family members slowly walk to a hearse carrying the body of Capt. Richard Leary at Canadian Forces Base Trenton yesterday. Leary was killed on June 3 when his foot patrol came under fire in the Panjwayi District in Afghanistan. Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier and his successor, Lt-Gen. Walter Natynczyk, who was named to the top job earlier in the day, attended the repatriation ceremony. Leary was the 84th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

The Canadian Press - Broadcast News

Afghan-Cda-Return

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Section: General And National News

CFB TRENTON, Ontario -- Dozens of people, many dressed in red and waving Canadian flags, turned out at C-F-B Trenton as the body of the 84th Canadian soldier to be killed in Afghanistan has returned home.

They were showing support for the family of Captain Richard ``Steve'' Leary.

The 32-year-old native of Brantford, Ontario was killed Tuesday during a firefight with Taliban militants.

Gladys Crosby says she's been to most of the repatriation ceremonies, and says it a way for people to show they care.

(The Canadian Press)

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Le premier ministre Jean Charest veut donner une envergure inégalée au prochain "Sommet des leaders", qui se tiendra à Québec, du 2 au 4 juin 2009, en vue de donner un second souffle à l'ALENA.

Il compte bien y accueillir un nombre record de premiers ministres provinciaux du Canada et de gouverneurs américains, pour les amener à assurer l'avenir de l'Accord de libre-échange nord-américain, qui célébrera son 15e anniversaire.

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((HELICOPTERES-KANDAHAR))

La Pologne fournira, cet été, deux hélicoptères de transport de troupes aux contingents canadiens en Afghanistan pour ses déplacements autour de Kandahar.

Le ministre polonais des Affaires étrangères a affirmé que les hélicoptères, de fabrication russe, seront disponibles pour les Canadiens dès que le déploiement de leurs troupes à l'est de l'Afghanistan sera terminé.

Une des recommandations du rapport de la Commission Manley, qui a établi les assises du prolongement de la mission canadienne en Afghanistan jusqu'en 2011, était justement d'équiper le contingent canadien d'hélicoptères, qui sont nécessaires à Kandahar.

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Les cours du baril de pétrole brut ont atteint cet après-midi un nouveau record à 138,36 dollars sur le marché des matières premières à New York, avant de redescendre à 137,81 dollars.

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((CONSERVATEUR-INGERENCE))

La commissaire à l'éthique conclut après enquête que l'attaché de presse du premier ministre Stephen Harper, Dimitri Soudas, ne s'est pas ingéré indûment pour tenter d'influencer un dossier faisant l'objet d'un litige devant les tribunaux.

Mary Dawson estime que si les gestes de M. Soudas peuvent ressembler aux premiers abords à un excès de zèle, rien ne prouve pour autant qu'il a exercé des pressions inappropriées sur des fonctionnaires ou du personnel politique du cabinet du ministre des Travaux publics, à la faveur d'un propriétaire immobilier avec qui le ministère avait maille à partir.

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Le président des TCA, Buzz Hargrove, s'est dit déçu, ajoutant que le syndicat allait maintenant évaluer la situation et décider des mesures à prendre afin d'essayer de bloquer la fermeture de l'usine.

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Le député adéquiste Eric Laporte estime que rien de tout ça ne serait arrivé si Jean-Marc Fournier avait assuré un suivi rigoureux de la situation financière de l'UQAM.

((ADQ-ST-PIERRE))

L'Action démocratique du Québec demande, sans succès, à la ministre de la Condition féminine, Christine St-Pierre, de condamner les propos controversés de son collègue du Travail, David Whissell.

Dans un échange tumultueux en chambre, hier, M. Whissell a dit au député adéquiste Sylvain Légaré "d'aller s'occuper de sa femme à TQS", en faisant référence à sa conjointe journaliste.

L'opposition officielle a exigé une intervention de la ministre, mais Mme St-Pierre a jugé ce matin que l'incident est clos, puisque le ministre s'est excusé personnellement auprès du député Légaré.

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Des ouvriers qui creusaient un nouveau tunnel de métro à Thessalonique, une ville du nord de la Grèce, ont découvert une tombe ancienne contenant une fortune en bijoux d'or.

Le ministère de la Culture a annoncé que la tombe vieille de 2300 ans a été découverte dans le centre de la ville. Elle contenait le squelette d'une femme, accompagné de quatre couronnes d'or et de pendentifs d'or en forme de tête de chien, ornés de pierres semi-précieuses.

La femme avait été enterrée dans un cercueil de bois, dont certains fragments ont survécu. Le ministère a révélé qu'une partie de la tombe avait été détruite par un tuyau d'égouts moderne.

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Natynczyk, now vice-chief of the defence staff, in effect No. 2 in the military, will be promoted to the rank of full general as he takes over his new job when Hillier formally leaves July.

"Walt's a strong player and he's a great detail man and the troops like him," said Brian MacDonald, senior analyst with the Conference of Defence Associations.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said Natynczyk was chosen "based on his experience, his ability."

He's a "gentleman general" who will be "an absolutely exceptional chief of the defence staff," the minister said.

"He has a great deal of integrity. ... He's demonstrated a tremendous personality and I think he bonds very well with the men and women of the Forces.

"He is everything that embodies what a gentleman and a soldier should be in the Canadian Forces.

MacKay's words were echoed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a statement issued yesterday.

"Natynczyk brings strong leadership and unparalleled experience to his new position," Harper said in the statement.

"Natynczyk is the ideal person to lead the Canadian Forces forward."

Natynczyk, 50, said he's not going to rock the boat in Afghanistan.

"Gen. Hillier and all the leadership of the armed forces have done a remarkable job in setting us on the right path," he said.

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Soldiers serving in Afghanistan welcomed the announcement, saying they see continuity with Hillier.

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((PETROLE-COURS))

Les cours du baril de pétrole brut ont atteint cet après-midi un nouveau record à 138,36 dollars sur le marché des matières premières à New York, avant de redescendre à 137,81 dollars.

Les cours ont gagné 10,02 dollars par rapport à la veille, dopés par la baisse du dollar à la suite des déclarations hier du président de la banque centrale européenne Jean-Claude Trichet, qui a ouvert la voie à une hausse des taux d'intérêts en juillet.

La hausse des cours fait également suite à des estimations de la banque Morgan Stanley, selon laquelle la forte demande en Asie pourrait pousser le baril à 150 dollars d'ici le 4 juillet, jour de la fête nationale américaine.

((CONSERVATEUR-INGERENCE))

La commissaire à l'éthique conclut après enquête que l'attaché de presse du premier ministre Stephen Harper, Dimitri Soudas, ne s'est pas ingéré indûment pour tenter d'influencer un dossier faisant l'objet d'un litige devant les tribunaux.

Mary Dawson estime que si les gestes de M. Soudas peuvent ressembler aux premiers abords à un excès de zèle, rien ne prouve pour autant qu'il a exercé des pressions inappropriées sur des fonctionnaires ou du personnel politique du cabinet du ministre des Travaux publics, à la faveur d'un propriétaire immobilier avec qui le ministère avait maille à partir.

((LACROIX-PEINE))

Vincent Lacroix saura d'ici la fin du mois s'il obtiendra ou non une réduction de sa sentence d'emprisonnement de 12 ans moins un jour qu'il purge depuis le 28 janvier. C'est ce qu'a indiqué le juge André Vincent de la Cour supérieure, à l'issue d'une audition d'appel d'une durée de trois heures.

L'Autorité des marchés financiers a demandé au juge Vincent de se garder d'intervenir en faisant valoir que le juge Claude Leblond, de la Cour du Québec, avait eu Vincent Lacroix devant lui pendant 70 jours, suffisamment pour évaluer qu'il s'agissait bien du plus grand scandale financier au Canada avec 130 millions \$ de pertes pour les 9200 investisseurs.

L'avocat de Lacroix a soutenu pendant une bonne heure que la sentence devait être réduite à cinq ans moins un jour parce 12 ans constituaient une peine manifestement déraisonnable et excessive.

((SAGES-FEMMES-QUEBEC))

Québec va multiplier les maisons des naissances au cours des prochaines années, pour permettre à plus de

femmes d'accoucher avec l'assistance de sages-femmes.

En dévoilant la politique québécoise de périnatalité, le ministre de la Santé, Philippe Couillard, a annoncé qu'elle fera passer le nombre de maisons des naissances de huit à 21 d'ici 2014.

Le gouvernement souhaite que les sages-femmes pratiquent 10 pour cent des accouchements au Québec en 2018, alors qu'elles en font à peine 1 pour cent actuellement.

((DEFENSE NATIONALE - WALTER NATYNCZYK))

Le premier ministre Stephen Harper a nommé le nouveau chef d'état major de la défense canadienne. Il s'agit du lieutenant-général Walter Natynczyk, qui va remplacer le général Rick Hillier, le mois prochain.

Natif de de Winnipeg, Walter Natynczyk a passé plus de 30 ans dans l'armée, occupant plusieurs postes de commandement. Ses dernières fonctions ont été celles de chef d'état major adjoint.

((AFGHA-CANADA-COUTS))

Malgré tous ses efforts, le Nouveau Parti démocratique ne réussit pas à obtenir un chiffre pour le coût de la guerre que mène le Canada en Afghanistan.

Le député néo-démocrate Paul Dewar déduit des quelques réponses qu'il a obtenues que le gouvernement Harper ne tient pas les comptes pour ses dépenses en équipement militaire utilisé en Afghanistan et qu'il ne mène aucune vérification quant à la façon dont l'aide humanitaire canadienne est dépensée là-bas.

Le NPD se tourne vers le directeur parlementaire du budget et lui demande d'enquêter et de faire rapport au parlement sur le coût financier de la présence canadienne en Afghanistan.

((CDA-AFGHAN-DEPOUILLE))

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((BILLETS-CONTREFAITS))

La Gendarmerie royale du Canada a effectué dans la grande région de Toronto la plus importante saisie de fausse monnaie canadienne en 20 ans.

Le corps policier a découvert, le 30 mai dernier, dans un immeuble de Markham, plus de 4 millions \$ en billets de banque de 20 \$ contrefaits de la série "l'Epopée canadienne", de même que du matériel d'impression.

Deux hommes de 26 et 24 ans ont été accusés, ce matin, à Toronto, sous plusieurs chefs reliés à la contrefaçon.

La GRC croit que le démantèlement est survenu avant que les faux billets n'aient pu être distribués.

((BACHAND-BLACKBURN))

Le gouvernement fédéral se dirige vers un affrontement s'il ne rétablit pas le financement destiné à des organismes sans but lucratif qui font du développement économique au Québec. C'est ce qu'a déclaré aujourd'hui le ministre du Développement économique, Raymond Bachand.

Ce dernier soutient que la décision du ministre Jean-Pierre Blackburn, responsable de l'agence Développement économique du Canada pour le Québec, d'éliminer progressivement son soutien financier à ces organismes attaque la manière québécoise de développer le secteur privé.

Les sommes en jeu sont de l'ordre de 20 à 30 millions \$, selon M. Bachand.

M. Blackburn a déjà affirmé que cette décision avait reçu l'appui du cabinet fédéral et n'était pas personnelle.

((GENERAL-MOTORS))

Le syndicat des Travailleurs canadiens de l'automobile n'a pas réussi à convaincre General Motors de revenir sur sa décision de fermer, en 2009, son usine de camionnettes d'Oshawa, en Ontario.

Au cours d'une rencontre tenue tôt ce matin, à Detroit, la direction de General Motors a informé les représentants du syndicat qu'elle ne changerait pas d'idée au sujet du sort de l'usine d'Oshawa qui emploie 2600 employés.

Le président des TCA, Buzz Hargrove, s'est dit déçu, ajoutant que le syndicat allait maintenant évaluer la situation et décider des mesures à prendre afin d'essayer de bloquer la fermeture de l'usine.

((CANADA - CHOMAGE EN MAI))

Statistique Canada rapporte un taux de chômage stable à 6,1 pour cent en mai; il a été de 7,5 pour cent au Québec, la seule province à afficher une croissance de l'emploi notable au cours le mois dernier.

Toutefois, la croissance de l'emploi des 12 derniers mois au Québec s'est établie à 1,2 pour cent, ce qui a été inférieur au taux national.

En Ontario, le taux de chômage se situait à 6,4 pour cent en mai. Au Nouveau-Brunswick, il a augmenté de 0,6 pour atteindre 8,9 pour cent.

((ADQ-UQAM))

L'ex-ministre de l'Education, Jean-Marc Fournier, doit porter l'odieux de la compression d'une soixantaine de programmes à l'Université du Québec à Montréal, selon l'Action démocratique du Québec.

L'opposition officielle a vivement réagi aux propos du recteur Claude Corbo, qui a annoncé que 60 programmes seront effacés cet automne, en blâmant l'ex-ministre responsable.

Le député adéquiste Eric Laporte estime que rien de tout ça ne serait arrivé si Jean-Marc Fournier avait assuré un suivi rigoureux de la situation financière de l'UQAM.

((ADQ-ST-PIERRE))

L'Action démocratique du Québec demande, sans succès, à la ministre de la Condition féminine, Christine St-Pierre, de condamner les propos controversés de son collègue du Travail, David Whissell.

Dans un échange tumultueux en chambre, hier, M. Whissell a dit au député adéquiste Sylvain Légaré "d'aller s'occuper de sa femme à TQS", en faisant référence à sa conjointe journaliste.

L'opposition officielle a exigé une intervention de la ministre, mais Mme St-Pierre a jugé ce matin que l'incident est clos, puisque le ministre s'est excusé personnellement auprès du député Légaré.

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((GRECE-TRESOR))

Des ouvriers qui creusaient un nouveau tunnel de métro à Thessalonique, une ville du nord de la Grèce, ont découvert une tombe ancienne contenant une fortune en bijoux d'or.

Le ministère de la Culture a annoncé que la tombe vieille de 2300 ans a été découverte dans le centre de la ville. Elle contenait le squelette d'une femme, accompagné de quatre couronnes d'or et de pendentifs d'or en forme de tête de chien, ornés de pierres semi-précieuses.

La femme avait été enterrée dans un cercueil de bois, dont certains fragments ont survécu. Le ministère a révélé qu'une partie de la tombe avait été détruite par un tuyau d'égouts moderne.

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``It certainly seems supportive of the family and overall, the Canadian Forces, to have them both here on the tarmac," said Capt. Nicole Meszaros, public affairs officer at CFB Trenton.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay also attended the ceremony.

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``There were many, many flags at the fenceline," said Meszaros. She also expected supporters to be lining the stretch of Highway 401 to Toronto, dubbed the Highway of Heroes, where Leary's body was to be taken.

``I know that Canadians were coming out along the 401 to pay respect to the family," she added.

Leary was killed Tuesday while leading his troops on a foot patrol that came under attack by enemy small arms fire in the volatile Panjwaii district. He was a platoon commander with the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based at CFB Shilo in Manitoba.

In the wake of his death, the 32 year old was praised as an effective and dedicated leader and earlier this week his wife, and high school sweetheart, Rachel told the media that Leary was ``my very best friend and a wonderful husband." The pair grew up in Brantford, Ont.

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``Terror suspect felt like `a sitting duck,' court hears.
(CNS-TERROR-TRIAL)

Weeks before tactical units descended on 18 terror suspects, some of the men worried that police were onto them and that they were ``going to jail any day," a court heard today.

Over the last week, prosecutors at the trial for a 20-year-old man accused of being part of a homegrown terrorist group, have played almost 70 wiretaps.

The intercepted conversations heard in court so far, have painted the alleged conspirators as being passionate about their cause but also playful, as often they were heard laughing and joking. Wiretaps heard today revealed that by late April 2006, the suspects had become paranoid, worried men.

The sober discussions are in stark contrast to earlier recordings where the men are heard quipping about a ``Mujahid's cookbook" to make homemade chemical weapons.

Following the arrest of two men from Atlanta, Ga., who were charged with terrorism offences, the accused leader of the so-called ``Toronto 18" is recorded saying, ``it is done for."

Union to continue fight to save Oshawa plant
(CNS-UPDATE4-CAW-GM)

Canadian Auto Workers president Buzz Hargrove said today he would continue fighting to save union jobs after General Motors Corp. refused to reverse a decision to close its Oshawa, Ont., truck plant in September 2009.

Emerging from what he described as a ``tense" 90-minute meeting with GM chief executive Rick Wagoner, Hargrove said he was ``incredibly disappointed" that GM won't honour a bargaining commitment made less than three weeks ago.

GM spokesman Stew Low said the closure decision was prompted by a "fundamental shift" away from large trucks and SUVs to cars. The shift, he said, is unlikely to be reversed.

Ron Carlyle, a member of CAW Local 222 which represents workers at the plant, also said a blockade by union members of GM's Canadian headquarters in Oshawa would continue.

Local 222 president Chris Buckley, speaking later to union members outside the GM building, said the vigil will go on until the company agrees to keep the truck plant open

Student pistol whipped, covered in blood at Toronto school.(CNS-CXN-BRF- UPDATE-PISTOL-WHIP)

An 18-year-old high school student in an upscale Toronto neighbourhood was left bloodied and beaten, in the school's kitchen this morning.

Toronto Police received a call just before 9 a.m. Friday, reporting that a male student had been pistol whipped in the cafeteria, according to Toronto Police Const. Tony Valla.

He said the victim was covered in blood when police arrived, however, he was conscious and breathing.

The school, George Henry Academy, was put into lockdown as police searched for a suspect.

Police could not confirm the age of the suspect, or whether he is a student at the academy.

Fast-track system needed for foreign doctors: report.
(CNS-DOCTORS)

Ontario should reduce red tape and help internationally trained doctors who want to work in the province, says a new report on creating opportunities for physicians with foreign credentials.

``Too many Ontarians do not have access to a family physician, yet every day we are reminded that there are many qualified, safe and competent international medical doctors who have chosen to come to Ontario, but cannot practice here," says Liberal MPP Laurel Broten, author of the Report on International Medical Doctors, which was released today.

``In spite our significant investments and our best efforts, the challenge remains daunting and our progress slow."

The report outlines a five-point strategy the province says it will use to help form the basis of new legislation to reduce barriers for international medical graduates (IMGs).

Police seize \$4 million in counterfeit cash.
(CNS-BRF-COUNTERFEIT-CASH)

Police have dismantled a Markham, Ont.-based counterfeiting plant and seized more than \$4 million in fake cash.

The RCMP said today it's the largest seizure of Canadian counterfeit money in the last 20 years.

Police believe the seizure, which occurred on May 30, happened before any of the counterfeit banknotes had been distributed.

Rehan Bawania, 24, of Toronto and Kusan Rasanyagam, 26, of Markham, Ont. face several counterfeiting charges.

Police continue to investigate.

More arrests in Ottawa homicide.
(CNS-BRF-OTTAWA-HOMICIDE)

Two more men have been charged in connection with an Ottawa homicide investigation after police arrested a 23-year-old man in Montreal earlier this week and charged him with murder.

Police said Nawaf Al-Enzi, 22 and Ali Abdul-Hussein, 20, both of Ottawa were arrested Friday morning in Ottawa and charged with first degree murder in connection with the 2006 killing of 22-year-old Mohamed Zalal in Ottawa.

Mahmoud Kayem, 23 was arrested without incident in Montreal on Wednesday. He's also charged with first-degree murder.

On August 19, 2006, the resident of a farm in southeast Ottawa found Zalal's body in a field south of their driveway.

The homicide was deemed to be ``execution style'' in nature, said Ottawa police.

Police said Kayem had been out of the country for a lengthy period of time and only returned to Canada in April this year.

The men are scheduled to appear in court Saturday.

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Soldier's body returns home; DOZENS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT;

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Dateline: BRIGHTON, Ont.

Illustrations: Sun Media

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At CFB Trenton, several other supporters lined up outside the air base where the plane delivering Leary's body landed.

Jim Dixon of Belleville, Ont., has only missed four repatriation ceremonies out of the 84 that have been held, and he plans to keep on coming.

He doesn't have any family members in the military, but he believes it's important to show support just the same.

``It means a lot to the family to see such a large turnout," Dixon said.

Colin Stillwell, a retired serviceman who spent 28 years in the Canadian Forces, said he's missed ``less than six" repatriation ceremonies.

``It's paying respects to a fallen comrade, and it's also to show support to the family that the loss was not in vain and that we do appreciate the sacrifice that the soldier made," Stillwell said.

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The 32-year-old native of Brantford, Ont., was leading a foot patrol of Canadian and Afghan soldiers when they were ambushed.

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Police stop Zimbabwe opposition leader's campaign

HARARE, Zimbabwe -- The opposition said Friday that its rallies had been banned indefinitely three weeks before the presidential runoff, while the U. S. ambassador accused President Robert Mugabe's government of using food as a weapon to stay in power.

Ambassador James McGee said the regime is distributing food mostly to its supporters and that those backing the opposition are offered food only if they hand in identification that would allow them to vote.

If the situation continues, "massive, massive starvation" will result, McGee told reporters in Washington by video conference from Harare.

Murder acquittal for man who shot wife upheld

OTTAWA -- A Saskatchewan man who shot his wife to death after a night of heavy drinking will not face a second trial for second-degree murder.

The Supreme Court of Canada has upheld the original trial judge's decision to acquit Bradley Gene Walker.

The judge instead found him guilty of manslaughter and sentenced him to eight years in the death of Valerie Reynolds.

The judge ruled that Walker unintentionally shot his wife in August 2004 while he was using his new rifle to intimidate her.

The Crown challenged that verdict and the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal set aside the murder acquittal and ordered a new trial.

The Appeal Court said at the time that the trial judge's reasons did not make it clear whether he made his decision to acquit because of the accused's drunkenness, on evidence he accidentally shot his wife, or a combination of the two.

The majority of the Appeal Court said that made it difficult to rule on the correctness of the judge's verdict.

The Supreme Court, however, on Friday dismissed the Appeal Court's decision and reinstated the original trial judge's findings.

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Hoarded gasoline sparks fire at apartment complex

DARTMOUTH, Mass.-- Authorities in Dartmouth, Mass., say a couple trying to beat the high cost of gasoline accidentally caused a fire that burned their apartment complex.

Fire Chief Richard Arruda says the couple had about 170 litres of gasoline in nine plastic jugs stacked in a closet that also housed an air conditioning unit.

The gasoline fumes apparently set off yesterday's fire, which was quickly put out by a sprinkler system.

No one was seriously hurt, but residents of eight units were displaced.

Investigators believe the couple were storing the gas because of rising prices. Officials say they might face civil penalties for violating the fire code.

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'Highway of Heroes'; Canadian soldier's final ride along . . .

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Dateline: BRIGHTON, ONT.

Source: The Canadian Press

Illustrations: Photo: TOM HANSON, THE CANADIAN PRESS / The casket of Captain Richard Leary is loaded into a waiting hearse during his repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton yesterday. A firefight in southern Afghanistan ended Tuesday with the death of a Canadian platoon leader, officials said.

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Illustrations: Photo: Fred Thornhill, Reuters / FAMILY MOURNS CANADIAN FORCES CAPTAIN KILLED IN BATTLE IN AFGHANISTAN: Grieving family members place flowers on the casket carrying Capt. Richard Leary at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ont. Friday. Leary, whose body arrived home Friday, was killed Tuesday while leading his troops on a foot patrol that came under attack in the volatile Panjwaii district of Afghanistan. Leary was a platoon commander with the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based at CFB Shilo in Manitoba.

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The latest fallen Canadian soldier returned to native soil Friday, underneath a stifling summer sun.

But the hot and humid conditions didn't stop patriotic citizens from turning out for the repatriation ceremony of Capt. Richard Leary, a 32-year-old platoon commander killed during an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan Tuesday.

About 100 military supporters gathered along a fence on Highway 2, bordering the tarmac at CFB Trenton, to watch Leary's casket be lowered from an airbus and into a hearse.

And, as is custom on Fridays here, most were wearing red.

While some said they have attended every repatriation ceremony at the base in recent years, others were there for the first time.

Terry Peers, of Belleville, said she promised herself she would attend one after being touched by a military ceremony she witnessed Sunday.

On that day a convoy left from CFB Trenton and travelled along Highway 401 to Toronto to honour the route many fallen Canadian soldiers take upon returning home from Afghanistan.

"I promised myself if there was ever an unfortunate need to come back, I would," she said, as she waited for Capt. Leary's casket to arrive. "It's impressive the number of people who come out."

Peers was wearing a red shirt with a Canadian flag on it, which she said she just purchased that day. Her friend Melissa Douglas was standing beside her and also wearing red.

"There won't be a dry eye here," Peers It's a learning experience."

Moments later, the crowd along the fence came to a hush, as the airbus arrived.

The near 30 C temperatures took a toll on military officers who surrounded the airbus to salute Leary's return. One nearly collapsed and needed to be strolled away in a wheelchair.

Meanwhile, members of Leary's family watched from a shaded area underneath a tent, several of them clutching red flowers in their hands.

After the casket was placed in the hearse, about six family members were ushered to the back of the vehicle where they embraced for several minutes.

The hearse then left the base and headed towards Capt. Leary's hometown of Brantford, Ont., where the family is expected to hold a private funeral service.

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The Belleville Intelligencer

New defence chief expected to stay the course in Afghanistan; Lt.-Gen. Walter Natynczyk;

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Section: News

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Dateline: OTTAWA

Illustrations: The Canadian Press

From left: Newly-appointed Chief of Defence Staff Lieutenant-General Walter J. Natynczyk, Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier, and Defence Minister Peter MacKay look on as the casket of Captain Richard Leary is unloaded during his repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton Friday.

The government's selection of Lt.-Gen. Walter Natynczyk as the new chief of the defence staff signals a determination to stay the course in Afghanistan, while muting some of the outspoken cheerleading that characterized his predecessor, Gen. Rick Hillier.

Natynczyk, now vice-chief of the defence staff, in effect No. 2 in the military, will be promoted to the rank of full general as he takes over his new job when Hillier formally leaves July.

"Walt's a strong player and he's a great detail man and the troops like him," said Brian MacDonald, senior analyst with the Conference of Defence Associations.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said Natynczyk was chosen "based on his experience, his ability."

He's a "gentleman general" who will be "an absolutely exceptional chief of the defence staff," the minister said.

"He has a great deal of integrity. ... He's demonstrated a tremendous personability and I think he bonds very well with the men and women of the Forces.

"He is everything that embodies what a gentleman and a soldier should be in the Canadian Forces.

Natynczyk, 50, said he's not going to rock the boat in Afghanistan.

"Gen. Hillier and all the leadership of the armed forces have done a remarkable job in setting us on the right path," he said.

"We've got a great strategy that's happening right now. ... The amount of progress that we have made in the past 2 1/2 years is remarkable.

"And indeed we've got to look at those successes and how do we accelerate the training of the Afghan army, the training of the Afghan police."

He said one of his first priorities will be to visit the troops in Afghanistan. He was last there in February.

Natynczyk is a Winnipeg native who has spent 33 years in the army as a tank officer.

His career includes a exchange posting as a senior officer with an American armoured corps in Iraq, a posting which he said taught him lessons applicable to Afghanistan.

"The tactics and techniques and procedures are exactly the same and the risks are identical."

Soldiers serving in Afghanistan welcomed the announcement, saying they see continuity with Hillier.

"He was a good choice," said Maj. John Van Der Laan, a London, Ont., native now serving in Kandahar.

"I figured it was going to be Gen. Natynczyk, based on his experience and the things he's done in the past. He's got the experience with the multi-national forces; he's worked at that level. He followed a lot in Gen. Hillier's direction and way of thinking."

"I wouldn't say he's in the same model as Gen. Hillier, but he's done a lot of the same work."

Natynczyk is a Winnipeg native who has spent more than 30 years in the military.

He attended Royal Roads Military College in Victoria and College Militaire Royal in St-Jean, Que., graduating in 1979 with a degree in business administration.

He began his career with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, an armoured outfit and eventually rose to command it.

He served in various staff and command roles over the years and participated in a number of peacekeeping missions in Cyprus and the former Yugoslavia.

Natynczyk attended the U. S. Army War College and was subsequently appointed deputy commander of the American army's III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas.

In January 2004, the corps was deployed to Baghdad and Natynczyk served there as planning officer and later was deputy commander of the Multi-National Corps (Iraq).

"The international appointments put him out in the

view of Europeans and the Americans and they like him," said MacDonald.

He was named vice-chief of defence staff in June 2006, where he became, in a sense, the business manager of the Forces, handling budgets and working on equipment purchases.

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The Brantford Expositor

Tearful homecoming; Dozens show support as Capt. Leary's body returns to Canada;

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Section: News

Byline: BY KRISTINE OWRAM, THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dateline: Brighton

Illustrations: THE CANADIAN PRESS

The casket of Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary is carried off a plane at CFB Trenton on Friday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rachel Leary is comforted Friday during a repatriation ceremony for her husband, Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary, who was killed in Afghanistan.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family members grieve as they lay flowers on the casket of Capt. Richard Leary during his repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton on Friday.

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PAYING RESPECT

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He was a platoon commander with the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based in Shilo, Man.

The Leary family is planning a service in Brantford next week, but details won't be known until the weekend.

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Calgary Herald

Latest Afghan casualty brought home to Canada; Supporters line Ontario's 'highway of heroes'

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Section: News

Byline: Meagan Fitzpatrick

Source: Canwest News Service

Illustrations: Colour Photo: Richard Leary

Family and other mourners were on hand Friday to meet the plane carrying the body of the most recent Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

The plane touched down under a hazy sky at Canadian Forces Base Trenton on Friday afternoon for Capt. Richard Steve Leary's repatriation ceremony.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier and his successor, Lt-Gen. Walter Natynczyk, who was named to the top job earlier in the day, attended the ceremony.

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CBC.CA News

Body of slain soldier returns home

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The body of the 84th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan arrived home Friday.

A plane carrying the remains of Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary touched down at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Ontario around 2 p.m. ET.

His widow, Rachel Leary, was present, holding a single rose and being comforted by family members.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay, outgoing Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier and Lt.-Gen. Walter Natynczyk - the newly appointed chief of defence staff - also attended the repatriation ceremony.

Leary, a platoon commander of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry regiment, based in Shilo, Man., was killed Tuesday when Afghan and Canadian soldiers came under small-arms fire in the Panjwaii district.

During an emotional news conference Wednesday, Rachel Leary called him her "very best friend and a wonderful husband." The two were high school sweethearts from Brantford, Ont., who married in 2002.

Plans for a funeral have not been announced.

Leary, 32, was the second Canadian soldier to be killed while on foot patrol in Afghanistan in recent weeks. One soldier was killed May 6 when his patrol was ambushed along a roadway outside Kandahar.

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Cape Breton Post

Dozens come out to show support as body of Canadian soldier returns home

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Source: The Canadian Press

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The Cornwall Standard-Freeholder

Body of Canadian soldier returns home;

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Section: News

Byline: BY KRISTINE OWRAM, THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dateline: BRIGHTON, ONT.

Illustrations: (CP photo)

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The Hamilton Spectator

Fallen soldier returns home

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Section: Canada/World

Dateline: BRIGHTON, Ont.

Source: The Canadian Press

Illustrations: Photo: Tom Hanson, the Canadian Press / Casket of Captain Richard Leary is loaded into a hearse during his repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton.

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The Ottawa Citizen

National: Body of fallen soldier comes home

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Section: News

Source: Canwest News Service

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The Kingston Whig-Standard

Canadians pay their respects to fallen soldier; Dozens of people gather along Highway of Heroes to watch repatriation procession;

Saturday, June 7, 2008

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Section: News

Byline: BY KRISTINE OWRAM, THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dateline: BRIGHTON

Illustrations: photo of RICHARD LEARY

The Canadian Press

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Waterloo Region Record

Caption Only: Sorrowful homecoming

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Section: Front

Illustrations: Photo: TOM HANSON, THE CANADIAN PRESS / Rachel Leary (centre) is comforted yesterday as she is led to the casket of her husband, Capt. Richard Leary, during his repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton. He was killed by militants in Afghanistan on Tuesday.

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Montreal Gazette

Headlines you might have missed this week

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Section: Saturday Extra

Source: The Gazette

grand prix is hear

Downtown streets are closed off, bars are stocked and experts are pushing the benefits of earplugs. It's Grand Prix weekend in Montreal, which some say is the start of the summer party season.

Quebec shines

A study on the times women have to wait for treatment for breast cancer shows Quebec is the second most efficient province, after British Columbia. Worst are Saskatchewan and Ontario.

clinton to concede?

Hillary Clinton will reportedly concede the race for the U.S. Democratic presidential nomination today. Barack Obama effectively clinched the long race on Tuesday.

High-flying bagels

Montreal-born astronaut Greg Chamitoff is chewing on bagels from his relatives' Fairmount Bagel bakery as he orbits the Earth on the space station. He started a six-month stint there this week after arriving on the space shuttle Discovery.

Soldier killed

Capt. Richard Leary, 32, of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was killed by small-arms fire as he tried to lead his patrol to safety after an ambush by the Taliban west of Kandahar City in Afghanistan Tuesday. Canada has lost 84 soldiers since the mission started in 2002.

are we forgetting?

A poll shows that Canada's aging war veterans are worried that Canadians are forgetting the sacrifices made in the Second World War and the Korean conflict.

Execution? bring it on

The trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has admitted being the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, and four others, started at Guantanamo, Cuba this week. Mohammed was warned that the charges could result in the death penalty. He said he welcomed that and wanted to be a martyr.

submarines in dock

Canada will have only one submarine to defend three coasts for the next 18 months, according to

documents obtained by Canwest News Service. The four submarines purchased from Britain 10 years ago have been plagued by technical difficulties and accidents.

Wings swoop for cup

The Detroit Red Wings finally put the lid on the Pittsburgh Penguins when they lifted the Stanley Cup with a 3-2 win in game six Wednesday. The hard-fought series will go down as a classic.

Hockey horror

The CBC wrote a negative postscript to the season by announcing that the venerable Hockey Night in Canada theme would be replaced because of a contract dispute with the composer. Fans reacted with fury.

The Daily News (Nanaimo)

Caption Only

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Section: News

Dateline: TRENTON, Ont.

Source: Reuters

Illustrations: Photo: Reuters / An honour guard carries the casket of Capt. Richard Leary to a waiting hearse at CFB Trenton on Friday. Leary, a platoon commander, was killed on Tuesday when his foot patrol came under fire in the Panjwai District of Afghanistan. Leary is the 84th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan.

The North Bay Nugget

Body of soldier returned to Canada:

Saturday, June 7, 2008

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Section: News

Byline: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dateline: BRIGHTON, Ont.

Illustrations: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newly appointed Chief of Defence Staff Lt.-Gen. Walter J. Natynczyk, far left, next to Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier and Defence Minister Peter MacKay look-on as Rachel Leary is comforted as she is led to the casket of her husband Capt. Richard Leary during his repatriation ceremony at CFB Trenton, Friday.

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New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal

Body of 84th Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan returns home

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Section: News;News

Byline: THE CANADIAN PRESS

The body of the 84th Canadian soldier to be killed in Afghanistan has returned home.

A plane carrying the remains of Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary touched down this afternoon at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in eastern Ontario.

Leary was killed Tuesday during a firefight with Taliban militants west of Kandahar.

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Leary was the second Canadian soldier in a month to die in an ambush.

He was a platoon commander with the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based in Shilo, Man.

Eighty-four Canadian soldiers and one diplomat have been killed in Afghanistan.

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The Windsor Star

Fallen soldier returns home

Saturday, June 7, 2008

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Section: News

Byline: Meagan Fitzpatrick

Source: Canwest News Service

Illustrations: Colour Photo: Capt. Richard Steve Leary

Colour Photo: Fred Thornhill, Reuters / MOURNING: Family members walk to a hearse carrying Capt. Richard Leary at a Canadian Forces Base in Trenton.

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In the wake of his death, the 32-year-old was praised as an effective and dedicated leader and earlier this week his wife, and high school sweetheart, Rachel told the media Leary was "my very best friend and a wonderful husband." The pair grew up in Brantford.

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Brandon Sun

Body of CFB Shilo soldier back home

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Byline: The Canadian Press

BRIGHTON, Ont. - Maureen Campeau stood in the afternoon heat on an overpass near Brighton, Ont., with only a camouflage-coloured hat decorated in military pins and other paraphernalia to shelter her from the oppressive sun.

But her mind wasn't on the weather.

She was one of dozens of people waiting for the body of Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary to pass beneath. A member of the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based in CFB Shilo, Leary was killed Tuesday during a firefight with Taliban militants in Afghanistan. His body was repatriated yesterday to Canadian soil at CFB Trenton, just down the road.

Campeau and the others, many dressed in red and clutching Canadian flags, were there to show support for Leary's family as they accompanied his body down Highway 401 - dubbed the Highway of Heroes for the 83 soldiers' bodies that made the journey previously - to Toronto, where it will be examined by a coroner.

Campeau, who is from Brighton, has three brothers-in-law in the Forces, and she said she was "ashamed" this was only the second time she stood on the overpass to show her support.

"It's the only way you can say thank you," she said, her eyes filling with tears.

"When you lose someone close to you, it's nice to know that other people are there to support you. I will be here from now on. Hopefully there won't be another, but if there is, I will be here."

The hearse's arrival was heralded by a single black police car, its siren wailing. The overpass fell silent as people waved their flags or simply stood and stared, some with hands over their mouths.

At CFB Trenton, several other supporters lined up outside the air base where the plane delivering Leary's body landed.

Jim Dixon of Belleville, Ont., has only missed four repatriation ceremonies out of the 84 that have been held, and he plans to keep on coming.

He doesn't have any family members in the military, but he believes it's important to show support just the same.

"It means a lot to the family to see such a large turnout," Dixon said.

Colin Stillwell, a retired serviceman who spent 28

years in the Canadian Forces, said he's missed "less than six" repatriation ceremonies.

"It's paying respects to a fallen comrade, and it's also to show support to the family that the loss was not in vain and that we do appreciate the sacrifice that the soldier made," Stillwell said.

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