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## *"Leaders don't force people to follow– they invite them on a journey"*

It is without a doubt that I am continually learning throughout my experiences on Pro Tem, and it is largely due to my teammates. Every single individual on this team inspires, provokes, and betters me.

I have seen leaders fall within Glendon, and I have seen them rise. Some work wonders on this beautiful campus, and some don't. Being a leader doesn't give you the right to act solely on your own desires. The honour and respect should not be given to the title; it should be handed out through actions seen, and not actions spoken of. Leadership ultimately depends upon the action, not the position.

Your position as a club president, manager, supervisor, director of a play, etc. gives you the authority to accomplish certain tasks and objectives in the organization, this power does not make you a leader...it simply makes you goals, rather than simply bossing people around.

I believe that a leader should influence others to accomplish an objective and that a leader directs the organization in a way that makes it more cohesive and coherent. Leaders carry out this process by applying their leadership attributes, such as beliefs, values, ethics, character, knowledge, and skills.

The basis of good leadership is honourable character and selfless service to your organization. In your teammates' eyes, your leadership is everything you do that effects the organization's objectives and their well being. Respected leaders (their job, tasks, and human nature), and what they do (implementing, motivating,

What makes a person want to follow a leader? People want to be guided by those they respect and who have a clear sense of direction. To gain respect, they must be ethical. A sense of direction is achieved by conveying a strong vision of the future. Do you feel inspired by a certain leader within the Glendon community, or disappointed in one's failed promises and inactivity? Write to us!

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." - Abraham Lincoln

Thank you to my teammates, who work so hard and successfully at, what I consider true and honourable leadership.

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# **OPINIONS**

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Pro Tem,

In 'Full Disclosure' (Pro Tem, 17 January 2006) Robert Zanfir refers to "separatist undertones" in the famous Alberta Agenda 'firewall letter' by Stephen Harper et al. He also questions why Harper's allegiance to Canada hasn't been investigated because of this manifesto. In response I would suggest it is because the letter has no such undertones.

The Conservatives' belief in decentralized decision-making and their respect for provincial

by Jean-Louis Voyer

jurisdictions will actually encourage national unity rather than threaten it. Think about it. When the federal government usurps the constitutionallyprotected jurisdictions of the provinces, as the Liberal government has done for years, how will that endear provinces like Québec to Confederation?

by Christopher Mahon Fourth Year

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The Conservative Party's result of ten seats in Québec was shockingly good but perhaps shouldn't have been too surprising. Most Québecers

are not itching to separate as some others presume, and when Stephen Harper demonstrated his respect for Québec by giving them a serious federalist alternative to the Liberals, they rewarded his respect for their province with their votes. In turn the new government will respect the constitutional jurisdictions of all the provinces equally and hopefully maintain this newfound support in la belle province.

# We Asked You:

How important is ethnic awareness to you?



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I think the promotion of ethnic awareness only increases the likelihood of segregation. Being aware of ethnic culture is a good thing, but promoting awareness of what makes us different from each other is not the way to help people keep their unique cultures.

I think it is important considering that we are living in Toronto, a city that is renowned to be very multicultural. We cannot turn a blind eye to those around us.

Ethnic awareness is important because we live in a multicultural society and I think that we should all be aware of other people's beliefs and traditions. We all need to be educated about other cultures so that we can live in a harmonious society.

Ethnic awareness is very important because we must learn how to be accepting of others as equality can only be achieved through understanding. We are all different, but our differences are our greatest strengths.

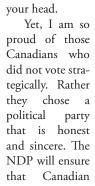
I think ethnic awareness is very important and it is imperative that people get in touch with their heritage. It is a fundamental part of who they are as individuals, but they should also be willing to embrace other ethnicities and learn from them.

On Election Day, Canadians

Canada chose change that's on our side!

realized that they have a third option. For those Canadians who voted NDP. you understood that you did not have to vote for the Liberals out of fear of Stephen Harper's Conservatives. As Jack Layton said in his election night speech, "in a Christmas election, you gave me - and yourselves - the best present ever."

Through the halls of Glendon, in shopping malls and on the news, I heard people who were deciding to vote with their heads. Even though they supported the NDP's policies, they had decided to vote Liberal out of fear and obligation. For those people who were caught in between the Liberals and the NDP, I hope you voted with your heart and not



minorities are protected.

In my earlier article, I wished that Canadians would realize that their vote was more than a piece of paper; it was their opportunity to change Canada for the better. I'm hoping that your vote brought you pride and satisfaction. For myself, I

Jack Layton thanks his supporters on election day. can say that I voted with my heart

and not my head. On Election Day, "ordinary Canadians in their millions put their trust in the NDP and took a big step towards where they belong – at the front of the line."

## A Québec National Hockey Team?

by Anne Athanasiadis



Quebec shoots for a team - will they score?

The answer to this question should be a resounding NO! Recently, Gilles Duceppe, the Bloc Québecois leader, has suggested that Québec should have its own national hockey team. He has argued that England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland compete separately in soccer's World Cup Championships. But their circumstances are not the same as our own. What would it be like to see Québec and Canada competing head to head?

I grew up in Québec, and it would be a heart-

breaking thing for me to watch. For some, maybe it would be interesting. To see Québecois hockey players, who are also theoretically Canadians, competing against their own countrymen. But would it be right for Québec to have its own team?

logical boost for Québec independence. Frankly, it seems as though hockey is the only thing keeping this country together. Québec is doing everything it can to separate, and a referendum is probably just around the corner. But for those Québecois who don't want to separate, those who used to live in Québec and who still look back on their time in the province fondly, they want to see Canada compete as a complete country. Many Québec born hockey

Of course, it would be a psycho-

players themselves have expressed their dislike for the idea and do not support it. As far as I'm concerned, Québec should not have its own hockey team until it has officially separated. Until then, we are still a country, and we compete as one.

For a more detailed perspective on this topic please refer to Pro Tem's Feature, pg12. Write to / Écrivez: opinions.editor@gmail.com

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# NEWS

## York Undergrad charged in death of cab driver

by Ashley Beaulac Editor-in-Chief



York University student Alexander Ryazanov and Ryerson University student Wang-Piao Dumani-Ross released on \$50, 000 bail.

At 10:20 pm on Jan. 24 cab driver Tahir Khan dropped off his last fare and headed south on Mount Pleasant.

Racing north on the same road were two Mercedes driven by 18-year-olds, each pushing 140 km/h in a 60 km/h zone. The popular video game, *Need for Speed*, was found on the seat next to one of the drivers.

As the Mercedes rounded a bend, the taxi was making a left turn on to Whitehall Rd. A loud crash erupted, breaking the quiet of Tuesday night. One of the Mercedes, a silver 1999 model, T-boned the taxi, drilling it into a utility pole, police say.

Khan, 46, died instantly, and the driver

of the demolished Mercedes escaped with minor scratches. The driver of the second Mercedes fled, then returned to the scene to pose as a bystander after ditching his car a few blocks away, police report.

Khan was planning to return home on a visit to the district of Jhang, in Pakistan's Punjab region. Khan's mother was ill and he wanted to be with her. He also looked forward to visiting his brother, sister and wife of 15 years, whom he helped support since moving to Canada

almost six years ago. He was to receive his Canadian citizenship the day after his death.

Wang-Piao Dumani-Ross and his friend Alexander Ryazanov are each charged with

"...ultra-violent driving simulation, fighting simulation and criminal simulation."

criminal negligence causing death. Ross also faces a charge of failing to stop after an accident causing death.

Ross made a brief appearance at College

Park court on Friday, where his lawyer, Morris Manning, told a justice of the peace that the bail hearing would be delayed until Feb. 7 for the new charge, which hadn't been formally laid by police.

A prosecutor for the case told the court earlier that the bid by the pair to be freed from custody before the case goes to court will be opposed by the crown on two grounds the likelihood they could re-offend, and the outrage felt by the community.

"It's a very sad situation which is impacting a lot of families and I think it will impact these families for a long time," Anthony Ross, the father of Wang-Piao, said in an interview on Jan.26. "He's just a kid," he added.

Ross's aunt and his father, Anthony, along with other family members and several friends were also in court, but later declined to talk to the media.

"It's a horrible irony," said Det. Paul Lobsinger about the presence of the video game. The *Need for Speed* is a game that allows players to choose high-end cars and race them through city streets while being pursued by police cruisers.

"Some have said this is life imitating art but I don't know," said Lobsinger, adding, "a game is a game, but when you get behind the wheel it's reality."

Lobsinger described the game as an "ultraviolent driving simulation, fighting simulation and criminal simulation."

"But are games the cause?" he asked. "Absolutely not. But, it is rather ironic."

A trust fund has been set up to help Khan's family. Donations can be made at any CIBC branch to Transit No. 00402, Account No. 2168332.

## Mild weather is here to stay: Environment Canada

Same warm water that led to record hurricane season is partly to blame by William Wolfe-Wylie CUP Atlantic Bureau Chief

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CUP) – Seven cities across Canada have recorded their warmest January in more than a century and temperatures aren't about to return to their normal lows any time soon.

According to Environment Canada, a combination of warm sea-surface temperatures in the Atlantic, low ice coverage in the Northumberland Strait and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, combined with low snow coverage, are the reasons for the mild temperatures currently being experienced in the Maritimes.

"Currently, the area around South-East New Brunswick is 5.5°C above average," said Claude Cote, a spokesman for Environment Canada. The average temperatures for a region are calculated by averaging the temperatures for the past thirty years.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., is currently the record holder for highest temperatures in Atlantic Canada with temperatures 6°C above average, a record for that city and "very significant" according to Cote.

According to Cote, the same warm sea water which led to a record number of hurricanes in the Atlantic this fall has contributed to the mild temperatures this winter. This has also led to reduced ice coverage in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Straight.

"The Northumberland Straight should be frozen over and there is no ice at all in the Gulf of St. Lawrence," said Cote. Cote said that there should be a minimum of 50 per cent ice coverage in the Gulf at this time of year.

This open water has also had a moderating effect on the surrounding landmasses. As long as the open water is still cooling to the point of freezing, all of the energy contained in that water is being radiated into the air, adding to the mild climate around it.

"It takes a lot of energy to freeze water," said Cote.

The effect continues with low snow coverage throughout the Maritimes. The area around the Isthmus of Chignecto, that small strip of land which connects New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the normal snow accumulation is around 23 cm. Currently, there is hardly more than 3 cm to be found. This, in turn, increases, the albido, or reflectivity, or the ground in the area. More solar radiation is absorbed by the ground instead of being reflected back into space. This solar radiation is then radiated back as more heat.

Currently, Environment Canada is forecasting milder than normal temperatures through the month of February and into March, by which time spring will have begun to unfurl.

The effects will be felt after that, though, said Cote. The warm winter will impact spring water levels since less water will have been stored in snow accumulation. Frost penetration into the soil will also be lower, he said, which could cause the ground to thaw earlier than normal.

Environment Canada is only able to make forecasts based on the next three months. Beyond that, the system relies entirely on statistical models which, in a statistically anomalous situation such as this, could be flawed.

#### NATIONAL NEWS STORIES

#### American Takes Over Canadian Symbol

Toronto. On Jan. 26, Canada's oldest company, The Hudson's Bay, was bought up after its greatest shareholder, American Jerry Zucker, proposed an offer the Bay could not refuse. Zucker's Maple Leaf Heritage Investments Acquisition Corp. offered to pay more than \$1.06 billion, plus The Bay's debt.

Cop Guilty of Multiple Rapes

Montréal. On Jan. 26 a Montréal police officer, Benoit Guay, 34, was charged with multiple violent sexual assaults. His assaulting spree took place over the course of two years. His victims are seven women between the ages of 15 and 20.

Thousands of Seal Pups Drown Pictou Island. The violent blizzard in Canada's East Coast on Feb. 1 created powerful waves that yanked 75 per cent of the estimated 3000 grey seal pups in the Northumberland Strait into the sea. Not yet able to swim, the seals drowned.

Mayor Accused of Stealing Gas Lac La Biche. Mayor Tom Lett of the northern Alberta town is suspected of stealing 12,500 litres of fuel from a bulk station last spring. He has been charged with theft over \$5,000. A court date has been set for March 6.

#### Ford Puts Thousands Out of Work

**St. Thomas.** On Jan. 23 St. Thomas' Ford plant announced its plans to cut about 1,200 jobs. This change is part of Ford's massive restructuring plan, which includes 25,000 to 30,000 job cuts in North America by 2012.

#### Arrest Made in Severed Arm Case

Calgary. On Jan. 31 police charged 22-year-old Dean Aaron Commanda with second-degree murder and arson after an arm was found in a dumpster on Jan. 20. The severed arm belonged to 22-year-old Chad Largy, Commanda's childhood friend; the rest of Largy's remains have not yet been found.

#### Watery Gravesites Receive Their Due Peace

**Toronto.** The gravesites of three Great Lakes' shipwrecks, the Fitzgerald, the Hamilton and the Scourge, are now protected by a new provincial regulation that requires divers to obtain a special licence. For twelve years the families of the mariners pushed to have this protection; they were uncomfortable with the vulnerability of their loved ones' resting spots.

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS STORIES

#### U.S., South Korea to Launch Free Trade Talks

South Korea. The start of talks that could lead to the most important trade agreement for the U.S. since NAFTA were announced last Thursday January 26th in a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol. South Korea, the U.S.'s seventh largest trading partner, exports computer chips, cellular phones and other consumer goods to the U.S. and prices could be considerably lowered by the agreement. However, South Korea's agricultural barriers are one of the highest in the world and are a cause for concern, especially for U.S.'s agricultural sector.

#### The World Honours Coretta Scott King

Mexico. Coretta Scott King, the wife of Martin Luther King Jr. one of the most influential advocates of racial equality in the U.S. during the civil rights movement, died early morning on January 30th in a private health centre in northern Mexico at the age of 78. Scott King stood shoulder to shoulder with her husband in the struggle for equal rights in the United States. Americans and admirers across the world immediately sent tributes of praise and remembrance of Scott King's exceptional fight for racial harmony.

New Orleans Hit by Tornadoes New Orleans. Already ravaged by hurricane Katrina just five months ago, New Orleans faced heavy tornadoes last week collapsing houses and battering Louis Armstrong International airport, authorities said. No serious damage was caused but further complications in the devastated region persist.

#### Outrage Over Cartoon of Islamic Prophet

Gaza. Outrage arose across the Arab world after caricatures of the prophet Mohammed were printed in European media. French press has been particularly targeted, along with Germany, Norway, and Denmark. Militants in Gaza threatened to kidnap members of the press from those countries while riots erupted around press offices in Europe. Spokesmen for the militants claim that the area will continue to be dangerous for European nationals until their governments apologize for the publication of the cartoons.

## Mother not going to jail for mercy-killing case

by Christina Palka National News Editor



Marielle Houle leaves the courthouse following her release in Montreal.

A mother who assisted her son in his suicide was fortunate to avoid jail time, being sentenced instead to three years' probation.

The judge took over an hour to read his verdict in court on Jan. 27. The Crown left the sentence up to the judge.

The guilty is Marielle Houle, 60, of Montréal. On the night of Sept. 25, 2004, Houle helped her 36-year-old son, Charles Fariala, kill himself with drugs and asphyxiation.

Fariala had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2002, and by 2004 had begun to experience difficulty walking. He told the people in his life that he wished to die, and began secluding himself from everyone except his mother.

"(He) was more afraid of the future than of his actual condition," said Houle.

Fariala started to plan his suicide, researching various methods on the Internet. He even included details to be attended to after his death, such as the repayment of cigarettes to a friend and instructions on paying his bills.

He was meticulous and determined, and on the day he planned for his death, he called his mother at 5pm and pleaded for her understanding and assistance. She relented, and at 11pm that night they were together at his apartment when he ingested a cocktail of pills with some alcohol. He then lay in his bed, took more drugs, and Houle tied his hands together.

A few moments later after he seemed to be asleep, Houle covered her son's head with a plastic bag. She says she looked into his eyes until he died.

Fariala planned his death in a way that would not incriminate his mother. He left her specific instructions on what to do after he died, including waiting an hour to call the police.

In a state of grief, Houle forgot and immediately called the police. She was charged a few days afterward.

The most famous Canadian assistedsuicide case involved another parent and child. In 1997 Rober Latimer was convicted of murdering his daughter Tracy, who suffered from a severe form of cerebral palsy.

Houle's lawyer, Salvatore Mascia, described the crime as an act of unconditional love.

"It was a gesture of compassion, a gesture of love. She mustered the courage to be with her son and she believes she did the right thing at his request," appealed Mascia.

## Hamas emerges victorious in shocking Palestinian election results

The Middle East is reeling from the unexpected rise to power of Hamas last week.

by Mathieu Kissin

The political wing of the militant Islamic group Hamas stunned the international community recently by winning a majority of seats in the Palestinian legislature.

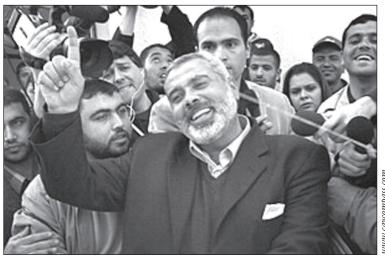
The results of the elections, released on Jan. 26th, announced the first change of government in the Palestinian Authority's short history. Previous to the Jan. 25th elections, Yasser Arafat's Fatah party had held power since the creation of the P.A. in 1994.

Although the successful exercise of democracy demonstrated by the Palestinian people is encouraging, the new leadership could increase turmoil in the region. Its leadership has said that it would only consider a long-term hudna (truce) with Israel under certain conditions including its withdrawal to the 1967 borders, the construction of a link between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, and the release of detainees. The Israeli government has stated that it will not meet to negotiate with a Hamas-led government until it recognizes Israel's right to exist. Interim Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has threatened serious repercussions to Hamas in the event of an attack on Israel.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan stated that the international community is unified in its condemnation of Hamas' use of violence and failure to recognize Israel. The United States and Europe both list Hamas

Hamas won a landslide victory, winning 76 of the 132 seats available in the Palestinian legislature.

as a terrorist organisation; expressing deep concern about developments in the region, and threaten-



Hamas rejoices after victory.

ing to cut off aid unless Hamas disarms, recognizes Israel, and respects the peace agreements already in place. U.S. Secretary of State Condaleeza Rice reiterated the American government's belief that a peaceful resolution could only be achieved through a twostate solution.

The United States has long been the largest financial supporter of the Palestinian Authority, providing over \$1.5 billion in aid since 1993. It is projected to contribute \$234 million in 2006. Current Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas implored the international community not to cut off aid suggesting it would cripple an already shaky economy and have a devastating impact on the Palestinian people.

While Hamas has requested that foreign countries continue to offer aid, they have stated that they will not succumb to international pressure, in regards to disarmament. Instead, Hamas has pledged to seek alternative sources of funding; which suggests that accusations of Iranian financial support may prove to be true.

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## Une abracadabrante accusation d'espionnage à Moscou

par Alexandra Turpin



La pierre électronique peut envoyer des informations secrètes.

Des espions anglais communiquant avec des ONG russes grâce à une pierre cachée dans un parc de Moscou : on se croirait presque au début d'un long roman d'espionnage. Il s'agit pourtant des accusations prononcées par le FSB (ex KGB) à l'encontre de quatre diplomates britanniques, dont Marc Doe, deuxième secrétaire de l'ambassade.

Les services spéciaux russes ont dénoncé, le 23 janvier dernier, une collaboration criminelle entre les agents bri-

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tanniques et quelques ONG, en particulier le groupe Helsinki pour la défense des droits de l'homme. Les « espions » auraient utilisé la pierre électronique pour envoyer des informations secrètes et financer illégalement des organisations non gouvernementales. Les prétendues preuves divulguées par le FSB se limitent, actuellement, à une vidéo des diplomates se promenant dans le parc. Londres a manifesté sa surprise et son inquiétude face à ces déclarations tout en niant

les faits reprochés. Les quatre hommes

«Si nous les renvoyons, a-til affirmé, on nous en fera venir d'autres, peut-être même des plus intelligents et nous allons nous éreinter à les identifier».

incriminés risquent l'expulsion du territoire russe. Néanmoins, le Président

Vladimir Putin a soutenu qu'il n'avait pas encore pris de décision. «Si nous les renvoyons, a-t-il affirmé, on nous en fera venir d'autres, peut-être même des plus intelligents et nous allons nous éreinter à les identifier».

Au-delà des révélations du FSB, dont là véracité semble bien discutable, cette affaire intervient dans un contexte d'oppression des ONG en Russie. Putin a ainsi signé, le 10 janvier, une loi visant à réglementer l'activité des ONG. Il est désormais possible d'interdire toute organisation non gouvernementale si ses travaux menacent «la souveraineté de la Russie, l'indépendance, l'intégrité territoriale, l'unité et l'originalité nationales, l'héritage culturel ou les intérêts nationaux». Ces termes vagues laissent une grande liberté d'action au Ministère de la Justice, ce qui provoque une grande inquiétude quant à l'avenir des ONG. Ces organisations constituent en effet l'un des derniers pouvoirs de contestation dans ce pays. Tatiana Kassatkina, directrice de Memorial, une ONG luttant pour le respect des droits humains s'insurge «C'est vraiment le retour au passé. Que les ONG russes reçoivent des financements étrangers, c'était connu et cela se fait de façon ouverte. Mais là, on cherche à accréditer l'idée que les ONG travaillent contre la Russie».

# Google just might save the world

by Pierro Marinatos **Opinions** Columnist

As of January 2006, internet surfers in China will be able to "Google". In a controversial deal with the Chinese government, Google has allowed its China-based servers for "Google. cn" to be censored. All information available must be filtered out through China's so-called "Great Firewall" and conform to a series of strict guidelines limiting access to China's estimated 100 million surfers. Information on the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, independence for Taiwan, Tibet, and human rights and democracy in general will be topics that are heavily censored. CNN, the BBC and most other western news sources will not be accessible. Yahoo and Microsoft are already operating in China and following these guidelines.

Reporters Without Borders are just one of a number of media watch dog groups who are crying foul at Googles actions, arguing that in succumbing to censorship, Google is helping isolate China from the outside world and tacitly supporting the myriad of injustices and human rights violations. Here's where it gets interesting. These people have obviously not done their homework on the boys who run Google. While Yahoo and Microsoft capitulated to demands by the Department of Justice to release users' search information, Google promptly told the DoJ to stick it, and that their demands were a violation of their user's privacy. They're jokers, and terribly wealthy ones at that. They cannot be told what to do and will acquiesce to demands only as long as it pleases them. As anyone who has ever used the search engine can tell you, there is an extra button named "I'm feeling lucky". If one types in "miserable failure" and hits the aforementioned button, they are immediately linked to the official whitehouse.gov biography of George W. Bush. "French military victories" will lead to a page that asks "did you mean French military defeats?"

Google has become so massive and so pervasive that we don't "search" the internet anymore, we "Google" that new recipe or the directions to the theatre. They are nearly untouchable. With a history of pranks, no fear of their own fascistic government and a corporate motto of "Don't do evil", can one honestly tell me that they think the self imposed censorship will last? If they are not afraid of their own Justice Dept, why would they be afraid of another country's? Even money has that there are already backdoors built into Google. cn so that industrious surfers in China will be able to get the information they want. Eventually, the backdoors won't be as hidden and the boys at Google will just allow information to flood into China in such volume that not even the "Great Firewall" will be able to stop it. Media groups such as Reporters Without Borders have been crying foul and lambasting Google for censoring itself; and they are being very short sighted in their quest for headlines. The truth of the matter is that Google is more likely to bring about more real change than all of these watchdog groups combined.

## Gay Cowboys mounting a sweep of the 78th Academy Awards

Brokeback Mountain receives eight Oscar nominations.

by Jean-Louis Voyer Celebrity Columnist

Ang Lee's Brokeback Mountain received eight Oscar nominations, including those for Best Director, Best Picture, Best Actor Heath Ledger, Best Supporting Actor Jake Gyllenhaal and Best Supporting Actress Michelle Williams.

Moreover, the 78th Academy Awards might also be a memorable night for George Clooney. The popular Hollywood actor was nominated for three Oscars - one for his supporting acting role in Syriana and another for his co-screenwriting and direction of Edward R. Murrow's Good Night, and Good Luck.

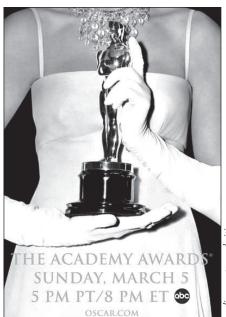
On March 5th, the Best Actress award will be one of the most highly anticipated. According to People magazine, the race is considered to be heaviest between Witherspoon, as June Carter Cash, and Huffman, who plays a man about to undergo sex-change surgery in Transamerica.

Furthermore, the Academy nominated Good Night and Good Luck and Crash for six Oscars each including: Best Picture, Best Director and Best Original Screenplay.

Crash's win at the Screen Actor Guild Awards for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture has sparked rumors about the Oscar's top category. According to the rumors, Brokeback Mountain and Crash are front runners for the Academy's Best Picture Award.

Although, Memoirs of a Geisha received five nominations, the film did not obtain nods in the top categories. Similar to Memoirs of a Geisha, Pride and Prejudice obtained nominations for their achievements in the arts included best: Art Direction, Costume Design and Music (Score).

Yet, the Oscar Nominations were a disappointment to some possible contenders. Walk the Line did not get a Best Picture nomination although both Reese Witherspoon and Joaquin Phoenix received Oscar nods for their performances. Moreover, People Magazine contends that Russell Crowe, for Cinderella Man; Laura Linney and Jeff Daniels, for The Squid and the Whale, and Viggo Mortensen in A History



of Violence were left standing in the cold.

So the question remains, is Brokeback Mountain Oscar material? On March 5th, 2006, Hollywood's Kodak Theatre will be filled with our favorite grade A celebrities, fashionable gowns and of course the treasured Oscar Statues. The 78th Academy Awards will be the setting for a memorable evening in entertainment history.

# WORLD POLITICS

7 février 2006

Defying U.S expansionism

Starring Steven Harper as Sam Steele.

by Rustam J. Dow

Sam Steele is a Canadian icon. Anyone who has seen the Canadian heritage moment highlighting him, or who is a Canadian history buff knows this. Steele is the Mounty, who once defeated a boisterous American attempting to penetrate Canada's northern frontier during the Klondike gold rush. Essentially, Steele's heroism and political influence in Ottawa came to be as a result of his stand against the U.S from entering sovereign northern-Canadian-territory.

It takes a brave figure to stop Canada's goliath brother from infringing on its sovereignty, and most Canadians would revere any public figure with the resolve to do so.

Enter Prime Minister Steven Harper. Just days after Harper's minority government won the election, he is already talking about keeping the Americans out of the north. What great timing!

A newly elected minority government whose opponents are highly unlikely to pass a motion to bring down his government any time soon, has only to appeal to the greater public for support and to secure additional votes for the next election.

It is widely believed that Harper will take a pro U.S policy stance, which comes as no surprise as far as the Tories are concerned. In 2004, when George W. Bush ushered the idea of including Canada in a Ballistic Missile Defense program (BMD), then leader of the opposition Stephen Harper was keen on the suggestion. Back in 1989, The Mulroney Conservatives supported and actually implemented the U.S led Canada-U.S free trade agreement, also known as the NAFTA which also reflects the Conservative desire to achieve economic homogenization.

If the above is true, then why are Mr. Harper's comments shielding Canada's sovereignty coming as a revelation? Maybe to those Canadians who are concerned with such matters?

#### "It takes a brave figure to stop Canada's goliath brother from infringing on its sovereignty"

Americans, if they have even heard of this show of insubordination, would scoff at the very idea. It was U.S. Ambassador David Wilkins who suggested that arctic waters are international in the first place. We can assume that Harper's recent comments as Prime Minister of Canada is causing more of a stir in Canada than in the U.S.

Ultimately, the Conservatives must win the support of more Canadians to fulfill their political mission and the mission of any party for that matter because a minority government is never an end in the political pursuit for power. To the uninitiated media analyst. Harper is

the patriotic voice that is insubordinate to U.S expansionism; a hymn most Canadians will follow. What Canadians should realize is that the Tories, when bearing in mind Sam



A modern day Mountie protecting Canada as predecessor Sam Steele did.

Steele, may use patriotism naively; implicitly however, a more cunning motive may exist that most "nice" Canadians are not prepared for.

## Dossier spécial : L'avenir du souverainisme québécois

par Pier-B Tremblay, étudiant en science politique au Collège Glendon collaboration de Francis Mailly, bachelier en science politique de l'Université Laval



Stephen Harper, nouveau Premier ministre d'un gouvernement conservateur minoritaire.

Le 23 janvier 2006 a été une nuit surprenante. Plusieurs personnes ont perdu leurs paris comme d'autres les ont gagnés. Une chose qui a probablement surpris tout le monde est les gains conservateurs dans la capitale provinciale du Québec. Les deux raisons principales sont les scandales libéraux qui ont écarté le parti de la course dans cette province, mais également le Bloc québécois qui n'a pas su s'imposer en tant que seule alternative, comme il a su le faire en 2004, en remportant 54 sièges à la Chambre des Communes. Pourquoi la concentration conservatrice n'est-elle présente qu'à Québec et incomparable au reste du Québec? Il faut noter par contre, que les conservateurs ont terminé devant les libéraux dans de nombreuses circonscriptions, sans toutefois représenter une réelle menace pour le Bloc. Cette question laisse plusieurs souverainistes bien perplexes.

En premier lieu, la ville de Québec est un phénomène unique à la province; sa population est plus aisée et plus à droite qu'ailleurs (sans toutefois être comparable à la droite de l'Ouest des Canucks). Depuis longtemps, les gens du grand Québec n'ont pas tendance à appuyer les mouvements populaires de la province; nous n'avons qu'à penser aux deux référendums sur la souveraineté, où l'appui au camp du OUI a été plutôt timide contrairement à de nombreuses autres régions francophones du Québec. Il est même possible de retourner jusqu'aux Rébellions de 1837-1838, où les dirigeants de Québec ont refusé de se battre auprès des Patriotes de la région de Montréal. Ce phénomène est en rapport avec le fait que, dès la colonisation, le pouvoir politique et religieux s'est établi à Québec - les gouverneurs, les évêques - et que le pouvoir est généralement pour le statu quo.

La couverture médiatique de Stephan Harper par les médias de Québec juste avant le 23 janvier est aussi pour quelque chose. Du jour au lendemain, une sympathie incroyable était accordée au chef et aux troupes conservatrices, se voyant comme solution aux querelles fédérales-provinciales et à la corruption libérale. L'actuel Premier ministre Stephen Harper a misé juste en promettant de régler le déséquilibre fiscal, ce qui a eu pour effet d'enlever une munition importante au Bloc québécois. De plus, la présence de candidats vedettes dans la région, Josée Verner et Maxime Bernier, ministrables, a accentué la vague et l'a étendu aux circonscriptions voisines. La position de pouvoir étant très alléchante pour la population, ce que le Bloc n'offre pas.

Globalement, le vote conservateur de la région de Québec ne peut aucunement être comparé à un vote conservateur ontarien et encore moins albertain. Le vote d'ici a été stratégique, par l'attrait des postes de pouvoir et par la promesse de règlement du déséquilibre fiscal. Il ne faut pas oublier que pour les défenseurs de l'autonomie provinciale, un parti de droite à Ottawa est très bien vu, ces derniers n'empiétant plus sur les compétences provinciales comme l'ont fait avec arrogance les libéraux par le passé. Reste maintenant à savoir comment les troupes de M. Harper sauront remplir les attentes dans la région de Québec, car leur appui demeure fragile. Vont-ils pouvoir faire valoir leurs intérêts et leurs politiques « sociales » conservatrices (contre le mariage gay par exemple) toujours très impopulaires...

# CAMPUS LIFE

# FoG Saves the Day!

by Charmaine Bene and Karen Murray

"100% of donations are channelled into student awards."

Have you received an award from the Friends of Glendon (FoG) but don't know who the Friends are?

FoG was formed in 1971 by Glendon faculty, students and administrators to assist students at risk of dropping-out because they couldn't meet their basic living expenses. Today, FoG raises funds through donations from Glendon faculty, staff, alumni and parents, the Living and Learning in Retirement (LLIR) group that meets every Friday on campus, and special events.

FoG's Strategic Plan calls for it to raise an additional \$100,000 by 2008. By a unique arrangement with the college and the GCSU, 100% of donations are channelled into student awards.

FoG's financial assistance comes in the form of bursaries, scholarships and emergency loans. Bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need. When you apply online for the York Undergraduate Bursary you are also applying for Friends of Glendon Bursaries.

FoG scholarships recognize academic achievement. There are scholarships for outstanding incoming students as well as scholarships for continuing and graduating students who are at the top of their class.

FoG emergency loans carry students through temporary financial crises. These loans (up to \$750) typically hold students over until their student loans are available. You can apply for a FoG emergency loan at Student Financial Services.

Every Glendon student is a voting member of the Friends of Glendon, a federally chartered, non-profit corporation managed by a board of directors composed of Glendon students, faculty, alumni and staff. Each autumn, at FoG's annual meeting, a minimum of four students are elected to the Board of Directors. You can give back to FoG and the Glendon community by becoming a student representative on the Board, by helping when FoG calls for volunteers for the annual Glendon phone-athon or by participating in other special projects throughout the year.

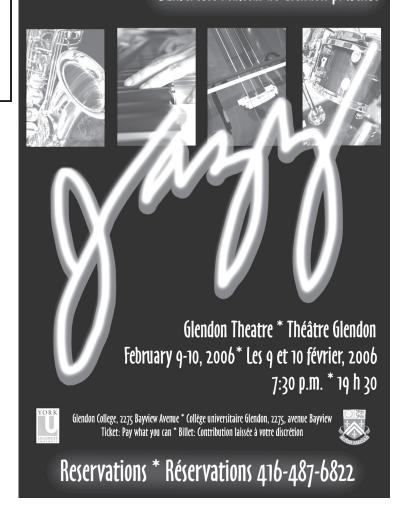






#### **EVENTS** What's going on this month? Workshop: Preparing for Exams in Glendon Hall E103 2-3pm Tuesday, Feb. 7th Conservative Society Pub Night. Wednesday, Feb. 8th Details TBA Workshop: Revising and Editing in Glendon Hall 105 1-3pm Thursday, Feb. 9th Reading Week Feb. 13th - 19th Psychology Day in the Salon Garigue Wednesday, Feb.22nd 10-2pm Workshop: Developing a Positive Friday, Feb. 24th Outlook in Glendon Hall E103 12-1pm Feb. 20th- 24th Winter Carnival Dodgeball Tournament Feb. 25th- 26th Formal Cocktail Party at Glendon Hall Friday, Mar. 3rd

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# Getting to know... Professor Benessaieh

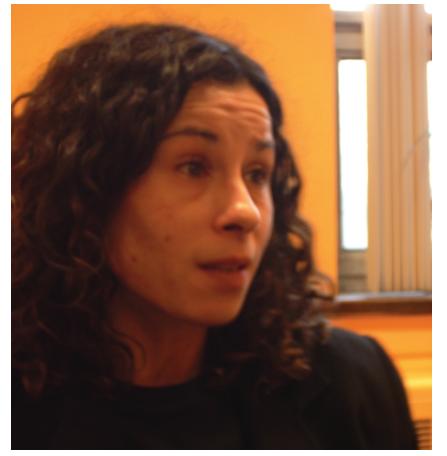
by Ashley Jestin Campus Life Editor



"I would be surprised if there was a radical move made towards the U.S."

Professor Afef Benessaieh was educated in Montreal, Quebec and received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in political science at UQAM, specializing in International Relations during her Bachelor's degree and Political Economy during her Master's degree. Due to her involvement with a research team, Professor Benessaieh was able to finish her Master's degree in a year and a half. Following this, she was involved in research at the National Autonomous University in Mexico City for a year. During this time she developed an interest for Political Sociology. Professor Benessaieh received her PhD at the University of South California at the school of International Relations, with an emphasis on Political Sociology. Her major interests are sociological and anthropological approaches to International Studies. Recently, Pro Tem was able to sit down with this fascinating woman to discuss her views on Canada on the international stage.

Photos courtesy of Rebecca Vandevelde



PRO TEM: One subject that is on a lot of student's minds this month is the recent Canadian elections. This is the first Conservative government in over a decade and Stephen Harper is often criticized as being a mini President Bush. Do you think this view is justified?

**Professor Benessaieh:** I must admit that since I've been spending time in Mexico, I am a little more stimulated by what is happening there. The political process is such an intense, hard, and very debated space where people are really engaging and talk about fundamental questions, including visions of the society and visions of how to do politics. Here, I am a little bit more bored by what is happening. I tend to follow Canadian politics a little more distantly. I am not particularly proud of it.

As for Stephen Harper, I don't know the guy. Most of his statements during the campaign were aimed at demotivating and discrediting his opponent. I have no sense of Harper being particularly close to any U.S-based interest. As Prime Minister for the time being, I think it would be extremely imprudent of him if he moved too close to the U.S. I'm not too sure he's that type of person. A lot of the accusations that were flung during the debates were aimed at discrediting each other's images, so I'm not sure we should buy into that, perhaps completely misplaced, unfounded rumour. I would be surprised if there was a radical move made towards the U.S. In Canada anyways, there is something called the Public Opinion. Our public opinion is quite sensitive about being too close to the U.S. I would suppose a good Prime Minister would at least be sensitive to, let's say, prudently dealing with public opinion.

PRO TEM: You've almost completely answered the next question, which was, do you think relations between the US and Canads will become stronger under Harper?

**Professor Benessaieh:** It was one of the points raised during the pre-election campaign. One of the critiques that was raised against Martin was this idea that U.S and Canadian relations had been deteriorating under Martin. So, I suppose if the guy wants to be coherent with what he was raising during the debate, he would, at least in appearance try to rectify some

of the tensions that exist between the two countries.

PRO TEM: I recently read that many Latin American nations are turning their back on Washington. For example, Bolivia, Uruguay, Argentina, Venezuela under Hugo Chavez, as well as potentially Mexico depending upon the July election, if Lopez Obrador wins - all because of what was labeled a "potential leftist oil block". It stated that now is the time to set up an independent Canadian foreign policy in that region. What are your thoughts on this?

**Professor Benessaieh:** Well, we've always had a very independent policy in Canada towards Latin America. Canada was one of the very unique nations to maintain a very good relationship with Cuba. Canada has always had a very neutral stance; a very friendly stance towards Venezuela,for instance and never backed the U.S in terms of their political ideals in Latin America. With the rest of the continent, Canadian foreign policy standards are quite different from the US. In fact, at least in principle, we are generally much more open to the idea of a leftist government as long as they are supported by democratic elections.

PRO TEM: This same article also mentioned that if Ottawa got too close to Chavez or Morales, it risks a US backlash if relations between the US and Venezuela blow up. Do you think this is the case, or do you think this is a risk we should take?

Professor Benessaieh: I don't know. It seems to me if an ambassador or a Canadian diplomat received a comment vis-à-vis the US, that kind of issue is troubling. The answer would be that we're a sovereign country and are perfectly entitled to how and with whom we choose to establish our foreign relations and I don't think the U.S can have anything to say on this. To keep a sense of good bilateral relations with the U.S administration and diplomats we may have to take into account some suggestions. However, we also have other means by which to conduct diplomacy. That is, CIDA and guas-independent NGOs such as Rights and Democracy, which are and can be used as complements to our diplomacy agenda.

What professor would you like to see interviewed? Please send your nominations to: campuslifeeditor@gmail.com

## Less High School Students Want to Come to York

by Ashley Jestin Campus Life Editor



This year York University has seen a 1.8 percent decrease from last year in high school applicants, while other universities across Ontario have seen increases up to 9 percent.

Preliminary figures released on Wednesday, January 18th by the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) show that Ontario has seen 1.6 percent rise in applicants and other universities such as the University of Toronto have seen a 1 to 2 percent increase.

Despite these numbers York has maintained its number two position in Ontario, next only to the University of Toronto in terms of first-choice applications. Statistics released by OUAC also show that York has been able to maintain the second highest number of high



#### school applications overall.

The Vice-President Students, Robert Tiffin, is choosing to concentrate only on the positive. "What these numbers show is that students are specifically choosing York over other institutions. Where we are seeing a dramatic drop-off is in the number of students placing York further down their list of choices and this is affecting our overall applications number slightly. But the absolute number of students putting York as their first or second choice indicates that York continues to be a primary destination, not a backup."

The statistics do not take into account applications from mature students, overseas students or transfer students.

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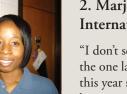
If you would like additional information, or news about our events, please email us and we will put you on our mailing list.

#### What do you think about the GCSU spending \$18,000 on "Bernice"? Send your opinions to campuslifeeditor@gmail.com



#### 1. Terry, Second Year International Studies Major

"For \$18,000 it better be able to beam people around the world. Why not consider getting a more basic model? \$18,000?"



#### 2. Marjorie, Fourth Year International Studies Major

"I don't see anything wrong with it because the one last year didn't work properly and this year students can get cheaper and better quality copies at the GCSU. I'd rather they buy an expensive copier than having to replace it every year."

#### 3. Mackenzie, First Year **Linguistics Major**

"I think that it is a little much. The money could probably be better spent elsewhere."

#### 4. Nadiha, First Year **International Studies Major**

"I do think that \$18,000 is a little too much for a photocopier machine, and considering that we don't really know what the GCSU does with our money, I guess now we know. Is that really a good investment? Isn't there anything else that could be better for students?"

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#### Dear Glendon College Student Union Members: I have 300 words and three months left as President of your Student Union. Last semester was drowned in organization and now I'm

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asking myself, what do students at Glendon want from their student union? Do they want us to provide services? To be radical activists disrupting your classes with a bullhorn, to tell you communism will prevail?

To get a bank machine that actually produces currency not frustration? To boycott Chartwells for styrofoam? To create a bilingual program that works? To launch lawsuits against York for fun? (Let us know at webmaster@gcsu-aecg.ca.)

We spent \$18,000 dollars of your money on a photocopier because we are crazy or because the last one cost \$22,000 on lease over five years. Our new copier, affectionately called Bernice, faxes, copies and scans. Bernice charges five cents a copy and faxes are free, so please use it.

International Student Identity Cards (ISIC) are free with your own photo on Tuesdays from 9:00 until 12:00, Wednesdays from 9:00 until 3:30 and Thursdays from 9:00 until 12:00

#### Health?

The health plan referendum is well underway and is taking place during our spring elections.

#### Academics

A proposal has been submitted to Faculty Council to set up a new exam repository for the spring exams. The Anti-Calendar is in the works.

I would make more promises but I'm still trying to stomach the Leader's debate. For more information on the GCSU, visit our new website at: www.gcsu-aecg.ca

Best, Yoani Kuiper

HOT ISSUE >>

See the above

address by the

GCSU president!

## **Club Profile: The Women's Centre**



The Glendon Women's Centre is a positive space geared towards serving the Glendon (and York) community; we are open to male and female students alike and have a friendly and sympathetic staff. We have a food bank that is open to all students; we offer many activities, seminars (self-defence, health, advocacy, awareness, etc.), and reference services, and our space is available for clubs to use, should they need a place to meet. There is also a private prayer room. (equipped with a prayer mat and bathroom)

Le Centre des Femmes de Glendon est un endroit chaleureux pour servir la communauté de Glendon (et de l'université York en general); femmes et hommes sont

un personnel sympatique. Le CF a mis à la disposition de toutes les étudiantes et les étudiants une banque alimentaire et nous offrons plusieurs activités (santé, conscience, defense de soi, etc.) et des services de référence. Notre centre est disponible pour les clubs de Glendon, si ces derniers ont besoin d'une salle de rencontre. Il y a aussi une salle privée ou vous pouvez prier (equipée d'un matelas de prière et d'une salle de bain).

les bienvenus et vous y trouverez

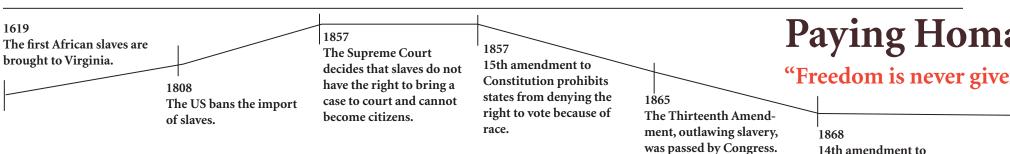
Mission statement: The staff and volunteers of the Glendon Women's Centre work to provide a positive space where no person is judged based on his or her gender, race, religion, creed, sexual preference or personal beliefs. The Women's Centre works to promote the preservation of all human rights with special emphasis on celebrating the many voices of the women at Glendon and within the community.

Mission: Le personnel et les bénévoles du Centre des femmes

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# FEATURE

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## **Celebrating Black History Month**

30 years of Reflection

by Adam McNally



"Black History is a central piece of Canadian identity."

This February marks the 30th anniversary of Black History Month. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a black scholar born to former slaves, launched the original event, Negro History Week, in 1926.

At Harvard, Woodson discovered

in his textbooks that blacks were represented, in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned. Woodson decided to write African-Americans into their nation's history.

In 1915, he established the Association for Study of Afro-American Life & History and founded the Journal of Negro History one year later. Woodson chose the second week of February to celebrate Negro History as it includes the birthdays of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln.

Douglass, a former slave, rode his way to freedom after boarding a train from Maryland, dressed in sailor's gear, carrying the identification papers of a freed black seaman. He became America's most famous black abolitionist and one of the most influential authors and lecturers in U.S. history.

Lincoln's major contribution to African-Americans was eliminating slavery with the Emancipation Proclamation. However, some abolitionists criticized Lincoln for only freeing slaves held under the Confederacy in 1863, while waiting until 1865 to release those held in the Union.

As part of the 1976 American bicentennial celebrations, Negro History Week was extended into National Black History Month. Official Canadian recognition came in the early 1950s, when the Canadian Negro Women's Associa-

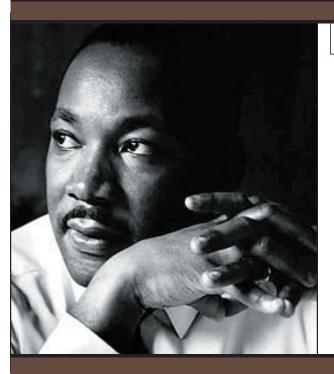
## 14th amendment to **Constitution grants** citizenship to former

tion successfully petitioned Toronto City Council to acknowledge the occasion.

slaves.

Every year the event has a different theme. This February's is "Fraternal, Social, and Civic Organizations." The year 2006 marks the 110th anniversary of the National Association of Colored Women, as well as the 100th anniversary of Alpha Phi Alpha's founding. APA was the first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity built for African-Americans. The founders, known as the "Seven Jewels", attended New York's Cornell University. Their mission was to create a literary and social support group for minority students who felt victimized by racial prejudice.

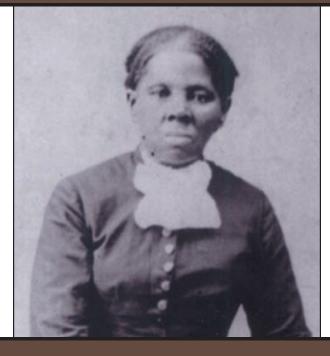
Slavery existed in Canada for over hundred years as well. In the early 1700s, under French rule, thousands of Africans arrived in New France (now known as Quebec), mostly as slaves to French Aristocracy. Slavery continued under British rule until 1793, when Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe passed the Act Against Slavery, allowing for gradual abolition. By 1810, Canadian slavery had ended.



#### Martin Luther King Jr.:

Born: January 15, 1929 Died: April 4, 1968

Martin Luther King, Jr. worked for civil rights and racial equality in the United States during the 1950s. He participated in the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and many other peaceful demonstrations. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.



#### Harriet Tubman:

Born: 1820 Died: 10 March 1913

Tubman became one of the most successful "conductors" on the Underground Railroad in the mid-19th century. She is credited with leading more than 300 slaves to freedom. She became a speaker on the anti-slavery lecture circuit and a friend of the principal abolitionists.

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# age to Black History

## n; it is won." - A. Philip Rondolph

| 1922 – 1929

The Harlem Renaissance. Marked an epoch in black literature and art.

| 1947 Jackie Robinson is the first black man to play major league baseball. 1955 Rosa Parks refuses to give her seat up on a bus in Alabama.

#### 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

gives an "I Have a Dream"

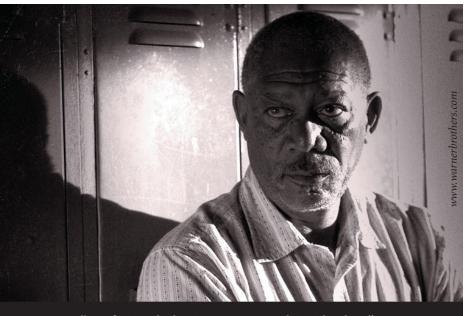
#### 1964

The Civil Rights Acts prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, or gender; Dr. King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Just a Month of History?

Morgan Freeman sparks a debate after questioning why black history is constrained to a single month.

by Ammar Jamil Sports Editor



"Confining Black History to a month is ridiculous"

The month of February bears much significance for many in the African-American community. The month-long commemoration of black history is used to remember those who risked their lives to stand up for the freedoms that America today prides itself in. However, unlike many in the African-American community, Academy Award winning actor Morgan Freeman wishes

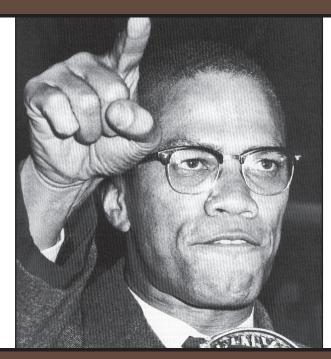
to distance himself from celebrating African-American month, branding the idea of confining black history to a month "ridiculous". The 68 year old actor and film director, who worked his way up from children's TV shows to soap operas and subsequently to roles in feature films, voiced his displeasure during an interview with Mike Wallace of CBS' investigative show "60 minutes". "I don't want a Black History month" Freeman said, adding "There's no white history month." Freeman's comments noticeably caught Wallace off-guard; however, it is hard not to empathize with Freeman's stance on this issue. "You're going to relegate my history to a month?" enquired Freeman.

Freeman had single-handedly kindled a firestorm of debate about limiting the observance to 28 days. His comments caught the attention of many in the African-American community and beyond. As a result, the real purpose behind a Black History month came into question. "So you had this system that was categorizing people and putting them in certain spots. And I think Black History Month continues that whole tradition of doing that instead of dealing in reality with what happened to black people," remarked William Cole, a professor in the African-American Studies Program at Syracuse University.

Cole maintained that the idea of a Black History Month was thought-provoking; although he indicated that the month should not be separated from American History but rather be compounded into the multifaceted history of America.

"That relationship can't be told in a month because it is very complex. It is continuing to evolve," stated Cole, a view shared by Freeman. "Black History is American History," and as Freeman pointed out, it should be taught and embraced as such. To restrict black history to a 28 day observance both confines and trivializes the historic contributions of African-Americans across North America.

#### Biographies by Lourdes Villamor



#### Malcolm X:

Born: May 19, 1925 Died: February 21, 1965

Malcolm X was a militant black leader in the United States. In 1963, he formed the Muslim Mosque, Inc. organization. After a pilgrimage to Mecca in 1964, he announced his new belief that there could be a brotherhood between blacks and whites. His view was that of militant Black Nationalism, but no longer of separation.



#### Rosa Parks:

Born: February 4, 1913 Died: October 24, 2005

Rosa Parks was a pivotal figure in the fight for civil rights. In 1955, when she refused to give up her seat in a bus for a white man, she was fined and arrested. Her example caused a national sensation that eventually led to widespread desegregation in the United States and the civil rights movement of the 1960's.

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## What is my tribute?

For: In memory of Sepehr "Danny" Rabti, who was shot dead on December 1st 2005, Toronto's 50th victim of gun violence in The Year of The Gun. By Jennifer Capano

As I lay here dying, I wonder, what have I done with my life? I lived in a way I thought was moral and decent. People always told me I was one of the nicest people in the world. But what does that mean as I lay here dying?

My fiancé. What will she think? How will she go on without me? I'm not being conceited but we were one great looking couple. When I proposed to her she jumped into my arms and I knew she would be mine forever. When I am gone will she move on to someone else? She's not going to be mine forever anymore.

And my brothers? My family? What will they think? They rely on me. I am their rock. I keep things together. My poor little brothers, who watch me as I lay here dying. My poor little brothers, who saw the bullets go through my skin. My poor little brothers will never recover. I don't want to die -

it hurts so much. I can't breathe. I hear the ambulance. Maybe I can live. Maybe I will live. If I just focus on living maybe I can make it through. When I saw the gun I knew that the man was going to shoot me. When I saw him pull it out I knew that no matter what I did I was going to feel the piercing hot bullet. It hurts so much.

I can feel my life slipping away. I hear my brothers telling me, "Hold on brother, here comes the ambulance." I feel hands on my body. They feel desperate. Desperate hands on my body. It's not my time to go. They stole my time from me. I want my time back.

I'm slipping further but I can still feel. I know that someone is trying to save my life. I can feel them working on me. I'm staring death in the face and now I am scared. I'm not scared for myself; I am scared for everyone else. I don't want them to miss me. I don't want them to think that I wanted to go. I want them to know that I fought with everything I had, but the bullet won.

It's not fair that my life has to end this way. I know I am in the ambulance. I can't hear anything anymore. I can't feel anything anymore. I'm still trying though. I am trying to hold on. I am trying to live but it hurts so much. This is it. I am taking my last breaths. I will miss my life. I will miss living. They took away my life, and I wasn't finished living it. I don't want to go, but I know it's my time. My last breath does not hurt.

My body looks so calm amidst the blood. I look around at the paramedics and the ambulance. I say my final goodbye to my body. I stop off at my fiance's place and whisper that I love her in her ear. She shivers and holds herself. She doesn't know I'm dead yet. I hope she never finds out.

This is it. My time here is done. I search for the men who killed me and I find them, running. Panicked. They have nowhere to go. I know they will be caught. I know my family will hate them. I hate them too. They took away my life. I say my final goodbyes to my family. They cry. Tears for me. I will watch over them every step of the way. I love them. I don't look back. I walk over the threshold. This is it. Goodbye.



Sepehr and his fiancé Jasmine.

#### THE EYES OF THE ENGLISH QUEEN - ERIN MARIE HUTCHINSON

THE ENGLISH QUEEN YELLS DAILY AT MY LATE ASSIGNMENTS. (I FEEL MY KNIGHTHOOD RISING RISING FOR HER)

I WANT TO LOOSEN HER LONG, WHITE BRAID AND LET IT MUSHROOM INTO A CURLY CROWN AROUND HER FACE

AS SHE SCREAMS ABOUT DANGLING PARTICIPLES THOUGH MY GRAMMAR IS STIFFLY STRAIGHT

(I WANT TO MAKE LOVE TO HER ON THE MESSY FILING CABINET-)

THE EYES OF THE ENGLISH QUEEN ARE WATERING FOR ME AGAIN, FOR I HAVE FAILED ANOTHER SQUELLING TEST. SHE LASHED OUT WITH HER RED SCEPTER, DASHING MARKS ALL OVER THE PAGE.

(-WHILE THE OTHER STUDENTS ARE OUT FOR RECESS)

SHE JUMPS UP AND DOWN ON HER DESK, RAGING ROYALLY BECAUSE OF THE BAD GRAMMAR AND (INCORRECT SYNTAX) IN MY ESSAY.

BUT I DID IT ALL FOR YOU, I SAY, YET SHE REFUSES TO SEE THE TRUTH. SHE ONLY EXILES ME AS I SILENTLY THINK

I LOVE YOU

#### The Pulse Christina Sibian

A beating heart, what sacred sound is this? Adjoined bodies in blessed warmth, its touch. Moist lips would kiss the knee, the thigh, then much; In flames ablaze the sense, the hand of bliss. In ease seduce these doors, so tightly shut The realm awaits this novel prize, so close In through the gates, a lush resort it chose Caress each wall; endure the pain, then what?

What leads us to the truth of loss and shame? Burn bliss, the ash alone resides in here. In loose denial; façade of love, true blame; The past erased; arid future left clear. A beating heart, its sacred sound is pain The pulse; a throb of loss, a gain so mere.

#### Justin Joschko



#### 1: Jones

His shades were cold, the eyes behind them even colder. Jones only saw them once, but in that fleeting instant he understood more about them than he cared to think. They were ancient eyes, eyes not fit for a man who could be no older than thirty. Bright blue bombardier's eyes, small as marbles in a smooth face of firm, squared angles. A cigarette jutted from his lips, bobbing slightly to the rhythm of

his breath. The sun burned white against his black lenses.

Jones wore glasses too, though of a very different style. Prescription, clear and wide. So wide, in fact, that they added an uncharacteristic

roundness to his otherwise narrow face. Blonde hair, usually impossible to tame, lay flat against his brow from perspiration. Every few moments he would bite his lip and glance over to his car, as if expecting an attack from that direction. Muffled groans rose from his trunk, justifying his concern.

"How'd you get it in there?" the sunglasses man asked. His dark, almost regal military uniform seemed to swell with authority.

Jones jumped as if struck. He wrung his hands and shifted his feet as he spoke. "My – my neighbour did it. We saw him, um, it that is, in the yard. I had a burlap sack in my garage, an old one, I don't know where I got it. Anyway, my neighbour, he's a big guy, strong. He grabbed the sack and threw it over its head. He figured it couldn't bite through burlap. He shoved it in the trunk and told me to find you guys. He went to one of the other neighbours, to make sure they were okay. I don't know if they are, I didn't see a lot of people coming here. Just a few that were, um, you know..." "Infected."

Jones recoiled as if the man had swore."Um, yeah."

"[Jones] remembered stopping once he saw its face, raw and haggard, with eyes of orange fire."

The sunglasses man didn't say anything more. He walked past Jones towards the car where two other military men-- these ones in regular fatigues-- were chatting in hushed voices. The man said something to the two of them, to which one of them replied. Jones, afraid to eavesdrop on military matters, walked away from the trio towards the cliff face.

About three feet from the railing the land dropped at a sharp angle. The cliff face was almost perfectly flat, like a piece of steel stomped into the earth. On the ground below was about fifty feet of beach, stretching towards both horizons. To the left it met an old, wooden pier, to the right nothing but sand until it ran out of sight. The ocean beat the sand in a gentle rhythm, like a funeral drum.

Jones could see a couple of them trudging through the sand below. They shuffled along, each step slow and awkward, hands extended out and bobbing in the air on a quest for equilibrium. They were like infants struggling to master basic motor skills.

The muffled thump of boots moving through sand and sediment drew towards him. Jones turned around to see the sunglasses man approaching. When he was about ten feet away he stopped. The cigarette still burned between his lips, shorter now. He extended a calloused hand to Jones.

"Could we have the keys, mister..."

"Jones," he said, fumbling in his pocket for his key ring. "Arthur Jones. I'm a pharmacist from North Fields. I-"

The sunglasses man took the keys and turned back towards the car. One of the regular officers ran to greet him. They had a short exchange

and the keys switched hands. He then turned back to Jones.

"You'll get your car back once we extract the specimen. We have no need for it, but our men are equipped to deal with them." He checked over his shoulder, then continued. "You're the first civilian

we've encountered. You'll stay in the barracks with the troops until we receive our orders. There might be safe points somewhere set up for survivors, in which case that's where you'll be shipped."

"I, uh, thank you."

"There will be no leaving the premises under any circumstances until our situation is further examined. We can only guarantee safety inside the compound."

Jones watched him leave. His fingers absently rubbed the inner bend of his elbow, picking at the cotton held there with medical adhesive. His blood was clean, thank God. He didn't know how easy it was to contract whatever disease it was these people had.

Don't sugarcoat it, Arthur, he thought to himself. No disease. They're dead. They're the Walking Dead.

"Zombies," he muttered, and shook his head to either side. He held his disbelieve before him like a shield. It was insane, preposterous. But it was true.

#### Left in the Right Direction By Loic Ransom

I woke up this morning with two left feet.

I realized something was wrong and tried to right the problem.

This didn't help much as I then had two right feet.

So I left one and turned the other in the right direction.

Sure enough I could walk again.



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>Neighbourhoods

## Are you Young and Eligible?

by Tia Brazda Metropolis Editor



Dearching for fun close to campus? Look no further than Yonge and Eglinton. Otherwise known as Young n' Eligible, this uptown area is full of students and young professionals alike. Although high-energy dance clubs won't be found in this area, you will find an extensive variety of feel-good pubs and restaurants. If karaoke is something you're into then definitely try out Main Event, located at 2368 Yonge St. (one block north of Eglinton) where you can croon the night away. The stage opens at approximately 10pm on both Thursdays and Fridays but get there early to sign up. While you are waiting to belt out some tunes, you can grab a pint and watch a sports game on their big screen TV.

If you are looking for a true pub vibe then head over to the Rose and Crown pub which is just across the street and a popular spot for many Glendonites. The booths are big and the grub is good - two pitchers with chicken wings for only \$20.

Yonge and Eglinton is also a great area to shop during the day. There is a mall which can be accessed directly through the subway system (Eglinton station). Here you will find SilverCity Cinemas and stores like Le Chateau, Fairweather and Indigo Books.

Besides the mall, there are numerous shops that line the east side of Yonge St. Head over to Sugar Mountain (2299 Yonge St.) which is a candy emporium with everything from flavoured jellybeans to the best selection of pez dispensers in the city. For records and CD's, head over to Edward's Record World (2283 Yonge St). Besides music, Ed's has an extensive selection of both popular and hard-to-find music magazines.

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There are also many sushi shops in this area where you can fill up on a ten dollar bento box. The best places for price and quality are Sushi Rock and Hosu Sushi which are both on Yonge roughly one block north of Eglinton.

For those in residence, no matter how drunk you are or how many shopping bags you are packing, you are luckily close to home. Just get back onto the Eglinton station subway (Yonge line) and take the train one station north to Lawrence then catch the Sunnybrook bus back to campus. If you are heading back after the bars close, simply catch a taxi (approximate fare is \$8.00).

So next time you don't feel like trekking all the way downtown, head for Yonge and Eglinton! •

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# Spice Up Valentine's Day

by Andrea Palichuk Fashion Columnist

From the centuries of corsets, to the crinoline of the 1800s, the bloomers of the 1920s, and the body-shapers of the 1950s, lingerie has always been an intricate part of fashion. More recently however, it has emerged from our closets and developed its own presence in the fashion world, embodying the same sense of style that envelops the world of couture. With Valentine's Day around the corner, why not celebrate with this year's hottest trends in lingerie?

Straight from the Victoria's Secret runways, embroidered, black, Victorian-style lace bodices exhibit perfectly the governess style that was introduced this winter, while beading and textured-lace embody the bohemian trend of autumn, and bright floral patterns encompass the textile trends of spring. La Senza and Calvin Klein use kimono cover-ups and Asian floral patterns respectively in homage of the geishalook. If you are interested in dazzling a significant other, "babydolls," extended empire-waist camisoles, embody not only a popular fashion trend of the moment, they also remain a basic classic in the realm of lingerie, and are sure to never go out of style. There are also more practical options to the highly-embellished, classic Valentines Day wear. A simple, black lace bra can be worn under a low-cut top for a peek-a-boo effect with more covering bottoms, to show off an alluring décolletage on a night of dancing anytime.

Although it can be expensive, investing a lot of money is not required to introduce some trendy fun to your intimate apparel. H&M is a great place to find the trends of the season in playful undergarments. Apart from the trends of the runways, H&M offers its own take on lingerie trends, creating something more playful that is a lot more accessible to people under twenty-five. For another cheap alternative, check out Exile (Kensington Market) and its colourful selection of lacy booty-shorts.



Victorian-style lace bodices exhibit perfectly the governess style.

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Celebrate the year of the dog!

# Happy New Year!

by Richard Sleightholm

Happy Chinese New Year that is, and welcome to the year of the dog! Chinese New Year officially started on January 29. When considering that Canada has the second largest Chinese population in the world, it should come as no surprise that Toronto is a central hub for celebration.

On New Year's Eve, the stunningly colorful Dragon Parade marched through Chinatown along Dundas Street, mesmerizing on-lookers with fireworks, authentic Chinese drums, special food, and of course, a gigantic puppet dragon.

Chinese New Year is deeply rooted in culture, history and folklore. According to traditional legend, Buddha called for all of the animals to meet him on New Year's Eve. Only twelve came however, of which the Chinese calendar now associates one for each year in a twelve year cycle. It's said that those who are born on the year of the dog tend to be loyal, kind and generous.

Many people are not aware of the Chinese calendar, because of its basis on a different system than the Gregorian one generally accepted today. The Chinese calendar is based on solar and lunar movements. As a result, each New Year occurs on a different day. The last Chinese New Year's Day was on Feb. 9th, and next year will take place on Feb. 18th.

Traditionally the celebrations start with New Year's Day and end 15 days into the New Year, but it can actually start days before the official date and last well past the 15 day mark. So for those who weren't aware of the festivities, you need not despair, as it is not too late to take part and experience the rich culture that is Chinese New Year.

# C'est fort comme sport le tricotage!

par Céline Castonguay

Bon, il est important de souligner que le tricotage, ce n'est pas seulement un truc de vieille grand-mère. Loin de là ! Alors, comment est-ce qu'on apprend à tricoter si notre grand-mère n'est plus là pour nous aider à le faire, ou bien si elle habite à 500 km de Toronto ? Et bien, la boutique *Lettuce Knit* offre des cours pour les débutants, d'autres pour les tricoteurs avancés. Les cours de débutants sont d'une durée de 2 heures séparées. Au premier cours, on vous apprends à commencer un foulard (la première rangée est la plus difficile !) et à la deuxième leçon, on vous apprendra à faire la dernière rangée du tricot. Pour les tricoteurs avancés, vous pourrez apprendre à faire des chaussettes et des gros chandails bien chauds. C'est aussi simple que ça ! Et pour la somme de 20 \$, vous aurez un superbe foulard bien personnalisé !

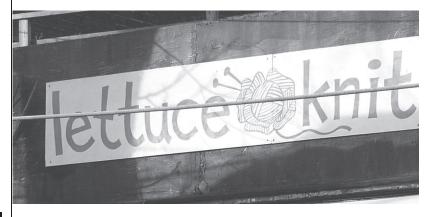
Si vous maîtrisez déjà l'art du tricotage, vous devez tout de même visiter la boutique car y vend plusieurs types de laines de toutes les couleurs, des aiguilles à tricoter en bambou, des livres sur le tricot et le crochet. La boutique est un véritable paradis pour le toucher. Des laines douces, rugueuses, ouatées, soigneuses vous y attendent ! Bref, après une visite dans la boutique, vous aurez une envie incontrôlable de tricoter ! Bon tricotage à tous !

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# ARTS & CULTURE

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York University undergrad Matthew Smith, one talented individual.

## Matthew Smith Has 'It'

by Jennifer Capano Odds & Ends Editor

t is never easy to choose an artist to profile, unless it's such an obvious upand-comer like Matthew Ryan Smith. In an undergraduate world where everyone thinks they've got what it takes, very few really have that 'it' factor. Smith's work conveys depth, emotions and an imagery far advanced for his years.

Smith is an undergrad student at York University who is working on his Honours BFA specializing in Art History. He went to high school in Pickering, where he met his first major influence, an art teacher named Mr. Seens who was the first person to ever tell him that he had potential. Smith has said, "It is because of great teachers that my art has evolved into what it is today."

So what makes Smith an up-andcomer? Perhaps it is the fact that at 22years-old he has already had five solo art shows in the span of two years, all within the York University community

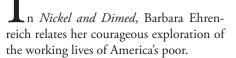
The all encompassing question that any artist needs to answer is "what inspires you?" Smith has this to say: "I find inspiration for my work in all that surrounds me. Everything can be inspiring if people looked into something long enough but patience is a lost art in itself. My work mainly focuses on the woes of society and the struggle of those who are overlooked by the masses."

So what can Glendon students do to have their artwork showcased at the Eleanor Winters Art Gallery? Matthew Smith works as the co-curator for the gallery, and says there is an application process that includes the submission of photos of art work and an artist's statement/proposal. The selection of work is based on merit, artistic ability, and overall quality of application.

To contact Smith with any questions about his work or the Gallery, you can email him at modi@yorku.ca

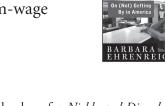
# Serving in the USA

A Journalist's attempt to navigate minimum-wage world a strong, empathetic piece of work



Ehrenreich, who has written articles for numerous magazines such as Ms., The Atlantic Monthly, and columns for Time and The New Progressive has a history of social commentary. She abandoned a career in biology (for which she earned a PhD) to pursue political activism, and is now vicepresident of the Democratic Socialists of America.

Despite such a track record, fiftysomething Ehrenreich is open with readers about her initial reluctance to accept Harper's Editor Lewis Lapham's proposal for the assignment. It is her background in science that ultimately swayed her towards accepting the offer: "In that line of business, you can think all you want, but sooner or later you have to plunge into the everyday chaos of nature." It's a



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good thing she does, for *Nickle and Dimed* represents a noble contribution to the realm of investigative journalism.

"day-long brainwashing sessions for \$7.50-an-hour jobs"

Like a good journalist would, Ehrenreich walks in to her assignment with a flimsy theory she is open to see beaten down: that she can find a job and an apartment that can meet her \$1000-a month-budget, including room and board.

Ehrenreich divides the book by her stints: she first works as a waitress (Serving in Florida), a maid (Scrubbing in Maine) and a retail worker at the dreaded Wal-Mart (Selling in Minnesota). She recounts each experience front-to-back, describing everything from seeking out budget hotels, Owl Books, 240 pages Reviewed by Kristjanna Grimmelt Creative Writing Editor

to day-long brainwashing sessions for \$7.50-an-hour jobs, to adding dollops of whipped cream to pies after lunch rush.

Despite an affable resilience that sparkles throughout the text, Ehrenreich admits she becomes progressively flustered by setbacks. In one particularly desperate scene, she describes herself lying exhausted in a dilapidated hotel bedroom eating a bucket of KFC, a shopping bag spread out across her lap, TV blaring. "It somehow seemed less lonely," she explained, than eating out.

Ill moments aside, Ehrenreich is persistent and optimistic, and she kept me hooked. Her voice is honest and easily accessible to the general population, and she is not afraid to foist her own self and opinions into the narrative.

Because of Wal-Mart's mandatory urine testing, for example, Ehrenreich cheats, as she's worried about some lingering THC in her system. She attempts to rally her disgruntled peers into unionizing, making no bones about her disgust for the way corporate America treats its employees.

With such exploration into the personal, Ehrenreich's dissection of the political is all the more jarring. The contrasts she presents us – between the proliferating 'McCondos' glutting up Minneapolis and the absence of absolutely anywhere for a minimum wage worker to get a decent bed – illustrate the nature of a problem that cannot remain ignored. I strongly recommend *Nickel and Dimed* as a critical, straightforward look at corporate expansion, faltering welfare programs, and the widening gap between social classes in North America.

Barbar Ehrenreich has recently published a second book, Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream, in which she explores the realm of the white-collar unemployed.

Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America
 by Barbara Ehrenreich
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#### Visual Arts

Fiona Tan: Indonesian-born, Amsterdam-based artist explores the relation of memory, archive and disaster within her photographs. Jan 26-Mar 26 AGYU (new location: Accolade East Building, 4700 Keele St., York University) 416.736.5169 www.yorku.ca/agyu Free Admission

#### <u>Theatre</u>

Playground: this fringe festival showcases undergrad actors, playwrights and directors. Feb 7-10 Nightly 7:30 pm, mats Feb 8 & 10 at 1 pm Joseph Green Studio Theatre (Theatre @ York, 4700 Keele St.) 416.736.5172 ext 3. Admission \$5

#### Dance

**Tiger Princess Dance Projects** presents choreography by Yvonne Ng Feb 9-11 Nightly 8pm, preview Feb.8 (by donation) Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay W. 416-973-4000 Admission: students \$16

#### <u>Music</u>

**'The Scandelles' Annual Valentine's Day Burlesque Show** Feb 14 Lee's Palace 529 Bloor St. West 8pm, 19+ 416.532.1598 Admission 13.00 advance @ticketmaster

#### <u>Literature</u>

A Saint Valentine's Night Dream: For the Love of Poetry, the Poetry of Love Feb 14 The Art Bar/Victory Café 581 Markham St. (Bathurst Station) 416.516.5787 Admission: Free

#### <u>Film</u>

Malcolm X (Spike Lee, USA, 1992) An epic, biographical drama of Malcom X, leader of the black liberation movement Wed. Feb 15, 8:45pm & Thurs. Feb 16, 3:30 Bloor St. Cinema 506 Bloor St. West (Bathurst Station) 416.516.2331 Admission:\$5/\$8

# LAL Creates a New World

An interview with Rosina Kazi, leading vocalist of LAL

by Khushnam Polad Design Editor



"LAL is an intersection between idea, place, and people, where we stand for a moment and discuss the kind of world we will create." -Darren O'Donnell

L t was a rainy morning as Rosina Kazi and I discussed Toronto's local music scene while eating some delicious humus and taro fries at The Rivoli. Kazi is of Bangladeshi heritage, but was born and raised in Brampton, Ontario. Her vocal style blends hip-hop, soul, and classical Indian sounds making for a unique and refreshing listening experience.

Kazi grew up in a family that was very much into music and art. As a young child, she always wrote songs but only started pursuing a professional music career in her late 20s. Her 'asian underground'/electronic band, known as LAL has performed in Toronto venues such as the beautiful Massey Hall and other non-traditional spaces such as Harbourfront, the Drake, and Lula lounge. LAL has also toured across Canada and the UK.

This talented, young woman is also very politically involved and works as the assistant events coordinator for the Toronto Women's Bookstore, a feminist bookstore that caters to the queer community. Kazi is also the events coordinator for several events in Toronto such as the summer's largest South Asian festival, Masti, Mehdi, Masala! This festival started off as a celebration of India's Independence but now incorporates all of the arts. Kazi has also worked in conjunction with the Toronto Social forum, an anti-globalization group associated with the World Social Forum.

Kazi has also received many grants for her work in the community and is always helping new and upcoming musicians. The best way of doing this is by holding cross-cultural events that showcase new talent. She works hard at educating people about arts funding, "There's very little government funding in the States but there's a lot of private funding while in Europe, it's incredible, they have both."

LAL struggled to get where they are today simply because the Canadian music industry lacks the infrastructure to support the type of music they make. LAL's music doesn't fit into any particular category but audiences and independent media across the country have been receptive and supportive. LAL was recently welcomed to perform in Montreal at MIA, Montreal Intercultural Arts. A theatre and gallery for dance, music and visual art whose mandate is based around mixing art forms. "They understood us right away [whereas] it took the Toronto Art Councils a considerable amount of time to wrap their heads around our electronic music fused with world and soul rhythms."

Meeting with Rosina Kazi was an eyeopening experience. It made me realize the importance of involving more young people of migrant communities into the decision making process of public art organizations.

LAL will be developing their next album over the next three months while touring Europe. Kazi may also travel to Bangladesh to check out the ever-growing electronic music scene, but for now she continues to perform across Toronto.

To find out more information on LAL, check out www.lalforest.com.

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# HEALTH&WELLNESS

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## Take Charge and Change Your Life

Good food and exercise: the miracle we're all looking for

by Monserrat Glasman



To achieve optimum health there are three easy steps that anyone can follow. The first step is to discover your food intolerances. Bloating, abdominal pain or digestive irritation after eating are sensitivities often misdiagnosed as Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), stomach ulcers and more serious food allergies. Speak to your doctor and get a referral to see a specialist who can perform a scratch test on you. Attempt to omit the foods which are causing you unnecessary

pain. It is also helpful to plan your meals and snacks ahead of time. Once you rid your diet of these harmful foods, you will feel full of energy as you will no longer be suffering from unnecessary pain and stomach problems.

Secondly, as a cash strapped student, it is hard to eat a fully organic diet, but eating whole foods can help you to avoid the additives, preservatives and other chemicals which are commonly found in

food today. Look at each label of the food you buy, if there are ingredients that you can't pronounce, chances are it is not good for you. Some of the most common are: sulphites and EDTA. These chemicals can cause bloating and irritability, as well as unwarranted food cravings, nausea and headaches.

#### "You must make a conscious decision"

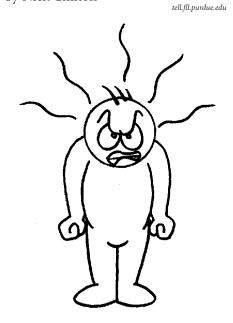
Any plan for optimum health is not complete without exercise. This doesn't imply hitting the gym and spending hours on a treadmill. Instead, look at your lifestyle and determine whether you can substitute things such as driving or public transit for walking. Also, find out which forms of exercise make you feel good about yourself, add them to your weekly schedule and you are more likely to continue with them. Four, 45 minute sessions a week will ensure that you receive adequate exercise to live a healthy lifestyle.

Achieving great health is a matter of changing your diet to incorporate more natural foods and making exercise an enjoyable and permanent feature in your life. 🗖

"The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, or not to anticipate troubles, but to live the present moment wisely and earnestly."- The Buddha

## Think Now, Act Later

#### by Nick Chilton



"...with a strong will the pursuit of a happier life is not far off"

Learning to manage anger is a necessary component of healthy living. Anger is an emotional state that embodies the idea of aggression which is usually caused by what is perceived by humans as a threat, either physically or through verbal conflict.

In terms of "physical threat", anger initiates the fight-or-flight response, where humans have mere moments to decide whether to fight who is threatening them, or to flee to avoid confrontation. In terms of "verbal conflict", the ability to speak to our enemy reduces the effect of physical strength. Fighting might include refusal to back down when arguing, while fleeing can entail submissive language such as, "You're right."

Physiologically speaking, when a human is threatened, several things occur in the body. When the brain recognizes a threatening situation, it sends electric impulses to the hypothalamus: the part of the brain that is responsible for

metabolism and unconscious actions such as breathing. This stimulation makes the adrenal medulla release the hormone adrenaline. Adrenaline attaches to receptors in the body and increases heart rate, dilates pupils, and increases hydrolysis of glycogen into glucose: a sugar the body can use for energy should the need to run ever arise.

Anger management is no simple task however, there are a few steps that we can follow. First we must identify and make note of all instances that cause us to become angry. We must then make a conscious effort to recognize those instances when they occur, step back from the situation and perhaps take a minute away or distract ourselves. In order to bypass fits of anger we must think before we act.

Detaching oneself from anger can be extremely challenging however with a strong will the pursuit of a happier life is not far off.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



#### Velouté de tomates

- 400 g de tomates bien mûres,
- coupées en dés
- 4 pommes de terre en dés
- 1 carotte en dés
- 4 gousses d'ail hachées
- 1 dl d'huile d'olive
- 1/2 cube de bouillon de légumes
- 1,2 l d'eau chaude
- sel
- herbes aromatiques hachées
- (persil, coriandre, origan...)
- 1 oignon haché

• Dans un récipient allant au micro-ondes, mettre les dés de pomme de terre, de carotte et de tomate. Ajouter l'oignon, l'ail, l'huile d'olive et le demi-cube de bouillon de légumes. Verser la moitié de l'eau.

• Cuire au micro-ondes, puissance maxi, pendant 10 minutes. Remuer deux fois pendant la cuisson.

• Mélanger la soupe, verser le reste d'eau et saler. Cuire encore 5 minutes, puissance maxi.



#### SOUL FOOD

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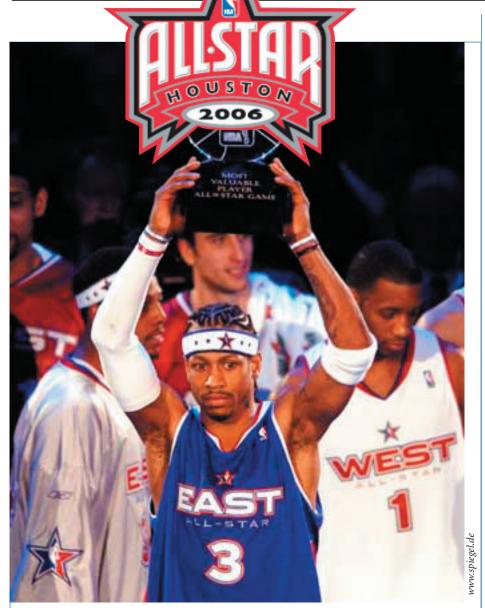
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# SPORTS



Allen Iverson holds up the MVP trophy he won after leading the Eastern Conference team to victory at the 2005 NBA All-Star Game.

# NBA ALL-STAR GAME

#### by Ryan Bonimy

For the second time in the event's history, Houston has been selected as the host city for the NBA All-Star Competition. The 55th annual All-Star Game will be played at the Toyota Center, home of the Houston Rockets, on February 19th, 2006. Houston first hosted the midseason classic in 1989 before a record crowd of 44,735 at the Astrodome. In that game, the West posted a 143-134 victory behind MVP Karl Malone's 28 points and John Stockton's 17 assists, which included an All-Star record nine assists in a single quarter. Chicago's Michael Jordan scored 28 points for the East, while the Los Angeles Lakers Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson's injury replacement on the West roster, played a record 18th and final All-Star Game.

The NBA All-Star Competition has evolved into a weeklong celebration that enables fans worldwide to experience the thrill of the world's greatest athletes playing the game they love, while also leaving a lasting impact in each host city's community. The NBA All-Star festivities tip off on Friday February 17th, as the league's top rookies and second-year players square off in the Rookie Challenge. The excitement continues the next day with NBA All-Star Saturday featuring Shooting Stars, a shooting competition featuring NBA players, WNBA players and NBA legends; the Skills Challenge, a competition of top guards working against the clock to complete a series of passes, long-range

shots and agility drills; and the Three-Point Shootout, where six of the NBA's best longrange shooters compete in a test of threepoint shooting accuracy. The evening's grand finale is the Slam Dunk Contest, which showcases some of the NBA's best athletes, as they take to the air, mystifying fans with their gravity-defying moves.

The week concludes with the NBA All-Star Game on Sunday before a worldwide television audience that reaches more than 200 countries. Leading up to All-Star Weekend will be the 13th NBA All-Star Jam Session, the ultimate interactive basketball experience. The event is open to the public and will provide fans of all ages the opportunity to take part in NBA All-Star 2006.

The starters for the All-Star game are as follows:

EAST	WEST
<u>GUARDS</u>	<u>GUARDS</u>
A. IVERSON (PHI)	K. BRYANT (LAL)
D. WADE (MIA)	S.NASH (PHO)
<u>FORWARDS</u>	<u>FORWARDS</u>
L. JAMES (CLE)	T. McGRADY (HOU)
J. O'NEAL (IND)	T. DUNCAN (SA)
<u>CENTER</u>	<u>Center</u>
S. O'NEAL (MIA)	Y. MING (HOU)



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**SPORTS TRIVIA:** 

Q. Which player in the Eastern Conference

starting lineup became the fifth

player in league history to earn

13 consecutive selections?

A. Shaquille O'Neal.

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## **Upcoming Games**



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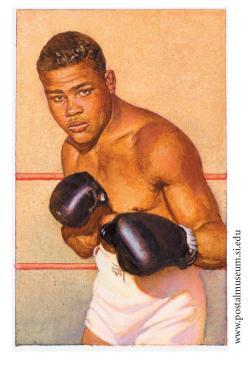
NBASan Antonio @ Toronto, Feb. 8, 7:00pm ETToronto @ Charlotte, Feb. 10, 7:30pm ETPortland @ Toronto, Feb. 12, 6:00pm ETToronto @ Minnesota, Feb. 13, 8:00pm ETToronto @ New York, Feb. 15, 7:30pm ETToronto @ Memphis, Feb. 21, 8:00pm ETToronto @ Dallas, Feb. 25, 1:00pm ETToronto @ Miami, Feb. 27, 7:30pm ET

> After the Bell

February 7, 2006

#### When Race Was War

by Loic Ransom



On June 22nd, 1938, Joseph Louis Barrow, known in the history books as Joe Louis, stepped into the ring against Max Schmeling. German-born Max Schmeling was lethal and broke down his opponents in a methodical fashion. Joe Louis on the other hand, was a young black up-and-comer, rocketing his way through the heavyweight ranks en route to a showdown with Schmeling. In their first meeting on June 19th, 1936, Schmeling cleverly out-boxed the younger Joe en route to a twelfth round knockout. Outside the ring, the two led considerably

different lifestyles. Max Schmeling was a kind and gentle man, who happened to be German and lived under Nazi rule. While certainly no Nazi himself, Schmeling became a symbol for Nazi Germany. His conquest of the young black American Joe Louis only served to push this notion forward.

Joe Louis was born and raised in an underpriviledged black community in the early 20th century. He was a quiet, soft-spoken young man with a southern drawl who complacently took his seat at the back of the bus. The American people took him as a symbol of American patriotism, not as a Negro; perhaps truly the first of his kind.

So it was on that faithful day in June that two men, the living embodiment of a supreme race and the pride of a nation for once blind to race, stepped into the ring.

This time it would be Joe's day, as he hammered Max into submission inside the first round. Reflecting on that day, Schmeling recalled to a Jewish journal- "I'm almost happy I lost that fight. Just imagine if I would have come back to Germany with a victory. I had nothing to do with the Nazis, but they would have given me a medal. After the war I might have been considered a war criminal".

Despite the enormous pressures behind the two in those horrible times, they would become good friends. As a testament to their long-lasting friendship, Schmeling paid for Louis' funeral, who died impoverished because of the color of his skin.



Dodgeball has a hard time convincing people to take it as a serious sport. It has been played informally in school yards and in hallways on campuses around the world, his tournaments organized in its honour, yet it hasstill not received the recognition it deserves. There is no place for dodgeball in varsity sport, and it has often been banned from its original growth place of school yards, and in general,

## **Intramural Sports Update!**

If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball.

by Kyla Jones

been discriminated by any official sports federation. Yet dodgeball persists among the people who know better, and recognize it as a game of intensity, skill and most of all,

Despite the unfairness, dodgeball has gained a legion of worldwide followers in addition to formal organization. The International Dodgeball Federation was established in 1997, and it now organizes tournaments worldwide, has

a standardized set of rules, and has an officially recognized ball that is covered in cloth to prevent stinging. In 2002, the World

Dodgeball Association was formed. The association organized a tournament complete with sponsorship by the aptly named Dodge, and has plans to reach out to college audiences. That same year, San Francisco established two adult dodgeball leagues. In 2005, College Sport Television

broadcasted the Collegiate Dodgeball Championship.

You too can join in on the fun, as Glendon will be having its own dodgeball tournament coming shortly to the Proctor Field House. The Second Annual Dodgeball tournament will be hosted from February 25th-26th with lots of fun and prizes up for grabs. Register your team of six to nine people for \$60 and you too can add your name to the dodgeball legacy.

The competition heats up in this year's version of the tournament, which starts on February 25th.



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## L'équipe de basket-ball intramurale de Glendon

par Georges-Etienne Fortin



Le premier jour de février annonça la dernière rencontre de l'équipe de basket-ball intramurale de Glendon, les confrontant à l'équipe Rafael Araujo F.C. du Collège Founder. Seulement quatre joueurs officiels de l'équipe étaient présents. La défaite n'en fût que plus importante.

Ce dernier affrontement de la saison régulière fût bien représentatif de la saison en général. L'équipe est à l'affiche de 5 victoires et 5 défaites. Deux de ces défaites furent par forfait, dû au taux d'absence que même un cours de mathématique un lundi à six heures du matin ne saurait égaler.

Malgré tout, la présence assidue de certains joueurs a contribué à augmenter la notoriété, ou plutôt à mettre sur la carte le Collège Glendon, auprès du Campus Keele. Des chants d'encouragements avec comme mot d'ordre « Glendon » furent créés et de chauds affrontements furent disputés.

La présence de Glendon au sein d'une activité de Keele a permis, comme l'équipe de soccer intramurale de Glendon le fit, de jouer un rôle d'ambassadeur et de représenter fièrement Glendon en tant que partie de l'Université York.

La prochaine étape vers le chemin de la gloire est les séries éliminatoires pour la finale. Sept joueurs ont eu une présence suffisante aux parties pour se qualifier aux éliminatoires et nous espérons sincèrement qu'ils sauront accomplir avec succès ce dur mandat qu'est d'être porte étendard pour le fameux deuxième campus de l'Université York.

# ODDS&ENDS

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#### > Awareness Column

# Ce qui est petit

Avec des lignes du poème "Anyway" associé avec Mère Teresa.

by Marisa Baratta Awareness Columnist

ans un monde qui a été témoin de deux guerres mondiales et récemment d'une multitude d'attaques térroristes, il est difficile pour certains de sentir comme le monde est rempli de personnes qui ne sont pas égoïstes ou cruelles. Malgré ces incidents, et malgré les actions cruelles qui se passent autour de nous, on doit se souvenir qu'il y a aussi des choses qui méritent d'être appréciées. Il y a beaucoup de personnes qui consacrent leur temps ou euxmêmes pour aider les autres. Ce n'est pas toujours évident, mais ce la existe quand même. La bonté est si forte qu'elle bouge les montagnes même dans les actions les plus petites.

#### People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centred; Forgive them Anyway.

Le pardon est divin. Parfois, nous sommes fâchés parce qu'un ami ou une autre personne a dit quelquechose, ou a fait quelquechose de vraiment cruel et horrible. Si vous ne trouvez pas le pardon dans votre cœur, vous apportez avec vous le fardeau des actions de votre ami. Ouvrez votre cœur et cherchez le pardon. Les résultats sont magiques.

If you are kind, People many accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; Be kind Anyway.



Les petits bonheurs de la vie sont comme les abeilles butinant les fleurs: on ne prend pas le temps de les regarder.

Montrez la gentillesse partout. Ouvrez une porte pour un étranger, aidez quelqu'un avec ses livres, partagez votre sourire avec le monde. La gentillesse a des pouvoirs qu'on ne soupçonne pas. Même si on subit la tristesse, la frustration et la douleur émotionnelle, on se semble mieux si quelqu'un nous montre la gentillesse ou l'amour.

#### The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do Good Anyway.

Vous êtes peut-être tristes, frustrés, ou en douleur, et vous avez besoin de la gentillesse de quelqu'un d'autre. Le bonheur est toujours avec vous, mais quelquefois vous devez le créer vousmême. C'est presque impossible

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de rendre quelqu'un heureux et puis de ne pas devenir heureux par conséquence. Essayez.

#### Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got, Anyway.

Essayez toujours de penser aux autres, d'aider les autres, malgré ce qu'on vous dit; malgré ce qu'on fait. Pourquoi? Parce que, finalement, ce n'est pas ce qu'on fait qui a d'importance – c'est ce que vous faites, toujours.

For, you see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It was NEVER between you and Them Anyway.



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# entertainment **Dear Ely**

#### Question #1:

Ely, I cannot stand this girl that I live next to in residence. She is constantly singing at the top of her lungs, blasting her stereo and having people over all night. Should I tell her what I think of her crazy shenanigans or go right to Student Affairs?

-Sarah M, Hilliard A House

#### **Reply:**

Question #2:

Reply:

Sarah, you're living in A House! What did yah expect now? Most of that house is filled with loud punks and barely legal ladies. So if yer not fancying the party scene get yer butt outta there. Mama reckons that yer on the right track, she don't party much herself either. Why don't you come over and we can have a scrabble competition with Mama?

I failed! Oh did I ever fail! My very first university course and I

failed miserably. The professor was horrible and I could barely

stand going to his class. Should I fight the mark or put up with it?

Shame to hear yah down on yer studies like that. Mattie boy if ye

failed rise up and pass the next course on yer academia list. Don't

blame yer prof but blame yerself, you could have dropped the

class in time if ye didn't fancy the instructor but you stuck with

it. If the failin' is a result of one of the three: chicks, drugs and

for "Awesome", so start bein' awesome.

partying, then you really should eliminate 'em out till yer feet are

picked up. Mama says your D stands for "Dumb" but an A stands

dedicated to those with nothing better to do"

3. GROK: To understand profoundly and intuitively.

seem to grok the concept of "flextime."

attention to the professor's lecture.

Sentence Use: No matter what I said, my boss could not

4. WOOLGATHERING: Indulgence in idle daydreaming.

Sentence Use: Scott was too busy woolgathering to pay

Sentence Use: "His book suffers from excessively long

harangues against Pecksniffian prigs and temperance types

5. PECKSNIFFIAN: Unctuously hypocritical.

who, he claims, are still trying to ruin our fun."

-D's are too good for me, Matt

#### Ely's Bio

Ely comes to Pro Tem as a 5th year student from Keele Campus majoring in People Problematics. He grew up on a farm with his mama, whom he still currently resides with. Ely enjoys puzzles and Etch a Sketch. Most of the advice given is from his hick heart, but take note that his mother is a great influence and may step in from time to time.

Email Ely at: *protem@gl.yorku.ca* Attn: Dear Ely

# Words 4 Nerds

1. FOODIE: A person having an avid interest in the latest food fads.

Sentence Use: A serious foodie, Ernie reads cookbooks like novels and scours specialty shops in search of exotic ingredients.

2. ARGY-BARGY: A lively discussion, argument or dispute.

Sentence Use: After much argy-bargy, Paul and Hugh finally came up with a plan that satisfied them both.

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only once on each row, column and a region.

## Horoscopes Courtesy of The Voice of Reason

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#### ARIES Mar 21 - Apr 19

You will be asked by a Broadway director to play the lead in Fiddler on the Roof due, solely, to your bushy beard. You will accept the role, rehearse well, but at the last minute you will decide not to turn up.

#### TAURUS Apr 20 - May 20

Nothing other than sugar will be able to console you after the death of a favourite soap star this month. Eat chocolate until you put on 25 lbs or more, or your ankles swell up so that your shoes no longer fit.

#### **GEMINI** May 21 - June 21

Something you have at one time dreamed for, a thing possibly containing the letter e in the word but a u is also possible, is set to come true even if only for the shortest moment this month. Enjoy. You deserve it.

#### **CANCER** June 22 - July 22

You have never been more concerned about your appearance. In spite of this, avoid makeup from the 8th (until dawn of the 23rd) as Uranus is determined to bork your makeup applying hand with violent upswings.

#### **LEO** July 23 - Aug 22

On the 16th a street burn will improbably give you his loose change - beware, this could be a prank TV stunt - do not give your consent to them using the videoed evidence - however enjoy the copious amount of alcoholic beverage (including nuts) they offer in the negotiations ...

VIRGO Aug 23 - Sept 22 You will try Ben and Jerry's new Rat in the Trap ice cream this month. When finishing the carton ensure that all of the sticky bits have been consumed as they could lead to a violent cat choking incident when it licks the carton afterwards.

LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 23 Avoid underground caves, alcohol and potato chips and do not attempt any backflipping in your Yogic Boxing video workout unless your are being properly supervised.

#### SCORPIO Oct 24 - Nov 21

In an incredible moment of good fortune you will beat the world sneezing record on 17th. Ensure you have enough handkerchiefs in which to direction your violently phlegmy exhalations. 5

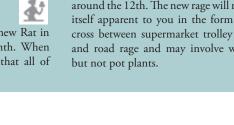
SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 - Dec 2 A dog with a limp will look into your eyes this month in an attempt to doggyhypnotise you.

CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 19 Jupiter is about to eclipse a moon this month which may enhance your desires for Lycra, silk or wool on your body.

A AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18 A baby's cries will apparently tell you the winner in a horse race later this month. Gamble a small amount and reinvest the winnings in a coffee with no froth from Starbucks.

#### PISCES Feb 19 - Mar 20

Saturn is experimenting with a new rage and may use you for its evil machinations around the 12th. The new rage will make itself apparent to you in the form of a cross between supermarket trolley rage and road rage and may involve water,





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