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15-year-old Portuguese Cove Chapman wins world silver medal

By Michael Kydd

For 15-year old Kayla Chapman, breaking boards, more than mincing words, is what she does best. And her family, friends and community are all proud of her for doing it. Sitting in

her Ketch Harbour home, the Portuguese Cove native is still reeling from her silver medal finish at the World Junior Taekwondo championships in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, a competitive and cultural experience she won't soon forget.

"I was a little nervous at first because you

hear that the runways in the Honduras are dangerous to land on, but everything went fine and I was happy to land and get ready for the competition," said the feisty Chapman.

Sandinistas or not, admittedly she knew the experience of staying in a Central American country would leave her with a greater appreciation for her native Nova Scotia. However, it would take more than culture shock to knock the soon to be J.L. Ilsley high school student down. Her energy and enthusiasm to compete at the international

level against 70 countries would soon kick into high gear, preparing her for what would be her biggest power breaking challenge as a black belt.

Power breaking consists of three techniques – side kick, knife-hand and turning kick – which sees the competitor attempt to break base boards, each equivalent to two one-inch pine boards. Once the boards are broken, competitors move onto the next stage with the

see "Chapman" pg. 2



The Long Lake Provincial Park Association held two open houses to gather information about the kinds of uses folks would like to see in the 5,000 acre park. Bedford residents Jean and Barry Sawyer, seated right, shared their thoughts with Brian Kinsman, Department of Natural resources Parks Planner, standing, and Peter Webster, Halifax Field Naturalists, and a member of the Park Planning Committee.

Greystone opens "Rainbow Park" Community Garden

Residents who live in Greystone are transforming corners of their neighbourhood into attractive parks and gardens. In a vacant lot near Lavender Walk residents, in partnership with the Metro Housing Authority, created a park plan. Residents were keen to have a lot of grass for games like soccer-baseball, space to put up a badminton net, and benches to rest on the community. Residents could also see trees and shrubs, grass and flowers, all growing and thriving together.

They decided to plant fruit trees including pear, apple, elderberry, and serviceberry, and berry shrubs such as red currants, black currants, highbush blueberries and gooseberries, to create an edible landscape. This makes Greystone a leader in the new urban trend

towards edible landscaping in public spaces.

Residents also included some lilacs and roses for fragrance, two maple trees for shade, and a fine white spruce to serve as a Christmas tree and winter anchor to the park.

More than 150 trees, shrubs, rhubarb crowns and raspberry canes went into the plan. This was far too many to plant all in one day, so the planting was done on three days spread over three weeks. There was also a very large load of shredded bark to spread as mulch after the planting was done.

The work was truly a community effort. Children filled buckets with water to settle in the new plants, and they also helped to fill and move wheelbarrows of mulch. Three teenage girls needed only one demonstration of how to

plant, and then they got busy planting like they were old hands. People from other parts of Spryfield and members of the Urban Farm Museum Society also pitched in, bringing spades, rakes and wheelbarrows to work along side Greystone residents.

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TAG receives first ever HRM grant

"It was almost shocking," said District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher recalling her approach to HRM's Grants Committee on behalf of the Theatre Arts Guild (TAG) application for funding support for its new expanded lobby on the front of The Pond Playhouse at Parkhill Road.

During a presentation ceremony where the Councillor handed over a \$25,000 cheque to Chair Esther VanGorder, Mosher said the committee Chair inquired when the last time TAG applied for a grant. Research showed that in 75 years of operation the "longest continuously running community theatre in Canada" had never applied for a grant. "The entire committee was dumbfounded," said Mosher with a grin showing her pleasure in being able to help

facilitate the grant.

"This is an exceptional amount of money for the Grants Committee to give to a single organization in any year," she said suggesting that normally the grants are far less than \$25,000.

For her part VanGorder said the organization has almost always been self-sufficient, making a little money on its shows, controlling expenses and raising its own resources through events like auctions and yard sales. "We've been raising most of the money required for the expansion ourselves," she said of the \$225,000 addition that will bring a newly expanded lobby, accessible washrooms, rehearsal workshop and educational space to the theatre.

VanGorder said the organization has about \$80,000 set aside for the project and is initiating a \$145,000 fundraising campaign involving corporate business and private citizens. In a unique project, longtime supporters John Gratwick and his wife have donated money to match the private donations of fellow supporters to help jumpstart the campaign.

Work is already underway at the site. The first ambition is to get the new space roof-tight. Interior renovations will occur as funds become available.

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Chapman wins world silver medal

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boards piling up more and more.

With Chapman skillfully breaking her way

through four matches and 19 competitors, she then found herself in a double-break off with another competitor for the silver medal. The first break-off required a knife-hand technique

in which both competitors were unsuccessful, forcing a second turning-kick break-off with two base boards. After winning a bronze medal in Montreal to qualify for the world championships, Chapman knew her goal was to come home with at least a silver medal and it was at this moment that she had to do it.

"Oh my gosh, I broke it, I broke it," said a joyous and elated Chapman while at the same time praying that her competitor wouldn't break it.

Watching her competitor fail to break the boards brought a sense of relief and the victory to Chapman – she was now the silver medal power breaking champion, the first female Nova Scotian to ever do it. It was Chapman's moment of recognition – she was a Nova Scotian far away from home and no one would ever be able to take this moment of victory away from her. It was hers to remember for the rest of her life.

Meanwhile, it's back to the normal routine of training and getting prepared for next year's world championships; something Chapman admits has been on her mind since winning the silver medal. "I would love to win the gold medal next year, but I also know how much hard work it's going to take."

Right now, Chapman is savouring the victory and wants to enjoy the rest of the summer before heading off to high school. It is an experience she is grateful for, and more importantly, one she shares with her family, friends and community.

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Greystone opens Community Garden

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All residents of Greystone are invited to attend a meeting with the Urban Farm Aug 5th from 12 to 1pm at the Cornerstone Family Centre to offer their ideas and help with the planning of the next steps for Rainbow Park which might include benches, garbage cans and other features.

Much credit for this initiative goes to Betty Tibou who stepped forward early in the process as a resident keen to make great positive change in her community. Many thanks to Action for Neighbourhood Change, United

Way of Halifax Region and Chebucto West Community Health Board for seeing the strengths in the community and supporting the community park.

Carla Hatcher, who grew up in Greystone, says "it gives us something to be proud of. We tapped into talents we didn't even know we had, and we created a beautiful park." Kyla, a grade two student at Rockingstone Heights School, thought up the prize-winning name of "Rainbow Park" and won a pizza party for her class. The park name was celebrated with Neapolitan ice cream in coloured cones at Cornerstone's summer gathering in June.



The HRM Grants Committee approved a substantial grant of \$25,000 to help the Theatre Arts Guild with its expansion project. The guild has never applied for a grant in its 75 year history. Councillor Lind Mosher, centre, presented the cheque to Chair Esther VanGorder while Joe O'Brien, Expansion Fundraising Chair; John Gratwick, Committee Member and incoming Chair Deb Post, look on.

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Chebucto Minor Hockey set for registration, new season

By Patricia Manuel
Registrar

Hockey season is just around the corner and Chebucto Minor Hockey Association is gearing up for another eventful year. Registration, the first big event, is set for Tuesday, August 29 and Thursday, September 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Spryfield Lions Arena. Registration is not just about signing up and paying the fee. It's also a great opportunity to check out what's new for the coming season and, for new comers, it is an excellent place to learn about CMHA programs and what a player needs to get started.

Players registering on either registration date

will receive a reward discount of \$40 off their basic fee. Any registration after these dates is at the regular rate. But a discount shouldn't be the only reason to register on time. There were some disappointed players last year who left it too late to register. Once the teams are set and filled, adding new players is not possible. It's terrible to have to turn away young players. So register by September 7th and there will be a spot for you on a team.

This year Chebucto Minor Hockey is fielding an all-female Pee Wee team (11 and 12 year olds). It has been a few years since CMHA has had enough girls in one age category to comprise a team of its own. Previous all-girls teams

included a Pee Wee team in 2003-04 and a Bantam team (Chebucto's first female team) in 2001-02. Chebucto girls have played with great success representing the Fairmount to Sambro communities on female teams in other associations or playing in Chebucto's mixed leagues in both the competitive and recreation levels.

The highly successful J.L. Ilsley Judges girls hockey team is comprised of many young women who got their start in the Chebucto hockey system. Several of our young women have gone on to university hockey. Holly Ivanko, Zoe Lancelot, and Melissa Young play with the Saint Mary's women's hockey team. This year, two of Chebucto's former players, Kayla Clarke and Kayla Oakley, received a Hockey Nova Scotia Athletic Academic Award upon graduation from high school. The award recognizes excellence in hockey and in academic achievement. Both players represented Chebucto on the Halifax Hawks midget girls team and played with the J.L. Ilsley Judges.

This is not the first time a Chebucto player has received a Hockey Nova Scotia academic award. In 2005, Mark Anderson was the first recipient of the Tiny Titus Athletic Academic Award. Mark played with Chebucto Minor Hockey from the time he was five years old and finished competitive hockey with the Chebucto Athletics Midget AAA team as well as playing on the J.L. Ilsley boys hockey team. Mark, now a student at Saint Mary's University, continues to play hockey with Chebucto. And so do many of his past team mates.

Two years ago CMHA reintroduced a Minor Junior team for young men ages 18 and 19 year olds. (The team can also carry up to four 20 year old players). Minor Junior teams play in the Metro Minor non-body contact league. This past season, the Chebucto Athletics won the Minor Junior title for the Metro Minor Association. The team has proven very popular and was full both years.

At the other end of the system, the Chebucto Initiation Program for 5 and 6 year olds is among the very best in the country and certainly the most affordable of any in the Province. CMHA is keeping fees as low as it can for beginning hockey players to give children and their families a chance to try it out and decide if hockey is right for them.

Chebucto Minor Hockey is always working to improve its programs. Increased practice time for the recreation teams, pre-season conditioning camps, and a six-session goalie camp were popular additions last year. This year, the Association is building on the success of its Initiation Program and Novice hockey by devoting extra effort to the development of players in Atom through Midget. As VP Development, a new role at CMHA, Tom Lee is working with other qualified volunteers to set up special skills clinics and to support coaches who wish to take advantage of extra skill development opportunities for their players.

So, remember: it all starts again on August 29th. Go to www.chebuctominorhockey.com to keep in touch or contact CMHA registrar Patricia Manuel at 477-2266. See you at registration.



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Hurricane Betsy ends career of Sambro sword fishing vessel "Angela B. Mills"

By Iris Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

Lifty years after it happened, news of the overturned sword fishing vessel "Angela B. Mills" is still recalled by Sambro residents. The upside down hull of the 85 foot boat was found floating in the Atlantic on 22 August 1956, one hundred and eighty miles from the eastern most tip of Newfoundland. Hurricane Betsy was making its way through that area at the time. Thanks to Allan Marryatt for drawing my attention to this story. Allan's father, Roy Marryatt, was one of the seven crew members, six of whom were from the Sambro area. Information was gathered from newspaper articles and from Captain Harold Henneberry's account of the ordeal "Surviving Hurricane Betsy," published in "Between Sea and Sky" by Robert Parsons.

On board the "Angela B. Mills" when it headed for the Grand Banks of Newfoundland were Captain Harold Henneberry and Keith Gray of Sambro, Roy, Charles and Herbert Marryatt of Long Cove, Melvin Gray of West Pennant and Charles Burke of Louisbourg, Cape Breton. They planned to be away for two weeks. Listening to reports of Hurricane Betsy's travels up the New England coast on Thursday, August 16th, the fishermen hoped the storm would pass between them and the shore (they were about 240 miles from land). They harpooned 14 swordfish on Friday, the 17th, and spent the next day trying to stay outside the hurricane. By that night (Saturday) the heavy rain and high winds made for rough seas but still the crew felt confident that this would pass.

During the night, however, the Angela B. Mills sprung a leak and began to take on water. A distress signal was sent out but went unheard. The crew then gathered food and water and lowered the dories. The first dory, containing their emergency supply of water and food, got caught under the stern of the boat and disappeared from view. Having dropped their only flashlight, they scrambled in the dark to find more food (23 cans of mixed goods, two loaves of bread and some biscuits, a small amount of water, a case of cigarettes and eleven quarts of whisky) before escaping in the remaining three dories. Armed with a compass, an automatic pistol and bullets, matches, two blankets, two old tires and the "crank horn," the last two men, Captain Henneberry and Roy Marryatt, got into their dory, leaving behind their catch of 62 sword fish.

That first day (Sunday) they stayed close to their fishing boat but by nightfall decided to head for land. Tying their oars to the dories (each dory had only one set of oars) they headed north, bucking the wind throughout the night. They made better progress when they tied the dories together.

Days and nights of cold rain, high winds and fog, followed by hunger and lack of sleep, started to take its toll on the men. Captain Henneberry managed to shoot a seabird which they shared and ate, raw. At one point they saw

two boats but were unable to get their attention. On another day they saw planes overhead but could not make their presence known. The men knew they had to keep rowing, just as they knew they had to keep their spirits up. The heavy seas threatened to swamp the dories and at times made it impossible to row. That's when the two old tires came in handy. Tied together with a length of rope to the stern of a dory, the tires acted as a "drag". On Saturday, the 25th, another heavy rainstorm and complete exhaustion discouraged thoughts of seeing their families again. Part way through the night, the weather cleared. At dawn, Sunday, Captain Henneberry sighted land and yelled out to the men. Some were too exhausted to look. After several more hours of rowing toward the cliffs of Newfoundland, they were picked up by a fishing boat and taken to Trepassey, Newfoundland "exactly seven and one-half days from the time they jumped into their dories." They had rowed about 300 miles. During the seven day ordeal,

the men were lucky if they slept two hours. On Monday, August 27th, headlines in the Halifax

Families of the missing fishermen were told on Wednesday, August 22nd, that the overturned hull of the "Angela B. Mills" was found. They waited for news as American planes and commercial ships searched without success. The fact that the dories were not recovered at the time the wreckage was sighted gave people hope...there was a chance that the men were in the dories. Each day that went by without news of them made it more and more difficult for family members to remain hopeful. Mrs. Keith Gray, the wife of one of the missing fisherman, gave birth to their daughter on August 18th. When the news that the seven fishermen were alive and well the entire community was relieved and jubilant.

Three of the seven fishermen are alive today...Keith and Melvin Gray, and Captain Harold Henneberry. Captain Henneberry will celebrate his 92nd birthday on September 28th and recently went searching for swordfish with one of his sons.



Photograph courtesy of Captain Harold Henneberry, taken at Trepassey, Newfoundland, August 28, 1956. From left to right: Captain Harold Henneberry, Roy Marryatt, Charles Marryatt, Melvin Gray, Herbert Marryatt, Keith Gray and Charles Burke.

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two and visit our creative face painting crew.

Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) public relations students, Habitat for Humanity of Halifax and Dartmouth, Scotian Homes, and the Nova Scotia Home Builders Association (NSHBA) are hosting a “Family Fun Day” to raise funds for the 2006 summer build.

Family Fun Day participants will get the chance to win some great prizes, including a pool membership, through a raffle and 50/50

draw. All proceeds from the event will be generously donated to Habitat for Humanity Halifax-Dartmouth.

“We knew we wanted this event to take place at the Spryfield Lions Wave Pool because of the Spryfield community’s reputation for supporting great causes,” said Sherry Grant, Communications Director for the NSHBA.

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Eight students earn Black Belts

Local martial arts club Chimo Taekwondo reached a milestone with the recent graduation of eight new Black Belts. The graduations were a testament to the hard training undergone by all the students. The level of intensity and difficulty of the test is being regarded by some as one of the toughest Black Belt test around.

Hosted by Mr. Doug Large, Owner and Head Instructor of Chimo Taekwondo and overseen by Master Woo Yong Jung, the test took more than three hours to complete. "The students were put under considerable mental and physical stress and all performed exceedingly well," said Mr. Large. "All of them have been training for years and this day is a testament to that hard work," he added.

Students were required to complete a series of Taekwondo activities including kicking and punching demonstrations, self defense techniques, full contact sparring, a physical fitness test and speed, combination and power breaking. All this under the scrutiny of Master Jung, visiting Master Yoon and the 100 or so spectators, and after having fasted for more than 12 hours.

Graduating were four students who had trained with Chimo Taekwondo since they began as white belts. Falon Hodge, Andrew Saulnier, Katie Berakos and Jessica Brown all

began their practice soon after the club began operations almost three years ago.

The other four students promoted were Mark and Kennedy Theriault, Shelise Morgan and Alex Morris. Each began their practice with other clubs but worked hard to meet the standards of Chimo Taekwondo.

"Many, many people have walked into the club with the intent of earning a Black Belt," said Mr. Large. "Yet these few are the only ones who have put in the time and the effort. I am very proud of them all."

Multiple Canadian National and Provincial Taekwondo medal winner Ms. Katy Pyke assisted with the test. She said "after watching the Chimo students today I believe this test should be used as the standard for all Black Belt tests." The students worked very hard to honour themselves and their club."

Of particular note was the accomplishment of Ms. Shelise Morgan in completing the training and the test. Shelise is seven months pregnant in what has been described by her doctor as a high risk pregnancy. Ms. Morgan has had a team of doctors and specialists encouraging her to continue her training. Prior to the test, Ms. Morgan said "I am diabetic and the Taekwondo training has kept my health good and me out of hospital."



Several members of Chimo Taekwondo passed Black Belt test recently. Among those involved in the test were, front row, Jessica Brown, Kennedy Theriault, Falon Hodge, Katie Berakos and Alex Morris; back row, Doug Large, Owner and Head Instructor Chimo Taekwondo, Andrew Saulnier, Shelise Morgan, Mark Theriault, Master Woo Yong Jung, and Master Yoon. Photo by Valerie Hanson.

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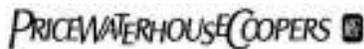
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Picnic organizers eager for next year's event

The Spryfield Residents Association organized the first "Canada Day Family Picnic - Spryfield Proud" at Kidston Lake this past July 1st, inviting the entire community out to celebrate both Canada and this community. Many community groups joined the SRA and volunteers started early Saturday morning setting up tents and activities for the event.

The McIntosh Run Watershed Association ended their two Canada Day hikes at Kidston Lake in time for the afternoon festivities. Guests were greeted at the welcome tent with Canada Souvenirs and loot bags for the kids.

The afternoon's celebrations officially began with the Gospel Light Baptist Church

Choir singing "Oh Canada," followed by Mr. Lindley Johnston cutting the Canada Day Birthday cake.

A grant from Chebucto West Community Health board, supplemented with donations from community-minded businesses and individuals, enabled the SRA to offer free fruits and vegetables which were beautifully prepared by volunteers Jagoda Mankowski, her son, Timothy, Janet Chrisovergis and others. BBQs were fired up and hot dogs and pop were sold to raise funds for future SRA events.

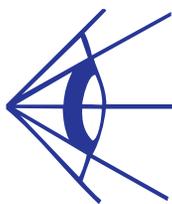
Children enjoyed the Halifax Regional Municipality Recreation Department's activi-

ties which included bubble blowing, face painting and flag decorating. The Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield had games for the older children. HRM Aquatics Department Lifeguards kept a watchful eye on those enjoying the warm waters of Kidston Lake. Volunteers led walks to the Rockingstone informing curious participants of the history of the site.

"It was a beautiful day and people came out to celebrate Canada Day in our own community and it wasn't just kids. It is great to see people of all ages enjoying themselves," said Theresa Snow "Canada Day Family Picnic - Spryfield Proud" Committee Member.



Organizers of the first ever "Spryfield Proud Canada Day Celebration" at Kidston lake were pleased with the turnout of local citizens who enjoyed every ounce of this Canada Day cake.



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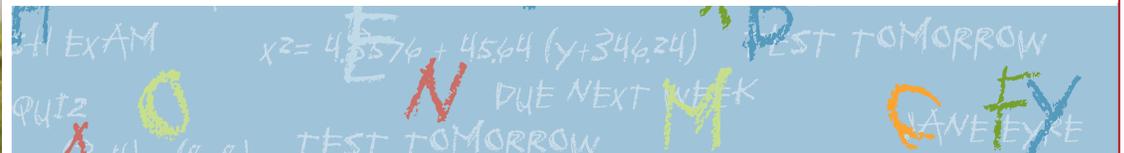
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Mosher urges caution as drivers acclimate to new "roundabout"

By Linda Mosher
District 17 Councillor

Recently, the Armdale Rotary has been a hot topic of discussion. Some people love the changes, some hate them, but the reality is that the rules have changed. Although the change in traffic rules appeared to be a snap decision, the Province decided over three years ago that they wanted to change the operating rules of traffic circles in Nova Scotia. Over the past few years I have written about these changes in my newsletters, in previous Chebucto News columns, and included information in my HRM

website in order to give residents advance notice of the future changes. The provincial rules change was to mirror the rules that govern roundabouts pretty much everywhere else in the world. The rules change requires yielding to traffic already in the circle - essentially waiting for a gap to enter, versus one on one.

In 2003 the Province formed a roundabout committee, which included HRM's traffic experts, who recommended the conversion of the rotary to a roundabout. This was previously recommended by independent consultants who studied our traffic congestion. The main reason that we do not want to eliminate the

traffic circle and build another type of structure, besides cost and aesthetics is that we don't want to attract even more traffic to this area. We simply want to effectively handle the current, and anticipated future traffic volumes.

For months HRM has tried to confirm whether or not the changes passed by the legislature for the Motor Vehicle Act, effective October, 2005, were applicable to the Armdale Rotary. Based on numerous resident requests on the rules status of the rotary, I brought the issue to Council. The Mayor wrote the province and in response, HRM was initially told that the Armdale Rotary was not included

in the new legislation, then we were told the rotary actually wasn't a rotary but a circle with traffic lights. Due to the confusion I arranged a meeting for June 27th, with the Deputy Minister of Transportation and Public Works, HRM's Manager, Traffic Authority and myself. At the meeting, we received written confirmation that the operating rules for the Armdale Rotary changed from one-on-one to that of yield upon entry. Upon notification, I immediately made Council and the media aware of the change in the rules. Some residents are not in favour of the rules change, but at the very minimum, for safety and legal issues I ask that residents comply with the new provincial regulations.

Unfortunately HRM did not have time to conduct an advanced public information campaign. However, the morning after learning about the changes HRM staff worked with Provincial staff and initiated a comprehensive public relations campaign. This campaign will also be re-initiated in the fall. As well, new bright yellow signage has been posted to ensure that drivers are aware that they must yield to vehicles within the circle.

HRM did not have an opportunity to make the physical changes necessary to make the circle a true roundabout. We have tendered for a consultant to prepare a detailed design, to make physical changes to the rotary, including making a "large entry deflection" which will change the angle and ensure that drivers enter and travel through the rotary at lower, safer speeds.

NDP launches campaign to end poverty in Canada

By Alexa McDonough, Halifax MP

I am proud to announce that the NDP has launched a Campaign to end poverty in Canada.

Canada's social safety net has become an incoherent, inefficient mess that must be repaired. The working poor aren't receiving sufficient wages, they're unable to access Employment Insurance when they need it, and they can't house and feed their families. Something is terribly wrong in Canada when people working full-time for a full year still can't make ends meet.

Recent United Nations and Canadian-based reports have documented the crisis. Over half of Canadians receiving social assistance still need food banks to survive. Most welfare levels are set at less than half the low-income cut-off, which the government's own advisory body, The National Council on Welfare, calls an "utter disaster." About a third of low-wage workers do not earn sufficient income to make ends meet.

NDP MPs will travel to communities to hear from Canadians about what their principles of fairness, justice and equity say about what they want for themselves, their neighbours and all Canadians. The NDP wants to hear Canadians' views on the Canada Social Transfer which transfers billions of dollars to provinces and territories with no accountability or monitoring of its adequacy.

On the world front, there are horrifying, heartbreaking developments in the Middle East. While many families are enjoying the summer weather and vacations, a conflict rages across the

Middle East that has cost the lives of eight Canadians and trapped thousands more in Lebanon. Hundreds of innocent men, women and children have perished with no apparent end in sight.

Three Israeli soldiers were kidnapped and several more killed by Hamas and Hezbollah. These militants have also been engaged in regular rocket attacks on Israel that have claimed the lives of dozens of Israeli citizens. Israel responded by launching a military attack on Gaza and Lebanon.

The disproportionate Israeli response has been to destroy virtually the entire infrastructure in Gaza, leaving almost a million Palestinians without water or power, while killing hundreds of civilians. In Lebanon, Israel has put in place a sea and air blockade, destroyed major roadways, flattened entire neighborhoods in Beirut and across Lebanon, destroyed the airport and other infrastructure and killed over three hundred Lebanese.

As NDP Foreign Affairs Critic, I have urged the Canadian Government to reverse its decision to side with Israel and dispose of Canada's long-standing balanced position in support of International Law; pressured the federal government to put in place an evacuation plan that would bring all citizens and permanent residents home as soon as possible; urged an immediate ceasefire by all sides in the conflict to allow the international community to help negotiate a resolution; urged the federal government to also make it clear that Canada will commit troops to help maintain that peace, however fragile it may be; and worked to convince the federal govern-

ment to contribute humanitarian assistance.

This complex, escalating crisis has affected hundreds of thousands of Canadians who have loved ones in the region. It may be far away, but it has cost the lives of Canadians and continues to grip the global community which watches with increasing alarm the endless cycle of violence and destruction.

My office continues to work with constituents who have family in the region. If you or someone you know needs information, help or guidance, please don't hesitate to contact me. I may be reached via regular mail or e-mail at alexa@hfx.eastlink.ca. My constituency office is located at #319A, 7071 Bayers Rd., Halifax, NS, B3L 2C2.



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Violent acts do not mean “neighbourhoods unsafe”

*By Graham Steele
Halifax Fairview MLA*

?I'm writing this column in mid-July, the same day that our daily newspapers are carrying headline stories about gunfire along Frederick Avenue. A bullet-riddled vehicle was later found abandoned along Ashburn Avenue. Shell casings were found at the corner of Percy Street and Dutch Village Road.

The week before, there were stories about a man being shot in an apartment building in Cowie Hill. A trail of blood led to the front door, where he collapsed.

All of this is taking place in the constituency I represent. What's going on? How could this be happening?

Frankly, I doubt there's much a politician can say that will be useful. These crimes are in the hands of the police, and the police must be allowed to do their job without political interference or second-guessing.

But when I started to write about other things, it didn't seem right. These violent crimes are “the elephant in the room” that can't be ignored. So let me share a few thoughts with you.

First, as I've already said, we must let the police do their job.

Second, we must not allow ourselves to jump to the conclusion that our neighbourhoods are unsafe. These recent outbursts of violence appear to be part of a war for the illegal drug trade. The shootings are not random.

Yes, it is disconcerting, to say the least, that the war is happening on residential streets and in apartment buildings where any one of us could accidentally get in the way. But we must not overreact. The war is likely to end as quickly as it started.

During my 5 plus years as your MLA, I have walked on every street and knocked on every door, usually more than once. Our neighbourhoods are overwhelmingly populated by decent, hardworking people, trying to live their lives and raise their families in peace. I know because I've met you. The number of knucklehead criminals is tiny. The number of community-minded citizens is much, much, much larger.

It is true that, during my travels around the constituency, occasionally I come across a place that all the neighbours know is a drug den. The police have explained to me why it

is so hard to shut these places down. In order to lay charges and get evidence that will hold up in court, there has to be a proper sting or surveillance operation. These operations are labour intensive and expensive. Anti-drug resources are often better used going after importers and wholesalers, rather than the street-level dealers. But I know, because I hear it, that neighbours can get frustrated by what they perceive to be a lack of street-level enforcement.

One final thought. There is a natural tendency, I believe, to look the other way when suspicious things happen in our neighbourhoods. How many times have we heard or read about people saying “I don't want to get involved!” But when people are firing guns along residential streets like Frederick Avenue, or in apartment buildings on Cowie Hill, we're already involved.

Adams trying to “push boulder s”

*By Stephen Adams
District 18 Councillor*

As Council is on a three week break, and I have sent a newsletter to everyone in our community, this column will be relatively short.

I have received numerous phone calls regarding the rocks that have been placed at the entrance to Long Lake just off Old Sambro Road. After a number of phone calls I was able to find out that the Department of Natural Resources had put those boulders in place to prevent illegal dumping. Although we all can appreciate the frustration of dealing with clearing this debris it is truly unfortunate that everyone must be inconvenienced because of a few who choose to dump illegally.

At a recent Open House hosted by the Long Lake Provincial Park Association I asked that if those rocks were necessary could they be pushed inward to allow for some parking. This would allow access, prevent dumping and allow drivers to safely get back on to Old Sambro Road. Time will tell if this suggestion is able to work.

The recent events of the past six weeks regarding numerous shootings have put our community in a poor light and certainly so. If

one were to look at the chronology of events the majority occurred outside Spryfield. However, as has been the case in the past, the media tends to “twist the facts.”

The most recent case in point dealt with the shooting in Cowie Hill. The police sent a media release which stated “at 10:10 am a shooting was reported at 30 Ridgevalley Road in Halifax.” Both major print media outlets changed this to Spryfield. I had written to both newspapers clarifying their mistake. In fact I made it perfectly clear that their actions were incompetent and irresponsible.

This combined with Deputy Mayor Walker comments suggesting that the recent shootings in Fairview “were probably done by guys in Spryfield.” Although this was meant as a joke, I didn't find it funny in the least. It was offensive and inappropriate. We have spoken and Deputy Mayor Walker is truly sorry. I have known him since junior high school hockey and he is not malicious in nature. It was a lack of judgement at a most inappropriate time.

I am working with John O'Brien in our CAO's office to organize a tour of Spryfield for the media. Mr. O'Brien is our Public Relations Officer and will help to ensure that the event will help to illustrate all of the good we have to offer.

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local obituaries

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd.

YETMAN (Whittle), Bertha Madelene "Joan" - 81, Halifax, passed away peacefully at home. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late John "Jack" and Jessie (Cotton) Whittle. She attended Bloomfield School. Joan was a life member of the Earl Francis Spryfield Branch 152, Royal Canadian Legion, where she worked for many years as a bar manager, retiring in 1991. She remained a steadfast supporter of the Spryfield Legion. She was a long-time member of Emmanuel Anglican Church on Herring Cove Road. Joan is survived by her children, Raymond Yetman and Alana Robinson (Yetman), who both reside with her; brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Carol Whittle, Dartmouth; granddaughters, Paula Robinson, Halifax; Krista Pearson (Yetman), Ontario; great-grandsons, Scott Robinson and Jonathan Russell, both of Halifax; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Frederick Joseph Yetman; brothers, Perry and Ronald. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Burial was in Oakridge Memory Gardens.

McNEIL, Paul Anthony - 41, Halifax, passed away in the VG Site, QEII, surrounded by his family. Born in Halifax on April 26, 1965, he was a son of Ronald McNeil and the late Bertha (Cormier) McNeil. Paul attended and graduated from J.L. Isley High School and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Mary's University and received a diploma from Atlantic Computer Institute. Paul was an employee of the IWK Information Technology Services

for most of his career. Paul was active in sports throughout his youth. Paul loved to cook, specializing in desserts. He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon (Barter) McNeil; son, Liam, 2 1/2 years, whom he loved dearly and who gave Paul the will to fight; sisters, Christine (Stephen) Sutherland, Halifax; Diane (Perry) Randall, East Chezzetcook; brothers, Kevin (Heather), Bedford; Perry (Linda), Bedford; Keith (Kelly), Halifax; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack and Ann Barter, Riverview, N.B.; brothers-in-law, Mike, Calgary, Alta.; Paul (Margie), Saint John, N.B.; Ron (Judy), Riverview, N.B.; Ken (Cathy), Riverview, N.B. Paul was predeceased by mother, Bertha McNeil; paternal grandparents, William and Evelyn McNeil; maternal grandparents, Rene and Odina Cormier. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or QEII Foundation. Family flowers only please.

O'CONNELL, Charlotte Anne - 90, Halifax, wife of the late Wilfred Henry O'Connell, passed away in Arborstone Enhanced Care, Halifax. Born in Poulamon, Cape Breton, she was a daughter of the late Ezare and Josephine (Landry) Fougere. She is survived by her daughters, Shirley (Gustave) Saulnier, Dartmouth, and Mary Ross, Manitoba; sons, Patrick Michael O'Connell, Halifax, and Richard O'Connell, Waterloo, Ont.; brother, Venard; sisters, Julia and Florence; as well as several grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents,

her husband, granddaughter, Annette, and brothers and sisters. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Interment has taken place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

SLAUNWHITE, Colin Michael - 72, Terence Bay, loving husband of Muriel (Pettipas) Slaunwhite, passed away peacefully in 7A Palliative Care Unit of the VG Site, QEII, following a lengthy battle with cancer. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Gordon and Minnie Slaunwhite. Throughout his life, Colin was a self-employed fisherman. His family was very special to him and Colin always enjoyed attending family celebrations. He loved his friends dearly and enjoyed hunting, ATVing, and spending time at the camp with his friends. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Muriel; daughter, Maxine (Mike) Brown; sons, Michael (Linda) and Dale (Susan), all of Terence Bay; brother, Gary; sisters, Leona Schlay, Jeanette (Jack) Brophy, Judy (Tommy) Young and Louise (Barry) Slaunwhite, all of Terence Bay. Granddad will fondly be remembered and sadly missed by his grandchildren, Devin, Melissa, Candace and Sarah; step-grandchildren, Christopher Deal and Krista (Aaron) Young; step great-granddaughter, Quinn, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Garnet, and sister, Helena Blackburn. By request, cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Interment was in Star of the Sea Cemetery.

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Multi Community Yard Sale

A multi community yard sale is being planned for the weekend of September 16 and 17. It will begin in the Harrietsfield Leblin Park area and continue down through Williamswood, Sambro and around the loop to Herring Cove. Anyone wishing to take part just has to get

those "not used anymore" items out to the driveway, yard, or garage and that's all you have to do. If you have any questions, please email Jessie at kevin_marshall1@ns.sympatico.ca or call 475-1164.

Flower Service

The Annual Flower Service of Emmanuel Anglican Church will be held August 27 at 10 am in the church cemetery, Sussex Street. At the service, the newly installed Columbarium will be dedicated. All welcome.

Flamingo for Young People

Register now for "Flamenco For Young People" with instructor Maria Osende! Fall 2006 Flamenco workshops will be held Saturday mornings Sep 16th to Dec 16th [12

weeks] near the Armdale Rotary. Bursaries and subsidized Flamenco classes for 60% off regular price are available to young people in the community, sponsored the Church of Saint Mary Magdalene and Halifax Wedding Chapel. Please contact Josephine at 423-2651 for bursary application forms, registration information and scheduling, or check out <http://www.halifaxweddingchapel.com/ole.html>. Workshops include: Introduction to ballet and flamenco for ages 5-7 at 10:00-10:50am; Flamenco for ages 8-11 at 10:50-11:50am; Flamenco for ages 12-16 at 11:55-12:55pm.

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Puppet Show and Craft - Tuesday July 4 Ages 3+ 10:30am to 11:30am - Come and watch Robert Munsch's story "The Paper Bag Princess" come to life in a puppet show. Stay and make your very own paper bag puppet to have for days to come.
Teen Drop In - Thursday August 10. Ages 12+ 6:30 to 8 pm - Play board games, create some art, hang out with friends. Supplies are provided - all you have to do is show up.

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- High-Quality Glue for permanent finish

AS LOW AS AVAILABLE AT LUMBERMART **99¢** sq. ft.

ECO-ORANGE F3 NATURAL

READY TO FINISH OAK HARDWOOD

2-1/2" OR 3-1/4" SAME PRICE... **\$1.38** sq. ft.

Look it over... you'll love it! If you're not happy... we'll get the cheapest one in town! (All products at LumberMart)

CERAMIC TILE

4 colours One per box

36" x 36" Porcelain **\$1.00** sq. ft.

36" x 36" Porcelain **\$1.84** sq. ft.

SUPER SPECIAL

36" x 36" Porcelain **\$1.84** sq. ft.

Nick's 'n Dings Exclusive!

DOOR CRASHER

PINE CORNER SHELF

- Complete Kit
- Ready to paint or stain

500 only

\$1.88 each

While we're on the subject of DOORS

#1 PINE DOORS FIRST QUALITY
Most sizes in stock

12"-24" **\$69⁰⁰** each
26"-36" **\$79⁰⁰** each

#2 COLONIST DOORS ALMOST PERFECT

12"-22" **\$18⁰⁰** each
24"-38" **\$23⁰⁰** each
30"-36" **\$28⁰⁰** each

SAVE (Factory Blends) Right!

NOW OPEN... NICK'S 'n DINGS Window Warehouse

Regardless of style or size - 100's of sizes at this price! THIS IS NOT A MISTAKE, YOU MUST COME SEE FOR YOURSELF!

ANY SINGLE UNIT \$99
ANY DOUBLE UNIT \$198
ANY TRIPLE OR PICTURE UNIT \$297

FACTORY SURPLUS AND SIZING ERRORS = YOU SAVE!

PINE FRENCH DOOR
Colonial Style & Colours

\$69 each

Factory blends or more appropriately... slight nicks 'n dings

IMPORT LOCKSET YOUR CHOICE \$10⁰⁰ each

PRIVACY	KEYED ENTRY	PASSAGE
"B" Grade JAMB SET \$10⁰⁰ set	3-1/4" Colonial CASING \$2⁰⁰ 7 pc.	Colonial DOOR STOP \$2⁰⁰ 7 pc.
		3" Butt HINGES \$2⁰⁰ per pair

We bought 2 trailer loads for this sale...available at LumberMart too!

OPENS JULY 31st
STORE HOURS
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 9am-5pm

How do we sell... (well)...SO CHEAP?
Prices in effect until August 31 or while supplies last

- We don't have huge overhead
- We don't have delivery trucks
- We don't do returns or exchanges
- We buy huge quantities etc!
- We're local (truly)
- We drive a hard bargain
- We've got a reputation...we're cheap
- We don't charge you a membership
- We will save you money

WATCH FOR OUR GRAND OPENING COMING SOON!