

## Mr. Winnipeg

## But that blond beast was quite a worker, too

Beloved CNIBer retires at 63. The lowdown:

"CNIB has a very special staff member who is retiring at the end of July. I can truly tell you that I've never met anyone who demonstrates such loyalty to his job. **Vargo** is handsome, blond and so affectionate. He loves to flirt, especially with the women in the office but somehow he still finds the time to put all four paws into the work he does. His job is one of the most important jobs in our building; he keeps his owner, **Tracy**, safe.

"If you haven't guessed yet, Vargo is a guide dog. We held a retirement celebration on June 14 in his honour and would love for you to mention him in your column. Freedom 63! Thanks, **Noemi Pinkerton**, CNIB."

My pleasure. Sixty-three? Noemi tells me Vargo is nine, times seven in dog years, making him 63, exactly the right age to hike the ol' butt on the couch and kick back for his remaining years. Vargo, you should know, will be staying at home with Tracy and his new guide dog, doing the "pat me/mentor" thing. Earned in spades, buddy.

Happy sniffing, and congrats on a job well done.

### STUDENTS JOIN HABITAT BUILD

Interesting to note students from College Pierre Elliott Trudeau currently volunteering on the Habitat for Humanity build site here in the 'Peg, have all passed an



online training course titled MySafetyAssistant — created and designed by **Theo Kowalchuk** of 1 Life Workplace Safety and Health. The program provides virtual professional safety management support including policies, procedures, safety talks, plus contractor management and record keeping systems critical for volunteer safety, via a web-based portal.

**Ken McIntyre**, manager of communications for Habitat, says, "Students have a tremendous amount of energy and idealism to offer, and we want to provide enhanced safety training tools that will appeal to this emerging high-tech generation."

Good plan, and three cheers for the fab students of College Pierre Elliott Trudeau!

### PARTY IN THE PARK!

Monday's National Aboriginal Day celebration at Riding Mountain National Park looks to have been a big hit, with local area students and guests to the park participating in the workshops, powwow and events held throughout the day. Music for the gathering included performances by Standing Eagle Drum Group of Rolling River First Nation, with additional entertainment including a jiggling contest.



HANDOUTS

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: CNIB staffer Vargo given Gold Bone; Habitat/1 Life Workplace Safety & Health stars (from left) Shelley Robinson, Eric Miron, Katie Cook, Linda Peters and Kowalchuk; Fort Dauphin Museum's Trista Coughlan (right) shows Emmett and Stella Kraft of Winnipeg a teepee set up for Aboriginal Day; Raylene Head of Rolling River First Nation entertains her Erickson classmates.

