

Connections

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CANADIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE - MID-ATLANTIC/GREAT LAKES

Affaires militaire: Harper Government Boosts Visibility and Presence.

Though Canada had the fourth largest military in the world sixty years ago, self-effacement of the **Canadian Forces** has been the *politique* of post-WWII governments - until now. The new Defence Minister, **Gordon O'Connor**, is taking several new initiatives. At **Kandahar, Afghanistan** this week, he met with Canadian officers and Pres. **Hamid Karzai** to determine how much more money and equipment the country needs to rebuild and develop the **Afghan National Army** and **Afghan National Police**. Acknowledging that the security position has not improved, he stated that Afghans must take greater responsibility and could do so with increased aid from Canada and other **NATO** nations. The Canadian military, meanwhile, is increasing in size and budget for the first time in years, continuing the build-up begun by the previous Martin Government. In the Far North of Canada, the first large-scale exercise is taking place to assert sovereignty over the **Northwest Passage**. In recent years, foreign submarines have passed undetected between **Devon Island** and **Baffin Island**. Global warming will allow navigation as this always frozen strait will melt during Summer months in a few decades. The frigate **HMCS Montréal** arrived two weeks ago along with 450 sailors, soldiers and air crew in "Operation Lancaster." Prime Minister **Stephen Harper** was on hand when the operation commenced at **Iqaluit**. The **Conservatives**, said O'Connor on an earlier visit to the region, "have pledged to create an armed forces -including the navy- capable of (year-round) Arctic-operations." The Far North is home to 150,000 people, mostly **Inuit**. **Morris Maduro**, law professor at the **University of Alberta**, is skeptical that Canada would prevail in international court. Rather, he argues, Canada should form a commission with the other seven circum-Arctic countries to set fees and environmental regulations for the eventuality of large-scale shipping through the passage.

SEPTEMBER, 2006

UPcoming Events

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Sponsored by the International Visitors Council (IVC),
a Can-Am Chamber Member.

Wednesday, September 6, 2006, 5:30 p.m.
Marriott Courtyard, The Annex Room
City Hall East, Philadelphia

\$ 15/person non-members

WORLD TRADE ASSOCIATION 75TH ANNUAL BANQUET

Sponsored by CanAm member World Trade Association of
Philadelphia Inc.

Wednesday, September 20, 2006; 6:00 p.m.
The Cescaphe Ballroom,
923 N. 2nd Street, Philadelphia

\$ 90/person

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WESTERN CANADA-HAWAII RECEPTION FOR RECIPROCAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsored by the Canadian American Chamber of
Commerce
Vincent Mallardi, Director will be the featured speaker

Tuesday, September 26, 2006; 4:00 p.m.
Buca Di Beppo Honolulu
1030 Auahi Street

\$ 35/person

AVIAN FLU PANDEMIC CONFERENCE

Co-sponsored by CanAm Chamber Member the Global
Interdependence Center

Thursday, September 28, 2006; 7:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
The College of Physicians of Philadelphia
19 S. 22nd Street, Philadelphia PA

\$ 75/person Members

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keep these dates

October 16-17, 2006 - BIOTECH 2006 NJ-PA
Philadelphia

October 25, 2006 - PNC BANK'S INTERNATIONAL
DEPARTMENT CANAM TRADE BREAKFAST AND
SEMINAR - Philadelphia

Sunday-Friday, November 19-24, 2006 - CAN-AM
CHAMBER TRADE MISSION TO CANADA -
Niagara,-Toronto-Ottawa-Montréal

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PHILADELPHIA-DOUBLE-BAKED BISCOTTI IS TO BE CANADA BOUND. The Greater Toronto Metropolitan Area (the GTA) is, by ethnic population, larger in the number of Italian-born consumers than is Rome! CanAm member **Mezzaluna Biscotti Company**, Spring House PA, is dipping its outstanding products into our biggest demand area this Fall with some test marketing (and tasting!). Through the Chamber, we are introducing the company to foodservice and supermarket members in Canada. For our friends on this side of the border, these "artworks" in taste are available by calling 800/883-2879. **Linda Liberi** is President.

PENNSYLVANIA AND ALBERTA TRADE OPPORTUNITIES ANNOUNCED. CanAm Chamber member the **Pennsylvania Center for Trade Development (CTD)** is organizing two "matchmaking" programs with the **Edmonton Economic Development Corporation** where Alberta buyers will be hosted in Pennsylvania in March, 2007 with a follow-up from PA to AB in June, 2007. Contact **Janet Kolokithas** whose particulars are at the right column. Your CanAm Chamber will participate in these events, including the mission to Alberta. FYI: **Government of Alberta** has a \$ 10B surplus this year. The economy is tearing at 7% GDP growth, and with a \$ 44,788 per capita income is attracting over 16,000 workers from outside the province. The worker shortfall will require 332,000 additional employees by 2025 when the population is forecast to exceed 5M from the present 3.3M!

LEXINGTON KY PLANE CRASH CLAIMS 39: THE FAA EXONERATES CANADIAN-BUILT COMMUTER JETAIRCRAFT. A horrible mis-judgment by a pilot and first officer, and a lapse of attention by a lone control tower operator, resulted in the deaths of all but the first officer aboard a **Delta** commuter flight this week. The aircraft was built by Montréal-based **Bombardier** and financed through **Canadian Commercial Corporation**. See *CANnections*, June, 2005, p.2.)

CANADA R&D INVESTING IS UP. CONSIDER DOING YOUR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT HERE! Canada manufacturing R&D is up 2.2% at \$ 8.3B while overall economy R&D is up 1.3% at \$ 14.9B, reports **Stat Can**. Unlike the U.S., Canada offers R&D tax credits and grants. A good place to develop, or partner, your product!

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