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PORTRAITS of 2005



Defiance Justice John Gomery, who led the probe into the sponsorship scandal, relaxes on his farm in Havelock, one of 14 people in Gazette photographer Phil Carpenter's series on Montreal newsmakers of 2005. Carpenter portrays two other defiant subjects on Page A10.

No more rubber-stamping at U.S. border

MICHELLE LALONDE
THE GAZETTE

There was a time when a car full of Canadians would barely have to slow down at the customs booth while crossing the border into the United States.

"Citizenship?" the border guard would yell into the car.

"Canadian," we'd answer one by one, as the guard fixed us each by turn with a bored gaze. Two or three more cursory questions and off we'd drive. No papers requested, no car search, no hassle.

Of course, the border-crossing routine changed radically after the terrorist attacks on the United States in 2001. But more recently, U.S.-Canada relations have soured over trade disputes, well-publicized insults, policy criticism and veiled threats that

would have been unheard of only a few years ago. There has even been talk in the United States lately of building a wall along the Canada-U.S. border.

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What can keep you out, Page A3

One year after tsunami, 1.5 million still homeless

First in a series

MATTHEW FISHER
CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA – Her life now is "just like a flea who lives in a hat," says Nursiah as she looks at the tent she has called home for the year since the tsunami came crashing across the

beach that is now 100 metres away.

"I live, eat, sleep and receive visitors in the same room," was the good-natured way the 40-year-old Sumatran explained her predicament as she sat with her 10-year-old daughter, Mardiah.

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IN FOCUS

Pope wants unity

Benedict XVI used his first Christmas Day mass to preach for a more activist Catholicism, including a "new world order" to rectify injustice. **Page A22**

No budget hints

Mayor Gérald Tremblay says his team has been "working very hard" on the 2006 budget, but won't say what goodies are inside. **Page A7**

Junior hockey

Canada begins its defence of its World Junior Hockey championship tonight against Finland. But it's the game against the U.S. that worries our team. **Page C1**

Germ security

Canada needs to better oversee dangerous biotechnologies at its research labs, a survey of scientists and officials finds. **Page A12**

'05's top Google query? Well, she's 39 ...

MIKE OLIVEIRA
CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO – In a year of devastating natural disasters and terrorist attacks, Janet Jackson was the most popular search on Google.

Even though her infamous wardrobe malfunction took place in February 2004 and her brother Michael beat child molestation charges, Janet Jackson managed to surpass Hurricane Katrina, the tsunami and the launch of Microsoft's new Xbox

360 as the most popular search of the year.

The 39-year-old surely racked up her Google hits when paparazzi video of her sunbathing naked appeared online.

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QUOTE

It is my belief that we all have the need to feel special. It is this need that can bring out the best in us, yet the worst in us.

Janet Jackson

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