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Combating the exploitation of children

Craig Keilburger is the 13-year-old activist who stole the show from Prime Minister Jean Chrétien during his Asia-Pacific exchange mission last January. As a member of Free *the Children*, Craig travelled to Korea to meet with various organizations and advance the issue of the young workforce. He has also met child labourers who have never been to school and who have no prospect of a better future.

Keilburger plans to visit other countries, such as India, where there are more than 15 million child labourers.

Plan for retirement

As expected, the federal government is delivering on its deficit reduction promises. While no new individual or corporate taxes have been required, major changes have been made to pension plans.

The changes affect Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) and the Deferred Profit Sharing Program (PSR). People with higher incomes or about to retire will be the most affected by these new measures.

The ferry meets the needs of cyclists

In response to an increase in the number of bicycle passengers, Highland Lake Ferry has increased the frequency of crossings. It intends to satisfy the growing number of visitors to Tulip Island.

Telethon for research on childhood diseases

In her role as Shirley Valentine, actress Diane Stevens raised more than $20 million for Toronto hospitals. This time, it is the Telethon for research on childhood diseases that will benefit from his generosity. This entertaining play is presented at the Central Theatre for 3 nights, from June 1 to 3 at 8 p.m. It will then be performed at the Place Magog Theatre starting June 25.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Central Theatre. $15. Call 923–0000.

Laurenval turns to cooperative training

In September, several professors and administrators participated in the first phase of a co-operative development program. The program encourages teachers and students to work collaboratively. Individual and interrelated responsibilities are structured according to each activity. The emphasis is on social skills. Positive feedback is encouraged.

At the end of the school session, improvements were noted in the following areas:

* Decrease in disruptive behaviour
* Increased self-esteem and self-confidence.
* Increased demand for help from students with learning difficulties.
* Greater participation from students who are usually erased.
* Emergence of positive role models in each group.
* Increased peer pressure to attend classes and prepare assignments.
* Strong parental support for cooperative training.
* Increase in the number of students in active roles.