

# Boy, 4, drowns in Pierrefonds

## Safety experts renewing calls for tougher rules for backyard pools

[CBC News](#) Posted: Jun 20, 2011 2:14 PM ET Last Updated: Jun 21, 2011 6:44 AM ET

### Related Stories

- [Portable pools as risky as in-ground pools](#)

### External Links

- [Safe Kids Canada: Pool Safety](#)

(Note: CBC does not endorse and is not responsible for the content of external links.)

A 4-year-old boy drowned in a neighbour's pool in Montreal's Pierrefonds-Roxboro borough after his babysitter lost sight of him Sunday.

Police say the boy slipped away from the 26-year-old woman looking after him and went into the neighbour's backyard, where the pool was not yet open for the season and filled with stagnant water.

The boy removed his clothes and jumped in the pool, and firefighters had to use poles to search for the boy in the murky water.

He was rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police, who are still investigating whether negligence charges are warranted, said there was a fence around the backyard but not around the pool itself.

In Laval, a 3-year-old boy was resuscitated after he was pulled out of a pool on Sunday by a family member.

## Safety experts slam existing pool laws

"It is absolutely essential to be vigilant around pools and it just takes a split second for something like this to happen," said Debbie Friedman, Trauma Director at the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Last year, the province of Quebec passed legislation mandating locked gates and fences around new backyard pools.

However, the rules do not apply to hundreds of thousands of pools that were built before the law was passed, because the province said it would cost too much for pool owners to modify their yards.

"I think it should apply to all pools," Friedman said. "When we see these types of tragic events that are preventable, I think it's a no-brainer."

Quebec leads the country in backyard pool drownings, according to statistics compiled by Safe Kids Canada in 2007.

Comments on this story are pre-moderated. Before they appear, comments are reviewed by moderators to ensure they meet our [submission guidelines](#). Comments are open and welcome for three days after the story is published. We reserve the right to close comments before then.

[Submission Policy](#)

*Note: The CBC does not necessarily endorse any of the views posted. By submitting your comments, you acknowledge that CBC has the right to reproduce, broadcast and publicize those comments or any part thereof in any manner whatsoever. Please note that comments are moderated and published according to our [submission guidelines](#).*

## Stay Connected with CBC News

[Mobile](#) [Facebook](#) [Podcasts](#) [Twitter](#) [Alerts](#) [Newsletter](#)

## Latest Montreal News Headlines

- [Escaped Hells Angel René Charlebois found dead during police bust](#) comments
- [Revenue Canada corruption feared over \\$400K cheque to Mafia](#) comments video
- [Daybreak's proposed Charter of Montreal Values](#) comments
- [Montreal family stuck in Gaza after Egypt closes border](#) comments video
- [CAQ wants Boisclair recalled from New York post](#) comments
- [Bobby Ryan sits out 3rd as Senators beat Canadiens](#)
- [Impact fined again, Whitecaps escape punishment](#) comments video
- [Federal MMA regulations slow to catch on in Quebec](#) comments video
- [Your voice in this election](#) comments
- [NDG construction woes due to anti-corruption efforts](#) comments video

## Must Watch

### Top News Headlines



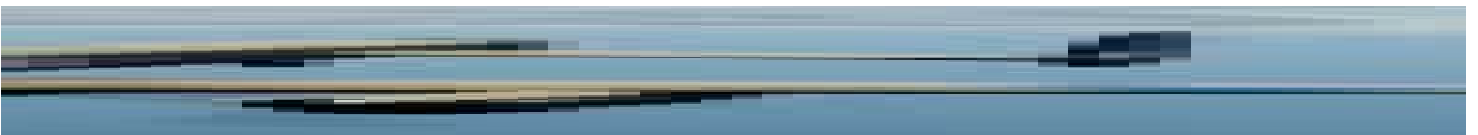
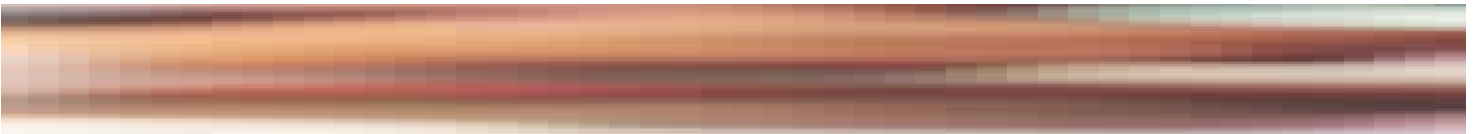
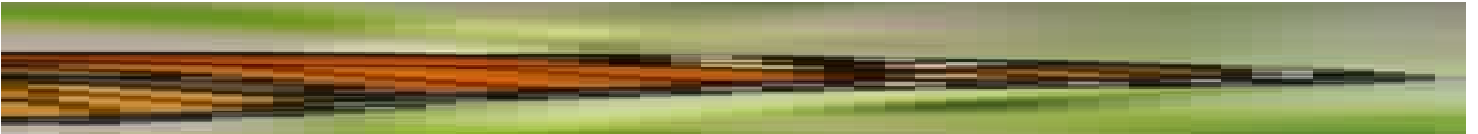
- [Revenue Canada corruption feared over \\$400K cheque to Mafia](#) comments video
- [Why Stephen Harper has no time for the UN](#) comments
- [GO Transit audit sparked by claims CN overbilled taxpayers](#) comments
- [Climate change report's 'temperature hiatus' fuels skeptics](#) comments
- [Escaped Hells Angel René Charlebois found dead during police bust](#) comments

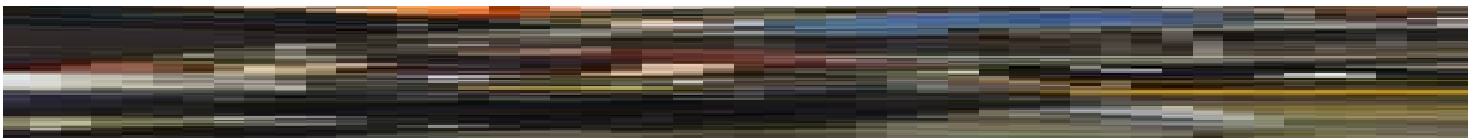
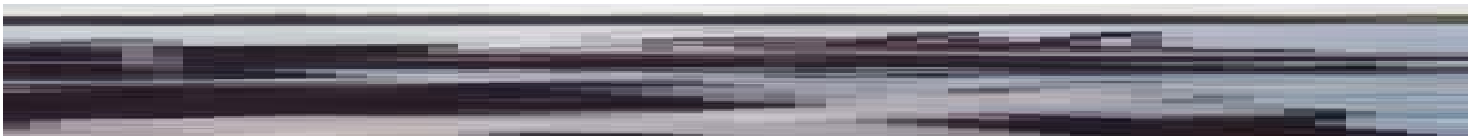
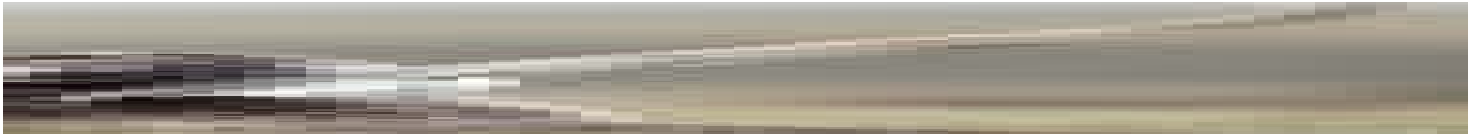
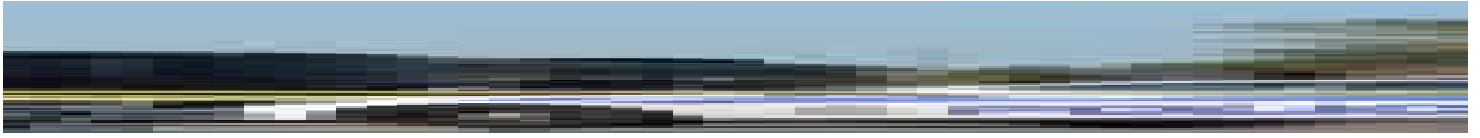
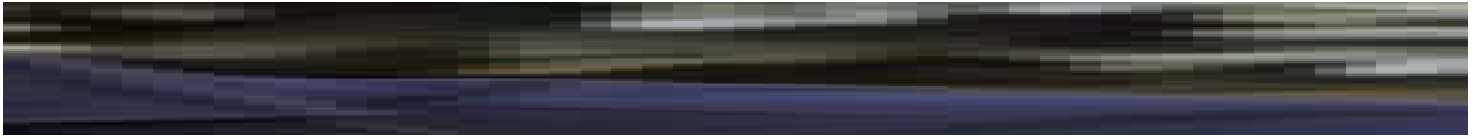
## Most Viewed

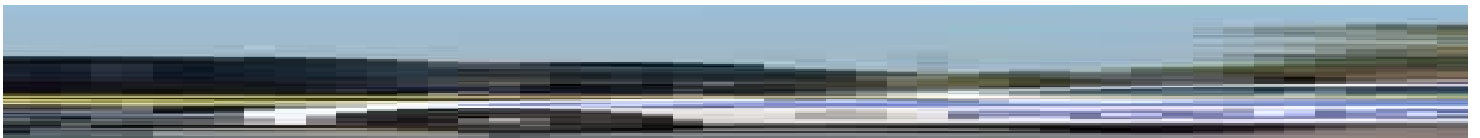
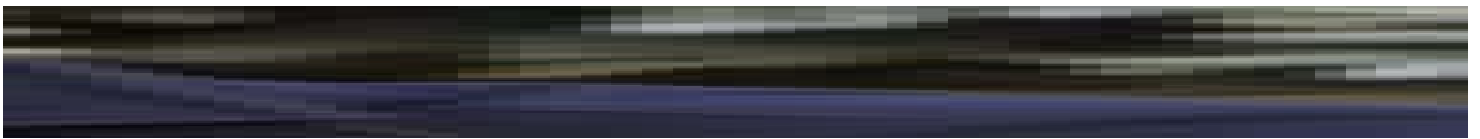
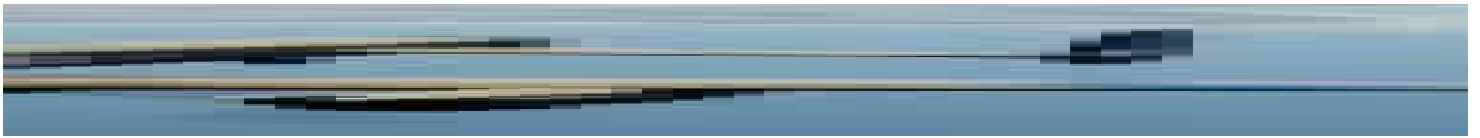
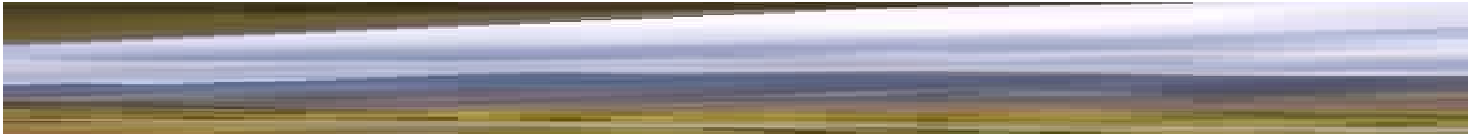
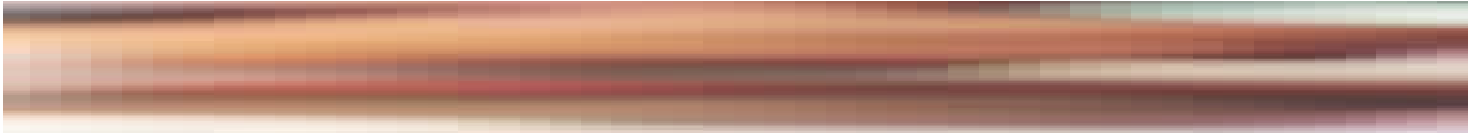
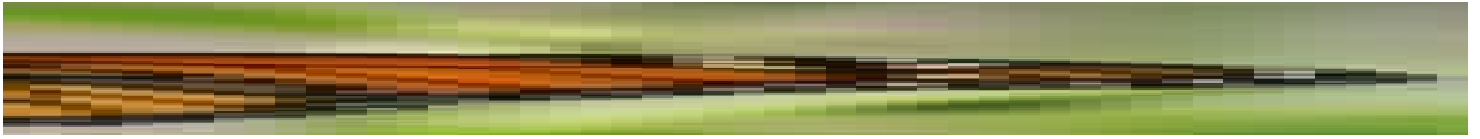
- [Revenue Canada corruption feared over \\$400K cheque to Nicolo Rizzuto](#)
- [Escaped Hells Angel René Charlebois found dead during police bust](#)
- [Ex-Canada Revenue workers face corruption charges](#)
- [Daybreak's proposed Charter of Montreal Values](#)
- [Montreal family stuck in Gaza after Egypt closes border](#)
- [Piglet rescued after fall from slaughterhouse-bound truck](#)
- [CAQ wants Boisclair recalled from New York post](#)
- [Quebec minister in hot seat over charter of values](#)
- [Values charter doesn't upset Harper's Quebec lieutenant](#)
- [Federal MMA regulations slow to catch on in Quebec](#)

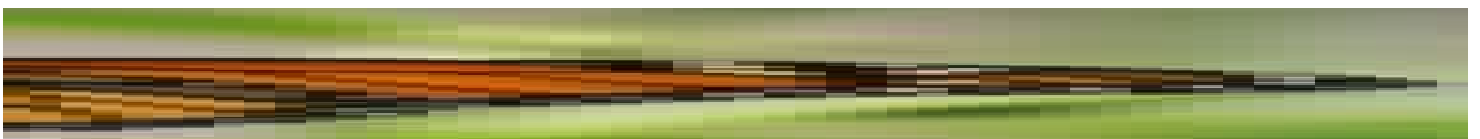
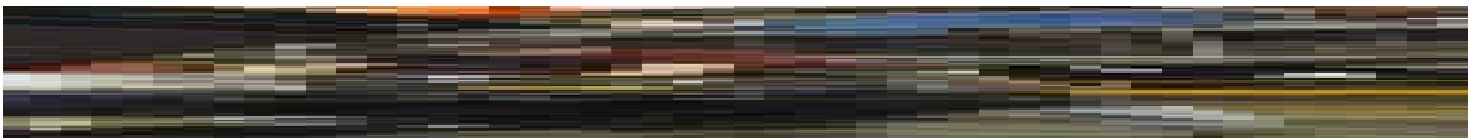
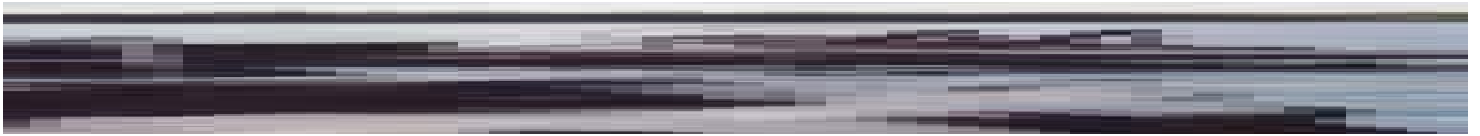
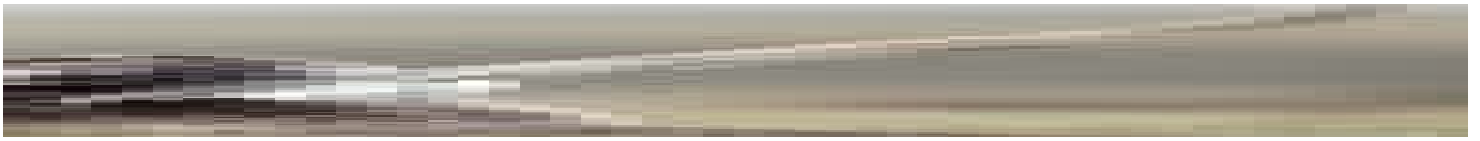


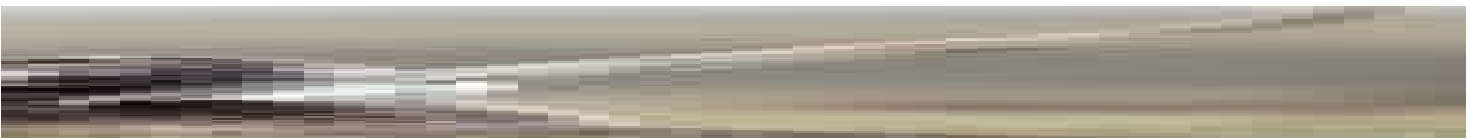
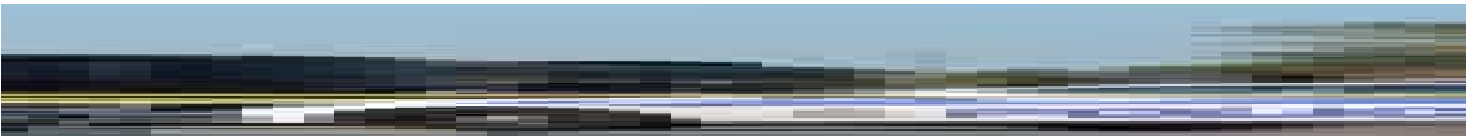
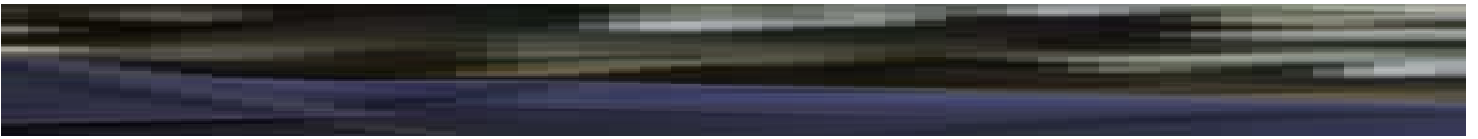
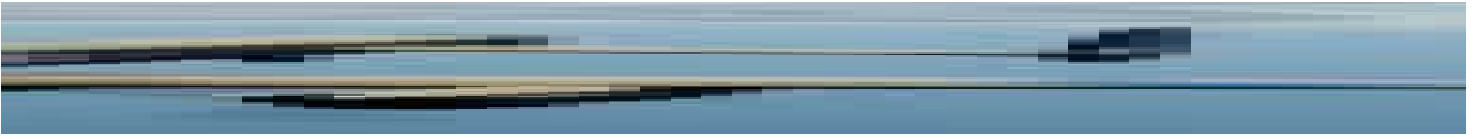
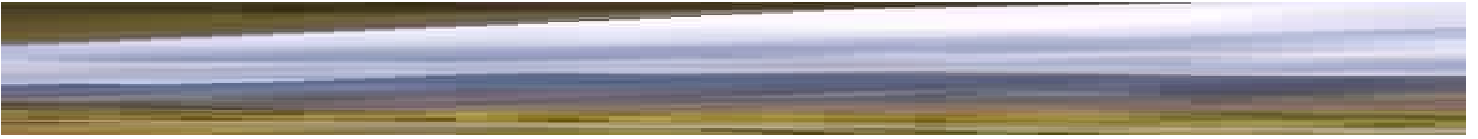
**Don't Miss**

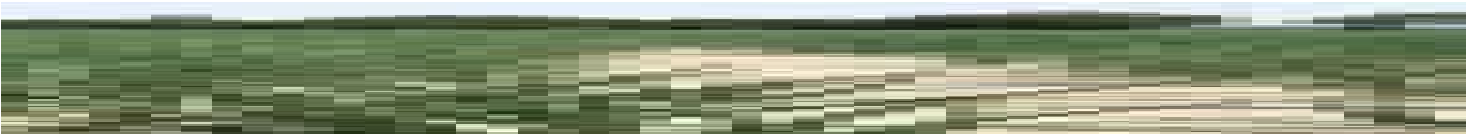
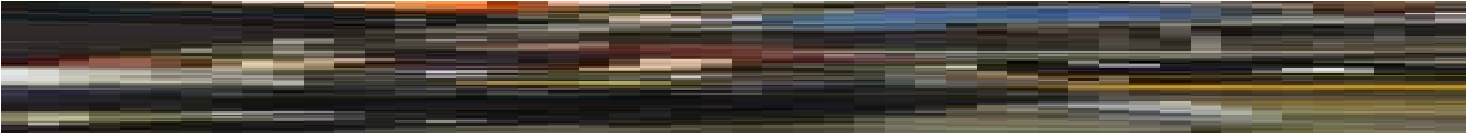
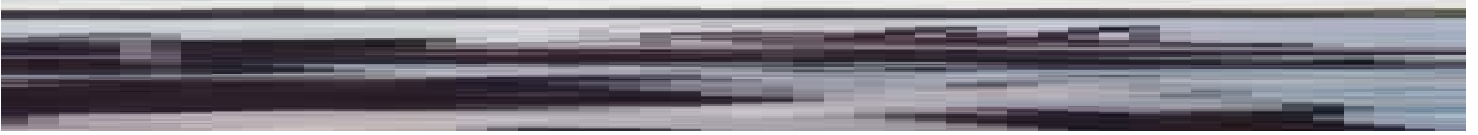












- [1](#)
- [2](#)
- [3](#)
- [4](#)
- [5](#)
- [6](#)
- [7](#)
- [8](#)
- [9](#)
- [10](#)
- [11](#)
- [12](#)

