

## >> Arrow creator receives honoured

Aviation pioneer James 'Jim' Floyd, 95, holds up his award yesterday at the Canadian Air and Space Museum in Toronto, given to him as one of 25 Canadians honoured by the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP). Floyd is best known as the designer of legendary Avro Arrow CF-105, but he also designed one of the world's first jet airliners and played a key role on the CF-100 jet fighter program in the 1950s.

On its 25th anniversary, CARP asked members to recommend "local heroes" who contributed "to the quality of life of others and who have made a difference in the lives of Canadians as we age."



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# Canucks optimistic: Poll

QMI AGENCY — More than half of Canadians are convinced 2010 will be better than 2009, placing us among the most optimistic people in the world.

A robust 45% of those asked about their expectations in a global survey think this year will be an improvement over last. Among Canadians specifically, 53% feel that way. That ranks us sixth on the good-cheer scale.

Canadian portion of the study. "We expect 2010 to get better because in some cases, how can it get worse?" said Scholz.

As an example, Scholz cited Afghanistan, which ranks just behind Canada on the optimism Top 10 list.

"How could you not say it's going to get better (there) next year? You'd like to hope it's going to get better."

ducted with 36,556 people in 33 countries between Oct. 22 and Dec. 23, 2009.

Worldwide, the 45% who think things will get better this year is a significant boost from only 27% of global citizens who felt that way last year. And just 20% felt 2010 will be worse, compared with 35% last year.

Only 9% of Canadians thought things would be worse