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## Luongo skips all-star gig

Starting goalie for West to spend time with pregnant wife

By **JEFF HODSON** Metro Vancouver

Reaction was mixed yesterday as Vancouver Canucks fans learned their star goaltender Roberto Luongo would forgo the upcoming NHL All-Star Game in order to spend time in Florida with his pregnant wife.

"It's a pretty good reason," said Brian Wyatt, 22, outside the main branch of Vancouver library. "If my wife was pregnant, I'd probably want to spend time with her."

Luongo received 263,221 fan votes and was selected as starting goaltender for the West for the second year in a row at the Jan. 27 all-star game in Atlanta.

"If Luongo gets hurt, the Canucks are buggered," said Wyatt, calling the All-Star game "kind of a joke."

However, Rachael Gallagher, a waitress on Georgia of the National

Hockey League's biggest stars – has an obligation to his fans.

"He's letting fans down, he's letting me down," Gallagher said. "I would understand if the birth was

"I strug-

actually going on  $\dots$  It's a miniscule excuse to miss something important."

The baby girl is due in April and will be the couple's first-born.



Roberto Luongo

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gled with this decision," Luongo said yesterday, adding that the pregnancy was a little bit "delicate."

"I think family right now is more important to me and this is a good opportunity for me to spend some time with my wife and the baby"



## They're naughty but nice

April O'Peel, 24, Lola Lockeheart, 22, Melody Mangler, 25, and Connie Lingus, 31, members of Screaming Chicken burlesque company, pose at their studio. The troupe is performing at the Taboo Naughty But Nice Sex Show, which starts today at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Story, page 2.

## Hit the gym in style in the New Year



#### ask kim

#### I'm looking to buy a new boarding outfit what should I look for?

Hit the slopes with bright colours and lots of pattern. Never go for matching gear in one block colour, you'll end up looking like a snow mascot. Instead buy a pattern jacket and simple pants and remember to layer. Keep your eye out for next week's Style File, I'll be featuring some snow-worthy trends.

With a passion for recognizing the purpose and beauty of fashion, I shop and travel filling you in on the latest styles, events and tips in my column, Style File.





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gym zip ups

Whether at the gym for a warm up or running the sea wall, a zip up is a must. Extend your gym wardrobe and go with colour this season. Look for pinks, greens and blues to brighten up your workout. Check out the Adidas store on Granville Street. They have a variety of zip ups that you can take to the gym or out to the bar. Or head to lululemon where you'll find all kinds of fashion-worthy zip ups that are perfect for the gym.

#### accessorize



#### avm baas

It is just as important to have a good gym bag, as it is to have a day and evening bag. Gym bags come in all sizes and shapes, but I say the bigger the better. Look out for ones that suit your lifestyle. If you like to run in and out of the gym, then buy a bag with a wide opening to quickly throw your gear in. If you like to take a shower at the gym and separate your gear then the Lug (pictured) is for you. It has plenty of storage pockets and it's been on Oprah's 'O' list!

#### pssst...

A selection of CZ rings are now 25%-50% off at Jeweliette Jewellery, 692 Seymour St. (inside Manuel Mendoza, at Georgia St.) jeweliette.com.

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Separate your sweaty gym clothes from the rest in your gym bag with a simple reusable drawstring bag. Check out the Nike Store (1124 Robson St.) for drawstring bags on sale.