

See special Christmas Section  
for season's greetings & photos



Santa Claus made a special appearance with Mother Goose at the Teddy Bears Picnic at New Beginnings. Santa has been a busy fellow these days. See Christmas section for story.

## Valley First adds new Kamloops branch and Armstrong insurance

Members of K.C.P. Credit Union of Kamloops voted in favour of joining with Valley First Credit Union. At the December 10 Special General Meeting, K.C.P. members voted 98 percent in favour of the proposal that will see all assets of K.C.P. Credit Union bought by Valley First.

The acquisition will officially take effect December 31, 2001, when K.C.P. Credit Union will

become a branch of Valley First Credit Union. A banking system conversion will take place in early January, after which the Kamloops members will begin to see the introduction of new products and services.

Harley Biddlecombe, President and CEO of Valley First, stated, "We look forward to the opportunity of providing enhanced services to the membership and the Kamloops community."

### New insurance service

Valley First Insurance Services Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Valley First Credit Union, announced December 12 it has purchased ICBC Autoplan and Personal Insurance business of Mat Hassen & Sons Ltd. of Armstrong.

Founded in the early 1900's, the company has been operated by the Hassen family until the mid-1970's. The current owner, Tim Brandle, purchased the business from Barry Brown 11 years ago.

Valley First Credit Union amalgamated with Armstrong Spallumcheen Savings and Credit Union on June 30, 2001. The purchase of Mat Hassen & Sons Ltd. will permit Valley First to add a full array of general insurance products to its existing range of banking and wealth management services.

The purchase expands Valley First's general insurance locations to nine in Okanagan, Similkameen and Spallumcheen Valleys, in addition to 14 credit union branches with 39,000 members.

## Dog dies mysteriously

On Monday, December 10, Princeton RCMP received a report from a local resident that their two year old dog, a Spaniel Cross, had died suddenly after eating something up on the old mine tailings above Firemaster. What the dog ate is not known for certain, but just prior to dying, the dog had been found with a dead rat. Unfortunately, the dog died within 30 minutes of consuming whatever it had eaten.

The symptoms exhibited by the dog just prior to death are consistent with having consumed some type of poisonous substance like strychnine. Strychnine is used as a pest control agent and is

most often used to control rodents.

Princeton RCMP would like to remind area residents to be aware of the potential hazards of using any type of pest control agent. The use of such agents can have unintended results and can pose an extreme health hazard to your family, your pets and other pets, as well as surrounding wildlife.

Anyone wishing information on the proper disposal of hazardous chemicals or waste such as pest control agents should contact a local office of the Ministry of Environment, Pollution Prevention, Water Management Office in Penticton at (250) 490-8200.

# Welcome to new Interior health region

*- B.C. government re-organizes health again!*

Similkameen Valley residents are now part of the massive Interior Health Authority. On Wednesday, December 12, Health Planning Minister Sindi Hawkins announced the formation of five major health "authorities", replacing all health regions. Interior Health Authority encompasses all of the southern Interior of B.C., from the Coast Range mountains to the Rockies and as far north as the Cariboo and Chilcotin.

Murray Ramsden is Chief Executive Officer of the new Interior Health Authority, and Alan Dolman is Chair of the new Board. So far, Dolman is the only appointment to the Board, but the Health Minister has stated there will be more appointments in the next three months.

The fate of Community Health Advisory Committees is not known, but Similkameen Health Administrator Marilyn Harkness says she wants some kind of community group to remain in an advisory role.

This is the third major shift in health organization in British Columbia in the past decade, and those who deliver health care on the front lines are wondering what this latest change will bring. While there is some agreement with the idea of reducing administrative costs, there are still too few details available. There is a recognition, too, that there will be big severance packages for "displaced" regional positions.

There is good news for Princeton. Princeton General Hospital is included in a list of acute care facilities in the Interior. Continued on page 2...

## Oroville police catch Calgary twosome in high-speed chase

Two 19-year-old Calgary men ended a high speed chase in jail in Oroville, Washington on December 12.

The chase began at lunch hour in front of South Okanagan Secondary School in Oliver and took Oliver RCMP down Fair-view Road, then onto Highway 97, where the fleeing driver avoided a spike belt, and kept travelling south, going right through U.S. Customs.

Oroville police picked up the chase from the border. According to Oroville Police Chief Randy Carlson, who pursued them, speeds reached up to 100 mph (160 kmph) during the chase.

The Honda car, stolen in Banff earlier in the week, was abandoned after it hit a curb in Oroville. Police caught up with the culprits after they ran from the car. One of the fleeing men wound up in the river, which it appeared he intended to cross, but changed his mind and was apprehended by the police chief waiting for him.

The two men face felony charges in the U.S. and similar charges in Canada. They were jailed awaiting deportation to Canada.

## Bald tire leads to charges

Princeton RCMP and BC Ambulance from Princeton responded to a two-vehicle accident on Highway 3 on Monday, December 10. An east-bound Mazda Protegé lost control on a sharp corner near Saturday Creek and slid into a westbound GMC pick-up truck. The driver and two other occupants of the Mazda were taken to Princeton General Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

The roads were snow-covered at the time of the accident. Police examined the tires on the Mazda and noted it had a bald front tire. The bald tire and fresh snow combined to be causal factors in the accident, according to RCMP Cst. Steve Barton.

The driver, a 30 year old Oliver man, was issued a violation ticket for having a defective tire on his vehicle.

Princeton RCMP remind vehicle owners to check their tires periodically and make sure they are properly inflated and have an appropriate amount of tread. RCMP recommend all vehicles should have good winter tires on all four wheels in winter conditions.

## Truck wallops lamp post

A tractor trailer unit struck and knocked down a street lamp on Bridge Street in Princeton at 1:50 a.m. December 8. The driver had decided to make a U-turn. Luckily, the Citizens on Patrol (COPS) were in the area and witnessed the incident. They followed the vehicle.

While following, a COPS member contacted the RCMP and told them where the vehicle was located. The tractor trailer was pulled over approximately two kilometres east of the RCMP station.

The driver, from Vancouver, was charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident and with driving without due care and attention.

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Slippery conditions led to this vehicle going off Highway 3 between Coppertown Motel and the curling rink. Drivers are advised to use caution and have excellent tires.

**New Health Authority .....from front page**

New CEO Murray Ramsden said, after the announcement, "Administering a region that stretches from south of Williams Lake to the U.S. border and from Bella Coola to the Alberta border is going to bring many tough challenges. We face significant budget pressures which need to be addressed immediately. We have many other challenges ahead of us, and we need to work together toward the best health care for people in the new region."

The main focus of the Interior Health Authority will be on patient care, the news release states, but it also states there are "substantial budget pressures" and the Chair and administration "will explore new and innovative ways to deliver health care".

Most significant is the statement of impending change: "While each patient can rest assured they will be receiving timely health care, the role of facilities in each community may change according to the individual needs of the community and according to its function within the regional system. What that means for Keremeos and Princeton facilities is yet to be revealed."

Ramsden is expected to be travelling through the region during the next few weeks to meet with senior staff, physicians, founda-

tions and local municipal and regional hospital district representatives to discuss health care delivery in the new Interior Health Authority.

The provincial perspective says the new Health Authority system is simpler and more accountable for delivering health services.

Sindi Hawkins stated the new structure is the foundation for making changes required to "meet our goal of providing high-quality, patient-centred, sustainable health care."

Hawkins said the former health governance model was "one of the most complicated and expensive in the country, resulting in inefficient and often ineffective management of health care resources."

The former model had 52 separate health authorities and nearly 600 appointees to health boards, health councils and societies.

Hawkins went on to say, "The combination of small rural community councils and large urban health boards created huge disparities in terms of budgets, making it difficult to plan and deliver coordinated health care."

The government sees the new Health Authorities as a means to eliminate administration duplication and costs, minimize inter-jurisdictional overlaps and ensure that health boards are accountable to the public.

For more on the role and responsibilities of Interior Health Authority, turn to page 6.

**Museum Society prepares for January AGM**

The last meeting of Princeton Museum Society for 2001 was held on December 9. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation, by Councillor Kathy Clement, of \$1,500, the rest of the Town's \$4,000 annual grant.

Princeton's Museum Society was asked to provide some information to the Town of Oliver, where the museum receives \$80,000 per year from the municipality.

Princeton President Don Coyle said Oliver's museum has approximately 1,500 visitors per year, whereas Princeton's museum has double that number, and Princeton's museum receives half that much. Princeton counts the value of the museum floor space as part of the annual donation, plus utilities and security system.

Upper Similkameen Indian Band Archaeology Team volunteered to assist Lorraine Lance with archive work during December and January. Two younger people from the South Similkameen plan to join Princeton Museum Society as well as help Lance with the archive work.

The volunteer appreciation afternoon was well-received and appreciated by the volunteers who donate their time during the year to keep the museum open and show visitors around the collection.

Financial statements and a report will be given at the next meeting, on January 8, which is the annual general meeting and election of officers. The meeting will begin at 2:30 pm at the museum.

**Weather Watch**

Dec.	Princeton area			Keremeos area		
	High	Low	Precip	High	Low	Precip
10	-1.6	-3.2	3.6 cm snow	0	-4	8 cm
11	0.4	-4.8	0.8 cm snow	2	-4	4 cm
12	-4.3	-8.4	10.5 cm snow	0	-6	
13	-1.6	-5.3	1 cm snow	2	-1	5 cm
14	0.3	-3.6		6	0	
15	1.6	-12.6	2 cm snow	1	-7	
16	4.7	-5.1		6	0	

**FORECAST:**  
 Wed - Mainly cloudy, 40% chance flurries/showers, low -2, high 3  
 Thurs - Mainly cloudy, 60% chance rain or snow, low -3, high 4  
 Fri - Mainly cloudy, 40% chance rain or snow, low 0, high 3  
 Normals: low -6, high 0  
 Dec 21 - Sunrise: 8:05 a.m. Sunset: 3:35 p.m. PST  
 Daylight: 8:05 hrs. equal to December 26.

# Hampers need more food!

Christmas Hamper food donations are down this year says Ted Worthington, speaking for Princeton Crisis Assistance Society, which organizes the annual Christmas Hamper Campaign.

"We're down from this time last year, and I'm concerned," Worthington told the News Leader. "Usually, this close to Christmas, we have a lot more non-perishable food donations."

Cash donations go toward the purchase of turkeys and potatoes. There are a lot of needy people, and Worthington knows how much the campaign depends on food donations to make up the more than 100 hampers.

The hampers will be packed this Saturday and delivered on Sunday. On Saturday night, the RCMP will challenge the guys from the Fire Department and Highway Rescue in the "Battle of the Badges" hockey game. Admission is by cash or non-perishable food. These donations can add to the fund, but please do not wait until Saturday night to give.

There are donation boxes around town in a number of businesses. Please put your donation into one of these boxes before Saturday.

The number of toys is down a bit this year, but this is less worrisome than the food situation.

Worthington says Princeton area is still in better shape than the lower mainland, where people are not giving enough donations for Christmas hampers this year.

"They will not be receiving turkeys this year," Worthington stated.

Billy's Family Restaurant is inviting anyone who will be alone this Christmas to attend a complimentary Christmas dinner and share the day with friends. If you plan to attend, call Chris at 295-7695 after 7:00 p.m. If you need a ride, arrangements will be made to pick you up.

Santa's Workshop will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week to accept donations.



Princeton Crisis Assistance received a generous \$500 donation to the Christmas Hamper Fund from Princeton District Teachers' Union. Ted Worthington, left, accepts the cheque from teachers Dave Smith and Raelene Liberatore.

## Auxiliary celebrates season

by M. Trehearne

The festively-decorated banquet room of the Beldaire Restaurant was the venue for Princeton Hospital Auxiliary's Christmas gathering. About 35 members attended. Our guests were Marilyn Harkness, Hospital Administrator, who thanked the Auxiliary for the hard work of its members in supporting the hospital, and Ruby Baillie, a former member of long standing who still knits garments for the Gift Shop.

There was a short business meeting during which Marilyn McDonald was presented with a gift in recognition of the many extra hours she has cheerfully devoted to sorting donated items. Robin Degerness was applauded for having made the arrangements for the dinner, even though local restaurants were rapidly being booked up by various organizations.

After the business was concluded, we relaxed over a delicious meal. An exchange of small gifts, some hand-crafted and all well-chosen, followed. Not all of the gifts were of small dimensions: Kristine

Dalen was called on last to select hers, and so ended up with the large package others had left. It contained an attractive wreath for an outside door.

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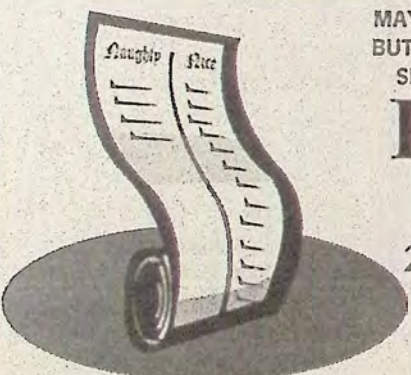
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## INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

By John Vaccaro Financial Consultant for Merrill Lynch  
and Greg Stewart Associate Financial Consultant for Merrill Lynch

### Preserve The Value Of Your Estate

Over the next several decades, we will likely witness a growing phenomenon: the transfer of wealth from one generation to another. This is cause for careful consideration and advance preparation - especially in Canada, where an onerous tax regime dictates the disposition of assets.

By taking the proper steps now, you can ensure that your estate is passed down to your loved ones as intended, rather than having it entirely disappear into the clutches of Revenue Canada. And with the capital gains exemption having gone the way of the dodo bird, advance preparation is all the more critical.

How are capital gains taxed? When you die, your assets can be transferred to your spouse without incurring any immediate tax consequences. However, when leaving wealth to heirs other than your spouse, the assets generally become a prime target for taxation. In short, they are treated as though they had been sold.

Included in this taxation are all the capital assets in your estate, such as stocks and bonds, and any real estate you own other than your principal place of residence (i. e. the family cottage). These items are taxed on 50% of the difference between the original purchase price of the asset - the 'adjusted cost base' - and its present value - the 'fair market value.'

Who will feel the impact of these taxes? Depending on the timing of this tax burden, your heirs may be forced to sell off valuable property or redeem investments at a loss. Needless to say, this is probably not what you had in mind. To avoid this undesirable scenario, you need to develop a solid plan to minimize the eventual impact of taxation and allow you to pass on your wealth as originally intended. You may not be able to avoid paying the tax liability on your capital assets, but you certainly can prepare for it.

Contact your Financial Consultant and Accountant for more information.



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## Feds fund new opportunities for Keremeos

On December 20th, the Village of Keremeos will receive an early Christmas present.

The Similkameen Country Resource Centre will cross the final hurdle that day when a contract will be signed by Human Resources Development Canada providing the facility with funding for one year.

Lisa Fraser, of Similkameen Country, says work will begin January 2nd on renovating the former Village office space to make way for the Centre.

The Resource Centre's mandate is to aid unemployed Keremeos area residents find work. Fraser says the Centre will also incorporate a Farm Labour Office within it's operation.

"This will encompass a much broader scope than the original plan had intended, but the community needs this," says Fraser.

A total of two fulltime jobs will be created, with Ken Randle becoming the Office Manager and Fraser the Coordinator.

"We will be matching people with work and helping farmers find workers."

A Grand Opening is set for mid-February.

## Who won what in Christmas Light-up

Winners of the Keremeos Light-Up Celebration have been announced by Similkameen Country.

In the Christmas Parade, Best Comedy Category went to the "Children's Festival" Pirate entry with Roland Bilodeau winning for Best Tractor. There was a tie for Best Commercial Entry, with honors being shared by Re/Max and Similkameen Country.

The Best Youth Division saw the Pioneer Club take First Place with "Music Under The K" winning Second. Third Place was awarded to 'Sparks.'

The Best Overall Prize was won by "Candyland" with the Royal Canadian Legion #192 and Keremeos Post Office sharing Honorable Mentions.

In the competition for Best Decorated Business, Century 21 Sagewinds Realty, K Mountain Inn and Valley First Credit Union took first, second and third.



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# Songfest stars make Christmas

The annual Christmas Community Songfest was a resounding success, as always. Master of Ceremonies Ernie Lawrence, who enjoys his duties exuberantly, noted the evening of carols and musical presentations has been around for nearly 20 years. He asked people to stand if they had attended the first Christmas Songfest, and a number of people got to their feet. The event has become a popular tradition.

There were choirs from all of the churches, beginning with the Baptist Church Junior Choir, led by Laurie Thomas. They were a joyful group of earnest carolers.

Bob and Megan Ostrosser, with a new face at the songfest, Richard Hall, performed instrumental music. "I hear the bells on Christmas Day", the n Hall on clarinet and Megan Ostrosser on grand piano played "Let it Snow".

The Pentecostal Choir, with its strong component of male voices, reached a great crescendo in "Ring the Bells" and "How Great Thou Art".

Every year, Gwen Owen reads the Christmas story from the Bible to remind everyone of the meaning of Christmas.

Karen Smart, accompanying herself on guitar, sang a lovely new Christmas song, "The True Gift". St. Peter's Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Newman on accordion, brought some lively sound with their rendition of "Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn", and "See to Us a Child is Born".

Esther Donovan and Patty Harrower brought a new voice with them this year, Cy Driver, and the trio sang "Sweet Christmas Birth".

Lawrence led the United Church Choir and soloist Janine Esdale in "When He comes", then "Come Follow the Star" sung in parts.

Following this serious job of conducting, Lawrence switched to the weird version of 12 Days of Christmas, during which he had everyone jumping to their feet and sitting down on his command. It was a lot of fun.

The Baptist Senior Choir brought to life a very old carol, "Angels We Have Heard on High".

The choir was followed by a solo performed by Laurie Thomas, "An Ordinary Day".

Children bearing candles formed a procession to the stage to sing "Silent Night", and touched everyone's hearts with their clear young voices.

Pastor Peter Rytkonen asked for a round of applause for Ernie Lawrence. It was given heartily

by an audience thoroughly enjoying the Christmas music.

Pastor Rytkonen reminded everyone of the needy in the community and encouraged them to donate food or money to help them have a good Christmas.

The final song of the evening was the Songfest traditional "We wish you a Merry Christmas."



Children with candles formed a procession to the dais at the Christmas Songfest to lead everyone in "Silent Night". Above, four are shown with MC Ernie Lawrence.

## Goldcliff reports 2001 exploration activity

Goldcliff Resource Corporation spent the summer and autumn of 2001 exploring mineral deposits in the Hedley Gold Basin Project, Panorama Ridge property. The company explored for gold skarn deposits and targeted high-grade strata-bound gold skarn ores similar to Nickel Plate Mines ores.

The 2001 work program focused on an exploration target area covering approximately 48 hectares (120 acres) that includes the Spar, Nordic and York gold skarn prospects. The exploration target area is situated 3.5 km. directly east of the Nickel Plate mine.

The 2001 work program on the Panorama Ridge property is budgeted at \$75,000 and is funded by

flow-through funds. Property work commenced in June and terminated in September. The main focus of the exploration work was to sample existing outcrops and trenches.

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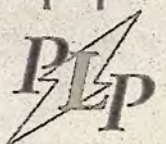


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## Roles and responsibilities of the new Interior Health Authority

The Chair and Board of the new Interior Health Authority is primarily responsible for identifying regional health needs, planning appropriate programs and services and ensuring programs and services are properly funded and managed.

Board members will be appointed in the next three months.

Senior staff are responsible for managing the delivery of health services in their respective areas, meeting performance objectives set by their region, and ensuring community input into health service planning and evaluation for their areas.

The Provincial Health Services Authority is responsible for the

five new provincial health authorities and will work with them to plan and coordinate the delivery of provincial programs and highly specialized services such as transplants and cardiac care and ensure that access and issues for these services are equitable addressed. In addition, the Provincial Health Services Authority will govern and manage organizations having a particular focus on provincial progress (e.g. B.C. Cancer Agency, Children's and Women's Health Centre of B.C. etc.).

The Ministries of Health Services and Health Planning are primarily responsible for devel-

oping provincial goals and province-wide standards, holding health authorities accountable for fulfilling their responsibilities and ensuring appropriate health outcomes are achieved province-wide.

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(NC)—Simplify your holiday cooking with hors d'oeuvres that can be prepared in advance and stashed in the freezer for nibbling on later. These peanuts are also great when coarsely chopped and sprinkled over salads or stir-frys.

### Ingredients

1 tbsp brown sugar 15 mL  
1 tsp salt 5 mL  
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper 2 mL  
1/2 tsp chili powder 2 mL  
2 tsp peanut oil 10 mL  
2 cups unsalted skinned peanuts, about 1/2 lb (250 g)

### Method

Preheat oven to 350° F (180° C). In a medium bowl, stir brown sugar with salt, cayenne and chili powder. Stir in oil. Add nuts and stir until evenly coated.

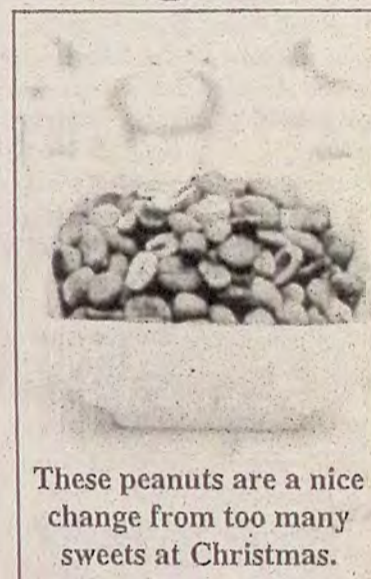
Pour onto a baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven, stirring occasion-

ally, about 10 minutes. Turn into a bowl, taste and toss with additional salt if necessary. Serve warm or at room temperature. Peanuts will keep well stored refrigerated in an airtight container for several weeks or freeze. Makes 2 cups (500 mL).

- Courtesy of the \*Peanut Bureau of Canada

### PER SERVING (2 Tbsp):

88 calories; 3.6g protein; 7.5g fat (of which 3.8 grams is monounsaturated); 3.2g carbohydrates.



These peanuts are a nice change from too many sweets at Christmas.

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### Plan for Christmas eats

All of us tend to over-indulge in rich foods at Christmas time. We eat too many sweets and too much of everything. Many people put on weight they did not want to keep, and others begin to feel less than healthy by the time the festive week is over.

Here are some things you can do to make sure people eat healthier and live longer but still have fun:

- 1) Turn snacks into healthy foods - raw vegetables with low-fat dips, fresh fruit such as oranges, sliced apples, kiwi fruit, etc..
- 2) The turkey itself is low-fat, high quality nutrition, but the stuffing can be way too fatty - try leaving out sausages, make sure bacon is fried crisp before putting it into the stuffing. Make low-fat gravy.
- 3) Go easy on the nibble stuff, such as nuts, pickles, candy, smoked sausage, and so on. In some households, tradition calls for clam chowder or oyster stew - this is a tradition worth keeping! Crackers are great, providing the cheese is sliced thin to go with them.
- 4) Everybody likes a hot drink, but try to keep it light. Apple juice spiked with a little cinnamon is healthier than eggnog or mulled wine.
- 5) Often, people eat too much at social gatherings because they are bored and all the goodies are in front of them, tempting them. If you are the host, keep guests busy with games, dancing, or any activity that keeps them moving. If guests are staying for a few days, arrange for an outdoor activity, even if it is just a walk in the evening to see all the lights.
- 6) Desserts are often the downfall of everyone at Christmas time. There are many fabulous light desserts, such as mousse, gelatin with whipped topping, or a simple fruit salad.
- 7) Many people over-indulge due to stress during the Christmas season. To reduce stress, insist on keeping your celebration simple. The easy, relaxed environment is better for everyone.



## PROTECT YOUR HEALTH

Did you know that there are **30 water systems** in the Okanagan Similkameen Health Region that are under **constant boil water advisories**? You may live on one. People in these areas need to boil water for 2 minutes before drinking it. This includes all water for making juice, washing ready-to-eat fruit and vegetables, and brushing teeth.

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Goudie Road Water System  
Missezula Lake Waterworks District  
Peregrine Road Water Users Community  
Poplar Grove Irrigation District  
Trepanier Ditch Water Users Association

Allison Lake Irrigation District  
Farleigh Lake Waterworks Association  
Lot 1823 Water System  
Osprey Lake Waterworks District  
Pine Point Water Utility  
Thomas Brook Water Users Community  
Westbank Water Users Community

If you are new to the area or have any questions, contact your Public Health Inspector in the Central Okanagan at (250) 868-7834 and in the South Okanagan-Similkameen at (250) 770-3530.

## Princeton's Highland Dancers came home from Scotland with medals

Two members of Princeton Highland Dance Group, Sarah Banks and Shelby Carlson, spent the month of August in Scotland on a



Princeton Highland Dancers Sarah Banks (left) and Shelby Carlson, pose for a photo on a bridge in Scotland.

competition tour with dancers from Kelowna's Pacific Interior School of Dance. They participated in competitions in Musselburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Rothesay, Creiff, Stirling and the World Competition in Dunoon.

Sarah and Shelby represented Princeton very well and both were thrilled to bring home several medals from these events.

While in Scotland the girls toured castles located in Stirling, Edinburgh, St. Andrews and Inverary, learning quite a bit about Scotland's history. They also attended Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which was very entertaining. They never tired of shopping and had many laughs while parents experienced the thrill of driving on the other side of the road and using roundabouts.

Sarah and Shelby plan to return to Scotland in August 2003, when we hope to see a larger group of dancers from Princeton in Scotland.



Crisis Assistance Christmas Hamper workers were grateful to the Overwaitea for sponsoring a donation contest. Lila Liberatore won a food processor for giving hamper donations and Julie McCutcheon won a dental care station. The draw was made December 14 at Overwaitea. Left to right, Paul Gabriel, hamper drive worker, Len Steenson, Overwaitea Store manager, Alan Monkman, hamper driveworker, Dave Palumbo, Overwaitea co-manager, Ellen 'Mac' Mac Donald, and Earl Driver, hamper Chair.

## Got the time?

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Thursday, December 20 - 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Tuesday, December 25 - CLOSED
Friday, December 21 - 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Wednesday, December 26 - CLOSED
Saturday, December 22 - 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Monday, December 31 - 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Monday, December 24 - 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Tuesday, January 1 - CLOSED

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Above, teacher John Kitts (far right) and District Superintendent Robert Peacock (next right) carve turkey to fill students' plates. Other carvers were Principal L. Stoochnoff and teacher S. O'Malley.

## Cafeteria class feeds school

Last week at Princeton Secondary School, two classes, Cafeteria 11 and 12, put on a turkey dinner for 312 students and staff members. Wednesday's lunch was awesome!

Under the guidance of teacher Sandra Taylor, students cooked nine 30-pound turkeys, peeled 140 pounds of potatoes, cooked 24 kilograms of other vegetables, and set up tables for the crowd.

Staff and members of the Parent Advisory Committee helped serve the buffet dinner. Profits from the daily lunch program paid for the turkey dinner, which was free to everyone. Sandra Taylor said the annual

event is not only a "test" for the Cafeteria classes, but a good thing for the students. "You'd be surprised how many of our students do not get a Christmas dinner," Taylor said. "This is a good thing for them."

## Our kids come first

*by Nadine McEwen, Asset Development coordinator*

Stacie Taucher once wrote, "We worry about what a child will be tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

It is important to remember that children need to start from day one with developmental assets. Children can develop to their full potential when given a healthy, firm foundation. Children who have assets as part of their lives when they are young are more likely to hang onto them as they grow.

Adults can build assets in even the youngest child. Children need supportive adults and environments to grow and thrive. Adults can challenge, support and guide children as they move through childhood and are on their way to becoming confident adolescents and adults. Parents and other adults can help children identify positive values that will guide them to make decisions and set priorities. The key to building assets in all our children is to be supportive, encouraging, and to take time to be with them. I offer you the poem "For the Love of Our Children" as a reminder of how precious our children are to us.



Young and older guests filled their plates from a huge buffet, and even had juices to select at the Princeton Secondary School turkey dinner.

## For the Love of Our Children

If I had my child to raise all over again,  
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later,  
I'd finger-paint more and finger-point less,  
I'd do less correcting and more connecting.

If I had my child to raise over again,  
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch my eyes more,  
I would care to know less and know to care more,  
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.

If I had my child to raise over again,  
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play,  
I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars,  
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.

If I had my child to raise over again,  
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often,  
I'd be less firm and affirm much more,  
I'd model less about the love of power  
And model more about the power of love.  
Anonymous





TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2001

ON PEAK - HIGH COST

OFF PEAK - LOW COST

Table with 20 columns (channels: WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX 41, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and 12 rows (times: 6 AM, 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM). Each cell contains program names and channel numbers.

Sports this week on TV

- AEROBICS: FRIDAY - 10 AM - CH 19 - 2000 Aerobics Chmmaps
GOLF: Saturday - 1 pm - Ch 10 - 3-tour challenge Day 1
HOCKEY: Saturday - 4 pm - Ch 4 - Sabres vs Maple Leafs
MOTORCYCLE RACING: Saturday - noon - Ch 7
MOUNTAIN BIKING: Tuesday - 9:30 pm - Ch 19
SKIING: Saturday - 1:30 pm - Ch 4 - World Cup
SNOWBOARDING: Saturday - 11 am - Ch 4 - World Championship
WRESTLING: LOCAL EVENTS THIS WEEK: BATTLE OF THE BADGES SATURDAY NIGHT PRINCETON ARENA

Tuesday Movies

- MORNING: 10:00 am CITY 29 "Jack Frost" (1998, Fantasy) Michael Keaton...
AFTERNOON: 5:00 pm WGN "Madhouse" (1990, Comedy) John Larroquette...
EVENING: 6:00 pm CITY 29 "Christmas in My Hometown" (1996, Drama) Melissa Gilbert...
with Santa Claus to set things right. (In Stereo)
9:05 pm CITY 29 "The War of the Roses" (1989, Comedy-Drama) Michael Douglas...

Merry Christmas! Have a Happy Holiday!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2001

ON PEAK - HIGH COST OFF PEAK - LOW COST

	WTBS (3)	CHBC (4)	KNOW (5)	KSPS (6)	KHQ (7)	KREM (8)	A&E (9)	KXLY (10)	BCTV (11)	CITY (12)	YTV (13)	TSN (14)	VTV (15)	DISC (16)	FOX 41 (17)	FAM 29 (18)	KTLA (19)	CITY (20)	WGN (21)
6 AM	DiffWorld	News	(Off Air)	Body Elec.	News	News	L.A. Law	(5:00) News	(5:00) News	(5:00) News	Babar	Sportscent	News	At Discovery	Paid Prog.	Little Lulu	News	Maury	Clueless
7 AM	Little House	Life Today	Elliot	Dragon	Today (Left In Progress)	Early Show (N)	Murder, She Wrote	Good Morning America			Stickin	Sportscent	Canada AM (N)	Discovery.ca	Dennis	ALF	News	Cityline	Matlock
8 AM	Little House	Huntley Street	Zoboo	Barney			Magnum, P.I.		100 Huntley Street		Rugrats	Sportscent		Wild Discovery	Magic Bus	Art Attack		Deep Space 9	Talk or Walk
9 AM	Matlock "The Magician"	Scoop	Timothy	Sesame Street (EI)	Regis and Kelly	Iyanla	Night Court	Martha Stewart Living	100 Huntley Street	World Vision	Rupert	Off-Record	Canada AM	At Discovery.ca	Paid Prog.	Pooch	Ananda Lewis	News	In the Heat of the Night
10 AM	Hunter	Price Is Right	Kitty Cats	Jay Jay	Today (N)	Price Is Right	Law & Order	The View	World Vision	Bynon (N)	George	Fitness	The View	Crocodile Hunter	Cosby	Katie-Orbie	Sally	Movie: "Santa With Muscles"	News
11 AM	Movie: "Matlock: The Informer" Andy Griffith	Ananda Lewis	Digital Japanese	Clifford	Divorce	Young and the Restless	Murder One	Other Half	Bynon (N)	News	Anthony	Wonderful World of Golf	Vicki Gabereau	Urban Wild (Part 3 of 3)	Montel Williams	Ducktales	Talk or Walk	Muscles (1996) Hulk Hogan	Eliminate
12 PM	Mama	Days of Our Lives	Tai Chi	Painting	Days of Our Lives	As the World Turns	Murder, She Wrote	One Life to Live	As the World Turns	As the World Turns	George	WPBA	ER "Last Rites"	Titanic-Dawson	Paid Prog.	Pooch	Sister, Sis.	First Wave	Cosby
1 PM	Full House	Body	Money	Callou (EI)	Passions	Guiding Light	Magnum, P.I.	General Hospital	Passions	Passions	Babar	Bowling	General Hospital	Storm Warning!	Woody	Katie-Orbie	Clueless	5th Wheel	7th Heaven
2 PM	Roseanne	Coronat'n	Rlder	Mr Rogers	Hosie O'Donnell (N)	Ananda Lewis	Night Court	Pt Charles	Young and the Restless	Crossing	PinkyBrain	Off-Record	Frasier	Crocodile Hunter	Rangers	Out of Bx	Rescue	News	Full House
3 PM	Roseanne	Hollywood	Sportfish	Arthur (EI)			Newsradio	Maury	Young and the Restless	Young and the Restless	Dexter	Sports	Drew	Digimon	Hoze	Cardcaptrs		Fam. Mat.	
4 PM	Friends	Judy	Wishbone	Dragon	Judy	Oprah Winfrey	Law & Order	News	Oprah Winfrey	News	Arnold	NBA	Rosie O'Donnell (N)	Full House	Buzz Light	Pokemon	Seinfeld	Fresh Pr.	
5 PM	Ripley-Believe	News	Art Attack	News	News	News	Biography "Tony Blair"	News	News	News	Pokemon	NBA Basketball: Toronto Raptors at Indiana Pacers.	News	Wild Discovery	Justice	Tarzan	Sabrina	Enterprise	Movie: "Split Decisions"
6 PM	Movie: "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy)	Just Shoot	Money	News-Lehrer	News	News	American Justice	News	News	Bob	Santa Calls	Raptors at Indiana Pacers.	News	Flightpath	King of Hill	Even	Raymond	Movie: "The Sons of Mistletoe"	News
7 PM	Ripley-Believe	Wili-Grace	Country	Raymond	Hollywood			Entertain	Entertain	70s Show	Rugrats	Little Men	Life Beyond Earth	Star Trek: Voyager	Gold	Friends	Raymond	Premiere	
8 PM	Movie: "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy)	Fortune	Rider	Live From Lincoln Center	Jeopardy!	Seinfeld	City Confidential	Drew	Entertain	70s Show	Spongeb	Sportscent	Grandma Got Run Over	At Discovery.ca	70s Show	Honey	Dawson's Creek (N)	News	In the Heat of the Night
9 PM	Movie: "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy)	Jeopardy!	Sportfish	Ed "The Stars Align"	Ed "The Stars Align"	60 Minutes II (ESP)	Movie: "The Sons of Mistletoe" (2001) Premiere.	Biography "Tony Blair"	Drew	They Call Me Chief (N)	They Call Me Chief (N)	Addams Breaker	Billiards	West Wing "Noel"	Bernie Mac	Movie: "A Mom for Christmas"	Felicity (N)	Movie: "Party Girl"	Matlock
10 PM	Bury TV	National	Java Jive	Nobel: Visions	Law & Order	News	City Confidential	News	News	Entertain	Big Wolf	Sportscent	News	Flightpath	Blind Date	Movie: "Oh, Heavenly Dog!" (1980)	Friends	"A Tale of Two Cities"	Taxi
11 PM		Sports Pg.	Profiles	Charlie Rose (N)	Tonight	Late Show		Nightline		Late Late	My Family		News	Cops			Just Shoot		Outdoor

### Wednesday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Santa With Muscles" (1986, Comedy) Hulk Hogan. A muscular hero sets out to straighten up his town after a knock on the head makes him believe he is Santa Claus.

11:00 am WTBS (3) "Matlock: The Informer" Andy Griffith. Ben Matlock becomes involved in a mob blackmail scheme when he defends a famous criminal lawyer.

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WGN (23) ★★ "Split Decisions" (1988, Drama) Gene Hackman. After his brother is killed by racketeers, a young man steps into the ring to face the boxer his brother was to meet.

EVENING

6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. Mid-1940s America is the setting for this holiday memoir about a boy who only wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

CITY (29) "The Sons of Mistletoe" (2001, Drama) Roma Downey. Premiere. Foster children face an uncertain future following the death of their home's benefactor. (In Stereo) (C)

9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. Mid-1940s America is the setting for this holiday memoir about a boy who only wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

KREM (8) "The Sons of Mistletoe" (2001, Drama) Roma Downey. Premiere. Foster children face an uncertain future following the death of their home's benefactor. (In Stereo) (C)

FAM (26) ★★ "A Mom for Christmas" (1990, Fantasy) Olivia Newton-John. A widower and his daughter try to keep a mannequin that magically came to life from returning to its former state. (C)

9:05 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Party Girl" (1995, Comedy) Parker Posey. An irrepressible young woman attempts to juggle her busy social calendar with the responsibilities of adulthood.

10:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Oh, Heavenly Dog!" (1980, Comedy) Chevy Chase. While investigating a political sex scandal in London, a private detective is murdered and reincarnated as a dog.

11:05 pm CITY (29) ★★ "A Tale of Two Cities" (1958, Drama) Dirk Bogarde. Charles Dickens' classic of two look-alikes who share different views and a common love during the French Revolution.

The next News Leader will be on the stands on New Year's Eve. Due to Christmas being on a Tuesday, our publication day, we are taking a brief holiday ourselves. We will be closed December 21 to December 27.

### Arena Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 am	Minor hockey games	School rentals	School rentals	School rentals	School rentals	School rentals	Minor hockey games
10							
11		Adult/tot senior					
Noon							
1:15		Stick and puck	Stick and puck	Adult/tot senior	Stick and puck	Stick and puck	
2							
3:20		Figure Skating		Figure Skating			
4							
4:30			Bantam practice		Bantam practice		Loonie public skating
4:45							
5	Free Public Skate		Tykes practice		Tykes practice		Birthday rental
6			Novice practice		Novice practice		Ladies hockey
6:15			Atom practice		Atom practice		7:00 p.m. Public skating
6:30	6:15 to 7:15 girls stick & puck		Peewee practice	7:45 Midget practice	Peewee practice		Teen stick & puck
7			Adult hockey	9 - 10 open for rent	Adult		Pumpkins hockey
7:30		7:15 Pumpkin hockey					Minor hockey
8		Midget practice					10:45 rental
8:45	adult hockey						
9							
10:45							

\*\*\*\*\* NOTE: Public Skating is CANCELLED or changed on tournament dates

TOURNAMENT DATES:	Jan 18,19,20 - Bantam	Mar 8 - Figure skating show
Oct. 27 - Jr. "B" game	Jan 25,26,27 - Pumpkins	Mar 9, 10 - Adult draft
Nov 15,16,17 - PW AAA	Feb 2,3,4 - Gents	Mar 23, 24 - PeeWee
Dec 1,2 - Midget	Feb 8,9,10 - Gents	Mar 29,30,31 - Jamboree
Dec 8,9 - Novice	Feb 15,16,17 - Atoms	
Jan 13 - Jr "A" game	Mar 3 - Tykes	

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2001

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TV schedule grid with columns for station (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and rows for time slots (6 AM, 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM).

Thursday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) "Whose Daughter Is She?" (1995, Drama) Joanna Kerns. A woman stands to lose the two children she has raised when their natural mother returns after a 10-year absence.

11:00 am WTBS (3) "Matlock: The Investigation" (1987, Mystery) Andy Griffith. Matlock discovers that a friend and lifelong client is the son of a mob boss.

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WGN (28) "Scrooge" (1951, Fantasy) Alastair Sim. Miserly Scrooge gets a long-overdue attitude adjustment when a trio of ghosts visits him on Christmas Eve.

EVENING

7:00 pm WTBS (3) "Hoosiers" (1986, Drama) Gene Hackman. A former college coach meets with resentment when he takes over as head of the high school basketball squad.

9:00 pm FAM (26) "The Christmas Star" (1986, Drama) Edward Asner. A fugitive's plan to use two children to retrieve money in a store's Christmas ornaments takes an unexpected turn. (In Stereo) (E)

9:05 pm CITY (29) "Midnight Run" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Robert De Niro. A bounty hunter and his quarry, an accountant accused of embezzlement, try to stay one step ahead of the mob.

9:45 pm WTBS (3) "Fast Break" (1979, Comedy) Gabe Kaplan. A deli clerk is given the

chance to organize a group of diverse characters into a winning basketball team.

10:35 pm FAM (26) "Always" (1989, Fantasy) Richard Dreyfuss. A high-flying firefighter returns from the dead to pass on his skills to a rookie pilot. (In Stereo)

11:45 pm CITY (29) "Hamlet" (1948, Drama) Laurence Olivier. A young Danish prince wrestles with his conscience when he is confronted with questions of treachery and madness.

The annual Christmas Bird Count takes place December 27. If you would like to count the number of birds at your feeder, call Madelon at 295-7078

TV CROSSWORD



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

- 1. Diagnosis Murder role (2)
9. One of Ben Cartwright's boys
10. Fitzgerald
11. Family
13. First stage
15. Star of 2000's DAG
17. Actress on L.A. Law (2)
18. Magnum
20. Once Eagle ('76-'77)
21. Howard, for one
23. Arden
24. La La; '94-'95 fashion series
25. "Meathead" Stivic's portrayer
26. Number of seasons for The Nanny
29. Rockwell's initials
30. Star of a Comedy Central quiz show (2)

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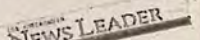
- 1. Island (1989-90)
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- 9. Actor on Lassie from '57-'64 (2)
12. Whose Line Is It Anyway? actor (2)
14. Andorra's location: abbr.
16. Sushi bar offering
19. Arabian Nights; '59 Mr. Magoo film
20. Cosmetics brand
22. John Shea's state of birth: abbr.
23. Series set in Chicago
27. Just the \_\_\_ of Us ('88-'90)
28. On the \_\_\_; '92 sitcom
30. Who's the \_\_\_? ('84-'92)
31. Eddie Van Halen's nation of birth: abbr.
32. \_\_\_ Park; '86 movie for 17 Across
33. Actress Patricia
35. Tamera's sister
37. The \_\_\_ of the Rainbow; '58 Bob Barker quiz show
40. Ending for draft or honor
41. Initials for a Laverne & Shirley star

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2001

ON PEAK - HIGH COST

OFF PEAK - LOW COST

Television schedule grid with columns for channel numbers and program titles. Includes channels like WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN.

Friday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY 29 ★★"Wayne's World 2" (1993, Comedy) Mike Myers. The late Jim Morrison tells "Saturday Night Live's" Wayne Campbell to organize a huge rock concert.

11:00 am WTBS 3 ★★"Matlock: The Trial" (1991, Mystery) Andy Griffith. Matlock investigates the murder of an assistant DA and finds evidence pointing to members of the legal profession.

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★"The Goonies" (1985, Adventure) (PA) Sean Astin. A group of adolescent misfits undertakes a harrowing mission to recover the body of a notorious 17th-century pirate.

WGN 33 ★★"White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf" (1994, Adventure) Scott Bairstow. The leader of the Haida Indians enlists White Fang's prospector companion to help his famine-stricken tribe. (In Stereo)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY 29 ★★"Mixed Nuts" (1994, Comedy) Steve Martin. The stressed-out staff of a telephone crisis center is overwhelmed by an influx of Christmas-season craziness.

7:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★"Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray. Three ghosts give a greedy network executive a long-overdue attitude adjustment. Based on the Charles Dickens classic.

8:00 pm VTV 22 "Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance" (1997, Drama) Roma Downey. A

struggling single mother agrees to pose as her employer's wife so that he can impress his company's potential buyer.

9:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★"The Great Outdoors" (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd. The unannounced arrival of obnoxious relatives turns a Chicago family's idyllic country vacation into a nightmare.

FAM 26 ★★"A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. Mid-1940s America is the setting for this holiday memoir about a boy who only wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. (In Stereo)

9:05 pm CITY 29 "Virtual Encounters" (1996, Adult) Elizabeth Kaitan. An interactive boutique promises an excitement-craving ad executive the time of her life. 26

10:35 pm FAM 26 ★★"Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988, Comedy) Jim Varney. While searching for a successor, Santa Claus and a cab driver help a cynical teen discover the meaning of Christmas. (In Stereo)

10:40 pm CITY 29 ★★"Wayne's World 2" (1993, Comedy) Mike Myers. The late Jim Morrison tells "Saturday Night Live's" Wayne Campbell to organize a huge rock concert.

11:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★"Hot Dog... The Movie" (1984, Comedy) David Naughton. An Idaho farm boy participating in a freestyle skiing competition manages to find time for after-hours activities.

KSPS 6 ★★"The Glass Bottom Boat" (1966, Comedy) Doris Day. An engineering physicist hooks a public relations employee in his space laboratory.

THE NEWS LEADER WORD SEARCH

Large grid of letters for a word search game. Includes letters like N, F, Q, P, B, D, V, J, Y, F, D, C, S, G, C, Y, V, H, S, I, etc.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2001

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Saturday Movies

MORNING

9:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "The Great Outdoors" (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd. The unannounced arrival of obnoxious relatives turns a Chicago family's idyllic country vacation into a nightmare.

10:00 am WGN (38) ★★ "White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf" (1994, Adventure) Scott Bairstow. The leader of the Haida Indians enlists White Fang's prospector companion to help his famine-stricken tribe. (In Stereo)

11:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray. Three ghosts give a greedy network executive a long-overdue attitude adjustment. Based on the Charles Dickens classic.

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (28) ★★ "The Parent Trap" (1961, Comedy) Hayley Mills. After meeting by chance, separated twin sisters scheme to bring their divorced parents back together. (E)

1:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "The Goonies" (1985, Adventure) (PA) Sean Astin. A group of adolescent misfits undertakes a harrowing mission to recover the booty of a notorious 17th-century pirate.

CITY (29) ★★ "Mixed Nuts" (1994, Comedy) Steve Martin. The stressed-out staff of a telephone crisis center is overwhelmed by an influx of Christmas-season craziness. (E)

4:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Rocky III" (1982, Drama) (PA) Sylvester Stallone. Dethroned boxing champ Rocky Balboa joins forces with Apollo Creed in a Herculean effort to regain his title.

5:00 pm WGN (38)

★★★ "Vanishing Act" (1986, Mystery) Mike Farrell. A newlywed's relief at being reunited with his missing bride dissolves when he discovers that she is not his wife.

EVENING

6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Rocky IV" (1985, Drama) (PA) Sylvester Stallone. Heavyweight champion Rocky Balboa trains in Siberia for a match against the Soviet fighter who killed Apollo Creed.

CITY (29) ★★ "Backstab" (1990, Suspense) James Brolin. An architect is accused of murdering his boss after a passionate night of romance with a seductive stranger.

8:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Gladlator" (1992, Drama) (PA) Cuba Gooding Jr. Chicago's slimiest fight promoter introduces a promising young athlete to the dark side of illegal boxing.

KSPS (6) ★★ "Lassie Come Home" (1943, Drama) Roddy McDowall. A faithful dog experiences a series of adventures as she makes a 1,000-mile journey back to the family who raised her.

KHQ (7) ★★ "Face/Off" (1997, Suspense) (PA) John Travolta. An FBI agent's nightmares come true when the comatose terrorist he is impersonating awakens and assumes his identity. (In Stereo) (E)

YTV (18) ★★ "Casper's Haunted Christmas" (2000, Fantasy) Voices of Brandon Ryan Barrett. Animated. Casper's cousin steps in to help after the friendly ghost is ordered to scare someone before Christmas. (E)

KTLA (27) ★★ "Santa Claus" (1985, Fantasy) Dudley Moore. A wayward elf tarnishes the centuries-old legend of Santa Claus

when he gets involved with a big-city toy manufacturer. (In Stereo) 8:30 pm WGN (38) ★★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994, Drama) Charles Bronson. Vigilante Paul Kersey takes up his revolver again when his lover is murdered by her ex-husband's lackeys. (In Stereo) (E)

9:00 pm FAM (28) "Twas the Night" (2001, Fantasy) Bryan Cranston. Christmas may be ruined when a mischievous teen and his uncle take a jaunt in Santa's state-of-the-art sleigh. (In Stereo)

9:30 pm CITY (29) ★★ "The Crow: City of Angels" (1996, Drama) Vincent Perez. A motorcycle mechanic returns from the dead to brutally punish those responsible for killing him and his young son.

10:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "The Dirty Dozen" (1967, Adventure) (PA) Lee Marvin. A U.S. Army major selects and trains 12 hardcore criminals for a daring raid on an impregnable Nazi chateau.

10:30 pm FAM (28) ★★ "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" (1989, Fantasy) Rick Moranis. Four miniaturized youngsters brave assorted dangers as they make their way to safety through an inventor's yard. (In Stereo) (E)

WGN (38) ★★ "A Vow to Kill" (1995, Suspense) Julianne Phillips. A honeymooning bride discovers that her husband has demanded a kidnapper's ransom from her wealthy father.

11:25 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Backstab" (1990, Suspense) James Brolin. An architect is accused of murdering his boss after a passionate night of romance with a seductive stranger.

Horoscopes

December 18 to 31, 2001

ARIES - If you are staying home, expect a good time with friends. If you are travelling, expect difficulties. Make sure your vehicle is in top condition for winter travel. Heed news broadcasts.

TAURUS - You feel much better these days - more energy and optimism. Look forward to a happy Christmas holiday. Try to relax amid the hectic pace, or you will become irritable. Luck may smile on you.

GEMINI - The holiday season demands a lot of hard work but you will find you can handle it in good spirits as long as you have rest. You may be tempted to spend too much. Set firm limits!

CANCER - Words directed against you could be the result of some things you said. Be cautious about what you say now. Your energy remains high, but you may catch a cold or flu by over-doing fun.

LEO - There is a lot of work involved in your holiday plans. Maybe you should think about changing the plans? Rest on Boxing Day and rejuvenate yourself. Start health regimen by December 29.

VIRGO - Your personal life becomes much better this week and continues well during the holiday season. Romance may come into your life during the holidays. Be prepared to have a good time.

LIBRA - Take good care of your health during this holiday season, and do not over-indulge, especially in sweets and alcohol. You could suffer a long time. Home, parents and family are important now.

SCORPIO - Don't believe everything you hear this week, but some good news you can trust comes this weekend and leads into a really good holiday season. News from a sibling is welcomed.

SAGITTARIUS - You still feel romantic until Boxing Day, when you sift gears and become serious about making money. Expect to have a good Christmas with family at home. Drive carefully.

CAPRICORN - There is plenty of action around your immediate area this week and next, but next week you can find time for yourself, after Boxing Day. In the meantime, you have all the energy you need.

AQUARIUS - Try not to worry about money and possessions. Look at your value system from a different angle. Decide what is most important, then set your priorities. Guard your health, get rest.

PISCES - Your energy remains strong during the holiday season, but you may feel quite tired at the end of this week. Rest before Christmas and you will be fine. Keep your spirit of goodwill toward all.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2001

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Sunday Movies

MORNING

7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Secret of My Success" (1987, Comedy) Michael J. Fox. Posing as a junior executive, an ambitious youth uses his keen business sense to climb Manhattan's corporate ladder.

9:15 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "City Slickers" (1991, Comedy) Billy Crystal. The arrival of his 39th birthday prompts an executive and his buddies to hit the trail for a two-week cattle drive.

10:00 am WGN (3) ★★½ "Return to Mayberry" (1986, Comedy) Andy Griffith. Andy Taylor goes home for his grandchild's birth and runs against Barney Fife for sheriff of Mayberry.

11:00 am KTLA (7) ★★ "Santa and the Three Bears" (1970, Fantasy) Voices of Hal Smith. Animated. A mother bear is helped by a ranger when her mischievous cubs decide to postpone hibernation and await Santa.

11:45 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Heaven's Prisoners" (1996, Drama) (PA) Alec Baldwin. An alcoholic ex-cop faces murderous enemies after a suspicious plane crash leads him into the New Orleans underworld.

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm A&E (9) ★★½ "Longitude" (2000, Drama) Michael Gambon. Scientist John Harrison faces many obstacles in his quest to invent an accurate method to calculate longitude. (In Stereo)

FAM (26) "Twas the Night" (2001, Fantasy) Bryan Cranston. Christmas may be ruined when a mischievous teen and his uncle take a jaunt in Santa's state-of-the-art sleigh. (In Stereo)

WGN (3) ★★½ "Scrooge" (1951, Fantasy) Alastair Sim. Miserly Scrooge gets a long-overdue attitude adjustment when a trio of ghosts visits him on Christmas Eve.

1:00 pm KTLA (7) ★★½ "Santa Claus" (1985, Fantasy) Dudley Moore. A wayward elf tarnishes the centuries-old legend of Santa Claus when he gets involved with a big-city toy manufacturer. (In Stereo)

CITY (29) ★★ "George Balanchine's the Nutcracker" (1993, Fantasy) Darcy Kistler. The Nutcracker Prince takes a girl on a Christmas Eve adventure in his magical kingdom in this classic ballet.

1:30 pm FAM (26) "The Christmas Star" (1986, Drama) Edward Asner. A fugitive's plan to use two children to retrieve money in a store's Christmas ornaments takes an unexpected turn. (In Stereo)

2:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976, Western) (PA) Clint Eastwood. After the Civil War, a Confederate soldier seeks revenge against the renegade Union troops who killed his family.

WGN (3) ★★ "A Christmas Carol" (1984, Fantasy) George C. Scott. Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge learns a lesson in compassion when he's visited by a series of spirits on Christmas Eve. (In Stereo)

3:00 pm KTLA (7) ★★½ "White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf" (1994, Adventure) Scott Bairstow. The leader of the Haida Indians enlists White Fang's prospector companion to help his famine-stricken tribe. (In Stereo)

4:00 pm YTV (13) ★★ "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Movie" (1998, Fantasy) Voices of

John Goodman. Animated. It's up to Santa's most famous reindeer to save the day when an evil queen conjures up a storm on Christmas. (In Stereo)

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Striking Distance" (1993, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis. A vengeful serial killer turns his deadly attentions to women connected in some way to an outcast ex-cop.

KTLA (7) ★★½ "Squanto: A Warrior's Tale" (1994, Adventure) Adam Beach. Kidnapped by traders and brought to England, an American Indian struggles to escape his captors and return home. (In Stereo)

CITY (29) ★★½ "Beloved" (1998, Drama) Oprah Winfrey. Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning story about a former slave who thinks she sees her dead daughter's ghost. (In Stereo)

EVENING

6:00 pm YTV (13) ★★½ "A Christmas Carol" (1975, Fantasy) Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by a trio of specters on Christmas Eve in this animated adaptation of the Dickens classic. (In Stereo)

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Striking Distance" (1993, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis. A vengeful serial killer turns his deadly attentions to women connected in some way to an outcast ex-cop.

CHBC (4) "A Wind at My Back Christmas" (2001, Drama) Dylan Provencher. As Christmas draws near, the Baileys and the Sutions cope with wartime tensions and family problems. (In Stereo)

KNOW (5) ★★½ "Anne of Green Gables" (1934, Drama) Anne Shirley. A mischievous orphan changes the lives of the couple who adopt her in this adap-

tation of Lucy Maud Montgomery's novel.

KXLY (10) ★★½ "Jingle All the Way" (1996, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. On Christmas Eve, two fathers desperately vie for possession of the one remaining Turbo Man toy in the whole city. (In Stereo)

VTV (22) ★★½ "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews. A convent-trained governess becomes part of the Von Trapp family and leads their brave 1938 flight to freedom.

KTLA (7) ★★½ "Never Say Never Again" (1983, Adventure) Sean Connery. Secret agent James Bond comes out of retirement when a madman attempts to blackmail the world with nuclear destruction. (In Stereo)

8:00 pm KHQ (7) ★★½ "Beloved" (1998, Drama) Oprah Winfrey. Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning story about a former slave who thinks she sees her dead daughter's ghost. (In Stereo)

9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Cobra" (1986, Drama) (PA) Sylvester Stallone. A serial killer who claimed 16 victims is targeted by a

Los Angeles cop who specializes in eliminating psychopaths.

KREM (8) "One Special Night" (1999, Romance) Julie Andrews. Two strangers believe that fate has brought them together when they are trapped in a mountain cabin during a blizzard. (In Stereo)

FAM (26) ★★½ "One Magic Christmas" (1985, Fantasy) Mary Steenburgen. An angel faces the difficult task of restoring hope to a woman whose recent life has been plagued with misfortune. (In Stereo)

9:30 pm CITY (29) ★★½ "The Red Shoes" (1948, Drama) Moira Shearer. A lovely young ballerina finds herself torn between a struggling composer and a stern dance impresario.

10:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Curly Sue" (1991, Comedy) James Belushi. An orphaned street urchin and her guardian con their way into a lawyer's heart and home.

11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Secret of My Success" (1987, Comedy) Michael J. Fox. Posing as a junior executive, an ambitious youth uses his keen business sense to climb Manhattan's corporate ladder.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2001

ON PEAK - HIGH COST

OFF PEAK - LOW COST

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Monday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am CITY 29 "A Different Kind of Christmas" (1996, Drama) Shelley Long. A city attorney finds her mayoral bid threatened by the revelation that her father believes himself to be Santa Claus.

AFTERNOON

12:30 pm YTV 18 "To Grandmother's House We Go" (1992, Comedy) Mary-Kate Olsen. Bumbling thieves sidetrack precocious twins on a solo journey to their grandmother's house.

EVENING

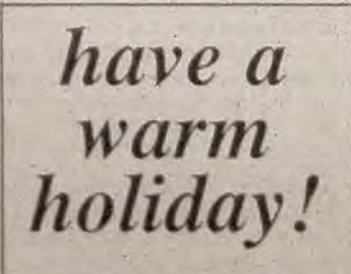
7:00 pm CHBC 4 "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946, Fantasy) James Stewart. Frank Capra's classic about an angel who shows a suicidal businessman what life would be like without

him. 7:15 pm WTBS 3 "The Ref" (1994, Comedy) Denis Leary. A burglar comes to regret his decision to take a constantly quarrelling couple hostage after a botched robbery.

lor while on assignment in Savannah, Ga. 9:30 pm WTBS 3 "Turner & Hooch" (1989, Comedy) Tom Hanks. A policeman's organized life is turned upside down after a slobbering dog becomes his only clue in a double murder.

Community Datebook

- December
19 - China Ridge Deerview progressive candlelight ski (295-7295)
20 - Riverside Intermediate Christmas Concert 2 pm
21 - John Allison Elementary Christmas Concert 1:15 pm
25 - Christmas Day
29 - Timberline Cruisers Poker Run Tulameen (if there is enough snow)
31 - New Year's Eve
Keremeos OAPO New Year's party 8:30 pm
Tulameen Community Club Dance (Tickets req.)
JANUARY 2002
1 - New Year's Day
3 - AGM Tulameen Community Club
9 - PGH & Ridgewood Foundation 7 pm hospital Board room
26 & 27 - SnoX 2002 Princeton snowmobile races
26 - Robbie Burns Night, Legion Hall
China Ridge Moonlight ski (contact 295-4080)
FEBRUARY
9 & 10 - Similkameen Dogsled races Princeton
23 - China Ridge 2nd moonlight ski (295-4080)
MARCH
29 - Good Friday
30 - Otter Valley Fish & Game banquet, Tulameen
31 - Easter Sunday
APRIL
7 - Daylight Saving time begins
\*\*\*\*\* If your organization has set an important date, you may have it listed here at no cost.





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IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR GRANDFATHER AND FATHER RICHARD DILLING December 19, 1997

*The love you gave us for many years,  
Will never from us depart,  
Though you have gone beyond our reach,  
You are always in our hearts.  
Remembered with love,  
Sandy, Dawn, Sue & Don*

*Time may help to ease the bitter pain  
Of the loss of one held dear,  
But only few know how we miss him,*

*And the loneliness of these years;  
We try to be brave and remember,  
He now is free from all pain,  
And at the roads end, God willing  
We, too, shall meet again.  
With love,  
Jessie, Mike, Shaun & Josh*

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS TO THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY CALL DIANNE AT 295-6648 OR MAIL TO: Box 1906, Princeton, B.C.

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*As time unfolds a fourth year,  
Memories keep you ever near,  
Silent thoughts of time together  
Hold memories that will last forever.  
We shared many happy days,  
And some sad ones too,  
But the saddest one of all,  
Was the day that I lost you.  
Lovingly remembered by your wife Helen*

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WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ATTEND!!

### PRINCETON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY THRIFT SHOP

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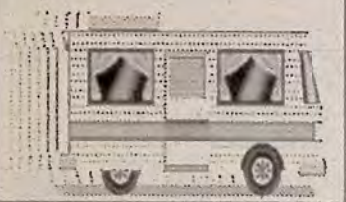


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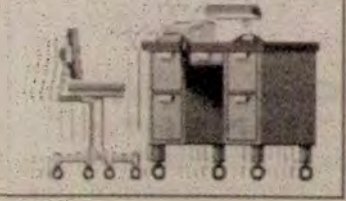
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**TIMBER SALE LICENCE A66831  
SMALL SCALE SALVAGE**

Pursuant to Section 20 (1) of the Forest Act, a Timber Sale Licence is being offered for sale, authorizing the harvest of beetle infested timber.

Closing Date: January 9, 2002 District: Merritt  
Geographic Location: Missequela Lake  
Volume: 1900 cubic metres, more or less  
Upset Stumpage Rate: \$32.75/cubic metre

The upset stumpage rate was determined by the Short Form Calculation Method, and is applicable only to coniferous green sawlog grades.

Term: 6 months

Tenders will be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a Small Business Forest Enterprise, category 1.

Comments:

1. Species: 100% Lodgepole pine
2. Billing method: scale based
3. Logging system: ground based/conventional
4. Logging season: any except breakup.
5. Access: North Loon Forest Service Road.
6. The successful applicant will be required to construct 250 metres of road to specification contained within the application package. Rehab upon completion of logging.
7. Mandatory utilization of Post & Rail and/or Grade 6.

Applications will be accepted by the District Manager, Merritt Forest District, Hwy 5A & Airport Rd., P.O. Box 4400, Station Main, Merritt B.C. V1K 1B8 until 2:00 p.m. on January 9, 2002.

There is additional material which the applicant must consider in their application. This material, application forms, and other information about the Small Business Program can be obtained from the above Forest District Office. Specify Timber Sale Licence A66831.

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**Town of Princeton PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Town of Princeton Office will be closed:  
Monday, December 24, 2001 to  
Tuesday, January 1, 2002  
Regular hours resume  
Wednesday, January 2, 2002.  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**Town of Princeton PUBLIC NOTICE**  
As a Reminder, the Princeton & District Landfill  
Hours of Operation: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays  
The Landfill will be closed Tuesday, December 25, 2001 for the Christmas Holiday  
And  
Tuesday, January 1, 2002 for New Year's Day

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

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Commencing December 7, 2001 the Merritt Forest District SBFEP will be accepting applications to purchase crown timber under the Districts Small Scale Sale Salvage Program

Application for timber must meet the criteria as outlined within the information package indicated below:

Applications will be processed in the following:

- 1) Green attack Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) infested timber within suppression zone as;
- 2) Green attack MPB infested timber within sanitation zone;
- 3) Spruce (Sp) Bark Beetle;
- 4) Douglas Fir (Df) Bark Beetle;
- 5) Wind-Thrown Sp or Df timber (less than 2 yrs old);
- 6) Green attack MPB infested timber within salvage zone;
- 7) Wind-Thrown timber (Sp and Df older than 2 yrs and all other species regardless of age);
- 8) Dead standing (i.e. Grey attack Lodgepole Pine);
- 9) Other types of Salvage (i.e. Special forest products or logging residue).

Note that due to the nature of the epidemic MPB situation in the Merritt Forest District, applications not addressing MPB or other bark beetles may not be processed.

Information Packages and Purchase applications are available at the Merritt Forest District Office within the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 PM. For further information please contact the Merritt Forest District Small Scale Salvage Coordinator, Rob Clark @ 378-8400.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** FREE USE PERMIT TO CUT A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR PERSONAL USE IN THE MERRITT FOREST DISTRICT

Below is your CHRISTMAS TREE FREE USE PERMIT which allows you to cut a tree in the Merritt Forest District.

Cutting Christmas trees free of charge is strictly for PERSONAL USE ONLY and you are not allowed to sell them. You are allowed to cut one tree per family. It is the permit holder's responsibility to ensure that he/she is cutting on Vacant Crown Land. Do not transport your tree outside the province.

This authorization is only for the MERRITT FOREST DISTRICT within the Kamloops Forest Region.

Please fill in the blanks, sign the Permit and carry it with you in case you are asked to show it.

This Free Use Permit authorizes \_\_\_\_\_ under section 48(1)(a.1) of the Forest Act to cut one (1) Christmas tree (less than 5 metres in height) and transport it to: \_\_\_\_\_

This Free Use Permit is valid until DECEMBER 25 of each year, subject to the following conditions:

1. Subject to paragraph 2 below, the Christmas tree may only be cut from areas of Crown land
  - (a) identified on the attached map, or
  - (b) on power line rights-of-way or forest road rights-of-way.

Note: Power line rights-of-way are defined by the cleared area immediately under the power line itself. Road rights-of-way are defined as three metres (10 feet) beyond the edge of the ditch or excavated portion of the road bank or fill slope.

2. NO CUTTING of Christmas trees is permitted in the following areas:
  - (a) forest plantations in harvested areas, or
  - (b) juvenile spaced (thinned) stands.
3. This permit authorizes the permittee to cut one and only one Christmas tree for their own personal use. Make sure it is the tree you want before you cut it.
4. A Christmas tree cut under this Free Use Permit must not be offered for sale.
5. The Permittee agrees to indemnify the Crown against and save it harmless from all claims, demands, suits, actions, causes of action, costs, expenses and losses faced, incurred or suffered by the Crown as a result, directly or indirectly, of any act or omission of
  - (a) the permittee, or
  - (b) any other person who on behalf of or with the consent of the Permittee engages in any activity under or associated with this Permit.
6. The Permittee must carry this Permit while harvesting and transporting the Christmas tree and must produce the Permit at the request of a Forest Officer, a Forest Official, a Conservation Officer or Peace Officer. Failure to have this permit in your possession, the possession of more than one tree per permit, or harvesting in areas other than those outlined in paragraph 1 of this permit may result in the tree(s) being seized and enforcement actions being taken.

I agree to abide by the terms of this permit.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PERMITTEE

ROD DEVOICE, DISTRICT MANAGER  
MERRITT FOREST DISTRICT

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# POINTS OF VIEW

## OUR VIEW

### Keep the spirit of our community

The past year has been devastating to our economy for a variety of reasons, particularly due to the softwood lumber double tariff. September 11 did not help our situation, which seemed to add to our troubles in a lot of ways, even though it happened in the United States.

The shock of what happened at the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon sent waves of fear through the world, and led to the War on Terrorism. With the downfall of the Taliban in Afghanistan, the job in that nation is not done. People are hungry and cold, and winter is just beginning. Relief efforts must continue full bore. There will be a lot of people who will not be able to go home for Christmas, but what they are doing displays the true spirit of Christmas.

The Christmas gifts delivered recently by our governments seem to reflect either real poverty in the nation, or poverty of Christmas spirit.

As we go toward another year in the new millennium, let's look at the world through the spirit of Christmas. Although so many of the people of our world are not Christians, it is worth remembering that every religion in the world advocates decent treatment of one person by another. The spirit of Christmas is about peace on earth, goodwill toward all mankind. We need that spirit in our world.

We need to turn our thoughts toward making our world a better place for everyone, whether here at home or in some far-flung land.

Life has not been easy for us locally, but in comparison to a lot of places in the world, we are doing remarkably well, and our ability to do well is related to the kind of spirit we have all year long. Let's keep that community spirit, that goodwill toward one another.

Have yourselves a merry little Christmas, and a great start to 2002.

#### EDITORIAL GUIDE

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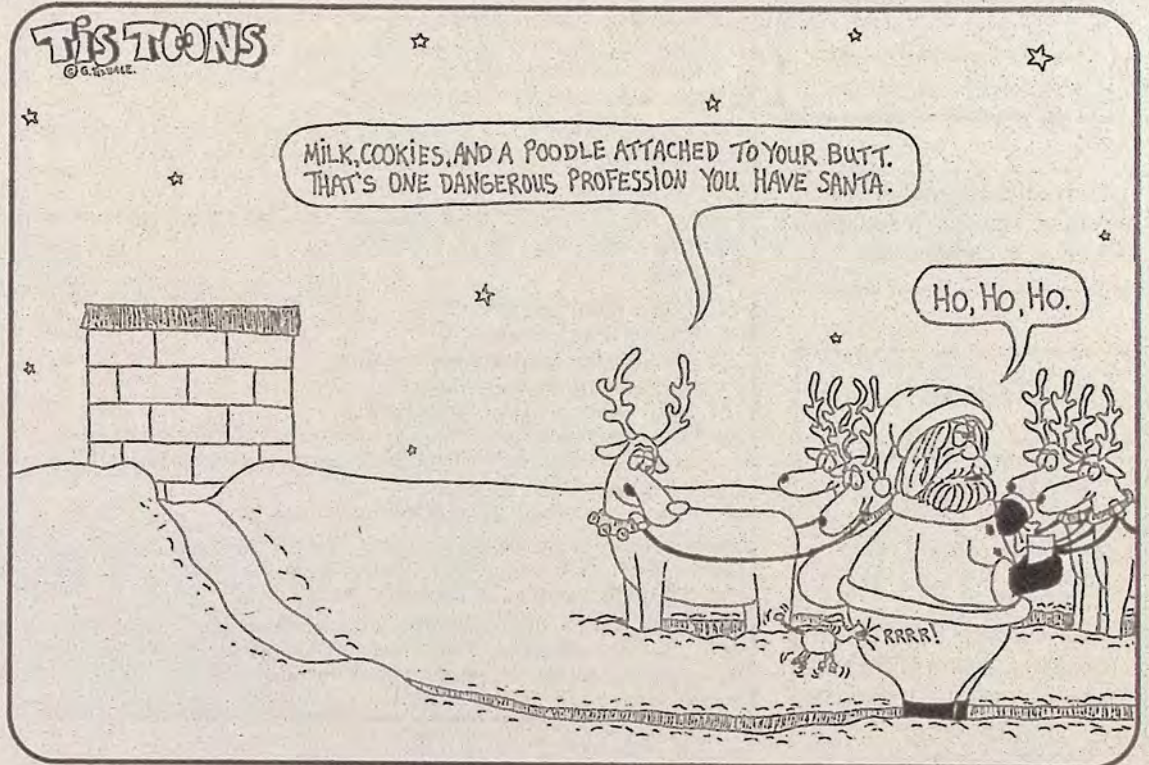
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## YOUR VIEW

### Santa writes a special message to kids who wrote letters

My dear friends;

I want to THANK YOU for all the wonderful letters and drawings that you sent to me this year. I am still getting lots of letters and hope to be able to answer them all before Christmas.

I am so happy to see that you have been good and are thinking of others not as fortunate as you are at this time of year. I have made a call to the food banks in your areas and have found that

the response from the schools this year was overwhelming. It makes me very happy to see that the children are helping others.

Mrs. Claus is very busy baking and getting ready for Christmas and the elves are busy putting the last minute touches on all the toys and gifts. The reindeer seem to know that the big night is coming, because they are getting very restless out in their corrals. We are so glad that we

have Rudolph to guide us if the weather is bad.

Well, my dear friends, I think I should get back to the business at hand and help with the preparations for the big night.

From all of us to all of you, we want to wish you a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Thank you again for all your kind letters and please write to me again next Christmas.

Your friend,  
Santa Claus

### Hibernia - the boom that never happened

Dear Editor;

Communities on the mid and North Coast and northern Vancouver Island have been hit hard since the mid-1990s. Highly dependent on the fishing industry, they have suffered through two rounds of downsizing that has cut the salmon fleet in half and salmon employment by two-thirds. On top of that, the Gold River pulp mill has closed and 700 Prince Rupert workers are at home, waiting to see if anybody wants to run the Skeena Cellulose mill.

It's no wonder many people hold out hope that lifting the moratorium on offshore oil development will bring much-needed employment. But is that hope justified? Taking a look at the Hibernia experience in Newfoundland reveals that offshore oil does not deliver on economic expectations.

Offshore oil and gas is a hugely

expensive endeavour. It is only viable if governments entice investors with huge amounts of public money. The federal and Newfoundland governments provided the Hibernia project with \$1.15 billion in grants, just under \$1 billion in investment capital, at least \$190 million in tax exemptions, up to \$300 million in interest-free loans, and \$2.36 billion in loan guarantees. Based on the royalties agreement, it is still unclear if the governments will recoup all their money.

To many British Columbians, the potential for jobs is more important than government revenue. Even in this respect, Hibernia's record has been dismal. The Jacques Whitford report -- used by the BC government as a green light for offshore oil -- admits that exploration holds "limited opportunities for local involvement." The construction phase of an offshore

project does create more jobs. It took 5,000 workers five years to construct the Hibernia platform, with two-thirds of these jobs going to Newfoundlanders.

Somebody living in a depressed area of BC might be impressed with these employment totals, but caution is in order. The construction jobs were obviously temporary. Many of the Newfoundlanders who were lucky enough to help build the Hibernia platform are now working overseas, since comparable jobs no longer exist. Also, the Newfoundland government insisted up a gravity-based structure because it would create more jobs. Increasingly, floating platforms -- requiring less investment and labour -- are being used, allowing construction to occur in distant locations. For example, Terra Nova's main structure was built in South Korea and Continued next page

The Ridge View

# We make memories in strange ways

*Joe Schwarz*  
Life goes by but memories remain, especially those of Christmas.

When we arrived in Tulameen years ago, the community hall had an evening pot luck supper followed by the little Tulameen school (K-4) Christmas concert climaxing with a visit from Santa, gifts and candy in hand. On stage, picture the nativity entourage of animals and Joseph seeking shelter for Mary the mother-to-be. For us in a tiny winter snow snow-covered community, it was an evening that will forever be etched in our memory.

Over the years, various adults would don Santa's costume in the nearby library and his sleigh always got stuck in front of the hall door (maybe because of the accidental consideration of the highway sanding crew).

## Hibernia

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and White Rose proponents want to build that platform entirely in international shipyards.

Both Newfoundland and Nova Scotia have been left wondering about the economic boom they were promised.

The most important lesson on offshore oil projects for BC is the lost opportunity. Of course Hibernia create jobs. Any project that uses billions in government money will. The question is how many jobs and for how long? Hibernia only created about 7.3 jobs per million dollars invested, even when you include spin-off jobs. For the same investment, renewable energy projects create 60 percent more jobs, and energy efficiency/conservation projects create almost five times more jobs. The market for renewable technologies is expected to grow from US\$7 billion this year to US\$82 billion in 2010, continuing the double-digit growth from the last decade.

The challenge for the BC government, then, is to leverage investment in renewable technologies and to outright fund conservation projects. Offshore oil projects are only viable because of government subsidies and renewable technologies have been held back by these perverse incentives. Instead of lifting the moratorium, we should be shifting our attention to technologies that are not part of sunset industries, that in fact promise tremendous growth in the future, and that provide a greater number of more stable jobs for British Columbians.

Dale Marshall, Resource Policy Analyst, BC Office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Of the Santas, two people of divergent views stand out. We met the first shortly after Shirley and I were in Tulameen Trading Post. One day, a stranger came in and asked, "Are you Shirley and Joe?"

"Yes," we replied.  
"Here's some fish so and so sent you."

After he left, we couldn't figure out who so and so was but concluded they must be very nice to have sent us this gift.

Almost immediately, we learned there was another Shirley and Joe in Tulameen and it was their fish. They were the delightful community-minded Shirley and the late Joe Pollard of rock collection fame. He was a truly warm man with a quiet sense of humour and a challenge to match wits with. This is how we met.

Shirley, for a number of years, was the jolly Santa. So good was her performance, we never knew she was Santa until Pollards moved to Princeton!

The second Santa involves a traffic ticket.

One day, driving our son's pickup through Keremeos, I received a traffic ticket for travelling 115 kmph in a 90 kmph zone, although the speedometer read 90. Later, Sonny told me he had changed the ration in the rear end, resulting in the truck going faster than the speedometer read-

ing (I've always maintained if you have kids today, have 10 and go nuts altogether!)

So, for the first time in my life, I went to court, where I also met my friends and neighbours, and I pled "innocently guilty". Standing before the judge was this big RCMP officer who I'm still not sure was either the prosecutor or defence or both. He recommended I get three points and no fine.

That was the first time I met Constable Kinlock of the "law and order" Princeton chapter. Cst. Kinloch was to become Santa for a number of years, not only in Tulameen but in Princeton.

No doubt, with many job losses, many will ask Santa to leave one under the tree. Those knowledgeable in spirituality say trials of life, accidents, unhappiness and even tragedy, is a nudge or push, a wake-up call to focus on the spiritual dimension of life, whatever our background.

It is not logical and even incomprehensible not to know where we came from, why we are here or where we are going. The little child in the manger among humble surroundings is the light providing the answer. That is the Christmas story.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from Joe and Shirley Schwarz.

## Heart Food

by Dave Machin

It's nice to receive gifts, however it's not the receiving of gifts that really blesses us, but rather the giving of them. It is always satisfying to watch the spark of joy in children's eyes as they receive the gifts they truly desire. Just as at this time of year we give gifts to others, here is a thought to think about. God has given gifts to us. As you are handing out gifts this Christmas season, someone may stop you and say "no, don't open that one yet. This one has to be opened first". The reason for that is the gifts go together somehow. One needs to be opened before the other. This can be illustrated like this: many high school and college classes work this way - before you can take one class on a particular subject, you have to first take a certain class called a prerequisite. Well, this principle also applies to the things of God. Before you can receive all the gifts God has given, you must first open the greatest gift He has given to you, the gift of Lord Jesus Christ. It is through this great gift of which it is said in the Bible "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift". It is through this gift that all of God's other gifts are made available. People are always looking for the key to success. They may go to a 'success' seminar to try to find the key, but they won't find it there. They may even think that winning a lottery will give them that key, but even then they won't find it. No, the key to success is found in God's unspeakable gift. When you receive Jesus into your life, He becomes the key that fits in your heart and causes everything to change. Until then, you'll be confused, anxious and uncertain, not knowing where you are going or what's going to happen next. Jesus is the only gift that improves your way of living. Every day, as this wonderful peace come over you and begins to remove worry, fear, confusion and uncertainty, God has given this gift to you. Jesus is the only gift given to the world that is able to unlock the hearts of men and women of all races, cultures and walks of life. As Christmas approaches you will probably receive gifts. You might say to the giver of the gift, "thank you". The gift is just indescribable. It's so beautiful. But remember it does not compare to the unspeakable gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, the baby of Bethlehem, the greatest gift there ever was, is, and ever will be. May you have the best Christmas ever and remember: God is good, His word is good, and good all the time.

Pastor Dave Machin,  
Similkameen Christian Centre,  
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 a.m.  
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**Men's**  
 Hi single - Ron White 295  
 Hi triple - Bill Brook 727  
 Hi Ave - Barrie Wright 238

**Ladies'**  
 Hi single - Claire Proulx 324  
 Hi triple - Claire Proulx 707  
 Hi Ave - Kim Herzig 208

**Team**  
 Hi single - Red Necks 1266  
 Hi triple - Red Necks 3494

### Monday Mixed

**Men's**  
 Hi single - Barrie Wright 295  
 Hi four - Barrie Wright 1035  
 Hi Ave - Barrie Wright 243

**Ladies'**  
 Hi single - Sherry Wright 265  
 Hi four - Sherry Wright 856  
 Hi Ave - Sherry Wright 194

**Team**  
 hi single - Peelers & Points 1273  
 hi four - Peelers & Points 4576

### Tuesday Golden Agers

**Men's**  
 Hi single - Bill Horrex 290  
 Hi triple - Bill Horrex 680  
 Hi ave - Bill Horrex 192

### Ladies

Hi single - Billie McKinnon 215  
 Hi triple - Billie McKinnon 621  
 Hi ave - Lynda Lyng 180

**Team**  
 Hi single - Dreamers 1233  
 Hi single - One Timers 3497

### Tuesday Non-smoking

**Men's**  
 Hi single - Larry Stevens 245  
 Hi triple - Jim Riederer 647  
 Hi ave - Jim Riederer 192

**Ladies**  
 Hi single - Diane Wiren 220  
 Hi triple - Diane Wiren 453  
 Hi ave - Linda Pudsey 181

**Team**  
 Hi single - Rancheros 1219  
 Hi triple - Rancheros 3440

### Wednesday Mixed

**Men's**  
 Hi single - Ron White 283  
 Hi triple - Ron White 771  
 Hi ave - Ron White 244

**Ladies**  
 Hi single - Lynda Lyng 254  
 Hi triple - Lynda Lyng 652  
 Hi ave - Jeanie Williams 211

### Team

Hi single - More Beer 1199  
 Hi triple - More Beer 3359

### Wednesday YBC Juniors

**Boys**  
 Hi single - Jonathan Howe 261  
 Hi triple - Jonathan Howe 585  
 Hi ave - Jonathan Howe 169

**Girls**  
 Hi single - Erin Lewis  
 Hi triple - Erin Lewis  
 Hi ave - Christina Kovacs 191

**Team**  
 Hi single - The Canadians 744  
 Hi triple - The Canadians 2008  
**Thursday YBC Smurfs**

**Boys**  
 Hi single - Lukas Rhodes 82  
 Hi ave - Jordan Palumbo 66

**Girls**  
 Hi single - Brynn Johnson 32  
 Hi ave - Leisla Driver 43  
 Team hi single - Our Gang 663

### Thursday YBC Bantams

**Boys**  
 Hi single - Dillon Jensen 177  
 Hi triple - Dillon Jensen 410  
 Hi ave - Clint Cook 116

**Girls**  
 Hi single - Nora Freeman 164  
 Hi triple - Nora Freeman 382  
 Hi ave - Nora Freeman 107

**Team**  
 Hi single - KT&C 684  
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## Council commends Indian Band on forestry building

Upper Similkameen Indian Band has renovated its Princeton forestry field office, located on reserve property at Memorial Park. At the December 3 meeting of Princeton Town Council, Council voted to send a letter of congratulations to the Band on the appearance of their building.

"It looks good," said Mayor Randy McLean.

## Town of Princeton Public Notice

### GARBAGE COLLECTION

All residents who get their garbage picked up on Tuesdays (Mine Subdivision and 3<sup>rd</sup> Bench) will have their garbage picked up on Saturday, December 22, 2001 in lieu of the Tuesday, December 25, 2001 Christmas Day holiday. All other pick-up dates remain the same.

Mr. John O'Rourke apologizes for any inconvenience caused and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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# Field Naturalists enjoyed lunch on the winter trail

by Joan Kelly

Eight members of Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists took time out from Christmas activities to enjoy a field trip on the Jura section of the Kettle Valley Railway. Along the Osprey Lake Road, many stops were made to study a rough-legged hawk and three Northern Harriers which were perched on hydro poles.

Thrilled by the sightings of the hawks, we were all in great form to begin our field trip.

A large flock of White-winged Crossbills kept just ahead of us

along the way. Travelling with the flock were a few Chipping Sparrows and Pine Siskins.

After a 45 minute walk in a few inches of fresh snow on a lovely sunny day, we reached the gazebo, built by and Environment Team. We were pleased to see that the E-team had repaired the vandalism to the gazebo and added a barbecue pit and outhouse to the area. Our thanks goes to the E-team for a job well done.

We roasted wieners and marshmallows - a very pleasant lunch

stop.

Other sightings were: a Bald Eagle, Muggies, Mountain Chickadees, a Townsend's Solitaire, lots of Red-breasted Nuthatches, and an American Kestrel.

The next meeting of the VFFN will be January 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Skills Centre.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

(Note: The annual Christmas Bird count will be on December 27. Look for bird count article.)

# Christmas Bird Count needs help

by Madelon Schouten

With everyone gearing up for Christmas, skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing, all traditional activities in the Princeton region, another activity, now in its tenth year, is the local Christmas Bird Count.

This year is the 102nd year the Christmas Bird Count has been carried out by volunteers all across North America. Recently, a number of countries further south are participating.

Apart from its attraction as a social, sporting and competitive event, the Christmas Bird Count produces data on the status of resident and migratory birds across the western hemisphere.

As Dick Cannings, Canadian Coordinator of the Christmas Bird Count, has said, "The Christmas Bird Count has evolved into a powerful and important tool. Backed with over a century of data, it is the longest volunteer-based bird census, spanning three human generations."

Today, over 50,000 volunteers from every Canadian province and territory, all 50 U.S. states, parts of Central and South America, the West Indies and Pacific Islands, count and record every individual bird and bird species seen during on 24 hour calendar day.

Each group has a designated circle 24 km in diameter, about 452 square kilometres, where they try to census as much ground as possible.

Princeton's count will be held on December 27 and the local coordinator, Madelon Schouten, is calling upon feeder-watchers and field observers to join in this sporting activity. Who knows - we may beat the other Okanagan counts!

For more information, call 295-7078, to register as a feeder-watcher or to come out for the day and join one of the teams.

# Imperial re-organizes

Imperial Metals Corporation reports it has filed for, and has been granted, protection by the Supreme Court of British Columbia to allow it to reorganize its business by way of a Plan of Arrangement under the Company Act of British Columbia and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act.

The Plan will allow the company to maximize the value of its existing assets for the benefit of all stakeholders. The Plan will also allow the company to secure new financing and focus on attracting and developing new opportunities in both the mining and the oil and natural gas businesses.

Under the Plan, Imperial propos-

es dividing its operations into two distinct businesses, one focused on oil and natural gas and the other focused on mining. All of the company's existing oil and natural gas and investment assets will be retained in Imperial and a new company, to be owned by the shareholders of Imperial, will be established to hold the mining assets.

Successful completion of the corporate reorganization under the Plan will allow the company to move forward and explore new avenues for growth. The Plan applies to Imperial and two of its wholly owned subsidiaries, Mount Polley Mining Corporation and Mount Polley Holding Company Limited.

Hedley parents will sponsor the Christmas Concert at the school at 6 pm, Tuesday, December 18, 2001

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- TUESDAY DECEMBER 25 CLOSED
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# Seniors have a Christmas hit

There is nothing quite like it, mainly due to the Movers and Shakers. It is the annual Senior Citizens Christmas dinner party. This year, it happened on Sunday evening, December 16, at the Senior Citizens Hall. The hall was packed with 147 members and four RCMP guests.

Cpl Russ Pederson, and Constables Mike Kelly, Mike Saghbini and Steve Barton performed the duty customary for Princeton RCMP on these occasions - they served coffee and tea, and became busboys after the seniors had eaten the excellent turkey dinner. The dinner was cooked by members of Senior Citizens, and they worked all weekend. They did a wonderful job of it!

When the dinner was done, and everyone had had a break to let dinner settle, Santa Claus appeared. This was a remarkably slender Santa - perhaps he is overworked these days? Or was it because he never had any of the turkey dinner? During Santa's brief appearance, he hugged some ladies and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

At that point, the Movers and Shakers took over the stage and had everyone giggling with their wicked version of the Twelve Days of Christmas, Senior Citizens style. On the first day of Christmas, the true love gave a

brand-new set of false teeth, and the Movers and Shakers went through all the gifts seniors might want - hearing aids, Depends, Metamucil, prunes, and on the twelfth day, Viagra!

There were a lot of singalong Christmas carols for the audience to join in, and some performances by the Movers and Shakers of Christmas songs, including one of their favourites, the Calypso Carol.

Al Hill and Marshall (Martha?) Johnson did a skit about a couple returning from the Fountain of Youth Health Spa. The man, played by Al, decides to leave his long-time partner. Taking his bottle of Viagra with him, he is about to leave when his tearful partner snatches the bottle to be prepared for her next boyfriend!

Monty, Kathy, Peggy and Dot Raine (the lady who accompanies the Movers and Shakers) did a musical skit called A Doll's Dream. The doll was Kathy, who lived at the North Pole and dreamed of dancing with a man in a red suit. A miracle happens! The same remarkably slender Santa Claus showed up, danced with her, and swept her off her feet.

Another musical skit was performed by Willi, Joseph and Peggy. The Drinking Song. Willi had a little trouble holding his mug, as it seemed to be stuck to the table.

Dave and Eric, that favourite pair of musicians anytime, put their piano and accordion talents together to present a beautiful medley of well-known Christmas songs.



Al Hill (left) and Marshall Johnson did a skit about a couple who had a wonderful time at Fountain of Youth Spa.



"The Drinking Song" was performed by (left to right) Joseph Dubé, Peggy Coyne and Willi Drees.

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# Tots enjoy Teddy Bears Picnic

December is an odd time to have a Teddy Bear's picnic, but it has been a tradition with the crew who manned the Mini Chef. Since they

left the restaurant, and became involved in "retirement" activities through New Beginnings, the former Mini Chef Restaurant crew

has not held a Teddy Bear's picnic. This year, they decided it was time to do it again.

Two kindergarten classes (approximately 40 youngsters) went to New Beginnings last Thursday, bringing their teddy bears. They were met by Mother Goose, who told stories and led them in Christmas songs.

Members and staff at New Beginnings joined in the fun, and brought their teddy bears, too. They wore Santa's elves' hats (and some wore reindeer antlers).

Mark Howarth, who supervises the New Beginnings men's program, brought his guitar and provided musical accompaniment for the songs.

There is nobody more popular than Santa Claus at this time of year, and he arrived to talk to the children (of any age) and hear a song. Then, he had another stop on his busy schedule and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.



At the Teddy Bears' picnic at New Beginnings, Kindergarten youngsters enjoy songs and stories with Mother Goose (Connie Miller) and Mark Howarth on guitar. Forty children attended.



St. Peter's Choir performs at the Christmas Songfest, blending young voices and older with accordion music played by Mrs. Newman.

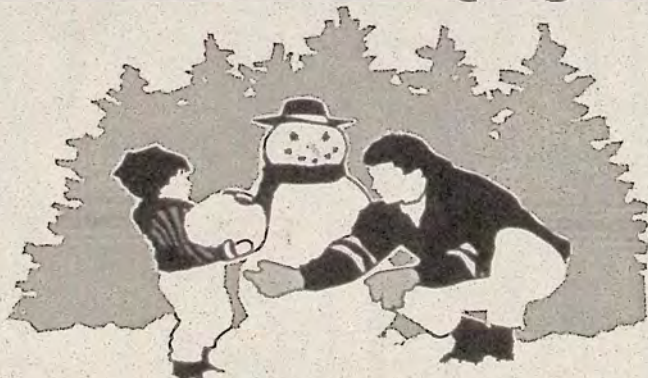
## Ski conditions are great!

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1/4 cup of wheatgerm (optional)  
1 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped onions  
3/4 cup of chopped mushrooms  
2 tablespoons of cranberry  
sauce

1 teaspoon of poultry seasoning  
1 teaspoon of dried sweet basil  
salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F  
(175C)

Remove giblets from turkey then  
rinse turkey in ice cold water,  
drain and sprinkle cavity with  
salt. Set aside.

Mix dry bread cubes, wheat  
germ, poultry seasoning and  
chopped mushrooms in large

mixing bowl, cover and set  
aside.

Chop bacon and cook at medium  
heat in deep frying pan, when  
bacon is cooked add butter,  
chopped celery, chopped  
onions, cranberry sauce, sweet  
basil, salt and pepper, simmer  
for 5 to 10 minutes or until cel-  
ery and onions are soft. Add to  
bread cube mixture, stir in,  
cover and set aside to cool.

When stuffing mix has cooled,  
fill cavity of turkey with mix  
(pack it in firmly). Place turkey  
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pepper, lay bacon strips over  
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Cook in oven 4 to 5 hours  
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3 cinnamon sticks broken in half  
1/3 cup of honey  
3 slices of lemon cut in half

In large teapot add boiling  
water, tea bags, & cloves. Let  
steep 5 minutes. In sauce pan  
warm cranberry juice, lemon  
juice and honey. Do not boil.  
When steaming add to tea.  
Break cinnamon sticks in half,  
place half cinnamon stick in  
each teacup. Split each half  
lemon slice in center and place  
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**Seniors' Corner**

**The songfest was a joyful get-together**

by Joseph Dubé  
Is it possible the biggest event of the week was the Christmas Concert at the Baptist Church? The number of people attending, including performers, was 140. I would qualify it as a marvelous effort from the community in producing a concert for the benefit of one and all: a pleasure to listen to, a great moment for performers, a joyful get-together, a seasonal event of cheer and merry-making.

People were actually phoning to reserve their places in the concert! Arrangements had to be made to accommodate the newcomers as well as the traditional performers. Anyone interested in performing is invited to phone next December. I am not sure if it was Peter who reminded us: "Remember the reason for the season: sharing love. Only love can be divided endlessly and still remain strong."

From our monthly meeting at the Seniors Hall: there will be no bingo Dec. 24 and 31, the kitchen will be closed from Dec. 21 to Jan 2, and it will open again Jan. 3.

In my report on publicity at the general meeting, I expressed an interest in addressing part of this article for the benefit of the youth of Princeton. We are getting more readers all the time in this area and I have an interest in making this reading beneficial to one and all.

The pool tournament and the potluck dinner were cancelled because they were too close to Christmas.

Now is the time to celebrate the birthdays in December. To the following people we wish a jolly happy birthday: Al Thorold, Bill Blanchard, Ethel Hanik, Donald Cormack, Lorrie Folick, Mary Vogl and Ross Chaston.

The mayor of Princeton was present for the installation of officers for the next year. Eleanor Sinclair received the gavel for the next year as president. I remember starting to write this column when she was presiding last year, and we are still at the task.

Randy McLean did say we owed

him something for installing the officers - it allowed him to say a few words. We all agreed.

Here is the speech (in my own words): "I must congratulate all of you for maintaining and operating this great building which is the Seniors Hall. You must realize what a great meeting place it is. It is an excellent contribution for anyone who needs a place away from home. One more time. I would like to bring your attention to the efforts in place between Town Council and the Skills

Centre in reaching out to the youth of Princeton and trying to improve the relationship between citizens and youth."

"I remember when I was a youth myself, if I had a trick to play on someone, it wouldn't be on someone who brought me out to fish or talked with me or did me a good turn when I needed one."

"Once more, I want to congratulate you on the great job you're doing. You are making a great contribution to the community."

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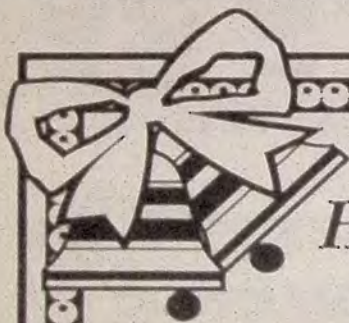
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Ernie Lawrence leads the United Church Choir and soloist Janine Esdale at the Christmas songfest.

## They are not just kids' play – dolls are important for learning!

(NC)—"Play is quite literally learning for living," says Dr. Kathleen Alfano, leading child researcher and manager of the Fisher-Price Child Research Department.

The Canadian Toy Testing Council agrees. According to the council's web site, children are particularly interested in imitative play and dolls are an important part of this. "They [children] act out their environment and prepare themselves for adult roles by playing house or family," the council says.

Playing with dolls may also contribute to several aspects of cognitive and emotional development, says Dr. Michael Shore, Mattel's Director of Research. Studies indicate potential benefits of doll play include motor skill development, sharpening/stimulating the senses, expressing emotion, encouraging the development of imagination and vocabulary growth.

### New dolls

This holiday season, girls will have a number of dolls with which to play and learn. What better way to facilitate role-playing than with a life-like baby doll like Mattel's Miracle Baby? With a beautifully sculpted face, expressive eyes and

soft skin, Miracle Baby looks, feels and acts like a real six-month-old infant.

Other new dolls include Diva Starz, four high-tech dolls designed with smart chip technology. Each doll has a distinct personality and unique vocabulary. Diva Starz have life-like conversations with the girl who is playing with them.

What's Her Face are four "create-your-own" fashion dolls known as Cool, Hip, Sweet and Glam. The girl who is playing with them can create her very own unique doll by changing the doll's face, hairstyle and fashions as many times as she likes. The four

have a fun interactive website, [www.whatsherface.com](http://www.whatsherface.com).

Barbie, a perennial favourite, is back as a ballerina and a pop star. The SugarPlum Princess Barbie makes her very first movie, starring as Clara in The Nutcracker. Jam 'n Glam Barbie is a cool rocker with a trendy look. She has a tour bus that includes a concert stage and backstage dressing room. There are also Barbie Dress Up Magnets, which allow girls to get Barbie ready to go out with lots of fun mix and match outfits.

This season's dolls are sure to offer tons of fun and learning.



Earl Driver, of Princeton Crisis Assistance, (left) accepts a \$250 cheque from John Babiak from Princeton Dairy Queen and OSR, raised through ticket sales for the Terri Clarke concert and Nitty Gritty dirt Band and Alabama concert. The money goes to the Christmas Hamper Drive. Driver praised DQ and OSR for helping the needy.

### Merry Christmas, Gail and Roger!

The surgery to transplant a kidney from Roger Souchon to his wife, Gail, has been a success. Both were able to leave the hospital last week! Although they will not be able to come home for awhile, and must live in a motel near the hospital, the worst is over.

Gail is doing much better than doctors expected, and Roger recovered very quickly. Anyone wishing to help them with expenses may make a deposit at any branch of Valley First Credit Union.



Princeton Dairy Queen customers donated all of the toys stacked on the counter. John and Lorraine Babiak (front) thank their customers for their support for the Angels Anonymous campaign. Standing at the back are Earl Driver and Carol Ruoss from Princeton Crisis Assistance Christmas Hamper Drive.

## The top ten children's toys

(NC)—Heading to the mall to shop for the kids and unsure of what they want? Irwin Toy, one of Canada's largest toy companies, provides these tips for what's hot in toys this year:

### 1. Plush

The latest craze in toys is plush—soft, huggable characters from popular cartoons and television shows such as Sailor Moon and Popples. The touch and feel of plush toys has become a favourite among children and is sure to be a welcomed gift under the tree.

### 2. Radio Control Cars

Perfect for any little boy you have to buy for, radio control vehicles with aerodynamic styling are always a big hit. Look for toys that roll over, can be used on and off road and that do stunts like "wheelies".

### 3. Dragon Ball Z & ReBoot Action Figures

An incredibly popular animated cartoon series that originated in Japan, Dragon Ball Z action figures and die-cast vehicles are desirable toys for those age 4 and up. ReBoot was the first television series produced entirely using computer generated graphics. Kids love the action figures and vehicles which have moveable parts and are highly detailed.

### 4. Sailor Moon

Again from the popular cartoon series, Sailor Moon adventure dolls (which also come in plush versions) and accessories make a great gift for young girls. The colourful characters come in a variety of sizes and outfits to increase play value. Accessories include a Luna Sphere, an electronic "guide and advisor" for Sailor, and a Moon Rod as seen in the television series.

### 5. Key Cars

A favourite with boys, Key Cars are race cars that come with a special launch key that starts them up. The line also includes spring loaded ramps and track sets. Each car comes with a storage case that clips onto a belt.

### 6. Caillou

Children can't seem to get enough of Caillou, who is one of the most loveable characters on television. From dolls and board games to puzzles, yo-yo's and collectible figurines, Caillou is sure to ignite any preschooler's imagination.

### 7. Slinky's

Still popular after all these years, Slinky's have now been updated to include Slinky Pets which are plush wrapped animal characters, plastic Slinky's, Slinky key chains and Slinky Klxxx—twistable Slinky's that bend into animals and shapes. The Slinky was named a "top toy of the Century" so you can't go wrong by wrapping up one of these.

### 8. Make-Your-Own Accessory Kits

The latest craze among young

girls, accessory kits allow girls to create their own lip balms, faux nails, body art and accessories like hairbands and necklaces.

### 9. "Retro" Games

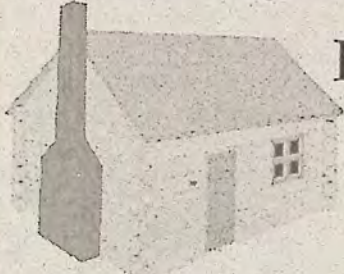
Popular, even among adults, classic games that have been played for ages still reign. Etch-a-Sketch, Rubik's Cube, Jenga and YoYo's are just a few of the games and toys that are still well received gifts.

### 10. Puzzles

Always a favourite, puzzles whether large or small, easy or difficult, make a great holiday gift. Toy makers now offer puzzles in every variety—whether it be your child's favourite cartoon character or story book hero.

Want to know more about today's most popular toys and games? Visit [www.irwintoy.com](http://www.irwintoy.com).

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The Baptist Junior Choir at the Christmas Songfest.

## Boys have a new generation of exciting toys

(NC)—When Stanley Weston created a doll for boys in 1965, based on a new television show called The Lieutenant, the action figure was born.

According to the History Channel, "The doll, G.I. Joe, proved more popular than the TV series to the surprise of many toy manufacturers who had assumed for years that boys wouldn't play with dolls."

Today's popular action figure is a futuristic superhero called Max

### Carnation Five-Minute Fudge

Nestlé Carnation created this candy recipe in the early 1960's. It is one of the first fudge recipes that did not require a candy thermometer. It is easy, delicious and will become one of your favourites. It is Carnation's most requested recipe.

- Ingredients:
- 1 2/3 cups granulated sugar
  - 2/3 cup Carnation Evaporated Milk
  - 2 tbsp butter
  - 1/2 tsp salt
  - 2 cups miniature marshmallows
  - 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
  - 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (or other nuts, such as filberts or almonds)
  - 1 tsp vanilla

Combine sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt in medium saucepan. Stir over medium heat until at full boil. Boil for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, chocolate chips, nuts and vanilla until marshmallows melt and blend. Pour into foil-lined 8-inch square baking dish and chill until set. Cut into 1-inch squares. Store in refrigerator in sealed container. Makes 49 squares.

NOTE: This recipe works with substitutions, including raisins, or other chocolate chips (caramel, white chocolate). When substituting chocolate, slightly reduce amount of milk.

Steel&trade;. Max Steel has the latest in hi-tech and biotech gear. He also has his own television show. The Max Steel Show currently airs in 81 countries. The story behind Max Steel, a.k.a. Josh McGrath, a college sophomore and extreme sports enthusiast, is that he was accidentally infused with experimental Nano-Tek Max probes. The probes, molecule-sized machines that live in Max Steel's body, give him superhuman powers which he uses to battle the evil Dread organization and its plot of world domination.

G.I. Joe had his army gear. Max Steel has a MX33 Wind Raider, a wind surfboard that transforms into a combat hang glider.

We can find similar updates with Hot Wheels® and radio-controlled cars. Elliot Handler, one of the co-founders of Mattel, Inc., invented Hot Wheels when he decided to add axles and rotating wheels to small model cars. More than 41 million kids have grown up with Hot Wheels cars and tracks since their inception in the late 1960s. This season, Hot Wheels focuses on the Formula Circuit, an exciting track that includes racing, crashing and even

a secret track that is a short-cut to the finish line. The set comes with two licensed Formula 1-themed cars.

Radio-controlled car technology has been merged with extreme sports.

The result is toys like Tony Hawk&trade; Skateboard, a rider figure and skateboard that are both controlled by the transmitter.

Games, puzzles and activity sets have also been updated. The latest games inspired by long-time favourites include Hilarium, a take-off on charades. Hilarium is an adult game. Players draw cards with all kinds of wild actions on them, then everyone acts out the action at the same time. Every card has a match. The object of the game is to find the player who has the same card.

The simple laboratory set gets a facelift by picking up on the popularity of Harry Potter. Professor Snape's Potions Class Activity Set allows children to make "magical potions" they can eat and drink.

There is something to be said for the classics. They've inspired a whole new generation of fun and innovative toys.



Santa Claus visited Vermilion Court, because he loves children of all ages. Lillian MacIntosh sits on Santa's knee. Left to right: Billie Vernon, Edith Baird and Agnes Roberts - kids at heart!





Princeton Pentecostal Church Choir at the Christmas Songfest.

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Jingle bells sing and jingle bells ring  
Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun  
Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time  
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In the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the right time  
To rock the night away  
Jingle bell time is a swell time  
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh  
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet  
Jingle around the clock  
Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet  
That's the jingle bell,  
That's the jingle bell,  
That's the jingle bell rock.

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Up in my bedroom fast asleep.  
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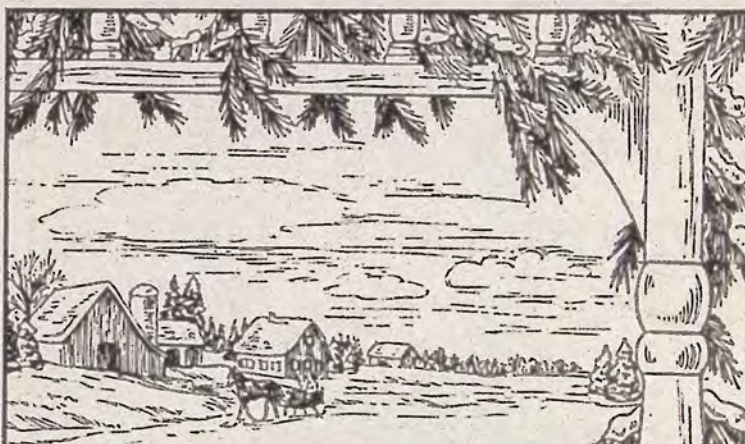
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# Sundblom Santa is world's image

(NC)-Santa Claus, easily one of the world's most popular characters, also is one of the most mysterious. We know he lives at the

North Pole with Mrs. Claus, and we know he and his elves load the sleigh each Christmas Eve for a marathon trip around the world, but little is known about his past.

Some historians believe the legend started in the fourth century, when Nicholas, the first Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), became known for his kindness to children and for his help to the needy.

As recently as 65 years ago, Santa Claus literally was a character of many dimensions. In numerous artistic renditions, Santa has been depicted as everything from a pixie to a leprechaun, sometimes even a frightening gnome.

But thanks in part to The Coca-Cola Company, the jolly fella has an image that is well known and enduring around the world today: plump man in a red suit and white beard who travels by reindeer and slips into homes through the chimney each Christmas Eve.

It was in 1931 that the world-wide Company commissioned American artist Haddon Sundblom to transform Santa Claus into a totally human, merry gentleman - with rosy, red cheeks and a handsome, white beard.

Popularly known as the "Sundblom Santas," the series of Santa Claus oil paintings were used for a number of special Christmas advertisements for Coca-Cola, beginning in 1931 and carrying through the next six decades. Haddon Sundblom died in 1976, but the Company continues to display the Santa images in its holiday advertising and packaging.

"The Sundblom Santa is remarkable for several reasons, most notably because of the way Haddon Sundblom captured the essence of St. Nicholas," said Phil Mooney, archivist. "Sundblom created an enduring symbol, the spirit of Christmas, which Coca-Cola shares with the world through its packaging and advertising."



Because Coca Cola used Sundblom's image of St. Nicholas to advertise Coca Cola world-wide, Sundblom's St. Nick became the world's idea of what Santa Claus looks like.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frosty Snowman were special guests at Kevin Acres on Saturday for the photo with Santa session. Santa will be back at the same location this Saturday for photos.

## Make your own cranberry sauce at home

(NC)—Wait to add that ultimate personal touch to your holiday dinner, but not add to your busy day? How about a recipe for a savory cranberry sauce that can be made up to four days before you need it? The following recipe uses juice in a Tetra Pak package, which makes for fast clean up.

**Cranberry Sauce**  
(Makes approx. 2 cups)  
Ingredients:

2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries

1 cup granulated sugar  
1 250 mL of 100% orange juice in a Tetra Pak package

Directions:

- Mix all the ingredients together in a medium sauce pan
- Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to simmer
- Simmer for 20 minutes or until the cranberries are tender
- Remove from heat and cool
- Store in a container in the refrigerator for up to four days

## A good laugh makes a great gift

(NC)—If you are wondering what kind of video to buy your preschooler as a gift this Christmas, something filled with humour would be your best choice, says award-winning children's writer, Vicki Grant.

Grant, who writes the Gemini-winning CBC puppet series, Scoop and Doozie, says that children from a very young age are able to 'get' jokes, and by encouraging their sense of humour, parents are giving them a lifelong gift.

"Incorporating jokes, silly songs and funny stories into daily life gives children a light-hearted and safe opportunity to understand the world around them. Even a comedy video that seems to merely entertain can be a teaching tool in disguise."

Grant took her cue from her own three children when she set about writing Scoop and Doozie three years ago. Determined to create a Laurel and Hardy for the preschool set, she filled the puppet show with silly characters, such as wise-cracking construction toys, talking underpants, and a nasty garden hose; all of whom get into mischief on a regular basis. The series has recently been released on video and Grant hopes that it, and comedy videos like it, will be waiting under the tree this Christmas. "There is nothing more enjoyable for a parent than watching your children laugh. It really is the best gift of all."

## MERRY CHRISTMAS...

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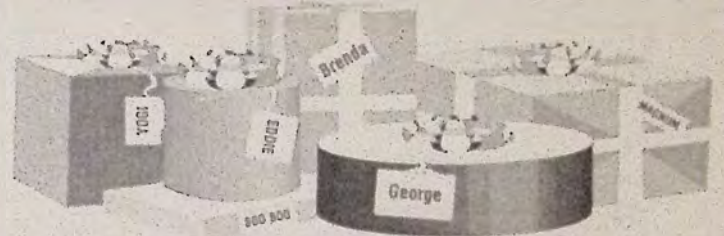
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## 10 New Year's Resolutions to make the World a better place

(NC)—A sure way to end the year on a good note is to start it with good intentions and back them up with action. Here are a few suggestions to help you get started.

- 1) Pass on a good deed that has been done for you. Create a circle of kindness.
- 2) Make your voice heard. Write to your Member of Parliament or the Prime Minister, encourage them to pay attention to human rights issues wherever they occur.
- 3) Befriend someone from a background that is different than your own. Make friends with an immigrant or a refugee in your community.
- 4) Read an article or book about a culture you know very little about.
- 5) Shop with your conscience. Ask about the conditions under which the products you buy were produced.
- 6) Spread the word. Talk to your family, friends, neighbours and people in your faith community about human rights issues.
- 7) Create dialogue. Invite a speaker to your school, faith community, or workplace to talk about human rights.
- 8) Make a donation. Support organizations that are working on the root causes of conflict, such as poverty alleviation in Canada and around the world.
- 9) Volunteer with an organization that is working for positive change.
- 10) Ask questions. Challenge your own assumptions, and those of people in power. Try to see the world from another person's point-of-view.

For a free information package on more ways you can make a difference in the world, write to Amnesty International, 56 Temperance Street, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario. M5H 3V5.

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