



## Legion welcomes new members

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #56 increased membership to approximately 450 on Saturday, December 6, when 14 new members were initiated. They are (in no particular order) Todd Baines, Jim and Anna Barnes, Karen Benjamin, Basil Bottenfield, May Broadhead, Bill Drake, Barrie Fraser, Dean Howard, Al Nigul, William Schneider, Rick van Heeswijk, Ruby Cappos and Dinny Mullin.

# Gifts mark week for town good

This week's News Leader is filled with photos of donations to the community from businesses and organizations. The spirit of giving is a characteristic of the Christmas season, and local residents have shown their generosity this year as always. Look for the donations boxes and help make Christmas brighter for the needy in our community.

## Council comments on light-up and Christmas parade

At the December 1 Council meeting, Councillor Kathy Clement gave enthusiastic praise to Brownies and Sparks who sang Christmas carols at the light-up on November 27. Councillor Ray Jarvis, Councillor Clement and

Councillor Spencer Coyne remarked on the need for a good downtown P/A system. The old system broke down during the light-up.

Councillor Coyne praised Brownies and Sparks, saying, "The carollers did a great job." He noted the good turnout for the parade on November 28.

Councillor Clement expressed appreciation for the participation of the Air Cadets at the light-up and in the parade the following afternoon. She praised the parade participation, and said the Ambassador candidates float was a surprise as she did not know any candidates were selected and had no idea what their names were.

"The parade is the beginning of something that can only grow and get better," Councillor Clement concluded.

Council donated \$200 to Princeton Crisis Assistance for the Christmas Hamper drive.

## Sing the season's joyful songs

The annual Christmas songfest will take place at the Baptist Church on Wednesday evening. This songfest is a tradition in Princeton. It is an evening of Christmas songs and music.

No admission is charged, but those attending are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Christmas Hamper Drive. The fun begins at 7:00 p.m. but try to arrive early if you want a seat in front.

Ernie Lawrence is always the Master of Ceremonies for this special evening and he reminds everyone this is the 20th anniversary of Christmas Songfest.

**Remember:**  
Christmas calls for giving. Please fill the Christmas donation boxes



Valley First employees like to dress casually on Fridays, but they pay \$2.00 every Friday for the privilege. They save this money and give it to the Christmas Hamper Fund. Above, Linda Thompson presents a \$570 cheque to Earl Driver, President of Princeton Crisis Assistance Society.

## Police find cash in road check

A road check at the west end of Princeton on December 3 resulted in the arrest of the occupants and the seizure of \$8,100 cash. During the check, police detected the odour of marijuana and a search ensued. A police dog located the cash in a knapsack. On December 6, police

began an investigation of an assault and willful damage in an incident on Kenley Avenue. At least one person was assaulted, one vehicle damaged, and the banner torn off The Country Chapel. Several people left the scene but were identified.

## Council legislates new Building Bylaw

The Town of Princeton has a new Building Bylaw. At the December 1 meeting, Town Council gave fourth and final reading to the bylaw, which Councillor Kathy Clement says makes the bylaw conform to Municipal Insurance Association guidelines.

The previous building bylaw has been rescinded.

The new bylaw is 18 pages long, and specifies structures within the Town of Princeton must conform to the British Columbia Building Code 1998.

The bylaw covers more than just new construction. A permit must be issued for moving a building, or changing the occupancy of a building (i.e. change and office to a restaurant), or for excavation,

renovation or demolition of a building.

In order to obtain a permit, a long list of conditions must be met by the owner and any agent or contractor working for the owner.

Anyone constructing a residence must provide evidence the building is covered by home warranty insurance and the constructor is a licensed residential builder, but does not apply if the owner is not required to be licensed and obtain home warranty insurance in accordance with sections 20 (1) or 30 (1) of the Homeowner Protection Act of British Columbia.

Anyone planning to build, renovate or demolish a structure should review the bylaw.

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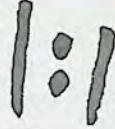
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### Insurance: More Than Family Protection, Part 1

It used to be that life insurance was meant to protect your family from the financial risks associated with premature death. We've come a long way since then. These days there are often two people supporting the family. Your estate needs protecting, and so does your livelihood.

Here's a brief overview of how insurance is used today to safeguard your family, your assets and your business. Life insurance comes in two varieties: term and permanent.

Term - as the name implies - insures you for a fixed period of time and pays a benefit only if the person who's covered dies during that period. Sometimes you can renew at the end of the term and establish new premiums. The advantage is that the payments you make are usually lower than those for permanent insurance. People use this type of insurance to cover needs that disappear over time - things like mortgages or car loans.

In the next "Investment Insight" article "Insurance: More Than Family Protection - Part 2" permanent insurance is explained and the benefits to estate planning are listed.

Watch for that article to appear in the December 30th issue of the Similkameen News Leader.

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This group of Katimavik participants will be greatly missed. They move on to Ontario this week. Tom, Drisilla, Etienne, Andrea, Danielle, Ezekiel, Pat, Jaime, Karlee and Luc will miss friends in Princeton.

## Katimavik hosts farewell evening

The most recent contingent of Katimavik participants hosted a little farewell gathering at the Chamber of Commerce building on December 4. They took this opportunity to express their

appreciation for their stay in Princeton. This week, they move on to St. Catherines, Ontario, and a new group moves in.

The evening began with a game - Princeton Jeopardy. The five

categories were about Princeton's history, mining, forestry, landmarks and a "pot pourri" of miscellaneous questions. Everyone had a good time playing this game.

A slide show of their activities on their jobs was narrated by the Katimavik participants featured at the job site shown. All talked about what they had learned on the job, the friends they had made, and some of them expressed a decision about career direction as a result of their experiences.

Slides showing their excursions to other locations and leisure activities included a hike to the top of Bald Mountain, a hike through the tunnel to the ochre bluffs, a jaunt along the Trans Canada Trail, a visit to Penticton and to Vancouver.

There was a series of humorous "live" interviews done on a camcorder, followed by an ensemble chorale singing about being good to Rachel (their project leader).

The evening ended with socializing and snacks.



Valley First manager Kevin Kelbert presents a \$400 cheque to Earl Driver for the Christmas hamper fund. Valley First gives to the fund in lieu of sending Christmas cards to members.

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The Legion gave \$200 to Princeton and District Community Services. Above, Dean Howard (left) accepts the Legion cheque from John Haayer.

## Freezing rain makes highways hazardous

An overnight shower of freezing rain on Friday night and Saturday morning made driving hazardous for motorists on local highways. Princeton residents heard ambulance and police sirens throughout the early morning hours on Saturday. Highways and streets were slick with ice.

No fatalities were reported for the period, but there was plenty to keep emergency crews and tow trucks busy.

Pedestrians in downtown Princeton found it was difficult to drive or walk anywhere until the sun came out and melted the mess. However, the promised snow storm did not arrive, so nobody had to shovel anything.

## Parks rules change to attract business

Amendments to Parks and Protected Areas Statutes will allow for greater accommodation in provincial parks for people and recreational opportunities. At the same time, protected areas will remain protected and all activity in parks will be subject to an environmental impact and assessment.

The goal of the amendments is to "broaden the appeal of parks beyond the traditional camping experience" says WLAP Minister Joyce Murray.

The provincial government expects the amendments will

provide new economic opportunities for rural communities on the edge of parks.

According to Murray, by creating opportunities through park lodges and recreational activities and clarifying that new facilities are permitted in parks, "the changes clearly show the province's parks are there for the benefit of communities and individuals as well as wilderness protection."

B.C.'s provincial park system is already home to a number of lodges, many of which have been in operation for decades. These

facilities play a significant role in attracting park visitors and make an important contribution to local economies.

## Board supports wise parenting

A program offered to parents has the full support of the Board of Trustees of School District #58 (Nicola Similkameen). Called Parenting Wisely, the program begins January 22. Forms have been sent home to parents with the school newsletter.

This is the first time Parenting Wisely has been offered in Princeton. Research has shown that this parenting program provides lasting success through giving parents useful parenting skills. The program is offered through Community LINKS funding by the school district in conjunction with Princeton Childcare Society.

## Merritt's court service is restored

The City of Merritt will have a provincial court again. Attorney General Geoff Plant announced a circuit court, such as Princeton has, would be set up in Merritt. As in Princeton,

Merritt lost court services in a round of budget cutbacks in 2002. Attorney General Plant said in Merritt circuit courts make better use of limited justice resources. Without a local circuit court, Merritt residents had to travel to Kamloops.



Constable Joseph Fortin joins Princeton RCMP Detachment

## Princeton welcomes officer

RCMP Constable Joseph Fortin arrived in Princeton on November 4 to do general duty. He may go to Traffic Services in the future.

Cst. Fortin comes from Ottawa, where he was in the reserves for a year, and has a diploma from the police foundations program. He recently

graduated from the RCMP Academy in Regina.

Cst. Fortin had asked to be placed with a small detachment and had his request granted by being transferred to Princeton. He likes the idea of a small town. In his spare time, Cst. Fortin likes snowboarding and playing pool.

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Keremeos Grist Mill Staff Grant Johnson, left, Natural Building Technician and Sandy Kaufman, Gift Shop Manager greet visitors Fridays starting from 10:00 a.m. They say this Winter has been challenging for the historic site. The Grist Mill has never been open this time of year before!

## Community Plan gets tuned up

A Community Plan Select Committee was created at the December 1st meeting of Keremeos Village Council.

The purpose of the Committee is to examine the existing Official Community Plan and address any changes needed to update the document.

A cross section of the community will make up the eleven person Committee.

Marnie Todd and Shannon Forner will represent young business owners with families; Dennis Bowhay and Maurice Parsons will represent another segment of the business community.

Seniors are represented by Charlie Finch with Arden Holley participating on behalf of the real estate industry.

The Keremeos Irrigation District is represented by Ian Walters and Anna Bartlett will sit on the committee for Similkameen Country.

Both the USIB and LSIB will have a seat along with a geography student from Similkameen Elementary Secondary School.

SESS students are currently using a copy of the OCP as a geography class project.

The cross section is valued as Village CAO Bob Lafleur states, "These people will

## Cawston Players celebrate the season with fun

The Cawston Players present *A Seasonal Entertainment* at the Cawston Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 20 and at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 21.

The program will feature a young people's reading from Barbara Robinson's classic *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, a performance of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and a reading from Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.

review the OCP from their perspective."

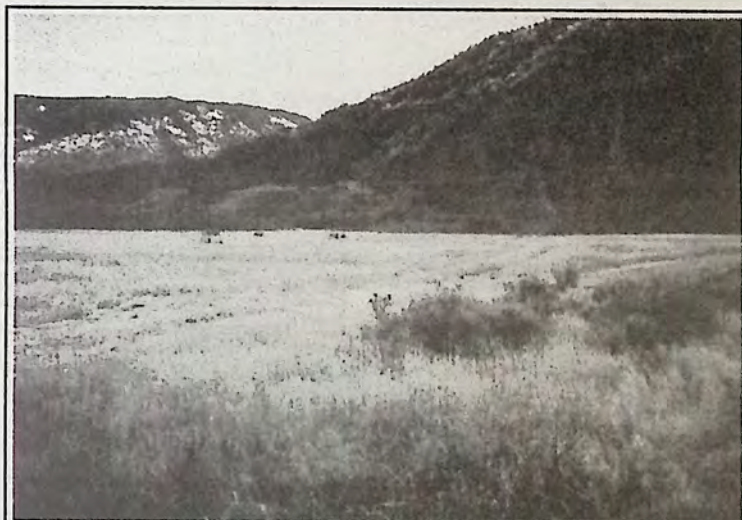
The committee met for the first time on December 8th with two or three more follow-up meetings planned.

The Land Reserve Commission will then meet

with the Committee followed by a review by the Regional District Planner.

Changes to the OCP would then go before the community in a public forum.

A new OCP would likely be adopted by April 2004.



This is the view from Highway 3 near the Keremeos RCMP Station of the property that may become an Industrial Park. The project would also include expansion of Village Boundaries and the addition of residential properties.

## Keremeos keeps growing

The growth spurt in the South Similkameen Valley continues to impact the Keremeos area.

An Industrial Park development and residential expansion may soon take place following

ongoing negotiations with a local property owner.

A 13 acre piece of land directly adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Village on Highway 3 is the subject of the development plans.

CAO Bob Lafleur says the the intent of the negotiations is to have the land removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve to bring it into the Village Boundaries.

Lafleur then says there would be the creation of, "a Clean Air Light Industrial Park with some residential zoning on the periphery."

Discussions with the Land Commission regarding the proposal will take place in January 2004.

The land could be connected to the existing Village sewer system.

Gloria Whelan is the pianist who will accompany the chorale. There will be traditional pieces including the *Huron Carol*, *Silent Night* in the original German and a special rendering of the Eartha Kitt hit, *Santa Baby*. Tickets are on sale at Cawston Community Market and Keremeos Pharmasave. There is general seating with 125 tickets per show. Buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

# Shop Local This Christmas!



Chocolates are traditionally a favourite gift at Christmas time, but many people have come to believe chocolate is not good for people. Chocolate contains some really good stuff besides taste. Donna, at Pharmasave, shows boxes of chocolates made by Ganong, Canada's oldest chocolate company.

## Chocolates for Christmas? Of course!

Do you know chocolate has important nutrition? Do you know chocolate can help you digest milk, even if you are lactose intolerant? Do you know chocolates can make you feel happier, and maybe improve your sex life?

This sounds pretty far-fetched, but it is true.

The word "chocolate" comes from the word "chocolati" in the language of the natives of Central America in Columbus' time. In their language, it meant "warm drink", a beverage they made from cocoa beans. Columbus was the first to take chocolate across the Atlantic. Nowadays, chocolate is the most popular flavour in the world.

The benefits of chocolate were known to ancient Americans. The Aztec king, Montezuma, fortified himself with chocolate before going to his harem, believing it enhanced his sexual performance. Chocolate contains valeric acid, which is a tranquilizer and relaxes people. It is associated with reducing stress

### 'Snow train' photos wanted

Do you have photos of the old "snow trains" that came to Princeton when Amber Ski Club was in its heyday? These were sleeping coaches parked on a siding in Princeton for skiers from Vancouver who came to Amber Ski Hill for competitions. The photos would be copied and returned. If you are willing to share, contact Eric Jacobson at 295-3556.

and creating pleasurable feelings, but there is no proof it enhances sexual performance.

Chocolate, especially dark chocolate, is one of the few foods containing high levels of chromium, a metal essential for controlling blood sugar. The fat in natural chocolate contains anti-oxidants that may help reduce cholesterol build-up in the arteries, and protect against cancer. Chocolate contains anti-bacterial compounds that may discourage tooth decay.

Caffeine? Yes, chocolate con-

tains caffeine. One ounce of chocolate contains one-fourteenth the amount of caffeine in a small cup of coffee.

The information above is courtesy of the Ganong chocolate makers of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, where the Ganong family has been producing chocolates for 130 years.

We think of a box of chocolates as merely candy, and probably not good for us. The best chocolate is dark, rich, not very sweet, and definitely a great gift any-time.

## Don't leave home without these

Many people travel at Christmas time, but winter driving can be hazardous and it pays to be prepared. Here is a check list. Make sure you have everything you need before you leave home!

- \* ensure windshield wipers are in good condition
- \* top up (and carry extra) anti-freeze windshield washer
- \* make sure snow and ice are removed from heater air inlet slits, and from mirrors, windows and lights.

- \* You must have an ice scraper and brush, and a good flashlight in your vehicle. In winter, always carry blankets and a candle.
- \* Your vehicle should be equipped with four snow tires.

- \* Make sure you have cat litter and salt in your vehicle to deal with being stuck on ice.
- \* Keep your gas tank topped up in very cold conditions and make sure your anti-freeze is adequate.
- \* Make sure your block heater is working properly.

\* In very cold conditions, drive more slowly, or put a protective barrier in front of your radiator to avoid freezing up.

## PSS Grade 8's invite you to see their Science Fair

The Grade 8 class at Princeton Secondary School invites everyone to attend their display of their Science Fair projects. These projects will be on display in the school from 3:00 to 3:30 in the afternoon and from 6:00 to 7:00 in the evening. Go to the multi-purpose cafeteria room to see the projects.

The Grade 8's are very excited about their projects and the information they have discovered. Take a look at what our up and coming scientists are doing.

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The annual Christmas Craft Fair at Princeton Secondary School drew a great many shoppers to see the products of local crafts people. There were so many beautiful items it was hard to choose a favourite. There was a lot of Christmas baking, and the grads made cute little "dears" for sale. There was an amazing amount of talent on display!

## Senior Citizens celebrate the season

Senior Citizens Branch 30 will hold their annual Christmas dinner on December 21 this year. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the hall prior to December 14 (for members only). The RCMP will once again

be there to help serve and Sue Coyne will be preparing the meal.

At this time, we have two members in hospital in Princeton. Ken and Nora Morgan are long time members and anyone wishing to visit them should phone the hospi-

tal first to check whether they are up to having visitors.

We have signed up several new members and they have been gung-ho about helping out with every activity. It's great to see so much enthusiasm.

In January, we hope to start an exercise program in conjunction with our 'weigh in' on Monday mornings. This will be along the same lines as the Sit and Be Fit program as it is low impact and designed for seniors.

Anyone having ideas for activities we have not thought of is welcome to call me Anita Drees at 295-6916, as we are always interested in providing more programs for our members.

The club extends best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

## Which Canadians spend big on Christmas?

According to a retail sales survey, the people of the Atlantic provinces are the most generous at Christmas time. They spend an average of \$700 per person!

Next to top for Christmas spending are the people of the prairie provinces, spending just a little less than the top-ranked provinces.

British Columbia is in the middle of the pack, with an average of slightly over \$600 per person.

Ontario is next to the bottom of the list for Christmas spending, at approximately \$500 per person, and Quebec is at the bottom of the list with a per person average of just over \$400.

## Curlers shoot turkeys on the rink

Will there be blood on the ice on December 12?

Princeton Curling Club is in full swing. In addition to the leagues that are now being played, the club is adding a new event this year. Curlers and non-curlers are invited up to the Curling Club on Friday night, December 12, from 7:00 to 10:00 for a social evening and turkey shoot.

What is a turkey shoot?

They will not shoot turkeys (unless you're really obnoxious). Instead, you pay \$5.00

and with six or eight other people, you try to draw to the button. The closest rock to the button wins a turkey (no, you do not have to shoot it!). Everyone is invited and you can bring a friend so both of you can try your luck.

Leagues will continue play after Christmas. If you are interested in playing, attend this social evening and organizers will try to find you a place to play. For more information, call Shauna Jorgenson at 295-0112.

## Christmas "au naturel"

Many people like to decorate for Christmas in a style taken from Mother Nature. The Similkameen Valley offers a great deal of natural decorative items, beginning with cones. You can find cones as tiny as those from Sitka alder and as big as those from Ponderosa pine or as long as those from balsam fir.

The greenery is a variety of greens, from the blue-green of Engleman spruce to the very green of cedar.

Grasses and other dried plants offer an opportunity for creative

talents to emerge. Tall grasses along the roadside do well in displays with bulrushes and fireweed. Coyote vine, if you can find it in good condition, is really interesting when woven amid branches.

Oregon grape and kinnickinnic are evergreens. Oregon grape looks something like holly but can bear a variety of colours in the leaves. Kinnickinnic grows along the ground and can be used almost like a vine.

For a touch of natural colour, pick a few stalks of wild roses with berries still attached.

# Shop Local This Christmas!



These students at John Allison Elementary show off two of the raffle hamper prizes to be won in their fundraiser. See story.

## School fundraiser tempts you with big baskets

Imagine winning a basket full of bath luxuries, or a basket packed with all the stuff you need for a great Italian dinner. When you conjure the images in your mind, you understand why the theme baskets raffled at John Allison Elementary School are such a great way to raise funds for the school.

Each class chose a theme and brought something for the basket. There are eight baskets, and they are huge! The baskets are full to overflowing and weigh a

ton. There is a gardener's basket, tool basket, Christmas basket, chocolate lover's basket, kitchen basket and a basket full of everything you need for a movie night at home, including the movie!

The tickets are a bargain. For a loonie, you can buy five tickets. Or, if you are really confident of your luck, for two bits you can buy a single ticket.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, December 17, at the school concert.

## Create a new decor for holidays

Did you know that 80 percent of Canadians decorate their homes according to traditions passed down from their families? According to a study done by Corby Distilleries, family tradition has the biggest influence on their holiday celebrations.

Are these people happy with the traditions? According to the same survey, 79 percent of Canadians will decorate their homes in a traditional way, but half of these said they would like to try something new.

Here are suggestions by the expert Corby contacted:

- \* with so many colours available, try luxurious colours such as pale pinks, amber and champagne gold
- \* why not try a blue and white look for a bold statement?
- \* combine deep hunter green with gold and china red
- \* for a New Age twist, remember magenta is the most "spiritual" of all of the colour spectrum and combines well with gold or silver.

## Welcome!

The Welcome Wagon stopped at four homes last month to greet newcomers to the Princeton area.

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# Travel safe this Christmas

by Jill Rhynard, Coordinator,  
Health Promotion, IH

Bon voyage ..... but are you  
adequately prepared for travel?

See if you can answer these  
questions:

1. What is the leading cause of illness for overseas travelers?
2. What infection from a mosquito causes the most serious illness?
3. What infection is high in all developing countries and can be prevented by a vaccine?

Answers:

1. Traveller's diarrhea. About 30 to 50 percent of travellers contract diarrhea from contaminated food and water.
2. Malaria! Since 1997, it has caused at least nine deaths in Canada or of Canadians overseas, as well as thousands of deaths worldwide.
3. Hepatitis A. You can get it from contaminated food and water. At least a month before you travel, contact your local public health center or private travel clinic and inquire about clinics and immunizations. You will be charged for the cost of the immunization and a consultation fee. Even though you are immunized, do not place total reliance on immunization to protect you from disease. Exercise common sense and take responsibility for your personal sanitary and health precautions.

Other things to consider before  
you leave:

- \* have your prescriptions refilled so you have enough to last the entire trip
- \* Take a second pair of contacts or glasses with you, as well as your lens prescription
- \* have additional medical insurance
- \* if you have a medical condition, wear a Medic Alert bracelet
- \* if you need syringes for a medical condition, take along an adequate supply and carry a medical certificate saying they are for medical use.

Food and water can be a concern when travelling. In most developing countries, water is often untreated or not adequately treated, and is unsafe to drink. It is very important to use safe water for drinking, brushing teeth, washing fruits and vegetables and making ice cubes. If the water is contaminated, the ice cubes will also be unsafe to use. Alcohol does not purify ice!

Safe choices include:

- \* bottled water with a tight seal
- \* tea or coffee made with boiled water
- \* canned or bottled carbonated beverages, beer and wine.

When it comes to eating, remember this slogan, "cook it, peel it, or leave it". All raw food can become contaminated, especially

in areas where sanitation and hygiene are poor. Most foods that are well cooked and served steaming hot are safe to eat. Meat, poultry and seafood should be well cooked.

Here are some other tips for a safe eating experience:

- \* wash hands with soap and water, towelettes or gels before eating
- \* fruits and vegetables which you wash with safe water and peel yourself are safe to eat

- \* avoid unpasteurized mil products
- \* avoid buffets, especially foods with mayonnaise or cream sauces
- \* avoid raw or undercooked foods
- \* avoid fresh fruits with broken skins
- \* avoid melons as they may have been injected with unsafe water to make them weigh more
- \* don't eat food from street vendors.

### Loss of a loved one

## How to cope with grief at Christmas time

For most people, Christmas is a joyful season. For those who have lost a loved one, Christmas may be unbearable, especially the first Christmas after the family member has passed away.

Everything about Christmas may hold reminders of the loved one, from decorations to the missing place at Christmas dinner. There is one less person to buy gifts for.

Those who feel grief at Christmas may feel isolated from those who are enjoying the season.

Here are some tips on coping with the loss of a loved one during the Christmas holidays:

- \* accept that you will feel grief and acknowledge your emotions
- \* plan ahead - ask yourself whether you are making holiday preparations out of habit or obligation, and could you do something differently

\* don't wait for family and friends to contact you - reach out to them

\* replace some holiday traditions with new ones that pay tribute to the deceased - light a candle, make a donation in the deceased person's name or hang a special wreath in memory

\* helping others will ease your grief - help out at a food bank, hospital or other place where you can make Christmas happier for others

\* buy a gift in the loved one's memory and donate it to a Christmas hamper campaign

\* don't force yourself to attend social functions which you may have attended with the loved one in the past

\* heal your spirit - the holidays are a spiritual time and your spiritual advisor, like a pastor or priest, can help you deal with your grief.

## Living Past 100

## Watch those diets!

The latest craze in North America is going on a diet. This is a good thing, as obesity is the number one health problem of North Americans. The fat cats of the world are trying to slim down. If you want to live past 100, you need to be a slim person.

Retailers report a run on diet foods, and this may be where some problems start. Eating "diet" foods, or calorie-reduced foods, may cost you more and may not have the results you expect. The key to a good weight reduction program is not a focus on specially prepared foods, but on reduction of body fat through sensible eating.

There are some foods guaranteed to help you gain weight. These are the calorie-rich foods such as cakes, cookies, sauces, gravies, and all kinds of sweets and fat meats.

Losing weight means consuming less of the calorie-rich foods. Instead of that fat-marbled beef steak, go for a fish steak. Instead of a snack of potato chips, go for an apple. This is the kind of change which makes sense.

Anyone wanting to lose weight must contend with a compromise between sensible eating and losing weight. No diet should eliminate the foods you need for health. The "meal in a can" diet drinks should not replace salads, vegetables, and cereals. Your digestive tract must have bulky foods in it to function properly. You can do a lot of damage through starvation tactics.

Talk to your doctor or dietician about how to lose weight sensibly. Make sure your target weight loss and the time you have allowed to reach your goal is appropriate for your bone structure and other health concerns.



# RECREATION & TV GUIDE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2003



During Saturday night's Posse game against the Spokane Braves, the Posse team donated \$100 to Earl Driver for the Christmas hamper fund. Shown above with Driver are Posse team mates Chance Lintick, Brandon Ingraham, Sandy Tyler and Nick Stermer.

## Posse ties two games on weekend

Princeton Posse fans had two home games to attend last weekend, and watched both develop in a similar style. The Posse came out a bit slow and the opposition scored on them. Then

the Posse had to come from behind and fight their way to a tie that held even after overtime play.

Friday night's game against Osoyoos Storm had the fans

almost certain the Posse would lose to the better team in their division, and resigned themselves to facing a loss. That did not happen and the fans could not have been more pleased. However, Storm scored three goals in first period.

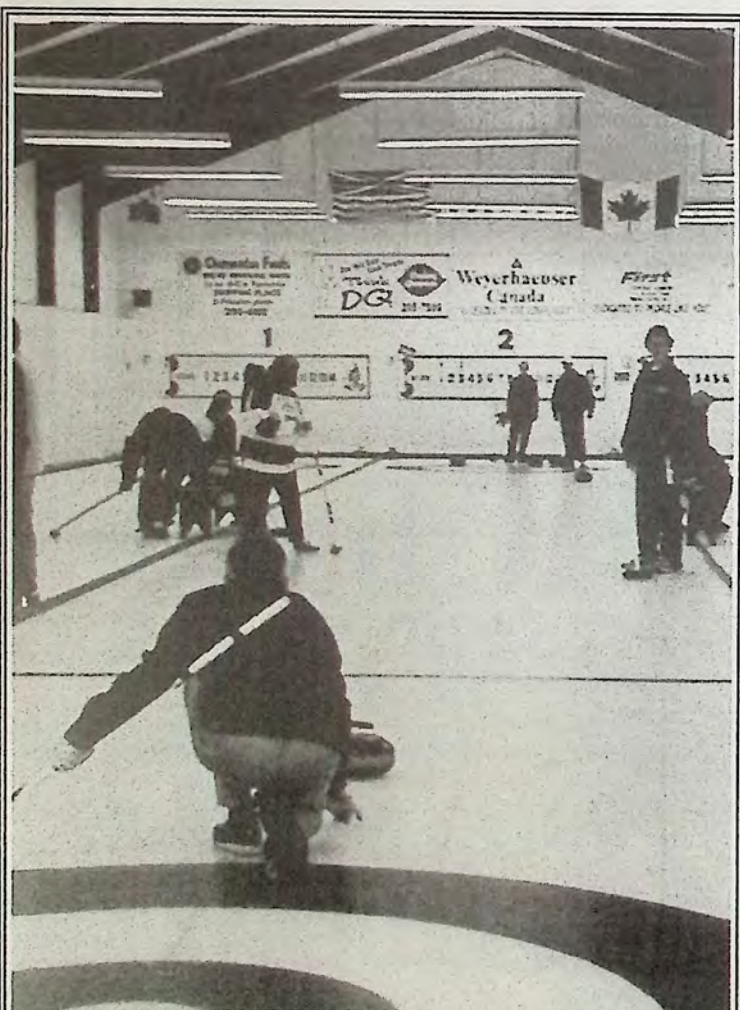
The Posse finally put a goal in Storm's net well into second period. Josh Lund made the shot, with assist going to Tony Bertuzzi (new from Revelstoke).

Third period was decisive for the Posse. After five minutes of play, Steven Brush scored, assisted by Seth Armitage, and at mid-point in third, Nick Stermer scored the tying goal. The game ended 3-3.

Friday night's game was broadcast to Alaska by the father of the new goalie, Tony Johnson.

Saturday night's game followed the pattern after Esther Donovan

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Posse doctor Doug Reid throws his rock during the Posse benefit bonspiel and potluck supper hosted by Princeton Curling Club and organized by Tip Anderson and Tom McLaren. Fifteen teams competed for the fun of it, and raised \$1,000-plus for the Posse.

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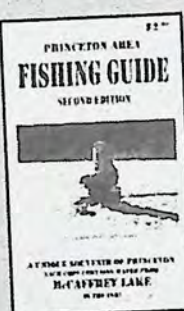


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# Posse continued .....

sang O Canada and The Star-Spangled Banner. The Posse met the Spokane Braves with a goal by Nick Stermer assisted by Tony Bertuzzi and Alex McPhee. The Braves came back to even it, then pased another into the Posse net to pull ahead. Robert Rogers evened the score, assisted by Malcolm and Einfeld, but Spokane went ahead again. First period ended 3-2 for Spokane.

In second period, Josh Lund tied the score, assisted by Sean McGeough. The pressure was on when Spokane scored a fourth goal. Nearly halfway through third period, Colin Einfeld shot the tying goal into Spokane's net, assisted by Tony Bertuzzi and Sean McGeough. The Posse held Spokane off for 17 minutes, but could not pull ahead. The game ended 4-4.



Our own George Elliott tried to put the News Leader on the scoreboard in the Subway Shoot 2 Win. It was clear he should not quit his day job as advertising manager!

## Princeton Posse

### 2003-2004 Season Schedule

- Dec 12 - 7:30 PM\* @ Columbia Valley
- Dec 13 - 7:30 PM\* @ Golden
- Dec 17 - 7:00 PM Summerland
- Dec 20 - 7:30 PM Sicamous
- Dec 21 - 2:00 PM Osoyoos
- Jan 02 - 7:30 PM @ Grand Forks
- Jan 03 - 7:30 PM @ Castlegar
- Jan 04 - 2:00 PM @ Nelson
- Jan 07 - 7:00 PM Osoyoos
- Jan 09 - 7:30 PM @ Summerland
- Jan 10 - 7:30 PM Sicamous
- Jan 16 - 8:00 PM @ Osoyoos (Oliver)
- Jan 23 - 7:30 PM @ Sicamous
- Jan 24 - 7:30 PM @ Revelstoke
- Jan 30 - 7:00 PM Castlegar
- Jan 31 - 7:30 PM @ Revelstoke
- Feb 01 - 2:00 PM Revelstoke
- Feb 06 - 7:30 PM @ Summerland
- Feb 07 - 7:30 PM Revelstoke
- Feb 08 - 2:00 PM Nelson
- Feb 13 - 8:00 PM @ Osoyoos
- Feb 14 - 7:30 PM @ Sicamous
- Feb 21 - 7:30 PM @ Summerland
- Feb 22 - 2:00 PM Sicamous

\* DENOTES MOUNTAIN TIME

## TUESDAY MOVIES

### MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps" (2000, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. Sherman Klump romances a beautiful colleague while attempting to remove the last trace of Buddy Love from his DNA. (In Stereo) [CC]

11:00 am A&E (9) ★★ "A Deadly Silence" (1989, Drama) Charles Haid. A fact-based account of a Long Island teenager who hired a schoolmate to murder her sexually abusive father. [CC]

### AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Murder at 1600" (1997, Suspense) (PA) Wesley Snipes. A homicide detective uncovers a far-reaching conspiracy as he investigates a murder at the White House. [CC]

WGN (38) ★★ "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (1968, Fantasy) Dick Van Dyke. A peculiar inventor travels to a fantasy land in a magical car that doubles as an airplane and a hydrofoil. [CC]

### EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Stealth Fighter" (1999, Action) Costas Mandylor.

Premiere. A retired pilot is pressed back into service to defeat a former colleague who has stolen an American fighter jet.

7:25 pm WTBS (3) ★ "Chill Factor" (1999, Action) (PA) Cuba Gooding Jr. Two would-be heroes must prevent a highly destructive weapon from falling into the hands of a renegade captain. [CC] (DVS)

8:00 pm CHBC (4) ★★ "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993, Fantasy) Voices of Danny Elfman. The Pumpkin King gives the yuletide season a touch of Halloween in this animated tale from the mind of Tim Burton. [CC]

9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot" (1992, Comedy) Sylvester Stallone. A visit by a detective's meddlesome mother turns into a prolonged adventure in aggravation. (In Stereo) [CC]

9:25 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Murder at 1600" (1997, Suspense) (PA) Wesley Snipes. A homicide detective uncovers a far-reaching conspiracy as he investigates a murder at the White House. [CC]

10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ "Mary Reilly" (1996, Horror) Julia Roberts. Dr. Jekyll's loyal housemaid is seduced by the dark charm of the doctor's evil alter ego. [CC]

## WEDNESDAY MOVIES

### MORNING

10:00 am CITY (29) "Undercover Christmas" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Jami Gertz. Premiere. Assigned to protect a waitress, a workaholic FBI agent brings her to his parents' home for the holidays. (In Stereo) [CC] (DVS)

11:00 am A&E (9) ★★ "Opposites Attract" (1990, Comedy) Barbara Eden. A woman's campaign for mayor of her small beachside town runs aground when she begins to fall for her opponent. [CC]

### AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WGN (38) ★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994, Comedy) Tim Allen. A divorced father unwittingly becomes the next Kriss Kringle after donning the garb of a man who fell from his roof. (In Stereo) [CC]

### EVENING

6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "3000 Miles to Graceland" (2001, Action) (PA) Kurt Russell. A gang of thieves gets all shook up after they stage a casino robbery during International

Elvis Week in Las Vegas. [CC]

8:00 pm CHBC (4) ★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. Visiting relatives and troublesome holiday preparations complicate Clark Griswold's plans for an old-fashioned Christmas. [CC]

8:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Sniper" (1993, Drama) (PA) Tom Berenger. A veteran Army assassin and his inexperienced partner set their sights on a drug lord in the jungles of Panama. [CC]

9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "The Kid Who Loved Christmas" (1990, Drama) Cicely Tyson. A widowed musician tries to convince a stubborn social worker that he can provide a stable home for his adopted son.

10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ "That Old Feeling" (1997, Comedy) Bette Midler. Confrontation unexpectedly turns into passion for a long-divorced couple thrust together at their daughter's wedding.

10:30 pm WTBS (3) ★ "Valentine" (2001, Horror) (PA) David Boreanaz. Former sixth-grade classmates meet bloody ends at the hands of a maniacal killer. [CC]

## 2003-04 Princeton Arena Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Hockey Game	9 - 11:00 AM School Rentals	9 AM - 12 PM School Rentals	9 AM - 12 PM School Rentals	9 AM - 12 PM School Rentals	9 AM - 12 PM School Rentals	Hockey Game
Hockey Game	11 AM - 12 PM Adult / Tot / Seniors	1:15 - 2:30 PM Stick & Puck	1:15 - 2:30 PM Adult / Tot / Seniors	12 - 1:15 PM Posse Practice	1:15 - 2:30 PM Stick & Puck	Hockey Game
Hockey Game	1:15 - 2:30 PM Stick & Puck	3:30 - 4:15 PM Tykes Practice	3:15 - 8:00 PM Figure Skating	1:30 - 2:30 PM Stick & Puck	3:15 - 5:15 PM Figure Skating	Hockey Game
Hockey Game	3:15 - 7:45 PM Figure Skating	4:15 - 5:00 PM Novice Practice	8:15 - 9:15 PM Midgets Practice	3:30 - 4:15 PM Tykes Practice	6:00 - 7:00 PM Ladies Hockey	Hockey Game
4:45 - 8:00 PM FREE Public Skating	8:00 - 9:00 PM Midgets Practice	5:00 - 5:50 PM Atoms Practice	9:30-10:45 PM Posse Practice	4:15 - 5:00 PM Novice Practice	7:00 - 8:15 PM Public Skating	Hockey Game
6:15 - 7:15 PM Girls Drop-In Hockey	9:15-10:45 PM Oldtimers Hockey	6:00 - 7:00 PM Pee Wee Practice		5:00 - 6:00 PM Atoms Practice	8:15 - 8:45 PM Teen Stick & Puck	5:00 - 6:30 PM Public Skating
7:30 - 9:00 PM Adult Rec Hockey		7:15 - 8:15 PM Bantams Practice		6:15 - 7:15 PM Pee Wee Practice	9:00-10:30 PM Pumpkins Hockey	Hockey Game
		8:30 - 9:45 PM Posse Practice		7:30 - 8:30 PM Bantam Practice		
		10 - 11 PM OPEN FOR RENTALS		8:45-10:15 PM Adult Rec Hockey		

## Tournament Dates:

NOTE: Public Skating Is CANCELLED or CHANGED on Tournament Weekends

December 6/7: Novice  
 December 12/13/14: Pee Wee  
 January 23/24/25: Pumpkins  
 January 10: Tykes Fun Day  
 January 16/17/18: Bantams  
 February 13/14/15: Atoms  
 February 28/29: Adult Draft  
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003

Table of TV programming for Tuesday, December 9, 2003. Columns include time slots (e.g., 6:30 AM, 7:30 AM) and station call letters (e.g., WTBS, CHBC, KNOW). Rows list programs like 'House of Secrets', 'Life Today', 'Dawson's Creek', and 'Murder, She Wrote'.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003

Table of TV programming for Wednesday, December 10, 2003. Columns include time slots (e.g., 6:30 AM, 7:30 AM) and station call letters (e.g., WTBS, CHBC, KNOW). Rows list programs like 'Kidnap-Family', 'Life Today', 'Dawson's Creek', and 'Murder, She Wrote'.

## Regular Meetings

- \* **Public Market Princeton Plaza** every Saturday to benefit New Beginnings
- \* **Otter Valley** regular meetings 3rd Wednesday of month, 7 pm, at clubhouse
- \* **Similkameen Christian Riders** meet at the A&W every Wednesday evening at 6 pm for a ride. To join, show up or call Rick at 295-3733 days or 292-8797 evenings.
- \* **Princeton Writers Group** meets every second and fourth Thursday 7pm at Br 30 Sr Citizens Hall 162 Angela Avenue
- \* **Hospital Auxiliary** meets 2nd Monday each month at 2 pm Hospital board room
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- \* **Princeton Paintball Club** meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. Contact 295-0673
- \* **Princeton Rifle and Revolver Club** meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. from October 1 to May 30 at the indoor range in the Cultural Centre. 295-6150.
- \* **Princeton Fish & Game Club** meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Weyerhaeuser training building Call Ray 295-7508.

## Community Datebook

### DECEMBER

- 9 - FSNA meeting 10 a.m Br. 40 Legion Hall reserve & pre-pay
- 10 - Christmas Songfest 7 pm Baptist Church
- 17 - Posse plays Summerland in Princeton 7:00 p.m. John Allison Elementary Christmas concert
- 20 - Posse plays Sicamous in Princeton at 7:30 p.m.
- 21 - Posse plays Osyoos Sunday in Princeton 2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Christmas party Cawston School play
- 22 - Schools Christmas break
- 25 - Christmas Day (Thursday)
- 26 - Boxing Day
- 31 - New Years Eve (Wednesday)

### JANARY

- 4 - Schools re-open
- 10 - Legion and Ladies Auxiliary installation
- 13- PXA meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 27 - Fall Fair meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 31 - Sno-X 2004 in Princeton Mammograms at PGH call 1-800-663-9203 for appointment

### FEBRUARY

- 1 - Sno-X 2004 in Princeton
  - 2 - Mammograms Princeton General Hospital
- \*\*\*\*\* If your organization has set an important date, you may have it listed here at no cost.

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## Horoscopes

December 9 to 16, 2003

- ARIES** - This week could mark a major turning point in your life. Expect unusual occurrences in regard to family, property and matters related to your own life history. Career matters run smoothly.
- TAURUS** - All matters related to investments, insurance, and resources you share with others will undergo a transition now. You will probably see this change as favourable. Younger people bring you benefits.
- GEMINI** - All spousal and partnership matters will change, probably for the better. Your best friends, and your enemies, too, will make major changes. Review all of your one-on-one relationships.
- CANCER** - You may receive surprising news this week in regard to a sibling. Be cautious where your health is concerned - you are not at your best. Do not over-indulge in sweets. Watch out for drugs, alcohol.
- LEO** - Your financial picture changes dramatically this week, and you are forced to make rapid changes. Conditions improve. Guard health closely. Eat a very healthy diet. Action occurs re investment.
- VIRGO** - A major change takes place in your family situation this week. It could be fortunate. Young people in your family will be agreeable. A partner or spouse is quite unpredictable. It's a matter of ego.
- LIBRA** - Work on your home is a priority now - cleaning, redecorating. Major changes take place regarding siblings, or your neighbourhood. You receive news from a distance. Modify plans.
- SCORPIO** - Expect financial changes this week. Do some serious forward planning to reap the most benefits. Your energy levels are still high, but will decline next week. Maintain healthy lifestyle.
- SAGITTARIUS** - This will prove to be an unusual week for you. A number of factors come together to set you on a new course. This could be beneficial. Career and money matters are favoured now.
- CAPRICORN** - You are still in a positive frame of mind, and your public image is good. Career matters are challenging - are your talents hidden? Project your image widely. Your health should be good.
- AQUARIUS** - Practical matters must be foremost in your actions. You cannot afford to be vague. Planning done now will result in changes that will be of benefit. Family may seem a burden now.
- PISCES** - This is your last high-energy week for awhile. Take matters a little easier next week. Your partner is good to you, and career changes now are of benefit. Your attention shifts to shared resources.

## THURSDAY MOVIES

### MORNING

- 10:00 am CITY 29 ★★ "That Old Feeling" (1997, Comedy) Bette Midler. Confrontation unexpectedly turns into passion for a long-divorced couple thrust together at their daughter's wedding.
- 11:00 am A&E 9 ★★ "Nitti: The Enforcer" (1988, Drama) Anthony LaPaglia. The story of mobster Frank Nitti, the man who became the king of Chicago's underworld during Al Capone's imprisonment.

### AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★ "The Negotiator" (1998, Action) (PA) Samuel L. Jackson. Two Chicago police negotiators face each other when one takes desperate action after being falsely accused of murder. (DVS) WGN 38 ★★ "The Rescuers" (1977, Adventure) Voices of Bob Newhart. Animated. Two intrepid members of the all-mouse Rescue Aid Society set out to retrieve a girl from her abductors.

### EVENING

- 6:00 pm CITY 29 "Woman Wanted" (1999, Drama) Holly Hunter. Premiere. A complex relationship forms among a widower, his adult son, and the new woman in their lives. (DVS)
- 7:00 pm A&E 9 ★★ "Young Guns" (1988, Western) Emilio Estevez. Premiere. After their mentor is murdered, six deputized regu-

lators take revenge and become the target of a massive manhunt. (DVS)

- 8:10 pm WTBS 3 ★★ "Ronin" (1998, Suspense) (PA) Robert De Niro. A hired gang of international crime specialists battles Irish terrorists and Russian mobsters to find a briefcase. (DVS)

- 9:00 pm FAM 26 ★★ "Corrina, Corrina" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Whoopi Goldberg. A vivacious black housekeeper brings happiness back into the lives of a Jewish widower and his troubled young daughter. (In Stereo) (DVS)

- 10:06 pm CITY 29 ★ "Joe's Apartment" (1996, Comedy) Jerry O'Connell. Musically gifted cockroaches band together to help the human whose flat they share win the girl of his dreams.

- 10:40 pm WTBS 3 ★★ "The Negotiator" (1998, Action) (PA) Samuel L. Jackson. Two Chicago police negotiators face each other when one takes desperate action after being falsely accused of murder. (DVS)

- 11:00 pm A&E 9 ★★ "Young Guns" (1988, Western) Emilio Estevez. After their mentor is murdered, six deputized regulators take revenge and become the target of a massive manhunt. (DVS)

- 11:55 pm CITY 29 "Woman Wanted" (1999, Drama) Holly Hunter. A complex relationship forms among a widower, his adult son, and the new woman in their lives. (DVS)

## FRIDAY MOVIES

- 10:00 am CITY 29 ★ "Joe's Apartment" (1996, Comedy) Jerry O'Connell. Musically gifted cockroaches band together to help the human whose flat they share win the girl of his dreams.
- 11:00 am A&E 9 ★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. Axel Foley returns to California when his friend is critically wounded while investigating a series of robberies. (DVS)

### AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm CITY 29 ★★ "A Very Brady Christmas" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Florence Henderson. As Christmas approaches, crises threaten to keep three generations of Bradys from spending the holidays together. WGN 38 ★★ "Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book" (1994, Adventure) Jason Scott Lee. A young man and the wild animals who raised him are endangered when modern civilization invades their jungle homeland. (In Stereo) (DVS)

### EVENING

- 6:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★ "Swordfish" (2001, Action) (PA) John Travolta. Premiere. A criminal mastermind recruits an ex-con computer hacker to pull off a multibillion dollar heist. (DVS)
- 7:30 pm FAM 26 ★ "Santa With Muscles" (1996, Comedy) Hulk Hogan. Premiere. A muscular hero sets out to straighten up his town after a knock on the head makes him believe he is Santa Claus.

- 8:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★ "Desperado" (1995, Drama) (PA) Antonio Banderas. The body count rises as a guitar-strumming gunman takes aim at a Mexican drug lord in this sequel to "El Mariachi." (DVS) CHBC 4 ★★ "Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas" (1997, Fantasy) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Animated. A pipe organ hatches an evil plan as Belle attempts to fill the Beast's gloomy castle with holiday cheer. (DVS)

- 9:08 pm FAM 26 ★★ "Crocodile Dundee" (1986, Comedy) Paul Hogan. An American reporter persuades a legendary Australian hunter to return with her to the wilds of Manhattan.

- 10:06 pm CITY 29 ★ "A Passion for Murder" (1992, Suspense) Joanna Pacula. Premiere. A woman persuades a cabbie to help her escape after her affair with a corrupt politician ends on violent terms.

- 10:30 pm KSPS 6 ★★ "Pride and Prejudice" (1940, Comedy-Drama) Greer Garson. Five husband-hunting sisters in 19th-century England bewilder both their parents and their suitors.

- 10:41 pm FAM 26 ★★ "White Wilderness" (1958, Documentary) This true-life adventure film contains scenes from Canada and Alaska and the animals living there.

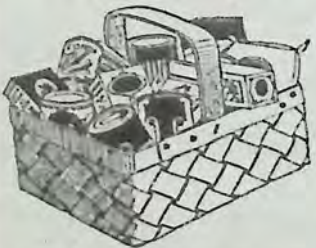
- 11:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★ "The Big Hit" (1998, Action) (PA) Mark Wahlberg. A professional hit man and his crew find themselves in hot water when they kidnap their boss's goddaughter.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2003

Table of TV schedules for Friday, December 12, 2003. Columns include channel numbers (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FOX, FAM, KTLA, CITY, WGN) and time slots (6:00 AM to 11:30 PM). Rows list program titles such as 'Movie: See Jane Run', 'Dawson's Creek', 'Dawson's Creek', 'Saved-Bell', 'Saved-Bell', 'Cosby', 'Cosby', 'Fresh Pr.', 'Fresh Pr.', 'Harvey', 'Drew', 'Home Imp.', 'Seinfeld', 'Friends', 'House Rules', 'Movie: Swordfish', 'John Travolta', 'Movie: Desperado', 'Antonio Banderas', 'House Rules', 'Movie: The Big Hit'.

# SATURDAY MOVIES

## MORNING

- 7:00 am A&E (9) "Horatio Hornblower: Loyalty" (2003, Historical Drama) Ioan Gruffudd. Pellew sends Hornblower on a mission to France, where the young commander discovers Napoleon's invasion force. (CC)
- 8:00 am WTBS (3) "When Secrets Kill" (1997, Drama) Gregory Harrison. A husband becomes a murder suspect when his adopted daughter's natural mother is killed following a visit to his home.
- 10:05 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Bodyguard" (1992, Suspense) Kevin Costner. A Secret Service agent-turned-bodyguard finds danger and romance while protecting an entertainer from a stalker. (CC)
- 11:00 am WGN (38) ★★½ "I Love You... Don't Touch Me!" (1997, Comedy) Marla Schaffel. A traffic accident puts a neurotic woman on the road to a rocky romance with a man who is more than 20-years older. (In Stereo) (CC)

## AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm FAM (26) "Once Upon a Christmas" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Kathy Ireland. Santa's daughter must infuse a spoiled

- family with holiday spirit or Christmas will be gone forever.
- 1:00 pm FOX (25) ★★½ "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (1968, Fantasy) Dick Van Dyke. A peculiar inventor travels to a fantasy land in a magical car that doubles as an airplane and a hydrofoil. CITY (29) ★★½ "A Very Brady Christmas" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Florence Henderson. As Christmas approaches, crises threaten to keep three generations of Bradys from spending the holidays together.
- 1:30 pm FAM (26) "Twice Upon a Christmas" (2001, Fantasy) Kathy Ireland. Premiere. Santa's daughter struggles with a marriage proposal while her wicked sister schemes to ruin the yuletide holiday.
- 3:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Desperado" (1995, Drama) (PA) Antonio Banderas. The body count rises as a guitar-strumming gunman takes aim at a Mexican drug lord in this sequel to "El Mariachi." (CC)
- 4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "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. (CC)

- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Swordfish" (2001, Action) (PA) John Travolta. A criminal mastermind recruits an ex-con computer hacker to pull off a multibillion dollar heist. (CC)

## EVENING

- 6:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "Prancer Returns" (2001, Fantasy) Stacy Edwards. The magical reappearance of the famous reindeer helps bring a shattered family back together. (CC)
- CITY (29) ★★½ "Empire Records" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Anthony LaPaglia. Dreams of owning a record store are dashed when the down payment is blown in Atlantic City, N.J.
- 7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis. An L.A. cop embarks on a single-handed race against time after terrorists seize control of a Washington airport. (CC)
- 8:00 pm KSPS (6) ★★½ "Sabrina" (1954, Comedy) Humphrey Bogart. The daughter of the family chauffeur is sought after by two wealthy socialite brothers. KHQ (7) ★★½ "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. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)
- YTV (18) ★★ "Look Who's Talking Now" (1993, Comedy) John Travolta. Two dogs trade insults and insights as jealousy threatens Mollie's marriage in this second sequel to the 1989 hit. (CC)
- 8:30 pm WGN (38) ★★½ "Madhouse" (1990, Comedy) John Larroquette. An upwardly mobile couple's idyllic lifestyle is derailed by an endless parade of uninvited houseguests. (In Stereo)
- 9:00 pm KXLY (10) ★½ "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1998, Comedy) Jonathan Taylor Thomas. A vintage Porsche is at stake as a Santa-suited student travels cross-country to get home for the holidays. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)
- FAM (26) "The Ultimate Christmas Present" (2000, Comedy) Hallee Hirsh. After their plan to make it snow in L.A. goes awry, two youngsters join forces with Santa Claus to set things right. (In Stereo) (CC)
- CITY (29) ★½ "Empire Records" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Anthony LaPaglia. Dreams of owning a record store are dashed when the

- down payment is blown in Atlantic City, N.J.
- 9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Soldier" (1998, Science Fiction) (PA) Kurt Russell. A soldier left for dead on a distant planet must battle more advanced beings in order to save his new home. (CC)
- 10:36 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Mad Dog and Glory" (1993, Comedy-Drama) Robert De Niro. Love enters the life of a lonely photographer when the gangster whose life he saved rewards him with a woman. (In Stereo) (CC)

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# SUNDAY MOVIES

## MORNING

- 7:30 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Heat" (1995, Drama) (PA) Al Pacino. A homicide detective and a criminal mastermind play a relentless game of cat-and-mouse across Los Angeles. (CC) (DVS)
- 9:00 am A&E (9) "Horatio Hornblower: Duty" (2003, Historical Drama) Ioan Gruffudd. Hornblower learns that the two strangers he rescued off the coast of France are related to Napoleon Bonaparte. (CC)
- 10:00 am KREM (8) "Another Woman's Husband" (2000, Drama) Lisa Rinna. The bond of friendship between two women threatens to become unraveled after one reveals an intimate detail.
- WGN (38) ★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994, Comedy) Tim Allen. A divorced father unwittingly becomes the next Kriss Kringle after donning the garb of a man who fell from his roof. (In Stereo) (CC)
- 10:30 am WTBS (3) ★½ "Soldier" (1998, Science Fiction) (PA) Kurt Russell. A soldier left for dead on a distant planet must battle more advanced beings in order to save his new home. (CC)
- 11:00 am CITY (29) ★½ "Beverly Hills Ninja" (1997, Comedy) Chris Farley. A bumbling warrior-in-training agrees to help a beautiful woman investigate her boyfriend's suspicious activities. (CC)
- AFTERNOON
- 12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "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)
- WGN (38) ★★½ "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (1968, Fantasy) Dick Van Dyke. A peculiar inventor travels to a fantasy land in a magical car that doubles as an airplane and a hydrofoil. (CC)
- 12:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Demolition Man" (1993, Adventure) (PA) Sylvester Stallone. A cryogenically frozen policeman is thawed out in the year 2032 to recapture a maniacal nemesis from the past. (CC)
- 1:00 pm KTLA (27) ★★½ "Scrooge" (1970, Musical) Albert Finney. Based on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." A miser mends his tight-fisted ways when three spirits visit on Christmas Eve.
- CITY (29) ★½ "Black Sheep" (1996, Comedy) Chris Farley. A political hopeful assigns a chaperon to watch over the bumbling brother whose antics threaten his race for governor. (CC)
- 1:30 pm 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. (CC)
- 2:00 pm VTV (22) "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" (1999, Suspense) Brent Carver. A lonely horse ride turns into a night of terror when a schoolmaster encounters the Headless Horseman.
- WGN (38) ★★½ "Amongst Friends" (1993, Drama) Steve Parlavacchio. Three teens from wealthy Long

- Island families choose to live as common street punks.
- 2:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990, Drama) (PA) Bruce Willis. An L.A. cop embarks on a single-handed race against time after terrorists seize control of a Washington airport. (CC)
- CHBC (4) "Eloise at Christmastime" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Julie Andrews. Eloise ignores a wedding planner's warnings not to interfere with the preparations for a lavish yuletide ceremony. (CC)
- 3:00 pm A&E (9) ★★½ "Columbo Goes to College" (1990, Mystery) Peter Falk. The murder of a criminology professor puts the wily detective on the trail of two charming but deadly colleagues. (CC)
- KTLA (27) ★★ "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.
- 4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "An All Dogs Christmas Carol" (1998, Adventure) Voices of Steven Weber. Animated. Divine intervention is needed when a bulldog with a bad attitude makes plans to ruin the Christmas holiday. (CC)
- VTV (22) ★★½ "Camilla" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Jessica Tandy. A former concert violinist and a struggling young musician share a memorable journey from the Deep South to Toronto.
- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Swordfish" (2001, Action) (PA) John Travolta. A criminal mastermind recruits an ex-con computer hacker to pull

off a multibillion dollar heist. (CC)

## EVENING

- 6:00 pm CITY (29) "Secret Santa" (2003, Christmas) Jennie Garth. Premiere. A cynical reporter learns the true meaning of Christmas as she seeks the identity of a mysterious philanthropist. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)
- FAM (26) ★★ "Another Stakeout" (1993, Comedy) Richard Dreyfuss. An overbearing assistant district attorney joins bickering undercover detectives to find a key witness in a mob trial.
- 10:48 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "A Star Is Born" (1976, Musical) Barbra Streisand. Feeling his own popularity slipping as his wife's career takes off, a rock star drowns his sorrows in alcohol. (In Stereo)
- 11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "L.A. Confidential" (1997, Mystery) (PA) Kevin Spacey. A young police officer witnesses Hollywood's dark side in the 1950s as he battles police corruption and crime.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2003

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2003

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MONDAY MOVIES

MORNING

10:00 am CITY 29 ★½ "Black Sheep" (1996, Comedy) Chris Farley. A political hopeful assigns a chaperon to watch over the bumbling brother whose antics threaten his race for governor. CC

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WTBS 3 ★★½ "The Net" (1995, Suspense) (PA) Sandra Bullock. A reclusive computer expert is plunged into high-tech intrigue when she comes into possession of a top-secret program. CC

years older. (In Stereo) CC

EVENING

7:10 pm WTBS 3 ★★½ "Cocktail" (1988, Drama) (PA) Tom Cruise. A cocky young man looking for quick success teams with a veteran bartender to take the Manhattan bar scene by storm. CC (DVS)

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Arrangements are in the hands of 1st Memorial Service at Castlegar.

### NAN HUTTON

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Nan was a very special person who had a zest for life that was only exceeded by her love of her family.

God Bless the Angels at Ridgewood Lodge for their Loving care (nurses, caregivers, housekeepers), Dr. Doug for keeping her in our lives for so many years. A special thank you to Emily, Kathy, and Sarah.

Private Family ceremony to be held at a later date.

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This authorization is only for the **CASCADES FOREST DISTRICT** within the Southern Interior 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, 2003**, subject to the following conditions:

- Subject to paragraph 2 below, the Christmas tree may only be cut from areas of Crown land
  - identified on the attached map, or
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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.
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  - juvenile spaced (thinned) stands.
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- A Christmas tree cut under this Free Use Permit must not be offered for sale.
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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERMITTEE  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ROD DEBOICE, DISTRICT MANAGER  
 CASCADES FOREST DISTRICT

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Notice is hereby given that Order in Council No. 0218 was approved and ordered on March 13, 2003 authorizing an amendment to Letters Patent for Similkameen Improvement District, effective from that date. The authorizing legislative provision is boundary for Similkameen Improvement District to include a parcel of land described as *District Lot 1192, Kamloops Division of Yale Land District (except Registered Plan H17840)*

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Please fill in the blanks, sign the Permit and carry it with you when cutting firewood. Cutting firewood without this permit may result in confiscation of the wood and charges under the *Forest Act*.

\_\_\_\_\_ cut this permit out \_\_\_\_\_

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- Cut and remove only dead standing or dead down trees.
- Leave stumps no higher than thirty (30) centimetres (1 foot) from the ground.
- Clear all debris from roads, roadside ditches and streams, and lop all branches from felled trees and scatter them close to the ground.
- CUTTING OF THE FOLLOWING TREES IS PROHIBITED:**
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  - Cutting snags over 49cm (16 inches) in diameter. These are to be left for wildlife and birds.
- REFRAIN** from cutting any live, green trees or removing any Forest Company's coniferous or deciduous log decks for firewood as doing so is an infraction against the "*FOREST ACT*" and subject to penalty charges; and
- Assume responsibility for any damage, injury claim, or expense that the Crown faces as a result, directly or indirectly, of the activities carried out in connection with this permit.
- No fires except those required for cooking and warming purposes will be lit between April 15th and October 15th. Operators cutting firewood during this period must have a 0.225 kg. (10 oz) pressurized fire extinguisher or 9 litres (2 gallons) of water and round-nosed shovel.
- This permit is issued and accepted on the understanding that failure to carry out any of the above conditions will subject it to cancellation by the Ministry of Forests. This permit may be suspended during periods of high and extreme fire danger.
- This Free Use Permit is limited to 30m' maximum volume and is valid for one year from date of issuance.
- The permittee will comply with the *Forest Act* and regulations and the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* and regulations.
- The permittee is exempt from marking the boundaries of the cutting area.

PERMITTEE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you  
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# POINTS OF VIEW

## OUR VIEW

### A new leader takes his place in the House

There were three frogs sitting on a log. One decided to jump off. How many frogs were left sitting on the log?

There were still three frogs on the log. Deciding is not the same as doing.

This is the week we recognize a new leader of our nation, Prime Minister Paul Martin. He has yet to be elected as Prime Minister by the public, due to Canada's style of electing leaders. To date, Martin has been successful in leading the federal Liberal Party. We have to wait to see how he will perform at leading the nation.

As we enter this new era of politics, we need to keep in mind that we live in a democracy, and if we do not like what is happening, or if we do not like this new Prime Minister, we have the option of choosing something and someone to replace what we have.

Further, we can complain all we want and it will do no good unless we complain direct to Ottawa, in writing, as well as to our Member of Parliament. Sending a letter to your Member of Parliament is postage free. All you have to do is make the effort.

In a democracy, everyone has the right to complain about the government. At the same time, everyone has the responsibility to know, to the best of their ability, just what kind of government takes the lead.

We are likely to go into a federal election soon. It is your responsibility as a citizen, to know your candidates, know what kind of government they will form based on their policies. When you decide on what you like most, then it is your responsibility to cast your ballot according to what you want to see happen in Ottawa.

Of course, you can decide to do it, then keep right on sitting on the log.

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## TIS TOONS



## YOUR VIEW

### What motorists need for holiday driving

Dear Editor;

Winter driving conditions, especially during the holiday season, require motorists to be prepared for the unexpected (something like getting married).

May we suggest every driver should carry, especially ladies (they're more conscientious?) the economy kit....

- 1) pair of pliers
- 2) bungee cord
- 3) duct tape

..... for premium kit add

- 4) two aspirins
- 5) bottle of water
- ..... for city folks (who are a breed of ghetto-blasting fantasizing speedway jockeys of their own) travelling the mountain highways, add ....
- 6) automatic 'pot' ejection system and flares
- 7) 300 ft. tow rope
- 8) genuine cow bell (for location and to startle cougars and bears which should be stressed are not oversized pussycats or teddies)
- 9) life jacket

Send Christmas cards soon!

All out of country surface mail cards should have been sent by now.

If you are late in sending, even to the United States, your cards may be late.

Better late than never!

For Canadian destinations, mail your cards no later than December 15.

Local cards should be sent by December 17.

10) granola bar

11) prayer book or prayer mat

12) a safe driving manual (excellent reading to stave off

boredom while waiting for the rescue services to arrive.

Best regards,  
Joe Schwarz

### Will Martin pass at Canada's helm?

Dear Editor;

Admiral Martin keeps talking about making changes in Canada. We can only wait to learn what his proposed changes will be for his HMCS Republic of Canada. He is busily engaged in placing his henchman in strategic positions to accomplish his goals, like getting John Manley on the global stage as Canada's Ambassador to the U.S. There is no doubt that he will be forced by the International Bankers to keep Dr. Bill Graham as Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister.

Graham is a member of the Bilderbergers, has also been a member of The Council of Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission for over 20 years. In 1995, Ralph Klein, Premier of Alberta, was invited to the secret Bilderberg meeting held at an isolated posh resort of hotels at the top of a Swiss mountain, becoming their ambassador to Canada.

In 1996, the secret meeting was held at King City north of Toronto and chaired by Conrad Black. There had been a mass mailing to news media and journalists in most countries by the Washington D.C. Spotlight as their reporter had been able to invade every

meeting since 1974. The media were barred and accused Black of holding secret meetings. Black insisted the meetings weren't secret, but very private.

In attendance was Chretien, Martin, Axworthy, Alan Rock and others from Chretien's inner circle of millionaires. Chretien has attended every secret meeting since except 2003 when Stephen Harper accepted an invitation to attend as well as the Canadian mighty Maurice Strong who, along with Gorbachev, drafted the World's Earth Charter.

Within two years of taking power as Leader of the Liberal Party, Trudeau, the new Fabian Socialist Prime Minister of this country, is quoted by an Ottawa columnist as saying, in discussing his operation of the ship of state, "One has to be in the wheelhouse to see what shifts are taking place. I know that we have spun the wheel and I know that the rudder is beginning to press against the waves and the sea, but perhaps the observer who is on the deck smoking his pipe and drinking his tea sees the horizon much in the same direction and doesn't realize it, but perhaps he will find himself disembarking at a different  
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Current Comment by Dawn Johnson

# Canadians need to be smarter!

Americans appear to have a really bad attitude about Canadians.

Canada's greatest friend has been the United States - until recent years. However, watching American television leads me to wonder where the friendship has gone.

One evening last week, I was watching CNN and saw three separate instances of anti-Canadian sentiment.

The first was in regard to the possibility President Bush would eliminate the tariff protecting the American steel industry. I did not know the President had that kind of power considering the song and dance out of the White House about how the Department of Commerce controls the tariffs. Of course, that song and dance was about softwood lumber.

Regarding steel tariffs, President Bush said the World Trade Organization said the tariff was unfair, and Bush said things about fair trade and a "level playing field" (sound familiar?).

France had threatened to stop the import of Florida oranges and Washington apples.

The man interviewed on CNN said it was crucial to the American steel industry to keep

the tariffs in place and if President Bush decided to end the tariffs, he would lose votes in steel-producing states. The commentator asked if the president did not end the tariff and France would not buy Florida oranges and Washington apples, would the president lose support from those states?

The reply indicated there were countries like Canada, France and a few others that "play games" regarding trade.

Did you get that? Canada's trade position is game-playing. All those companies and employees who lost money and jobs were just part of Canada's game playing? The American public is being told we are not serious about softwood lumber tariffs, we are just playing games!

The next comment about Canada was in regard to the need for Americans to protect their borders against illegal aliens (and possible terrorists) crossing from Canada and Mexico. At the Mexican border, they were more concerned about Mexicans working cheaper than Americans, leaving Canada as the source of terrorists.

The third message to Americans through television was in the top-ranking series CSI Miami. In this episode, a Canadian woman is murdered at a wild party thrown at the Canadian consulate, where unsavoury people attended the

party. Once again, the message is that Canadians will tolerate anybody at all on their soil (the consulate is considered Canadian soil even when located in a foreign country).

In one evening of television, three messages were sent to the American people about Canadians. The first message is that Canada plays games regarding trade. The second is that Canadians harbour terrorists. The third message is that Canadians don't care who comes on their soil.

What was not said is that Canadians are stupid. On Canadian television, I saw an item about the higher dollar being the reason Canadians in Ontario and Vancouver were rushing across the border to do their Christmas shopping.

I say Canadians are stupid because we will, as a nation and as industries, pay the Americans to allow our softwood lumber to cross the border, we suffer due to their beef embargo and the tariff on Canadian grain, yet we will still rush to do our Christmas shopping in a country where we get bad press all the time. Maybe we could learn a little from the stand France is taking.

Further, we create the ultimate stupidity - Canadians who would block our chances of selling bug-killed timber to China.

When will we smarten up?

## Martin at the helm

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at a different island than the one he thought he was sailing for." He committed absolute treason against the citizens of Canada during his 16 year reign.

With Martin at the helm, will the compliment of Canadians be doomed? In what direction will he sail his ship of state?

Sincerely,  
Kay Hardy,  
Princeton.

## Castlegar man seeks NDP vote

Alex Atamanenko of Castlegar is seeking the NDP nomination to contest the upcoming federal election in Kootenay Boundary Similkameen (or BC Southern Interior). He is a retired teacher (French and Russian languages) and an interpreter.

"I believe the NDP must provide a strong opposition in Ottawa to insure Canadians maintain the values we believe in, such as universal medicare and working through the United Nations to promote peace in the world. It is important to oppose or modify trade agreements that infringe upon our sovereignty such as Chapter 11 of NAFTA," Atamanenko said.

## Heart Food

by Dave Machin



Crossroads!

Everybody encounters them in life. As you well know, a crossroad is a place of decision that will affect the course of one's life.

How many times have you been there, facing a crossroad, not knowing the right choice to make or which path to choose? Which course should I take?

When you face such a crossroad in life you need to know that just because a certain path or course of action seems right, that is not a guarantee that it is right. Yet on the other hand, just because another path may seem unpleasant or even contrary to what you think is the best, that does not mean it is the wrong choice. None of us can afford to rely upon our own understanding (Proverbs 14:12)

Because of our own finite nature, we are limited. Even that which we actually see and which we think we know is very seldom just as we perceive it to be.

There is a major crossroad you are going to come to probably many times in your life. It is this: is there a God or is there not? Is He real or is He just a part of people's imagination? In fact, is there a heaven to gain and a heaven to shun?

Who can help me at this crossroad, for it is the biggest choice I will ever make in my entire life. Actually, the one who can and will help you with this all-important choice is your own heart.

Right now, as you read this, your heart is talking to you about this particular crossroad in your life. You must make the right choice. Your future depends upon it.

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**Rebekahs celebrate season with gifts for all**

by Dorothy Stenvold

A lovely lunch out preceded our Christmas party and regular meeting. We were so pleased that Sister Margaret was able to join us. As our Noble Grand was unable to attend the meeting, Sister Nellie was acting Noble Grand - good practice for the coming year when that will be her regular position. As she has recently had eye surgery, it was difficult for her to see but says her sight is improving. Sister Freda had the misfor-

tune to fall after her recent cataract surgery but did no real damage.

Following the meeting, we enjoyed our coffee around the table decorated with individual snowmen for each Sister. Numbers were drawn and each person in order had to tell a story

from childhood of a special Christmas. Then they could choose a gift from the pile of exchange gifts.

Earl Driver was welcomed and presented with a cheque and a large box of assorted non-perishable foods and several toys for the Crisis Assistance hampers.

**Olsen will form light-up committee for next year**

Keith Olsen, as a private individual, is going to form a committee to plan a Christmas light-up and some sort of Christmas season kick-off event. Olsen attended the Summerland light-up to see what that community does, and has gathered information about other towns' events.

Olsen told the News Leader the Saturday afternoon visit with Santa was very successful. He said the Lions Club reported giving out nearly double the amount

of popcorn and hot chocolate in the afternoon compared with what they usually served at the evening light-up events in past years.

Olsen is looking at what works and what does not. He says he needs a small committee willing to start planning and promoting the event with plenty of lead time. He is hoping downtown merchants will help coordinate the event and will cooperate with planning to make the event a success for them, too.

**Changes to auto insurance law do not change premiums**

Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act and the Insurance Act will not affect premium calculation by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), says Finance Minister Gary Collins.

The amendments were made to ensure optional auto insurance sold by ICBC and private insurers are subject to the same legal requirements.

According to Collins, both acts are being brought into line with one another to ensure neither ICBC nor private insurers have a competitive advantage when

selling optional insurance to B.C. drivers.

The amendments do not have any direct impact on insurance premiums nor any effect on the way premiums are calculated. Existing consumer and victim protection measures remain unchanged.

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Sam Costa (far right), PASS manager for Princeton Light & Power, presented prizes to Meet Your Meter winners Caine Fontaine and Makenzie Johnston on Friday evening at the Posse game. The winners received Posse caps, tee shirts, kangaroo jackets and four tickets to Posse games. In addition, they received congratulations and shook hands with Posse players.

## Motivate your child for achievement

by Nadine McEwen, Asset Development Coordinator

Ansel Adams, an American photographer, once wrote, "Education without meaning or excitement is impossible." When you leave your child alone, what does he or she do? What if you unplugged the refrigerator, the television, the telephone and the computer?

Children who choose to hang out with friends or are bored when they are alone are typically motivated from the outside in. They want someone to tell them what to do or give them ideas and are motivated by rewards and structure.

On the other hand, children motivated from the inside out choose activities based on something inside of them that gets them excited.

Schools usually work from the outside in. Teachers assign homework, tests, and papers. Success is based on a system of rewards like grades or special privileges. In this kind of setting, students aren't often encouraged to pursue their own interests, be creative or take the initiative.

Getting any child motivated to do well in school can be tricky, especially one who is more interested in other things. If you use tactics such as promising money, rewards, or praise, some young people will find the fastest, easiest route to getting by, and then go on to something else.

If you encourage your child to feel motivated from the inside, they you will launch a lifetime of learning. A child who is motivated from the inside loses track of time while learning, discovers new things about her- or himself during

the process, has fun learning, enjoys the challenge of figuring out a difficult subject or concept, is curious about subjects, chooses learning experiences when many options for activities are given, and takes delight in learning new things.

Here are three ways to help your child become motivated to do well in school:

\* relate what your child is learning to real life situations. When your child does not get along with a teacher, arrange for you, your child and the teacher to meet to discuss the situation. Help your child identify areas within curricula that are interesting instead of discarding entire subjects. Focus on those areas to make them fun.

How many times a week do we ask our child, "How was school today?" or "What did you learn today?"

Many times we hear, "It was okay" or "Nothing"

Do not be afraid to push the topic and discuss with them their answers to your questions. Change the questions to "which subjects are you excited to learn more about? which ones are not exciting? why? is it important for you to do well in school? why or why not? how can I help you enjoy school more and enjoy doing well?"

When we involve our children in discussions and problem solving they are more encouraged to do well in school. They are motivated to learn. When children are given straightforward feedback and are involved in their learning process, they are more likely to stay interested in what they are doing and how they are doing.

Young people grow up healthy

when they are motivated to do well in school.

*This information was taken from the Ideas for Parents newsletter from the Search Institute.*

## Town of Princeton

### NOTICE

#### Area "H" Residents

#### Princeton & District Landfill

2004 garbage stickers can be picked up at the Town Office ONLY between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. Town Office will be closed at 12:00 pm on December 24, 2003 thru to January 4, 2004.

ONLY garbage stickers dated "2004" will be accepted at the Landfill after December 31, 2003.

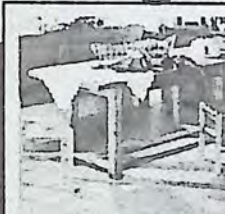
Garbage stickers are only to be used for household garbage and will not be accepted for demolition or any other landfill items.

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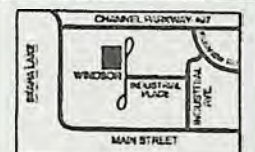
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# Amendments mean better care

Amendments to B.C.'s Medicare Protection Act will help protect patients from being billed for medically necessary physician and hospital services.

Health Services Minister Colin Hansen stated, "B.C. has an obligation under the Canada Health Act to ensure patients get the medically required care they need

without any unnecessary cost to themselves. We want to clarify the rules around medically necessary services to prevent any inadvertent billing errors that might cause financial hardship for patients."

The changes will provide greater clarity to patients, physicians and private clinic operators and ensure British Columbians have access to publicly funded health care by:

- \* clarifying when it is inappropriate for physicians or clinics to charge patients for medical and surgical services
- \* prohibiting patient charges for medically necessary diagnostic care
- \* confirming the MSC authority to audit the billing practices of all diagnostic facilities and private clinics in response to complaints
- \* specifying penalties for individuals or corporations who violate the legislation and authorizing the MSC to recover unlawful charges.

To ensure consistency with the Canada Health Act, the amendments will also prohibit user fees or extra billing of a patient's friend or relative on their behalf for medically necessary medical and hospital care.

## O'Rourke heads Huckleberry

Jim O'Rourke is President and Director of a restructured Huckleberry Mine operation. Huckleberry, owned 50 percent by Imperial Metals, is no longer included in profit-loss statements for Imperial except in reference to Imperial's equity. As a result, all of Huckleberry Mines assets and liabilities will be deconsolidated from Imperial's balance sheet, which eliminates approximately \$68 million in

Huckleberry debt and reverses Imperial's negative working capital.

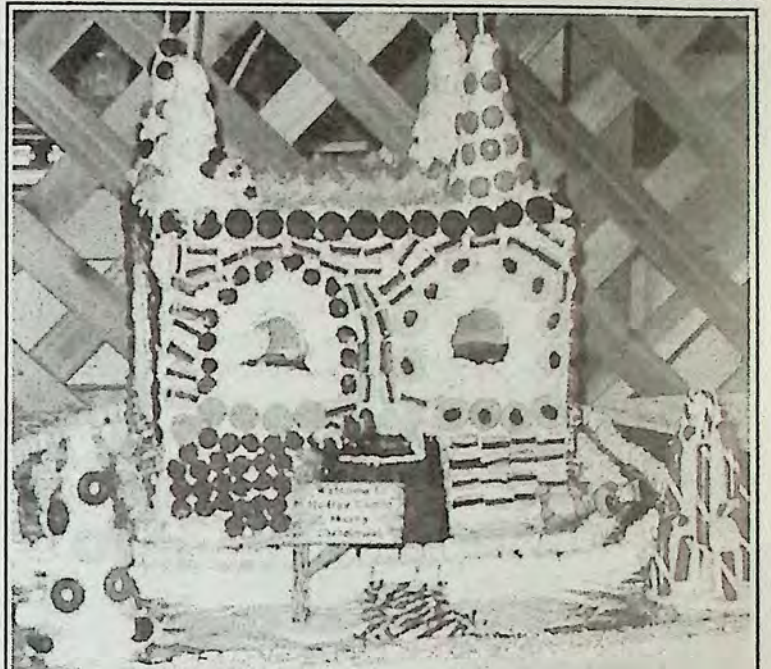
The management restructuring at Huckleberry will give Imperial more time to focus on its 100 percent owned Mount Polley property. During the past few months, Imperial has announced two discoveries of high grade copper-gold mineralization at Mount Polley. Both discoveries are expanding with drilling under-



Keri Petschl, a Grade 12 student at Princeton Secondary, had her own Bear's Beads booth at the school's craft fair. Keri has her own small business making bead jewelry and a lot of pieces were marked 'sold'.



It was a great week for Princeton Crisis Assistance Christmas Hamper Fund. Above, Earl Driver, left, accepts a \$500 cheque from the Legion, presented by John Haayer.



Hedley Museum hosted a Victorian tea with members in costume on Saturday afternoon. The museum boasts Hedley Castle, a gingerbread house, and St. Ann's, also in gingerbread. Some lucky youngster will win the castle in a colouring draw.

**Princeton Area  
Business Enhancement Association  
ANNUAL  
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