

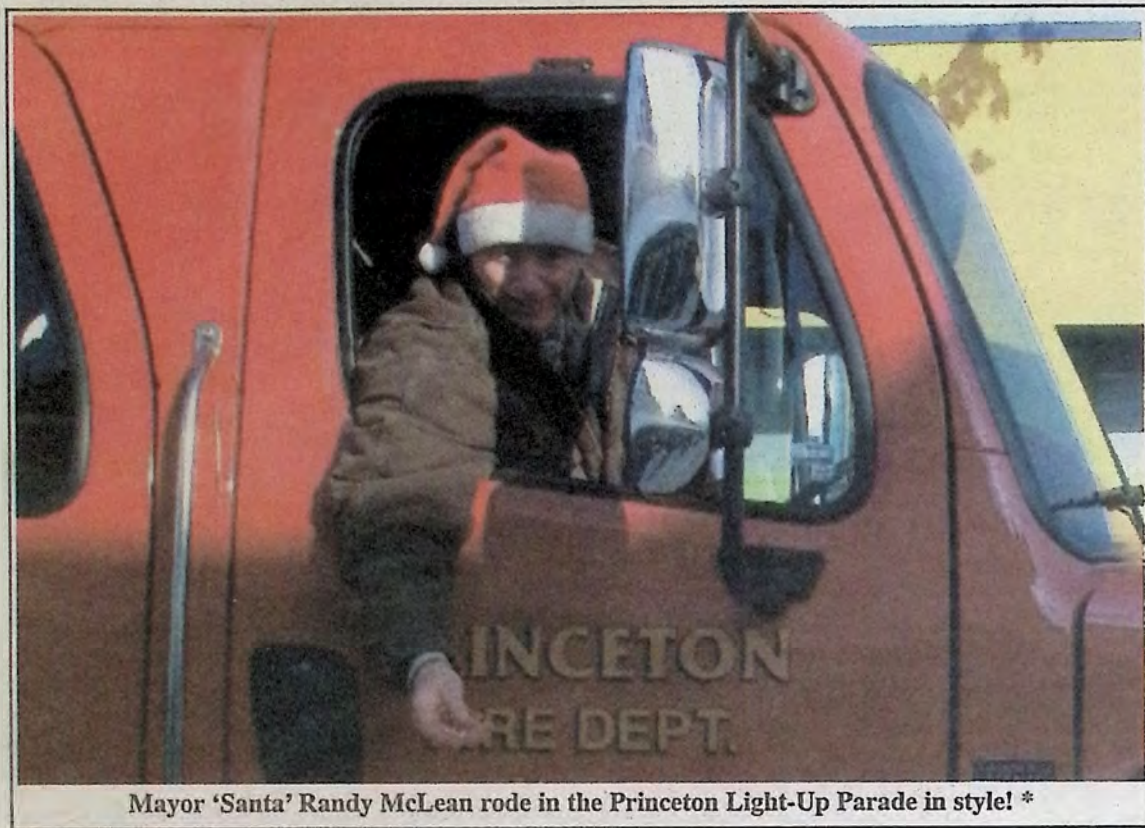
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Town gears up for business



Mayor 'Santa' Randy McLean rode in the Princeton Light-Up Parade in style! *

Targets include airport and industrial park

Building on the success throughout 2006, Princeton Council has taken a number of steps toward attracting new business investment at the Princeton Industrial Park.

In October 2006, Council received an Industrial Park Feasibility Study Update from Associated Engineering. The report outlines a six-stage development plan that would create up to 54 serviced lots on 46 hectares.

Plans for commercial development of the airport also continue following the recent formation of the Princeton and District Airport Select Committee, the recently completed Airport Feasibility Study and an application for funding for airport improvements. According to Mayor Randy McLean, development of the

Industrial Park and airport go hand in hand.

Both require additional water services and each makes the other a more attractive place for business investment.

Town Council has moved quickly on the Industrial Park project. They recognize the need to expand business investment and jobs. They also believe Princeton has potential to attract new business investment from the Fraser Valley and elsewhere in British Columbia.

When asked about the responsibility of international investment, Mayor McLean said he would not rule it out, but first the Town will identify what opportunities it offers to businesses seeking to expand or relocate.

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MP Atamanenko opposes coal plant

Alex Atamanenko, M.P. - (BC Southern Interior) - comes out hard against the proposed coal-fired power plant near Princeton.

"This plant should not be built for a number of reasons," stated the NDP MP.

"First of all, the fluidized combustion technology proposed is not the cleanest technology available. The standards approved by the B.C. Government would allow 70 times more nitrogen oxide, 260 times more sulphur dioxide and 7 times more particle matter than the proposed Sumas II which the current B.C. Environment Minister fought hard against."

According to Atamanenko, "this coal-fired plant would never be considered for the heavily populated lower mainland area so why is it acceptable in Princeton? At a time when the world is becoming more concerned with climate change and the effect that green house gasses are playing this is not the time to permit more CO2 emissions. We should be doing all in our power to reduce green house gasses and explore alternative sources of energy such as wind and solar power. Ontario is planning to phase out coal burning by 2009 because of proven hazardous effects while B.C. is introducing this technology. This does not make any sense," said the B.C. Member of Parliament.

"The second and perhaps most important reason for stopping this

project is the deep concern among those who live in this area. Letters are being written by individuals, a busload of people went to Chilliwack to Minister Penner's office, the Mayors of Princeton and Keremeos have come out strongly against this project and the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS) has concerns about air quality resulting from coal-fire. Grass roots organizations such as the Friends of the Similkameen and Save Okanagan Similkameen (SOS) and have drawn large numbers to their meetings. MLA, Harry Lali is opposed to the project as are the B.C.

Town Square Project looks good

The latest concept for a town square project was presented to Town Council and a select committee on Tuesday, December 12. The majority of the people in attendance liked the concept.

Legion President Bud Sadegur commended Urban Systems representatives for the work they had done in creating a design that preserves the importance of the cenotaph monument as well as adding attractiveness to the area.

The concept takes out the notorious "slingshot" at the north end of Vermilion Avenue, but preserves commercial parking across the street from the cenotaph. Vermilion Avenue is one way traffic on each side of the cenotaph, allowing more

Teachers Federation, the B.C. Federation of Labour and nine environmental groups such as the Pembina Institute," Atamanenko states.

"The third reason to prevent this project from proceeding that is often not discussed is the economy. The Similkameen Valley is now marketed as a pristine area, the organic capital of Canada. For those farmers trying to brand their products, mercury pollution is an obvious concern. If the public perceives this area as being polluted by the coal-fired plant this could have a devastating effect on the sustainability of our rural communities. It

could be difficult to attract new residents, and worse than that, people currently living in the Similkameen Valley might think of selling and moving away. This is already starting to happen. The potential effect on property values could well be disastrous."

Atamanenko adds, "We must look to the future. In five to ten years it will be unacceptable to use coal production for energy and therefore it will be uneconomical. The idea of a coal-fired plant for our area is extremely short-sighted. I call upon our provincial government to listen to the people, to understand their concerns and work with them to ensure that the Similkameen Valley retains its pristine nature for generations to come. To that end, I have written a letter to Premier Campbell asking him to stop this project,"

parking on Veteran's Avenue. Planning took into consideration where traffic would go when an event required closure of the Bridge Street end of Vermilion Avenue.

Not everyone liked the concept. A notable exception was John Sandness, who wants local taxpayers to buy the former Princeton Hotel site and turn it into a town square. This was not an option. Where to from here?

Although the majority attending the meeting like the concept, there are a few steps to go through before we see a new cenotaph area in the center of town.

First, Council must formally agree to accept the concept and give authorization to proceed. The second step is to find financing for the project. There are grants available to Council, and funding from the gas tax rebate. Other grants may be available.

When financing is in place, a detailed design must be approved before construction can begin.

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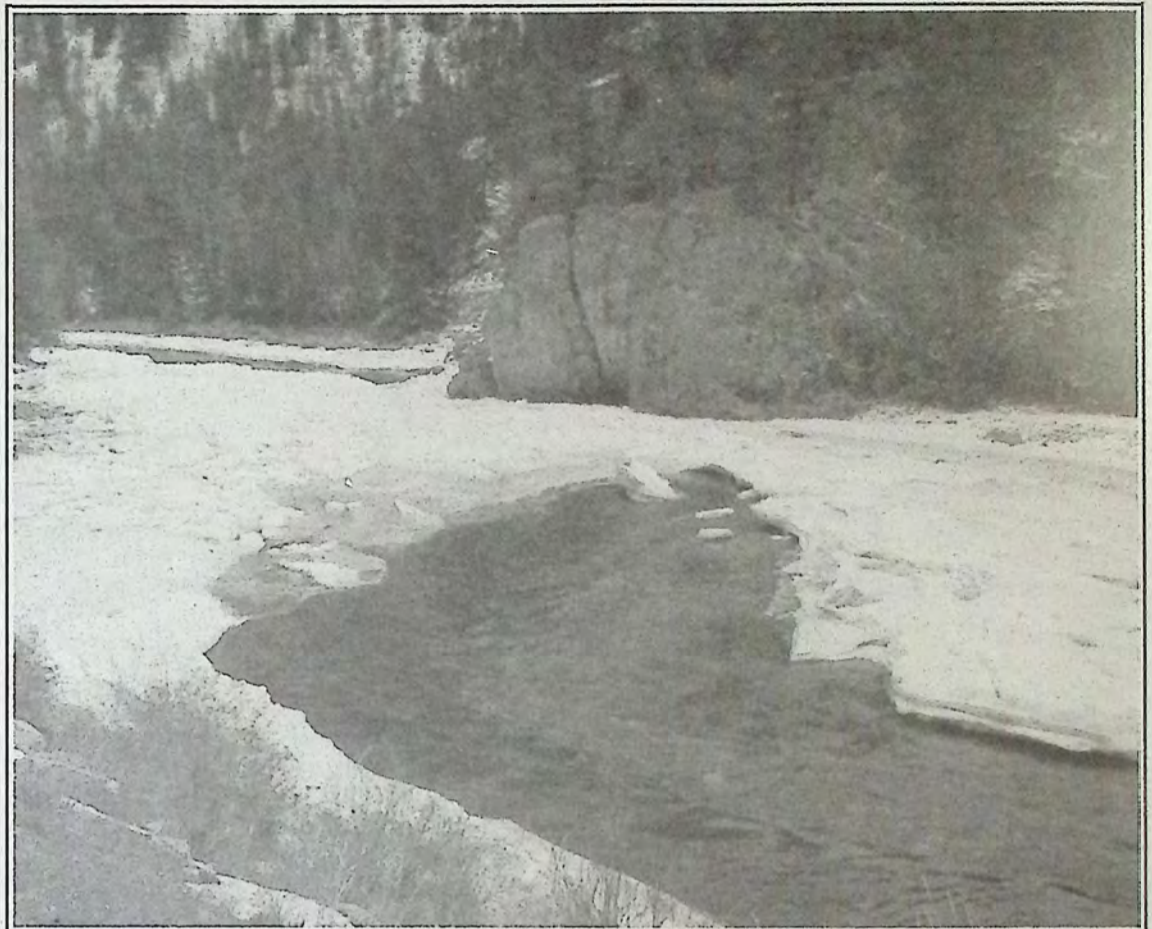




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SAT FEB 03 - GRAND FORKS
SUN FEB 04 - @ Summerland
WED FEB 07 - KAMLOOPS
FRI FEB 09 - @ Sicamous
SAT FEB 10 - REVELSTOKE
TUE FEB 13 - @ Summerland
FRI FEB 16 - @ Revelstoke
SAT FEB 17 - GOLDEN

Seniors Branch 30 Report

On December 10th 114 attended and enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas Dinner prepared by Shirley Hill and her able helpers. Four RCMP members served beverages and desserts and generally catered to the crowd. 48 prized baskets of goodies were won by picking a playing card, if their card matched a basket it was theirs for the taking.

Proceeds are to be used to help fund the Provincial Seniors Convention to be held in Princeton next April.

Before the meal Eric Jacobson played accordion music and later the Movers and Shakers, celebrating their 15th year of existence, sang many carols.

Dorothy Monkman recited a humorous poem which was well received. Later, Santa showed up and for \$1.00 many went to have their photo taken with the jolly, flamboyant fellow. Proceeds were donated to the Crisis Centre.

Raffle tickets were drawn by S/Sgt. Kurt Lozinski. The twin quilt was won by Grace Kukler, 2nd prize the crocheted Afghan was Tracey Obey, and the third prize pillow went to Lina Froese.

Please note that Branch 30 will be closed for the three days of December 24th, 25th and 26th as well as December 31st and January 1st. Between December 18th and January 7th (other than closing days listed) the hall will be open from 9:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon, but no lunches will be available.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Branch 30.
- submitted by Monty Raine

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 "Attracting new business investment has to be planned, so we don't waste time and money. Every community is competing for new business investment. We will offer advantages to some types of businesses, but not all."
 Town Council recently supported

an application by the Similkameen Valley Planning Society for funding to complete an economic development plan. Should the funding application be successful, Economic Development Officer Michael McLaughlin would work with the Town on a business retention and recruitment strategy.

McLaughlin commented that the strategy would include consultation with the business community. "For success, the business community has to actively support business recruitment. Potential investors want to meet local business owners. There is nothing like an upbeat business community to seal the deal."

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Season's Greeting from the crew at WorkZone Keremeos. From left, Maria, Ken and Lisa, will close their employment services office Christmas Day and Boxing Day. *

Tips on recycling Christmas lights

With the arrival of December, the holiday season is in full swing. Many people are replacing their old strings of Christmas lights and decorating their homes with new energy-efficient lights. The Waste Reduction Department of the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen is announcing a new program at area landfills to recycle old Christmas light strings.

"If you are replacing your old strings of Christmas light with the new energy efficient L.E.D. ones, please don't put them in the garbage or in the blue bag," pleads Beth Cavers, Solid Waste Management Coordinator at the RDOS.

"If the bulbs are removed, and discarded the Christmas light

strings will be accepted for recycling at RDOS-administered landfills."

Cavers adds that because the strings contain recyclable metal wire, light strings dropped off at landfills will be picked up by the Regional District's metal recycler, Richmond Steel, and transported along with the other recyclable metal items to their plant in the Lower Mainland. The components will be separated, baled and shipped to steel mills for recycling.

Simply remove the glass or plastic bulbs and drop the strings off at the following RDOS Recycling & Disposal Facility free-of-charge:

- Campbell Mountain Sanitary Landfill, Reservoir Road,

- Penticton, (Monday to Saturday 8:30 AM to 4:45 PM).
- Okanagan Falls Demolition, Landclearing and Construction Landfill, Allendale Lake Road, (Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM).
- Oliver Sanitary Landfill, Sibco-Landfill Road, (Monday to Friday 12:00 PM to 3:45 PM; Saturdays 9:00 AM to 3:45 PM).
- Keremeos Waste Transfer Facility, El Rancho Road, (Sundays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM).

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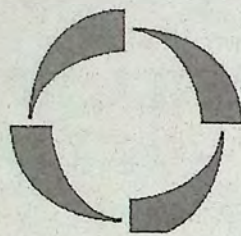


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Being active can save you from slips, trips, and broken hips!

One minute you're on your feet, the next minute, you're on your back. It takes only seconds for a fall to happen, but the results can last a lifetime. For many the consequences can be severe, but for some, especially seniors, the consequences can be life threatening. With slippery winter weather, being active and reducing trip hazards can help keep you on your feet and save you from slips, trips, and broken hips.

"Regular exercise such as walking or even taking the stairs can greatly increase your ability to withstand a fall or slip on uneven surfaces," said Gordon Hogg, Minister of State for ActNow BC.

"Through ActNow BC we are encouraging British Columbians to get regular exercise, eat healthy foods, and eliminate tobacco use. The results will lead to a lifelong goal of healthier living for all British Columbians."

Aside from the intense pain and suffering from broken hips, sprains, or strains, the average annual hospital cost in Interior Health, due to serious injuries to seniors, is over \$23 million. But there is a good side to this story. The rate of falls among seniors in Interior Health is on the decrease.

"Over the past 5 years we have seen a downward trend in serious injuries to seniors due to falls," states Dr. Rob Parker, Acting Senior Medical Health Officer for Interior Health.

"This is great news, especially when you consider the number of seniors is increasing throughout our region. While there are numerous factors that can cause falls, we

believe that seniors and others are doing more to stay active and to reduce hazards in their home and community."

Mike Vanderbeck, who happens to be the Seniors Falls Prevention Manager for Interior Health, recommends, "Being active is key to improving balance and flexibility, and for a quicker reaction to unexpected trips."

Removing hazards that you can trip over is also important both at home and in the community.

"As an example, we are working with local governments to help reduce hazards within the community such as broken sidewalks or curbs, as well as hosting workshops for local seniors groups," adds Vanderbeck.

Interior Health offers these simple tips to help seniors stay on their feet and reduce the risk of falling at home and when out and about:

Stay safe with lifestyle choices

- Being active improves your strength, balance, and flexibility, and is the most effective falls prevention measure of all. Take a walk or try a class such as Tai Chi.

- Talk to your doctor about any medications that make you feel dizzy or off balance. Get your hearing and eyesight checked as well.

- Regular healthy meals help keep you from feeling weak and dizzy, and give you the energy to stay active.

- Be sure to wear the right footwear for the season.

- Ask your dietitian, doctor, or pharmacist about vitamin supplements. Both Vitamin D and calcium supplements have shown to be effective in maintaining healthy bones and

balance.

Stay safe at home

- Remove throw rugs or scatter mats, especially from high-traffic areas or at the top of stairs.

- Keep your floors wax-free and put non-skid backing on any rugs you keep.

- Keep high-traffic areas clear of telephone and electrical cords, parcels, shoes, and other obstacles.

- Keep your home well lit, particularly stairways, porches, balconies, hallways, and bedrooms. Have light switches at the top and bottom of stairs and nightlights in halls and bathrooms.

- Watch for pets under your feet and consider putting a bell on their collar.

- Have solid hand rails and grab bars where you need them - on stairs and in the bathroom.

- Place frequently used items in easy-to-reach locations. Be sure to use a sturdy step stool with a hand rail for reaching high places or get help.

Stay safe in your community

- Be neighbourly and help each other out with risky tasks such as hanging Christmas lights or cleaning out the eaves troughs.

- Organize a walking club or work with others to start some fun and affordable physical activities for seniors in the community.

- Invite an Interior Health representative to hold a falls prevention workshop in your community.

- Report trip hazards to your local government and talk to them about ways trip hazards can be improved.

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Avoid a Christmas cold

There are new breakthroughs in medical research all the time. Here's a bit of information to help you avoid catching a cold for Christmas.

Researchers found there is only one condition that leads to a cold. The more stressed and chaotic your life becomes, the more likely you are to catch a cold.

A lot of people experience stress around Christmas time. Women worry more about making Christmas a happy time, and men worry more about the cost of the gift-giving, but regardless of what the worry is, worry causes stress.

The stress you experience can come from many sources, but one of the big sources is living in chaotic conditions.

Put your house and your life in order. Take care of essentials first. Christmas will come and go, but you will still have to shop for groceries and pay the rent or mortgage.

Plan ahead for what you want to do, and then do it efficiently and effectively. Stay focused.

You can have fun, of course, but follow your plan of action in order to prevent chaos.

During the rest of the year, avoid catching cold by keeping your life running smoothly. If you have children, stick to a routine with them so they can keep themselves organized and you can prevent chaos. Keep your house in order, and don't let things pile up until they become overwhelming.

Emotional situations that cause upsets and chaos may be part of your life. Ask yourself whether you need to put up with it for much longer.

If the situation is temporary, you could take Vitamin C and ward off a cold. However, if the situation looks like it will last a long time, you really need to re-examine your life and look at changes for better health.

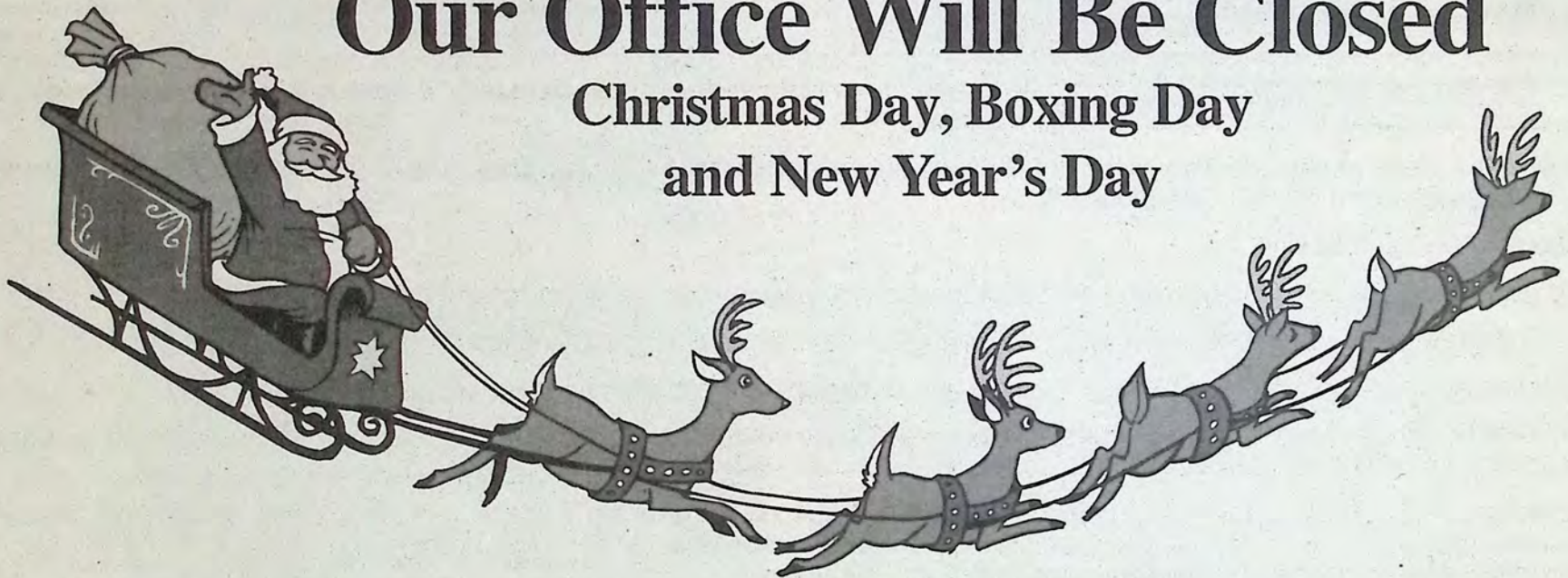


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"it has been said that a lie is halfway around the world before the truth has it's boots on"

As a result, Save Our Similkameen (S.O.S.) has rolled up it's sleeves and put it's boots on. So let's talk about the truth! This is to be the first of a series of articles with easily verifiable facts. This week we address **the proposed TECHNOLOGY.**

1) Compliance has said on numerous public occasions that this plant is of the latest technology.

TRUTH: It is not. It is recognized by the coal industry worldwide that the latest technology is Integrated Combined Cycle Gasification "ICCG."

EXAMPLE: Doug Topping, CEO of EPCOR said of the Genesee 3 power plant, "If the company were starting a new coal plant today it would use Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle technologies, or coal gasification." "This is where you can expect the industry to be going forward and we expect to be there." (EPCOR is the owner of the Genesee plant much touted by Compliance and the plant visited by certain Princeton Councillors).

2) Compliance has said that Gasification is experimental, and not yet feasible.

TRUTH: Gasification is already in use in a number of plants around the world with many more proposed involving major companies, Shell, BP, GE and many, many more.

EXAMPLE: From Discovery Magazine December 2006 - The Polk Power Plant: "**Every hour it converts 100-tons of the dirtiest fuel on the planet - coal - into 250-million watts of power.**" The gasification plant has been running continuously since 1996. "**Built to demonstrate the feasibility of a new way to wring power from coal without belching assorted toxins into the air,**" "**It makes the lowest-cost electricity on TECO's (Tampa Electric Company) grid.**"

3) Compliance, it appears, has taken an unfair advantage of a group of town councillors without the knowledge or technological background to understand what they were shown and what they were being told.

The councillors returned from a day trip to four Alberta coal-fired plants with glowing reports of birds, clean water and happy folk. Of the four, the cleanest was EPCOR's Genesee 3 plant. On her return, one councillor reported publicly that a plant she visited was 99% pure and had no emissions.

TRUTH: Environment Canada reports **annual** emissions from the Genesee plant are as follows:

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- 1) The Genesee plant is 8 times larger than the proposed Compliance plant and has resulting larger emissions.
- 2) The Genesee plant has the best of the old technology and will be superior to Compliance.
- 3) Genesee sits on the prairie and unlike Princeton, it's emissions are not trapped in an enclosed valley.
- 4) It is true that Compliance did not claim that Genesee had no emissions or was 99% pure. Neither did they correct that statement from the misinformed councillor.
- 5) Compliance is in this for the money. Coal-fired generation is cheap and dirty. There have been many statements made by Compliance and much more information that should have been made public. We look forward in the weeks to come in exploring coal-fired power and the Compliance Energy relationship to Princeton.

If in checking the Environment Canada figures or other data you find any error please advise us and we will make corrections publicly.

While Compliance has suggested that their critics are dishonest, perhaps in the spirit of the season we should express our opinion of them somewhat more tactfully. We might say, in fact, that **Compliance has such respect for the truth they have refrained from using it.**

Have a wonderful holiday and please come in and see us at our new store front - opening early in the New Year.

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my turn

Thank you so very much!

As this is our last paper for 2006, we want to step away from our usual editorial stance and take an opportunity to say a few things to you - our readers.

First off, we want to thank you for your continued support. We see it in it's many forms from those of you who purchase our product all the way to those who help out by sending us stories, photos, faxes and phone calls offering tips or telling us about your event or something you think we should put in our paper.

Being the only locally owned and operated weekly newspaper in the area is a unique situation. We don't have regional managers or out-of-town owners telling us what should or shouldn't be published.

We get to decide right here, in our office located in downtown Princeton. It also makes us try a little harder to let you - our readers - tell your stories through the pages of our paper.

With a very small staff (two full time, one part time, one casual) we can't get to everything, but we try and we thank those contributors who understand this and help us by sending along their articles and photos.

One other thing about being such a small operation without corporate connections is that we can make some decisions other newspapers can't.

One of our favourite decisions is to not publish a paper during Christmas week. It's a 'tradition' that started when this newspaper first went into business and continues to this day.

It's a week - the only week of the year - that we all get to rest. Since it occurs at Christmastime it allows us to spend that break with family.

Our next issue, which will be out on January 2nd, 2007, will mark the start of our tenth year. We expect it to be an exciting year and encourage you - our readers - to keep telling us your stories, sending us your photos and just keeping in touch with us because without your continued support we are nothing.

On behalf of all of us at the Similkameen News Leader and our head office in downtown Princeton, we wish all of you the very best of the season filled with joy and laughter and good times spent with friends and family.

And thank you so very much for allowing us to be part of your weekly routine in Princeton, Coalmont, Tulameen, Osprey Lake, Hedley, Keremeos, Cawston, Olalla and all places in between.

To our subscribers outside the Similkameen Valley, thank you for your continued support.

And a huge thank you to the news stand locations in Princeton, Hedley, Keremeos and Olalla who allow us to sell our paper in their business. They are also a very important part of our operation and we appreciate their continued support.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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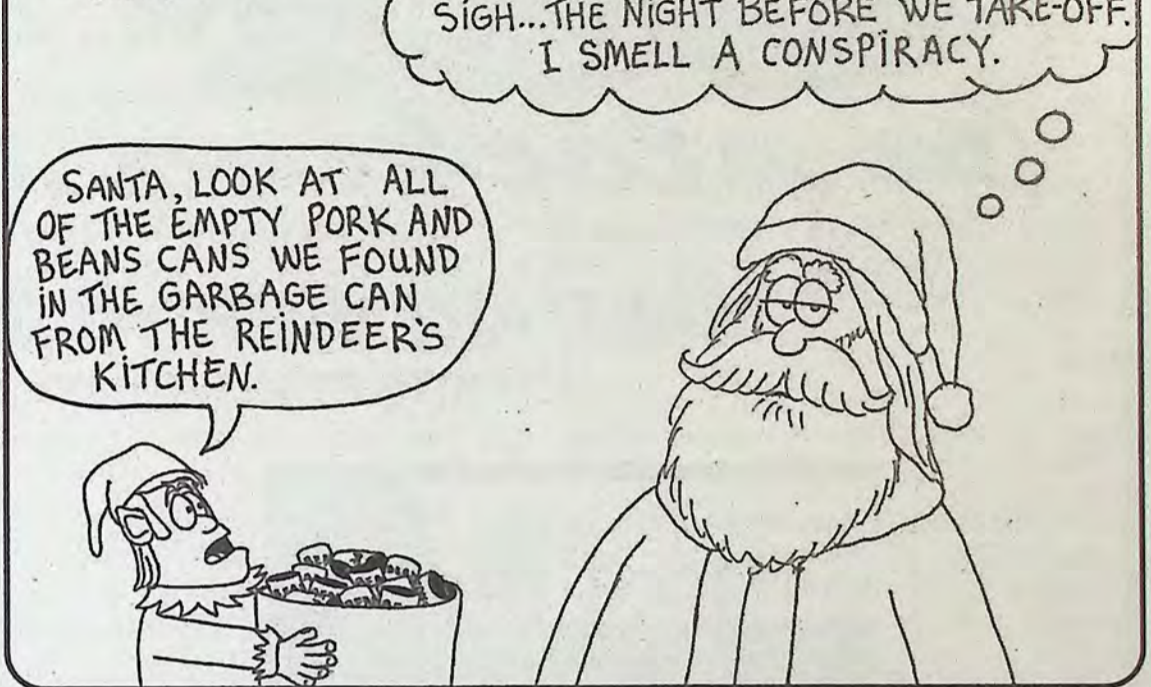
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TIS TOONS



your turn

Here's a change of pace

To The Editor,

Do you enjoy your work?

I have had the happy privilege in the last few months to be neighbour to a construction project.

As I am out and about with the horses and dogs, I have had many chances to observe this local crew in action.

Hard working and much quieter during the foundation stage, they became livelier as the building went up. I noticed their laughter, happy positive energy, and camaraderie.

There seemed to be no disparaging words.

From the daily fast arrival of Gee with his tunes blasting, to the Cowboys' name being bantered about in jovial fashion, I couldn't help but appreciate that these guys enjoy their work!

The best part was when they finished the roof (between snowstorms) because we then got to lis-

ten to their yells from the rooftop and their singing!

And yes, these guys have great voices!

Thank you to Mike and his crew for keeping us so entertained and

Letter To The Editor

Barb says 'thank you!'

To The Editor,

RE: Princeton Light-Up

What a success!

One of the most popular questions in our store this week has been: "Why such a huge basket to one winner?"

Congratulations, Anne.

The answer is simple: In early planning stages we were sure we could come up with a basket valued between \$400.00 and \$600.00. We felt a prize of this size would bring people out.

We had no idea we would have such wonderful town-wide support.

giving us the inspiring message that some people have fun at their work and make their work fun!

We'll miss you when the house is finished.

- Darrell Brewer, Princeton

It just kept growing and growing right up until the last day.

Talk about Christmas Spirit!

One of my favourite parts of Friday night (December 1st) was having the Princeton Band pop in and give us a bit of live entertainment.

Every evening I take a drive and I am thrilled to see new Christmas lights going up.

Our town is getting prettier by the day.

Thank you one and all for bringing a good old-fashioned Christmas to Princeton!

- Barb Trainer, Rainbows End

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas!



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Current Comment:

I remember Christmas in Princeton



Dawn Johnson
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When I was a little kid living in Princeton, Christmas was a time of great expectations and one of the few times when the effects of war seemed to disappear into the background. Of course, we did not have light-up. In fact, we had blackout, due to the war. This did not mean we had no fun.

Church, and the annual Christmas pageant, were big events in my life. The school Christmas play was another big event. All kinds of preparations had to be made for these events, and all kinds of rehearsals took place for a month before the event. It was exciting. Each classroom had a Christmas tree, decorated with chains of paper circles glued together with white library paste (which we were forbidden to eat!) and little stars and bells made of cardboard covered with gold and silver foil from cigarette wrappers or Lipton's soup packages. We used a lot of cotton wool, too, and red string. The school Christmas party called for a gift exchange, maximum value 50 cents.

We picked names from a hat, and girls hated getting a boy's name, and vice versa. We lived through it, but the eats were good. Mothers baked goodies to send with the kids so we had sandwiches, cookies and cocoa.

My mother's kitchen became an exciting place to spend time. My mother made Christmas cakes and puddings and cookies and fudge. My stomach remembers it well, but I could not eat those things today (high cholesterol).

My memories of Christmas are always combined with the need to keep warm. Princeton was really cold in those days. We always had plenty of snow for Christmas, and as a result, most of us received new mittens, socks, boots and other snow gear as Christmas gifts. Skis, sleds and skates were popular as Christmas gifts, too. I remember my first pair of skis. I think I was four years old. I couldn't wait to get out and try them out. Fortunately, there were older kids who could teach me how to do it. Some of them were contenders, years later, for the Olympic ski team. We had great

skiers in Princeton in those days.

I remember skating on Tulameen River. It would be frozen across by the time Christmas came. As the ice sank, water would flow over it and freeze a new layer of the finest ice you could ever wish for. We used to take a shortcut across the river in winter, walking across the ice and carefully avoiding the open water which occurred in places. These bits of open water always made hockey more challenging. You had to build your arena with consideration of where the puck might fly.

Many of Princeton's older residents will remember the bobsleds rocketing down the hill going toward Coalmont. This was a highly dangerous activity because cars might come along. There was always a lookout. In those days, cars were few and far between heading for Coalmont. There was no concern about big trucks, as anything worth shipping went by rail. Many Coalmont and Tulameen residents did not brave the road in winter and took the

train instead.

Christmas shopping was definitely a hometown thing. You couldn't shop out of town unless you took a train to Vancouver. Going to Penticton to shop was not worthwhile as Penticton was small and relatively poor in those days. We shopped in Princeton, the hub of the Similkameen Valley. I recall White's store, one of my favourite places to go, and Prosser's, where there was an amazing selection of inexpensive items. My father liked to go to Corrie's to buy "flat 50's", tin boxes of 50 cigarettes, to give as gifts to friends. It seemed like everybody smoked like chimneys in those days. Surprisingly, few of them died of lung cancer.

My mother shopped at Mr. Spafford's store, located where the PLP building is today. Mr. Spafford stocked every kind of wearable you could imagine for all ages, shapes and sizes, and both genders. It was a remarkable place. Of course, my mittens and socks were knitted at home, butcontinued on Page 12

Marketplace Ministry

by Jim Caruso

It's Christmastime again!

I have experienced 53 Christmases in my life time, so far, and this time of year brings back many memories of my childhood Christmas celebrations. I think of living in the old Caruso house in Princeton. Now there was a unique experience. The old house was located in the middle of town behind the Rexall drug store and Benny Segal's Dry Goods store. Inside the house, the foundation must have shifted as you had to walk uphill from the living room to my bedroom. Outside, our yard was on the foothills of the first bench, which made for an awesome sledding place for the neighbourhood kids during the winter.

Of course no one in our neighbourhood could afford a toboggan or a sled, so we would take the old cardboard boxes from the drug store, (thanks Mr. Jackson), and use them to slide down from the first bench. We could hit some pretty good speeds and would place a lookout on the Bridge Street, the main street in town, and they would signal when we could start sliding. It took some genuine mathematical guessing to calculate the speed of the kid on the cardboard and the speed of the next car coming up Bridge Street. Of course there was nothing anyone could do after the cardboard rider was underway. The idea was to time it so we could cross the street and not get hit by any cars, continuing on down to the doctor's office about a block below Main Street.

It was on one of these days when we had a great snow fall and we played for hours on the hill, we had set some long distance records and when we were done, the hill was glare ice. That evening it snowed again while we slept. About 7:30AM, we heard a loud frightful voice yelling words that we weren't allowed to say at all in our house. I can't remember if my name was mentioned or not in the monologue, because the voice became louder and more filled with fear as the speed increased. My brother Tony and I looked out our bedroom window, just in time to see the owner of the local meat market, Stan Wilson, surfing by our house on a piece of cardboard that we had left on the hill the night before. It must have been hidden by the new snow. For his first time sliding, I think Mr. Wilson did very well, but I think he should have someone watching for cars.

Our Christmases were always white and we always had something to eat and presents to open. The tree was always ugly and in need of a few branches to be surgically implanted after we had put it up. My dad had taught us all how to drill holes in the trunk and add branches. I don't think we ever had a tree that we didn't have to tie to the wall. I was no problem, cut a piece of rope and drive a couple of nails in the wall and tie the rope to the tree and to the nails. The windows in the old house were self decorating, the ice on the inside of the window, formed beautiful winter frosted scenes. I only got my tongue stuck on the window two times.

There was always plenty of food at Christmas. Mom would cook a 25 pound turkey, a roast of beef, a ham, every vegetable known to mankind, stuffing and gravy and desserts like pie and Christmas cake. I remember one Christmas after all of us each eating enough dinner to feed a small nation; I convinced my brother Doug that he could eat a whole apple pie for dessert. When he was done the pie combined with the small nations food intake, he resembled the old fellow in the red suit that was seen in the neighbourhood the night before.

Even with all the fun playing on the hill beside our house, learning new words from Mr. Wilson, the tree that needed branches and all the food my mom could cook, our Christmases always lacked something. It wasn't until I was twenty-four years old that I experienced my first Christmas as a Christian. Earlier that year I had gone to church and accepted the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, the most wonderful gift that I have ever received, that year I realized that Jesus was the Reason for the Season. I still love the memories of my Christmases growing up in my hometown, but have a new reason to celebrate, and that reason is Jesus. May your Christmas this year, be a time when you focus on the Reason for the Season, Jesus. "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. John 3:16 Message: Merry Christmas!!!!

Pastor Jim Caruso - Oceanside Community Church, Parksville - pjcaruso@telus.net

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The Land File Number that has been established for this application is 3409845. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Crown Land Adjudication at 3rd Floor, 145-3rd Avenue, Kamloops, BC V2C 3M1. Comments will be received by ILMB until January 31, 2007. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date.

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Mr. Spafford sold the wool.

Our turkey, and the suet for the Christmas pudding, came from Stan Wilson's butcher shop on Bridge Street. There was a large wooden chopping block in the store, and sawdust on the floor. Refrigeration was not popular then, and things were kept cold with ice. Men cut ice from Otter Lake and the Tulameen River and other lakes, and it was stored in piles of sawdust to preserve it for summer. The "ice man" delivered ice in summer just like the milk man delivered milk, and I recall this was often the same man.

There were many parties for children in those days (and the adults did a little partying too). The parties were put on by unions and fraternal organizations. I remember going to a Christmas party at the Orange Lodge, which was held in the Oddfellows Hall, located where the Leisure Inn is today.

The community was generous to the children. We went to a special free Christmas movie on the Saturday before Christmas. On this occasion, it did not matter what lodge your parents belonged to or which church or which union, you were welcome. For some children, this was their only Christmas party other than the party at school. The movie was usually a western featuring Roy Rogers, Tom Mix or Hopalong Cassidy, and we shouted insults at the bad guys and cheered the cowboy in the white hat. Santa Claus visited after the show, and each child received a bag filled with an orange, a candy cane, peanuts in the shell and hard Christmas candy. We thought it was wonderful.

Adults partied at Christmas time, too. People dropped in for a Christmas drink or two, and some

people were quite drunk when they arrived later in the day, a testimony to the number of houses they had visited. Some people were good enough to bring their own bottles to share a drink, but others were definitely moochers. My father always had a good bottle of rum and another of Scotch whiskey, and visitors were invited to have a hot toddy made with brown sugar and a big dollop of butter along with the hot water and liquor.

Most visitors who were single men brought a small gift for the children and something nice for "the Mrs." like a small box of chocolates or

mints.

Christmas dinner then was the same as now - a turkey, lots of mashed potatoes and vegetables, followed by Christmas pudding. My mother made this rum and butter sauce for the pudding which was just wonderful. If that wasn't enough, there was always mince pie.

Of course, to a child, the presents Santa leaves are always the best part, and Santa never forgot where our house was, so my memories of Christmas are always good. My wish for all of you this Christmas - make wonderful memories!

Council briefs

JARVIS REVIEWS LIGHT-UP

The annual Christmas light-up, held on December 1 this year, left Councillor Ray Jarvis disappointed. Reporting to Town Council on December 4, Councillor Jarvis said only a handful of people turned out for the light-up. He said more preparation is needed.

The parade on Saturday pleased Councillor Jarvis, and he reported it was good.

He had no comments about the shopping evening and other events.

COUNCIL DESIGNATES AIRPORT MANAGER

Dave Woodruff has been appointed by Town Council as volunteer airport manager. Woodruff has been active in promoting use of the airport, advocating upgrades in services and development of airport

business.

The Town will retain William R. Neale & Associates to submit applications for grants. Neale & Associates will receive a percentage of the grant money as a fee.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS KEEPING WATER BOMBERS

The company who owns the Martin Mars water bombers have put the aircraft on the market. The City of Port Alberni wants the provincial government to buy the water bombers from Timberwest.

There are two Martin Mars bombers in operation in B.C. These aircraft have a huge capacity of water, delivering 60,000 pounds of water in one pass. No other aircraft can do this.

Town Council agreed to support the Pt. Alberni request to the provincial government.

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John Allison Elementary School Choir - which contains over 50 members - performed Christmas favourites at Vermilion Court on December 14th. *

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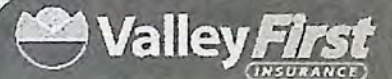
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Letter To The Editor

Aussies just love Tulameen!

To The Editor;

"Tulameen is Tops"

Our family would just like to send an enormous thank you to the people of Tulameen and Princeton, for helping us have an absolutely awesome year here on exchange in Canada.

Arriving here on a bleak cold winter's night, (and having travelled the Tulameen road for the first time!) we really started to wonder if we had made the correct decision, to come to this little part of the world!

Only hours after settling into the Brewers home, we received our first 'Pot Luck' invite.

Even though we had no idea what a pot luck was, we went, and honestly haven't looked back since. Jim Michaud told us on that night that we had just come to the friendliest little town in BC and we would be treated to a year to remember! He was 100% spot on!!

The people out here have gone out of their way to include us in some memorable events, from sledding, hiking and wildlife spotting, to

water skiing and ice fishing (well standing on the ice with a line). We were shown how a small community can pull together, with the 'Boobie Ball' and Snow Golf, and how they can Party during Tulameen Days!!!

To all in Princeton, and the staff and students at John Allison, Vermillion and PSS, thanks for making the school experience such an enjoyable and busy one, the girls have now made life long friends, and will be extremely sad to say farewell. (the e-mails will run hot in the years ahead!)

Unfortunately all good things must come to an end, and it will be a very sad day this Saturday, when we have to say goodbye to our second home, and our new family - the 'Tulameen Family' - Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, we had a BLAST!

- Craig, Christine, Steph and Britt Wright "The Aussies"

Letter To The Editor

Group says thanks

To The Editor;

There are so many people who made this year's Christmas Celebration a great success.

First we would like to thank the businesses who donated to the Gift Basket, your contributions were appreciated. Thank you to Bud Sadegur from Riverside Bowling for arranging the visit from Santa; the Senior Citizens Branch #30 for the candy bags; Shelly Carlson of Auto Tac Graphics for the toys; the Princeton Lions Club for Hot Chocolate and popcorn; the Royal Canadian Legion for the use of the Hall; 2007 Princeton Ambassador Candidates and Princeton's BC Ambassador Candidate Renee Cleven for helping Santa; and Anne, Jack, Debbie and Meagan Thomas for helping clean up the Hall.

We would also like to thank Steve, Renata and Carol Brodie for the use of their building for our Christmas Headquarters.

Thank you also to Peter Pine for joining the parade and putting up with those girls bossing you

around.

Thank you to the Judges and to all those who entered the Parade and helped make it a great success.

Thanks to our entertainers who put on shows at the Legion Hall; and to the Princeton Band who played in and out of the stores around Town.

Also thanks to the Princeton Emergency Services for signalling the light-up and to the News Leader and the Spotlight for getting the information out to the public.

Special thanks go to Princeton Light and Power for sponsoring the Horse and Wagon Ride and the AP Guest Ranch for providing the ride around the Town.

If by any chance we have missed you, please accept our apologies and our thanks!

And last but not most important, we thank each and every one of you for taking part in the festivities. Congratulations to Annie MacLellan for winning the huge gift basket, we hope you enjoy it. - The Christmas Committee

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at Christmas and in the
New Year to all our
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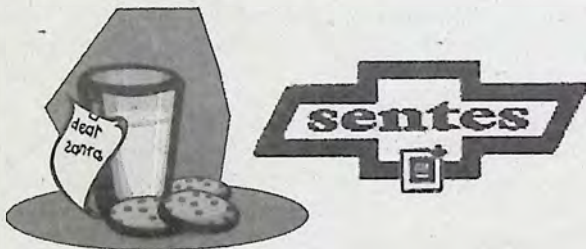
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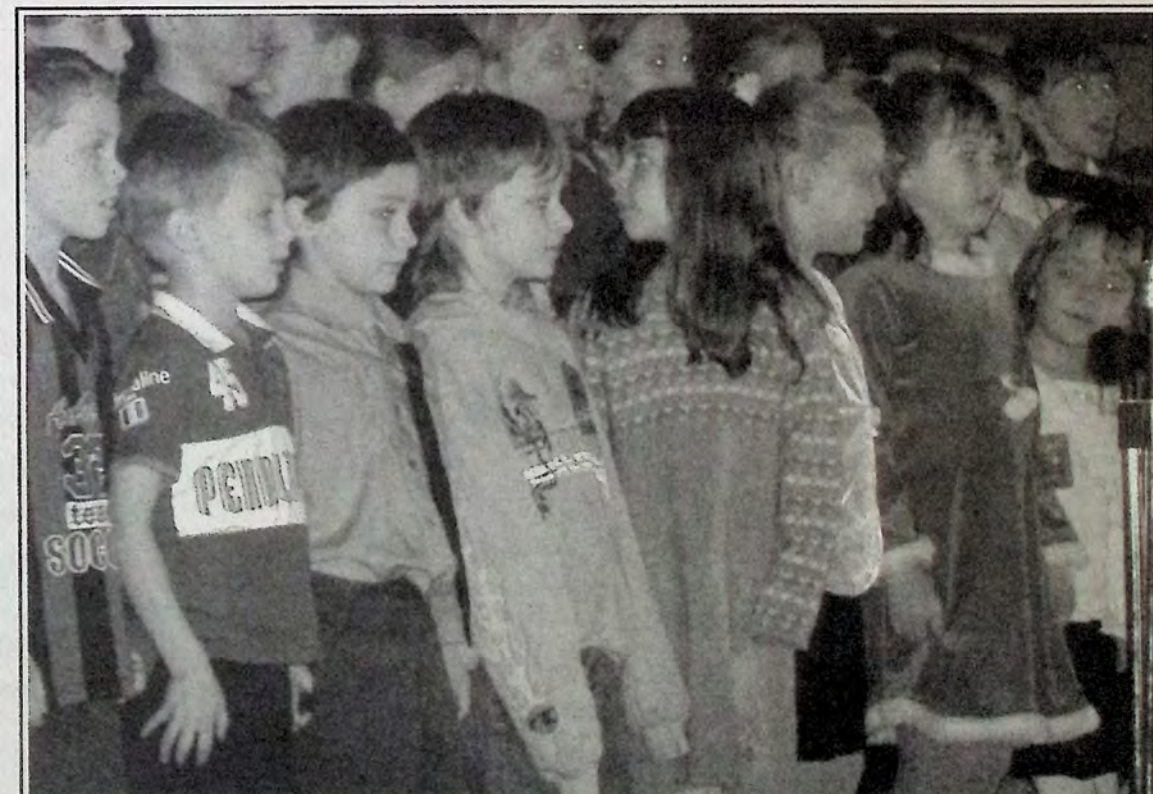
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Laurie Thomas leads the Senior Choir in modern renditions of two traditional Christmas carols at the Christmas Songfest December 6th at Princeton Baptist Church. Photo: Dawn Johnson.



Princeton Community Band plays Christmas in Swing while photos of their float in the Santa Claus parade are shown on the overhead screen during Songfest. Photo: Dawn Johnson.



John Allison Elementary School Christmas Concert saw a full house at PSS Gym on December 12th. These students were a little nervous, but made it through their set without incident. *

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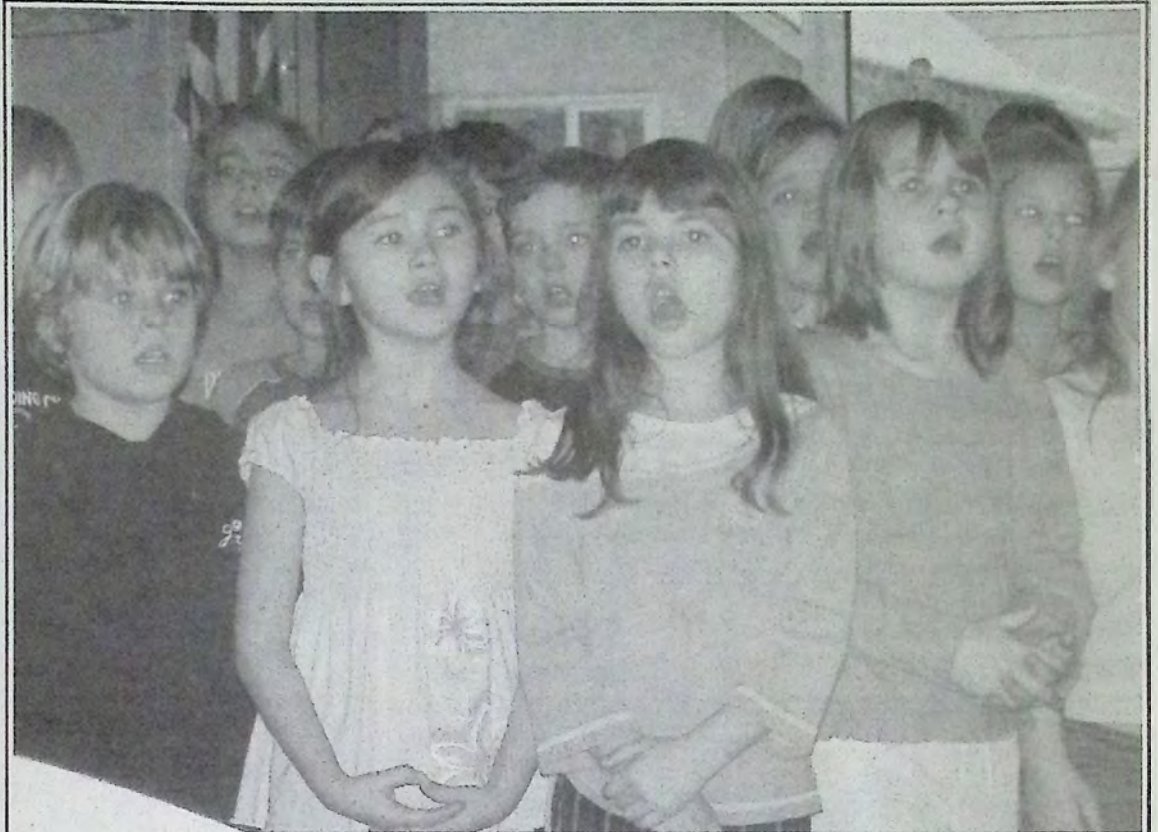
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John Allison Elementary School Choir performed at Vermilion Court last week. *

Holiday gift ideas for teens/tween girls

(NC) Are you looking to put the trendiest gift ever under the tree for the coolest chick? Sears Canada's trend office has put together a list of great gift ideas for teens/tween girls.

Emu Ridge Australia Suede Boots - Celebrities trade in their stilettos for them! They're comfortable, stylish and hot. Cute with short skirts and tucked in jeans, this trendy boot has merino wool lining and genuine cowhide suede leather on the outside. **Emu Ridge Australia Suede Boots \$210.00.**

Anna Sui Cosmetics - Anna Sui cosmetics are perfect for the teenage girl who has fun with her look. Stuff her stocking with one of the many products available from Anna Sui. Our favourite: the 'Ring Rouge' lip gloss. It's two gifts in one: lip gloss presented in a beautiful black ring. Girls can wear the ring and touch up their lip gloss without having to search through their bag. **Anna Sui 'Ring Rouge' Lip Gloss \$24.00.**

Sandisk Sansa M2000 Series MP3 Player - Teen girls love to listen to music and the new Sandisk Sansa M2000 Series MP3 Player stores and plays continuously for 20 hours. It has a built in mike, great for recording class lecturers, supports ID3 tag, and has an FM tuner, LCD display and USB 2.0 connection. Carrying case comes in great fashion colours: blue, green, white and pink. **Sandisk Sansa M200 Series MP3 Player \$120.00.**

Lingerie PJ set - If your stuck trying to figure out a good Christmas gift for the trendy girl on your list, we suggest Sears Jessica Lingerie PJ sets. Great PJ sets are a must-have for slumber parties. **Sears Jessica Lingerie PJ sets \$40.00.**

Cell Phone Charms - Nothing says girly girl better than charms. Cell phone charms are small decorative letter pendants set with crystal stones that attach to a young lady's phone. The girls initial will personalize her cell phone and add a little bit of sparkle to this all important accessory. **Cell phone Charms with lock and key**

drops \$15.00.

My Invisible Journal - Girls can write down all their personal thoughts and never have to worry about someone reading them. The pen writes in invisible ink which only shows up under a

special UV light. **My Invisible Journal \$6.00.**

You can find these great gift ideas and more in Sears 2006 Wish Book catalogue and online at www.sears.ca.
- News Canada

Find the perfect gift for him

(NC) Shopping for the men on your list and haven't got a clue what to get them? Not to worry, Sears has great gift solutions for all the men in your life - father, husband, brother or friend.

Here's a list of fantastic and innovative gifts ideas from Sears Canada's trend office that are sure to be a hit with 'him' this year.

Craftsman 90-piece Drill Accessory Set - Would a woman go without a great pair of shoes for her stylish outfit? Than a handy man would not want to be caught without a fantastic accessory set for his favourite drill. This 90-piece set comes with a variety of drill bits, holders and setters, with removable magnetic storage trays. Available at Sears stores, through the Sears Wish Book catalogue and online at www.sears.ca.

Espresso/Cappuccino Maker - Does your man love his fresh cup of joe? Why not get him an espresso/cappuccino maker so he can enjoy a great cup of coffee from the comfort of home. The new Delonghi Elisir Café Espresso/Cappuccino maker has a 15-bar pump for optimum heat and includes the Thermocream System ensuring a creamy and tasty beverage. Available through the Sears Wish Book catalogue and online at www.sears.ca.

Sandisk Sansa MX5 MP3 Player - Men love their tech toys, get him a MP3 player with 1GB of built-in flash memory, a USB 2.0 connection, a colour LCD display for photos, icons and more! Available at Sears stores, through the Sears Wish Book catalogue and online at www.sears.ca.

Sony LCD Flat-Panel TV - The ulti-

mate gift on his wish list - a new wide-screen enhanced picture television with SRS Tru-Surround XT sound, V-chip technology, 178 degree viewing angle and HDTV compatibility. Various models available at Sears stores, through the Sears Wish Book catalogue and online at www.sears.ca.

Total Gym 'Supra Pro' - Available exclusively at Sears, this gift is perfect for the gym junkie. Performing over 60 exercises, from tricep pulls to leg presses, the total gym provides a total body work-out from the comfort of home. Available through the Wish Book catalogue or online at www.sears.ca.

Roots 3-in-1 Jacket with Down-Fill Vest - A great gift for the outdoorsy guy. Keep him warm all-winter long with this all-purpose 3-in-1 jacket - covert it to a vest, spring jacket, or winter jacket. Available at Sears stores, through the Sears Wish Book catalogue and online at www.sears.ca.

Optronics Firepod Dryer for Shoes and Boots - Keep his tootsies toasty after a long day in the snow and cold, with this great shoe and boot warmer. The thermal-convection technology simulates the natural drying process with built-in warming pods for efficient warming. Available through the Sears Wish Book catalogue or online at www.sears.ca.

XBOX 360 and accessories - For the boy at heart the XBOX 360 series is a sure hit this holiday. Choose from a wide variety of accessories, or, get him a great new game from X-MEN to 'Lord of the Rings'. Available in-store through the catalogue or online at www.sears.ca.

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Rosemary Doughty, left, accepts a \$500.00 cheque from Rotary Club Sgt.-At-Arms Mike Talarico at last Tuesday's Rotary Club luncheon meeting. The funds will go towards the Cindy Parolin Safe Home Program. *

Gifts Under \$50: Battery breakthrough - ready-to-use rechargables

(NC) Toys and electronic devices, including cameras, will work right away once these new Eneloop rechargeable batteries are taken out of the box.

SANYO, the world leader in the development and manufacture of rechargeable batteries, has introduced the next-generation nickel metal hydride rechargeable battery named Eneloop that is as convenient to use as alkaline batteries because they are pre-charged. The first product based on SANYO's Think GAIA vision, Eneloop is immediately usable from the box because it boasts minimal self-discharge, can be charged 1,000 times with little memory effect, and is recyclable when its long lifecycle is complete. The PET plastic packaging for the batteries is also recy-

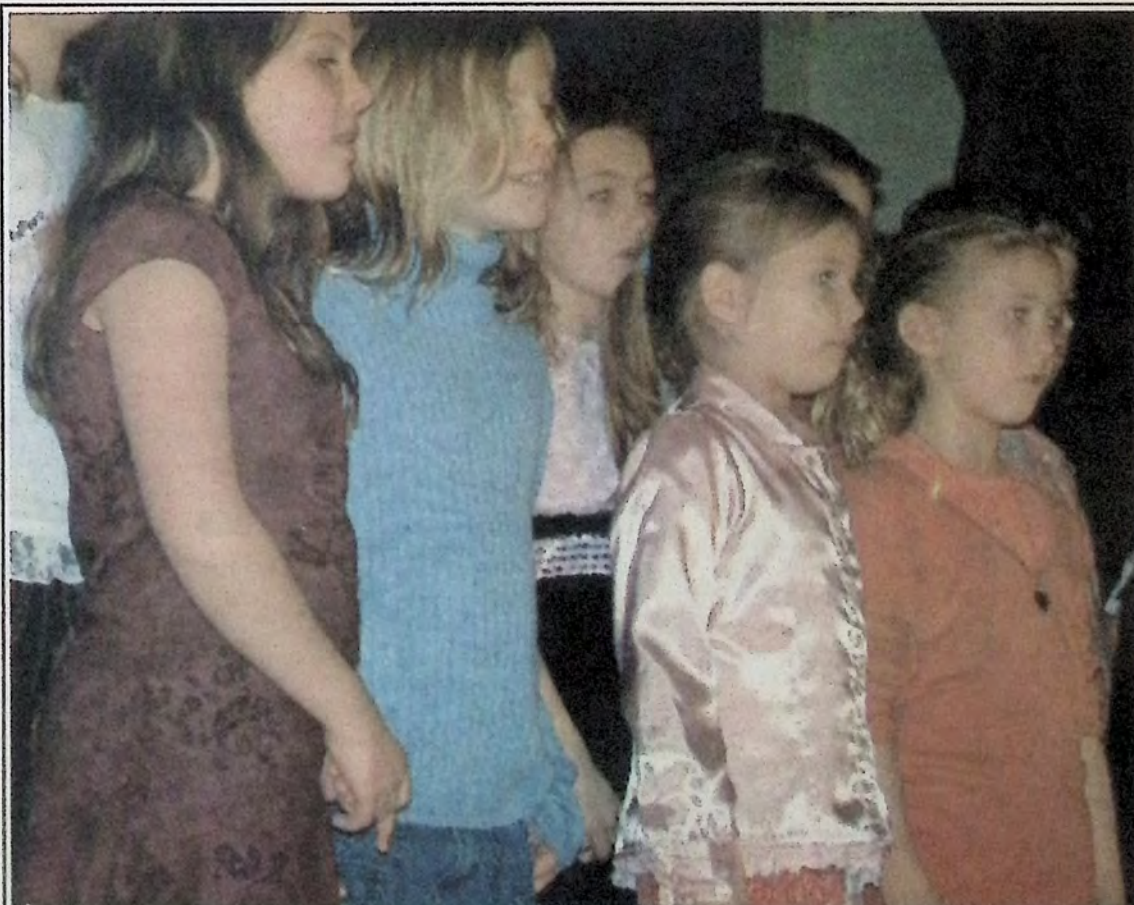
clable, although it provides an ideal reusable case for the batteries.

SANYO research shows that Eneloop batteries have an 85 per cent residual ratio after one year of non-use in 20 degree Celsius temperatures (compared to regular rechargables that lose one per cent of power per day), meaning the batteries can be left in an electronic device for months, but the batteries will retain 85 per cent of their charge. Internal tests also prove that Eneloop batteries can take 4.4 times more digital pictures than dry cell batteries, even in zero degree Celsius conditions. Eneloop maintains its low self-discharge rate and stability in temperatures as low as minus 5 degrees Celsius.

Although Eneloop is compatible with other battery chargers, its charger features a foldaway plug with dual voltage (110-240) recharging capability (does not include plug adapter) for worldwide travel convenience.

Available at The Source and other retailers in AA and AAA sizes, the manufacturer's suggested retail price for Eneloop is \$17.99 for an AA or AAA-two pack, \$29.99 for an AA or AAA-four pack and \$44.99 for an AA-8 pack. Quick charger units have an MSRP of \$39.99 for an AA-two charger or \$59.99 for an AA-four charger.

Think GAIA is SANYO's vision to restore a beautiful earth to the children of the future. Go to www.sanyo.ca for more information. - News Canada



Young singers give it their all during the John Allison School Christmas Concert last week at PSS gym. *



A bright display of craft 'gift ideas' from the annual PSS Country Christmas Craft Sale. *

News Leader Stocking stuffer gift guide

(NC) Great stocking stuffer ideas stressing you out this holiday? Look no further than the 2006 Sears Wish Book catalogue filled with thousands of great gifts for him, her, and the kids, all under \$30.

Stuff his stocking with:

An Electronic Golf Score Keeper - Every golfer needs one. This digital score keeper shows a running total, and conveniently clips onto a belt or golf bag. Keeper comes with two golf tees, and batteries are included, pg 7.

Perrin Collection Leather Gloves - Keep his hands toasty this winter with a great pair of leather gloves, available in sizes S-XL, pg 21.

NHL Boxer Shorts - Perfect for the male hockey fanatic, available in sizes S-XL, pg 23.

Stuff her stocking with:

A Travel Jewellery Case - This fantastic compact case comes in fashionable blue or pink faux crocodile, ideal for any woman on the go, pg 7.

Micro-Suede Slippers - Bedazzle her feet this holiday, with a pair of beautifully embroidered slippers, available in three great colours: blue, plum and gold, pg 56.

A Manicure Set - This 5-piece set comes in a chic case, and includes a woman's essential nail items: tweezers, nail-pusher, file, scissors and clipper, pg 56.

Kids will love to get a stocking filled with:

An invisible journal - Kids love to keep little secrets. The invisible journal with lock, allows them to write with an invisible ink pen that only they can decode with a UV light, pg 13.

Mattel Car-go-Fun Games - Great for on the go! Kids will love them, and you'll be able to keep them occupied for hours! Choose from the Matchbox Fire game, the Polly Pocket Playset and Tumblin' Monkeys game, pg 15.

Manley Bear Creations - Kids will love to custom build their own little bear, choose from a 'policeman' or a 'ballet dancer,' pg 28.

At Sears, you can do your holiday shopping anyway you want - through the Sears Wish Book, online at www.sears.ca or at Sears stores nationwide.

- News Canada



Santa's helpers handed out candy during the Light-Up Parade.*

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Rotary Club Sgt.-At-Arms Mike Talarico, left, presents PGH/Ridgewood Lodge Foundation Chair Bill Quinlan with a \$1,000.00 cheque last week in support of the Light-Up Health Care fundraiser. *

Holiday Kitchen: Make your party dip in a whiz

(NC) If you have no time to prepare hors d'oeuvres the next time you invite friends in for drinks - don't clam up.

Simply hand them a drink to sip while you take just seconds to whiz together this quick appetizer recipe from the makers of Oster blenders:

- Clam Dip**
- 6 1/2 oz can chopped clams
 - 8 oz package cream cheese
 - 1 large jar artichoke hearts
 - 1/4 cup chopped celery
 - 1/4 cup red onions
 - 1/4 cup red or green peppers
 - 1 tsp fresh ground pepper
 - 1 tsp chopped fresh or dried dill
 - 1 tsp chopped chives

Mix ingredients together. Serve with chips or crackers. (Hint: this dip is even better if allowed to rest

one hour at room temperature.) Additional recipes are available online at oster.ca. - News Canada

----Mulled Apple Cider ----

- (NC) This fragrant cider recipe, courtesy of Hamilton Beach, will put anyone in the holiday spirit and is a delicious beverage to serve your guests or share with family. Make it in a slow cooker for best results.
- 1 gallon (4.5 L) apple cider
 - 1 1/2 to 3 cups (375 ml to 750 ml) bourbon or fruit juice
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons (7.5 ml) cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground ginger

- 1 1/2 teaspoons (7.5 ml) allspice
 - 1 teaspoon (5 ml) ground cloves
- Combine all ingredients in the slow cooker and stir well. Cover and cook on preferred setting: Low - 3 hours, High - 1.5 hours. Stir well then ladle into mugs garnished with a cinnamon stick. More recipes for slow cookers and other kitchen appliances are available online at www.hamilton-beach.ca. - News Canada

Create Christmas Eve traditions

(NC) Eager anticipation is a large part of the holiday season and the excitement reaches its merry height on Christmas Eve.

"Every family has their own traditions that make this night a special time," says Denise Darragh of Hallmark Canada. "These special activities are often created when children are young and parents mix favorite traditions from their childhood with new ones that reflect their growing family."

Even if you have a few last minute to-dos, try to keep the focus on fun and consider these ideas from the holiday experts at Hallmark:

- 🎁 Keeping the kids busy will help ease their wait on Christmas Eve.

Spend some time together and teach them to write a special thank-you card for Santa. Leave the card propped on your mantel where Santa will be sure to see it.

- 🎁 Encourage the kids to research reindeer online or track Santa's progress on Norad's special Santa site.

🎁 After driving his sleigh around the world, Santa will appreciate a glass of cold milk and a plate of cookies. Leave them out for Santa in Hallmark's special cookie plate and glass (and don't forget a few carrots for Rudolf and the rest of the reindeer crew).

- 🎁 Find an outdoor ice rink in your area and set up a skating party. As

an added bonus, the exercise and fresh air will help young ones sleep later on Christmas morning.

- 🎁 If you don't have a fireplace or your roof is slippery, leave Hallmark's Santa Key on your front door to provide a new route of entry for the jolly old elf.

🎁 Pop a large batch of popcorn and settle in for a Christmas film festival. Mix it up with seasonal classics like the Miracle on 34th Street or pick from a selection of contemporary fare now available at Hallmark such as How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

- 🎁 Before you retire, relax by the fire with a glass of eggnog and take a look at photo albums and scrapbooks while you reminisce about Christmases gone by.

The traditions you start at Christmas Eve are only limited by your imagination.

No matter what activities you choose, they'll provide happy memories for the whole family and enrich the holiday season with sharing and love.

Additional holiday tips are available online at www.hallmark.com or toll-free, 1-800-268-3230. - News Canada

Are pre-stuffed turkeys really safe?

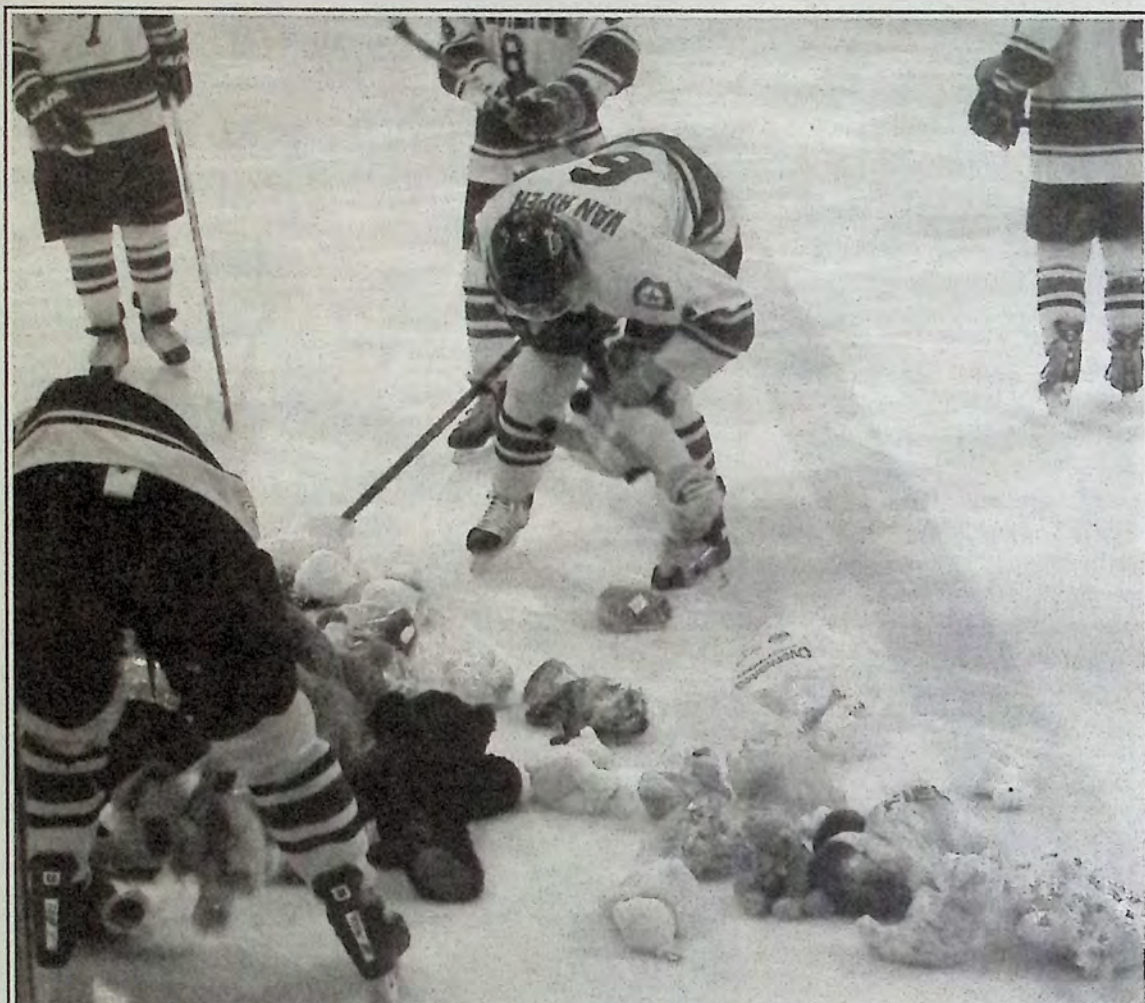
(NC) Mom always told us unless we stuffed the turkey right before putting it in the oven it would make us sick. Today stores sell frozen pre-stuffed turkeys that would save so much time and effort, but can we be sure they are safe?

We called the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line (1-800-BUTTERBALL) to ask about pre-stuffed turkeys. We were assured they are completely safe.

The turkeys are stuffed immediately after processing when they are at their freshest. Then they are blast frozen so there is no opportunity for bacteria growth. The turkey goes from the freezer straight into the oven, again no opportunity for bacteria growth. You can be confident that the pre-stuffed turkey you roast and serve is safe, wholesome and delicious. - News Canada

weekly entertainment guide

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2006 THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2006



They could 'bear-ly' get them all into bags! Posse players gather teddy bears last week during the annual 'Teddy Bear Game' co-sponsored by Princeton Dairy Queen and Similkameen News Leader. *

Posse pulls off big win at home

The fur was flying in Princeton Arena at last Friday night's Princeton Posse game against Beaver Valley Nitehawks.

Partly due to the fact that the match up was the annual 'Teddy Bear Game' and partly due to the fact that Princeton managed to bring Beaver Valley's 13-game winning streak to an end.

The game started off fast and furious with intense play at both ends of the rink. The first entry on the official game report went to Princeton's Mike Salter who drew a 2-minute interference penalty 51-seconds into the game.

In the following minutes more spectators arrived, many with teddy bears in hand, anxious to fire their furry friends onto the ice as soon as Princeton scored their first goal.

The Valley First Princeton Posse delivered at 3:50 when Dan Hillman scored off a pass from Jeremy Wagner. Anthony Leardo was also credited with an assist.

No sooner did the goal judge flash the light on to indicate there had been a goal scored, fans tossed out nearly 100 stuffed animals. The teddy bears collected from the Dairy Queen/Similkameen News Leader sponsored event, will go to the Christmas Hamper Fund for distribution to children in needy families.

Beaver Valley tied the game at 17:58 beating Posse goalie Evan

Karambelas high on the stick side.

The second period saw more end to end action with Coach Dale 'Duner' Hladun running longer shifts which produced Princeton's second goal of the night on the power play.

Kyle L'Arrivee got the marker at 8:43 with assists going to Alex Young and Posse goalie Evan Karambelas.

The Posse played a solid period, but were showing signs of fatigue by the end of the frame.

It was probably a good thing that the newly installed giant video message board (provided in part by FortisBC) wasn't set up to show live action.

In the third period, both teams exploded and battled in well-matched play for most of the frame.

Beaver Valley managed to tie the game at 2-apiece with 2:29 left in the game.

When it looked as if the game may go into overtime, Princeton put intense pressure on the Nitehawk net. Kyle L'Arrivee popped in his second goal for the night with 47.4-seconds to play from in front of the goal. Alex Young and Mike Bunting received assists.

Beaver Valley called a time out with 30.7-seconds to play and after pulling their goalie for an extra man, they kept the puck in the Posse zone but could not produce.

Princeton's Alex Young got a piece of his stick on the puck and cleared it out towards the empty net. Kyle L'Arrivee raced to it and gently redirected it into the goal for his third score of the game.

By this time there was only 11.9-seconds left in the game and Princeton was leading 4 to 2.

Time expired with no further scoring and Princeton finished the year at home with a huge win.

Shots on goal: Beaver Valley 40, Princeton 28.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
1:15 - 2:30 PM - STICK & PUCK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
1:00 - 2:00 PM - ADULT & TOT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
1:15 - 2:30 PM - STICK & PUCK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
1:15 - 2:30 PM - STICK & PUCK / 6:15 - 7:15 PM - GIRLS DROP-IN HOCKEY
7:15 - 8:15 PM - PUBLIC SKATING / 8:15 - 8:45 PM - TEEN STICK & PUCK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
5:00 - 6:30 PM - PUBLIC SKATING

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3:30 - 4:30 PM - PUBLIC SKATING

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Midget Flyers Tournney Report

On the weekend of December 8-10, 2006 the Princeton Midget Flyers Hockey Team held their annual hockey tournament. Six teams from around B.C. attended, along with our very own Flyers were Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Kelowna, Chase and Logan Lake - teams not played in their season league zone.

The weekend started off with Princeton playing Chilliwack, ending with a 5-1 win for Chilliwack. Princeton's second game was a 5-3 win against Logan Lake, putting the Flyers up against Cloverdale in the semi finals ending with a 5-2 win for Cloverdale.

The Finals on Sunday found the Flyers once again playing against Cloverdale. Cloverdale coming out on top with a 8-4 win, and placing 3rd overall in the tournament and Princeton in fourth place. Logan Lake placed 5th after playing Chase who placed 6th.

Chase was presented with Most Sportsmanlike Team of the tournament, never winning a game over the weekend, they kept smiling and played without their regular goalie - team mates took turns defending their net.

Recognition was given to the Logan Lake goalie, Tyson McKague for his outstanding performance between the pipes averaging 36 shots stopped per game. The battle for 1st and 2nd place was between Kelowna and Chilliwack ending with a 5-3 win for Chilliwack.

This was a great game with end to end action with compatible strengths from each team. The goalie for Chilliwack stopped 23 shots on net and the Kelowna goalie stopped 25. Penalties were close, with Chilliwack receiving 5 and Kelowna receiving 7.

Overall this was a tournament of Sportsmanship. Chase not having a regular goalie between the pipes, had team mates taking turns at the position. Kelowna found themselves short players and also without a goalie.

Hats off to the following Princeton players who stepped forward and volunteered to fill those empty skates: Jay Bell, Cody Leonard, Luke Pussell, Braydon Scarpelli, Justin Disher, and Clint Cook. It was an overall quiet weekend with people complimenting all the players on what a great bunch they were. Well done, Players!

A big thank you goes out to the parents and coaching staff of the Midget team who gave their time and energies pulling together to put on this tournament, to Kyle Markin for making up the game schedule and tournament format, to our sponsors and local businesses for their donations, to the Ice Officials for reffing (especially Chris who lived at the arena), to Mayor Randy McLean for helping at the Skills Competition, and to Bob and Sue Coyne in the

Concession (for without them we would have been very tired parents). Let's not forget why this community came together this weekend: to our players on the Princeton Flyers Midget Hockey Team. Thank you.
- submitted

Princeton Flyers Midget Hockey Team Tournament Stats

December 8-10, 2006

Game 1: December 8, 2006
Princeton - 1, Chilliwack - 5

Goal scored (1st period) by Kyle Markin, assisted by Jordan Kimble and Braydon Scarpelli
Penalties:

1st period: Adam Dunford - hooking

2nd period: Braydon Scarpelli - hooking, Jordan Kimble - holding
Shots stopped: Jamie Dunford - 10/ Clint Cook - 14

Player of the game: Nic Yee

Game 2: December 9, 2006
Princeton - 5, Logan Lake - 3

Goals scored 1st period by Jay Bell, assisted by Cody Leonard
2nd period Devon Lilly assisted by Adam Dunford. Jay Bell, unassisted

3rd period: Adam Dunford, assisted by Cody Leonard and Kyle Markin. Cody Leonard, assisted by Jay Bell

Penalties: 1st period: Kyle Markin - boarding, Devon Lilly - tripping, Vian Maritz - roughing

2nd period: Jordan Kimble - body checking

3rd period: Kyle Markin - tripping, Vian Maritz - bc

Shots on Goal stopped: unavailable

Player of the game: Jesse Wessel

December 9, 2006

Semi Finals: Princeton - 2, Cloverdale - 5

Goals scored 2nd period: Kyle Markin assisted by Devon Lilly
3rd period: Nic Yee, assisted by Kyle Markin and Shelby Mack

Penalties 1st period: Adam Dunford - interference and body contact. Vian Maritz - charging

2nd period: Braydon Scarpelli - tripping

3rd period: Adam Dunford - bc
Shots on Goal stopped: Jamie Dunford - 14, Clint Cook - 11

Player of the game: Clint Cook

December 10, 2006

Finals: Princeton - 4, Cloverdale - 8

Goals scored 1st period: Braydon Scarpelli, assisted by Matt Nelson-Smith

2nd period: Braydon Scarpelli, unassisted

3rd period: Jordan Kimble, assisted by Jay Bell and Jesse Wessel

Penalties 1st period: Luke Pussell - bc (twice)

2nd period: Cody Leonard - slash, Braydon Scarpelli - bc, Jordan Kimble - trip, Adam Dunford - charging, Brian Burnstad - hook

3rd period: Braydon Scarpelli - bc,

Devon Lilly - interference, Vian Maritz - bc. Adam Dunford - hooking

Shots on Goal: unavailable

Player of the game: Jay Bell

Princeton Flyers Midget Hockey Tournament Skills Competition

On the Saturday night of the Midget Hockey Tournament and after all the games for that day were played, players and coaches from 3 of the competing teams participated in a skills competition.

Randy McLean was the official MC, and Vian Maritz and Josh Scarpelli as official time keepers and goal judges. Don Burnstad and Jordie Cook were on ice assistants and Competitors. There ended up being 2 events Fastest Skater and Sniper. Each having a players event, and a Coaches event.

The result are:

Fastest Skater

1st - Nic Yee (Princeton) 2nd - Andrew Morrison (Chase) 3rd - Aaron Sam (Chase)

Best Sniper

1st - Matt Wild (Chase) 2nd - Nic Yee (Princeton) 3rd - Gavin Mulcahy (Kelowna)

Best Goalie: Clint Cook (Princeton)

Coaches events:

Fastest Skater

1st - Jordie Cook 2nd - Don Burnstad

Best Sniper:

tied Don Burnstad and Jordie Cook (there was trouble with the puck getting past the goalie)

Awards for this event were supplied by Shelly Carlson.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2006

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2006

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Horoscopes

Holiday 2006 Horoscope

Aries - Remember this is the season of joy. You are being challenged to make it as joyous as possible for others. You can do it if you keep the spirit of Christmas up front: love!

Taurus - You need to join in the fun of Christmas and give the best of yourself to others. Don't hang back and be a scrooge. Avoid crowds this week - you could catch a cold. Trips go well.

Gemini - Pre-Christmas romance could fizzle out by New Year's Eve, especially if dreams are based on booze and/or drugs. Genuine love needs a clear head. Enjoy romance.

Cancer - The holidays bring you a lot of work, but you enjoy it because you love the holiday season. People will be good to you this year, so be sure to show your appreciation. Give your love.

Leo - Yes, Leos, we know it is the season of fun, but you are going to have to pitch in and do some work during the holidays or people will see you as a slug. Give your best effort.

Virgo - You want home to be a happy place and you want it bright and shiny and full of decorations. Family is very important to you this holiday season, and kids will make it merry.

Libra - News may surprise you this holiday season and it may make you feel unhappy. Family members will give you love and support. Be good to them in return. Drive safely.

Scorpio - Money picture is very active during the holidays, so be cautious and stick to budget. Siblings, friends and family are good to you. You receive a lot of greetings and send a lot.

Sagittarius - You could be the spirit of the season this year. You are jolly enough to be St. Nick himself. You are generous with loved ones. Drive carefully - you're too exuberant.

Capricorn - You look good, you feel good, this is your time of year. Be careful what you say and how you say it - you could offend somebody. Take it easy with booze New Year's Eve.

Aquarius - Expect a quiet, peaceful holiday season until New Year's Eve, when you can plan to live it up a little. You probably have big dreams for the coming year - share them.

Pisces - Your career has been so hectic you will find it hard to relax for the holidays, but that is what you need most. You can do some gentle planning with others for the coming year. Calm!

Regular Meetings

- Otter Valley Fish & Game Club regular meetings 3rd Saturday of month, noon, at clubhouse
- Similkameen Christian Riders meet at Dairy Queen every Wednesday evening at 6 pm for a ride. To join, show up
- Princeton Writers Group meets every second and fourth Thursday 7pm at Riverside Wellness Centre
- Hospital Auxiliary meets 2nd Monday each month at 2 pm Hospital board room
- PGH/Ridgewood Lodge Foundation meets 2nd Monday, 12:15 Hospital Boardroom
- Hedley Library open 2-7pm Thursdays
- 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 first Monday of month at 7 p.m. at Weyerhaeuser training building Call Ray 295-7508.
- Princeton Chamber of Commerce meets every 3rd Thursday at Chamber office 7 pm
- Legion Branch 56 meets 3rd Sunday of month 1:00 p.m. Legion Hall
- Princeton Motor Sports meets the first Tuesday of month 5:30 pm Arena Mezzanine
- Southern Cruisers Similkameen Chapter #53 meets for rides every Thursday night.
- Vermilion Trails Society meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
- Princeton GSAR meets first 3 Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Hospital Board Room.
- Princeton Lions Club meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
- Course Of Miracles Group meets every Tuesday, 7:00 PM at The Anchorage on Vermilion.
- Princeton Area BEA meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. 7:00 PM, Skills Centre.
- Learn How To Relax and Meditate Group meets Tuesday, 7 PM at Riverside Centre. Last Tuesday of the month will feature a Spiritual Movie.
- U'th Group 7 PM, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Living Water Church.
- U'th Social Night 7 PM, 2nd and 4th Fridays, Living Water Church
- Princeton Badminton Club welcomes new members. Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 PM PSS Gym

thursday movies

MORNING

7:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Christmas Rush" (2002, Action) (PA) Dean Cain. A police officer tries to stop a notorious thief who has taken hostages at a shopping mall. (D) (DVS)

10:00 am CITY (29) "Santa Baby" (2006, Comedy) Jenny McCarthy. A business executive returns to the North Pole to help her father, Santa Claus, prepare for Christmas. (D)

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WGN (38) ★★ "The Adventures of Huck Finn" (1993, Comedy-Drama) Elijah Wood. Mark Twain's boy hero and runaway slave Jim form a classic friendship while rafting the 19th-century Mississippi. (In Stereo) (D)

EVENING

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. The Griswolds spend the holiday in a garish way, especially when a country cousin pulls up in an RV. (D)

8:00 pm CHBC (4) ★★ "Surviving Christmas" (2004, Comedy) Ben Affleck. A lonely man returns to his childhood home and celebrates the holiday with the strangers who live there. (D)

9:10 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Multiplicity" (1996, Comedy) Michael Keaton. Cloning enables a harried family man to step back from life's responsibilities, a situation that becomes irreversible. (D)

11:40 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Christmas Rush" (2002, Action) (PA) Dean Cain. A police officer tries to stop a notorious thief who has taken hostages at a shopping mall. (D) (DVS)

friday movies

MORNING

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10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "Harry and the Hendersons" (1987, Comedy-Drama) John Lithgow. The Hendersons run over Bigfoot with their station wagon and bring him home to Seattle. (D)

AFTERNOON

4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "Yogi's First Christmas" (1980) Voices of Daws Butler. Animated. Hoping to ensure a happy Christmas for Mrs. Trockmorton, Huck and the gang awaken Yogi Bear out of his winter sleep to help in their preparations.

EVENING

6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn. A yachtman's wife falls overboard, forgets who she is and becomes an Oregon carpenter's

mate. (D)

7:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988, Comedy) Jim Varney. Nitwit Ernest balls out Santa Claus who is in Florida on a deadline to recruit a new Santa.

8:40 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993, Fantasy) (PA) Voices of Danny Elfman. Animated. The Pumpkin King gives the yuletide season a touch of Halloween in an animated tale from the mind of Tim Burton. (D)

9:00 pm BCTV (11) "Silent Night" (2002, Drama) Linda Hamilton. On Christmas Eve, a woman and her son welcome American and German soldiers into their cottage during World War II. (D)

FAM (26) ★★ "Honey, I Shrank the Kids" (1989, Comedy) Rick Moranis. An inventor's ray gun zaps his son, his daughter and a neighbor's boys down to pea-size in his jungle of a lawn.

10:06 pm CITY (29) "Supervixens" (1975, Adult) Shari Eubank. A man falsely accused of killing his wife encounters one busy babe after another until he meets a super siren.

Similkameen News Leader Community Calendar

DECEMBER

- 24 - Public Skating 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Arena
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Boxing Day
- 26 - Public Skating 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Arena
- 26 - Stick & Puck 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Arena
- 27 - Public Skating 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Arena
- 27 - Stick & Puck 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Arena
- 28 - Public Skating 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Arena
- 28 - Stick & Puck 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Arena
- 29 - Public Skating 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Arena
- 29 - 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Arena
- 30 - Public Skating 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Arena
- 30 - Stick & Puck 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Arena
- 31 - Public Skating 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Arena
- 31 - Stick & Puck 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Arena

JANUARY

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 1 - Stick & Puck 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Arena
- 2 - Public Skating 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Arena
- 2 - Stick & Puck 2:30 - 4:00 PM, Arena
- 3 - Princeton Posse vs. Summerland, 7:00 PM, Arena
- 5 - Princeton Posse vs. Spokane, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 6 - Princeton Posse vs. Creston, 7:30 PM, Arena
- 7 - Princeton Posse vs. Sicamous, 2:00 PM, Arena
- 10 - Princeton Posse vs. Summerland, 7:00 PM, Arena
- 17 - Princeton Posse vs. Kamloops, 7:00 PM, Arena

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Similkameen News Leader Recipe Corner (Recipe #146)

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Beef Stew Slow Cooker Recipe

All You Need:

- 5 cups (1.25L) cubed fresh vegetables (potatoes, carrots, celery, onions)
- 2 lb (1 kg) lean, boneless stewing beef, cut into 1 inch (2.5 cm) cubes
- 1 1/3 cups (325 mL) water
- 1 package (42 g) Club House Slow Cookers Beef Stew seasoning mix

All You Do:

1. Place vegetables and stewing beef in slow cooker.
 2. Combine Beef Stew seasoning mix and water. Pour over vegetables and meat. Toss to coat well.
 3. Cover. Cook 8 hours on LOW or 4 hours on HIGH.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2006

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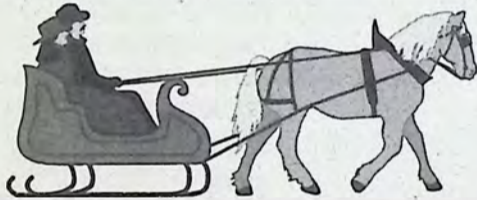


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Regular Council Meeting for January 2, 2007 is **CANCELLED**.
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saturday movies

MORNING

7:30 am **WTBS 3** ★★½ "The Road to El Dorado" (2000, Musical) Voices of Kevin Kline. Animated. Two Spanish rogues find the fabled city of gold, where the natives proclaim them to be gods. [E]
9:25 am **WTBS 3** ★★½ "Jumanji" (1995, Fantasy) Robin Williams. A magic board-game brings forth African perils and a guy who disappeared in 1969 while playing it. [E] (DVS)
11:30 am **WTBS 3** ★★ "Hook" (1991, Fantasy) Dustin Hoffman. Aided by Tinker Bell, a corporate lawyer turns into Peter Pan to rescue his children from Captain Hook. [E]

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm **YTV 18** ★★½ "Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July" (1980, Fantasy) Voices of Red Buttons. Animated. Santa must save the day when Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman encounter an evil wizard. **CITY 29** "12 Days of Christmas Eve" (2004, Drama) Steven Weber. A grumpy, high-powered business executive learns the true meaning of Christmas. [E]
WGN 38 "The Jungle Book: Mowgli's Story" (1998, Adventure) Brandon Baker. The animal residents of India's jungles help raise a young human. Based on the tale by Rudyard Kipling. (In Stereo) [E]
1:33 pm **FAM 26** ★★ "On the 2nd Day of Christmas" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Mary Stuart Masterson. A woman and her niece are caught picking pockets in a department store on Christmas Eve.
2:30 pm **WTBS 3** ★★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Jack Nicholson. A music executive falls for the mother of his young girlfriend after having a heart attack in her home. [E]
4:00 pm **YTV 18** ★½ "Felix the Cat" (1988, Fantasy) Voices of Chris

Phillips. Animated. The famous feline and his pal travel to another dimension to save a princess from an evil inventor.
VTV 22 ★★½ "Rent-a-Kid" (1995, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen. An orphanage's temporary manager lends three feisty children to two yuppies who are undecided about parenthood. (In Stereo) [E]
5:00 pm **WTBS 3** ★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze. A slain Manhattan yuppie reaches out to his lover, with a medium as his middlewoman. [E]
CITY 29 "His and Her Christmas" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Two journalists write a Christmas column for rival newspapers in the same city. [E]

EVENING

7:00 pm **KXLY 10** ★★½ "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews. A novice leaves her convent and becomes governess to Capt. Von Trapp's seven children in Austria before World War II. (In Stereo) [E] (DVS)
7:30 pm **WTBS 3** ★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. The Griswolds spend the holiday in a garish way, especially when a country cousin pulls up in an RV. [E]
8:00 pm **KSPS 6** ★★ "My Favorite Brunette" (1947, Comedy) Bob Hope. A baby photographer plays private eye to help a woman find her uncle, kidnapped by a master criminal.
VTV 22 ★★ "A Christmas Carol" (1951, Fantasy) Alastair Sim. Dickens' London miser Ebenezer Scrooge meets the ghosts of Christmases past, present and yet to come. (In Stereo) [E]
9:00 pm **CHBC 4** "The Road to Christmas" (2006, Comedy) Jennifer Grey. A determined woman hitchhikes with a widower and his 12-year-old daughter to reach her wedding on Christmas Eve. [E]
KNOW 5 "Midsomer Murders:

"Strangler's Wood" (1997, Mystery) John Nettles. The murder of a South American woman, strangled with a striped necktie, is followed by a series of even more gruesome killings. With John Nettles and Daniel Casey. (N) [E]
YTV 18 ★★ "All I Want for Christmas" (1991, Drama) Ethan Randall. A boy and his little sister cook up a holiday scheme to get their divorced parents back together. **FAM 26** ★★ "Simon Birch" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Ian Michael Smith. An undersized New Hampshire boy helps a friend learn his father's identity.
9:30 pm **WTBS 3** ★★ "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993, Fantasy) (PA) Voices of Danny Elfman. Animated. The Pumpkin King gives the yuletide season a touch of Halloween in an animated tale from the mind of Tim Burton. [E]
10:30 pm **WGN 38** ★★½ "The Real McCoy" (1993, Suspense) Kim Basinger. A paroled cat burglar and her helper must pull off a bank caper to free her son from a crime boss. (In Stereo) [E]
11:00 pm **WTBS 3** ★★ "Snow Day" (2000, Comedy) Chris Elliott. Students steal a snow plow and fend off its crazy driver in an attempt to keep school closed for a second day. [E]
FAM 26 "The Inferno" (2002, Suspense) Tracey Gold. A former convict attempts to earn the respect of her fellow smoke jumpers as well as regain custody of her daughter.

sunday movies

MORNING

7:00 am **A&E 9** "Karrall's Christmas" (2004, Comedy) Tom Everett Scott. A greeting-card writer wants to renew his grouchy neighbor's holiday spirit after a misguided visit from Christmas ghosts. [E]
7:55 am **WTBS 3** ★★½ "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993, Fantasy) (PA) Voices of Danny Elfman. Animated. The Pumpkin King gives the yuletide season a touch of Halloween in an animated tale from the mind of Tim Burton. [E]
9:30 am **WTBS 3** ★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. The Griswolds spend the holiday in a garish way, especially when a country cousin pulls up in an RV. [E]
10:00 am **WGN 38** ★★ "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986, Comedy) Matthew Broderick. A cool teen plays hooky in Chicago with his girlfriend, his buddy and the classic Ferrari of his buddy's father. (In Stereo) [E]
11:30 am **WTBS 3**

★ ★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Jack Nicholson. A music executive falls for the mother of his young girlfriend after having a heart attack in her home. [E]

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm **FAM 26** ★★½ "Ernest Saves Christmas" (1988, Comedy) Jim Varney. Nitwit Ernest balls out Santa Claus who is in Florida on a deadline to recruit a new Santa.
1:00 pm **KTLA 27** ★★½ "A Hobo's Christmas" (1987, Drama) Barnard Hughes. Hopes of reconciliation persuade a hobo to make a surprise Christmas visit to his long-estranged son's Utah home.
1:31 pm **FAM 26** ★★ "Twas the Night" (2001, Comedy) Bryan Cranston. A 14-year-old boy and his uncle jeopardize Christmas when they take Santa's sleigh for a joy ride.
2:00 pm **WTBS 3** ★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze. A slain Manhattan yuppie reaches out to his lover, with a medium as his middlewoman. [E]
3:00 pm **KTLA 27** "The Jungle Book: Mowgli's Story" (1998, Adventure) Brandon Baker. The animal residents of India's jungles help raise a young human. Based on the tale by Rudyard Kipling.
4:00 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.
5:00 pm **WTBS 3** ★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. In the 1940s, little Ralphie tries to convince his parents to get him a Red Ryder range-model BB gun for Christmas. Narrated by Jean Shepherd. [E]

EVENING

6:00 pm **YTV 18** ★★½ "Prancer Returns" (2001, Drama) John Corbett. A boy is certain that a deer he finds in the forest belongs to Santa.
CITY 29 ★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. The Griswolds spend the holiday in a garish way, especially when a country cousin pulls up in an RV. [E]

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7:30 pm **FOX 25** ★★½ "Spider-Man" (2002, Action) Tobey Maguire. Peter Parker uses his superhuman powers to battle his archenemy, the Green Goblin. (In Stereo) [E]
8:00 pm **KHQ 7** ★★½ "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946, Comedy-Drama) James Stewart. Ruined by a miser on Christmas Eve, a suicidal family man sees life anew thanks to his guardian angel. (In Stereo) [E] (DVS)
9:00 pm **WTBS 3** ★★½ "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. In the 1940s, little Ralphie tries to convince his parents to get him a Red Ryder range-model BB gun for Christmas. Narrated by Jean Shepherd. [E]
CHBC 4 "Recipe for a Perfect Christmas" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Christine Baranski. A fledgling food critic agrees to visit a struggling restaurant if its chef will date her meddling mother. [E]
KREM 8 ★★ "A Very Married Christmas" (2004, Drama) Joe Mantegna. As the holidays approach, a man learns his wife, who is having an affair, wants a divorce. (In Stereo) [E]
VTV 22 ★★½ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947, Fantasy) Maureen O'Hara. An adwoman's lawyer boyfriend tries to prove that Macy's Santa Claus is the real thing. (In Stereo) [E]
FAM 26 ★★ "Twas the Night" (2001, Comedy) Bryan Cranston. A 14-year-old boy and his uncle jeopardize Christmas when they take Santa's sleigh for a joy ride.
10:46 pm **FAM 26** ★★ "Prefontaine" (1997, Biography) Jared Leto. Olympic defeat matures a selfish distance runner into a sports activist before his 1975 death in a car crash.
11:00 pm **WTBS 3** ★★½ "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. In the 1940s, little Ralphie tries to convince his parents to get him a Red Ryder range-model BB gun for Christmas. Narrated by Jean Shepherd. [E]

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2006

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2006

Table with 20 columns (WTBS to WGN) and 24 rows (6 AM to 11 PM) listing TV programs and channels.

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5:00 PM Dec 20 - 8:00 AM Dec 27

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Follow on the map from (bracketed clue) solution to (bracketed clue) solution



It was the night before our departure in the year 900 AD. Our two families had been working on the twin hulled canoe for several years and, at last, were satisfied with its completion. Two giant dug out logs with cross members lashed to them joined the hulls of our catamaran. Months had been spent weaving the sails and joining the strips; the masts were tested and set in place. We had erected a hut on the cross members and stocked the 40 foot hulls with food, water, coconuts, and live stock. We were finally ready. Through the night Old Red Eyes, our navigator, had insisted on being left alone on the beach, where he studied the stars on the eastern horizon towards Fiji. Early the next morning we paddled out through the reef from our home island; (why can a K, backwards) 21.30°S/165.30°E, into the (c if I cap, backward) and hoisted the two sails. Soon our mountainous island faded from view and we were entirely surrounded by water, alone, at the mercy of Old Red Eyes' skills. He sat in the prow, explaining his reasoning and issuing orders to my father, who passed them to my brothers and uncles manning sails and paddles. Some said Old Red Eyes knew the secret language of the fishes, but my father said that over the years he had learned to read the sea, wind and stars. We were trusting him to take us to the fabled islands of the North. Once there, the Goddess Pele would create lands for us and our ancestors from the solid fire mountains. The weather was cloudy and we fought the (below mid line flow) for 3 weeks, our sails cutting into the (opposite from north west commerce) winds, which nearly shredded them before our trusted guide saw a cross current in the water and had us turn north. The next morning the clouds had cleared and in the afternoon we found the Island of (Japanese auto, with "why" and "tea" exchanged). After a week's stay for repairs, rest and re-stocking of our food and water supplies, we headed east again into the vast blue uncharted ocean, dolphins diving in our bow waves. "Part 1 of 2" (Japanese auto with "why" and "tea" exchanged) = Totora. (below mid line flow) = South equatorial current, (opposite from North West Commerce) = South East Trade, (Japanese auto with "why" and "tea" exchanged) = Totora. navigation techniques passed on by word of mouth. CLUES: why can a K, backwards = Kandy, (c if I cap, backward) = Pacific, (below mid line flow) = South equatorial current, (opposite from North West Commerce) = South East Trade, (Japanese auto with "why" and "tea" exchanged) = Totora. Solution: You have just followed the beginning of a journey of exploration and discovery illustrating a colonizing family of Maori navigators into the Central Pacific Islands, without the benefit of compass or sextant and guided by navigation techniques passed on by word of mouth. CLUES: why can a K, backwards = Kandy, (c if I cap, backward) = Pacific, (below mid line flow) = South equatorial current, (opposite from North West Commerce) = South East Trade, (Japanese auto with "why" and "tea" exchanged) = Totora. © Puzzlemapsxplore.com © 2006



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obituary

Lyman Bowles

1933 - 2006

It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of Lyman Bowles.

The youngest of 7 children, Lyman was born September 3, 1933 in Viking, Alberta. He passed away peacefully at the Princeton General Hospital on Saturday, December 9, 2006 with his family at his side.

Lyman leaves to mourn his loving wife, Jean of 50 years, sons Dan (Dee), Dave (Cheryl) and daughter Bernie as well as six grandchildren, Jen, Tom, Sarah, Chantelle, Cody and Kailee. Predeceased by his parents Ethel and Henry Bowles, sisters Elsie and Nora and brother Charlie.

Also left to mourn are three sisters, Mary (Bob) Richardson, Joyce Pierrot and Jean (Earl) Winquist, nieces, nephews and many extended family members.

As per Lyman's request there will be no memorial service and his remains are to be cremated. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Princeton General Hospital or the BC Cancer Fund.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at the Princeton and Penticon hospitals for their care and compassion.

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From the Author of:
 "Blakeburn - B. C.'s Forgotten Ghost Town"

The following Obituary Notice appeared in last week's News Leader. Unfortunately, it contained a couple of errors. The News Leader apologizes to the Stratman and Lutze families and is pleased to publish the corrected notice below.

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Wendy Christina Stratman (nee Lutze)

1950 - 2006



It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of our loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. Wendy was born November 20, 1950. She passed away suddenly but peacefully in Surrey Memorial Hospital on Thursday November 30, 2006. Wendy devoted her life to others through her dedication to her patients and her profession as a registered nurse for over 35 years in both Alberta and BC. She spent the last 14 years of her career at Princeton General Hospital serving the residents of this community with her caring and compassion. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by her devoted husband Paul of 24 years, son Jason,

and Daughter-in-law Aylene. She will also be sadly missed by her other children, many grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren; but especially by her Grandson Joshua with whom she lived for the last 2 years. He was the light of her life and helped to brighten her days. Wendy also leaves behind her parents, Wilfred & Jesse Lutze of Edmonton, her brother Terry, his wife Emily and their family, and her 3 sisters: Lucille, Cecilia, & Bonnie and their families. A private service for Wendy was held at Valley View Funeral Home in Surrey, BC on Saturday, December 9, 2006. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to hear from anyone whose life was touched by Wendy - either personally or through her work as a nurse. Your stories or notes would be very much appreciated and can be sent to:

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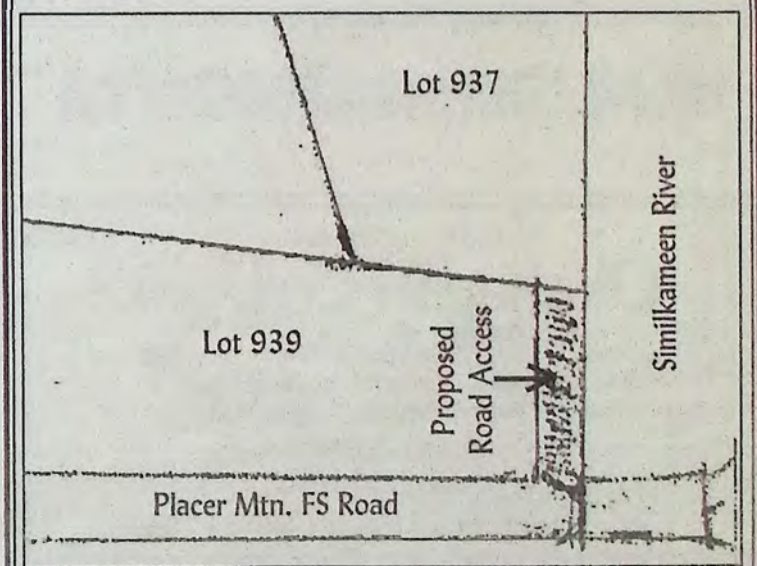
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Take notice that James Hughes of Chilliwack, BC, intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Southern Service Region - Kamloops Service Centre, Crown Land Adjudication office, for a licence for road access purposes covering that unsurveyed Crown land thru District Lot 939 Yale Division Yale District known as the "Wonder Fraction" mineral claim and that part of District Lot 937 Yale Division Yale District known as the "Wonder No 1. mineral claim situated on Provincial Crown land located in the vicinity of Princeton.

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is 3411394. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Crown Land Adjudication at 3rd Floor, 145-3rd Avenue, Kamloops, BC V2C 3M1. Comments will be received by ILMB until January 11, 2007. ILMB may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website at www.lwbc.bc.ca under **Search --> Search Land Applications** for more information.

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DEVELOPMENT OF A PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

File # 102-784-07/12

Gorman Bros. Lumber Ltd. is developing a Plan under the *Integrated Pest Management Act*. The plan will describe a pest management program using Integrated Pest management techniques.

The purpose of this Pest Management Plan is to ensure effective and safe vegetation control on Gorman Bros. forest licenses FLA18671 and FLA18669 in the Southern Interior Forest Region. This region is located on crown land in the vicinity of the communities of Kelowna, Penticton, Summerland, Keremeos and Lumby.

Under this Plan a combination of selectively applied techniques will be used to suppress and control vegetation. Techniques used will include:

- Preventive - Minimizing soil disturbance, assessment and early recognition of vegetation problems.
- Mechanical & Manual - Hand girdling, brush / chain saws, (brushing & weeding).
- Other techniques - Burning, site preparation.
- Herbicide Application on Forestry blocks - Ground foliar spraying, selective or spot treatment, basal bark.

Herbicides proposed for use include:

Trade Name	Common Name (active ingredient)
Vantage Forestry / Vision Release	glyphosate triclopyr

The proposed effective term of this Plan is from April 30, 2007 to April 29, 2012.

The proposed Plan, diagrams or map(s) may be viewed at the Gorman Bros. Lumber Mill office at 3900 Dunfield Road, Westbank, BC V4T 2G3. If you wish to review the document please phone for an appointment by contacting Ray Van Ingen at 250-768-6242 or you may request to receive further information in regards to this Integrated Pest Management Plan from the following contact:

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Anyone wishing to contribute information about a proposed treatment site, relevant to the development of the Plan, may send copies of the information to the applicant at the address above within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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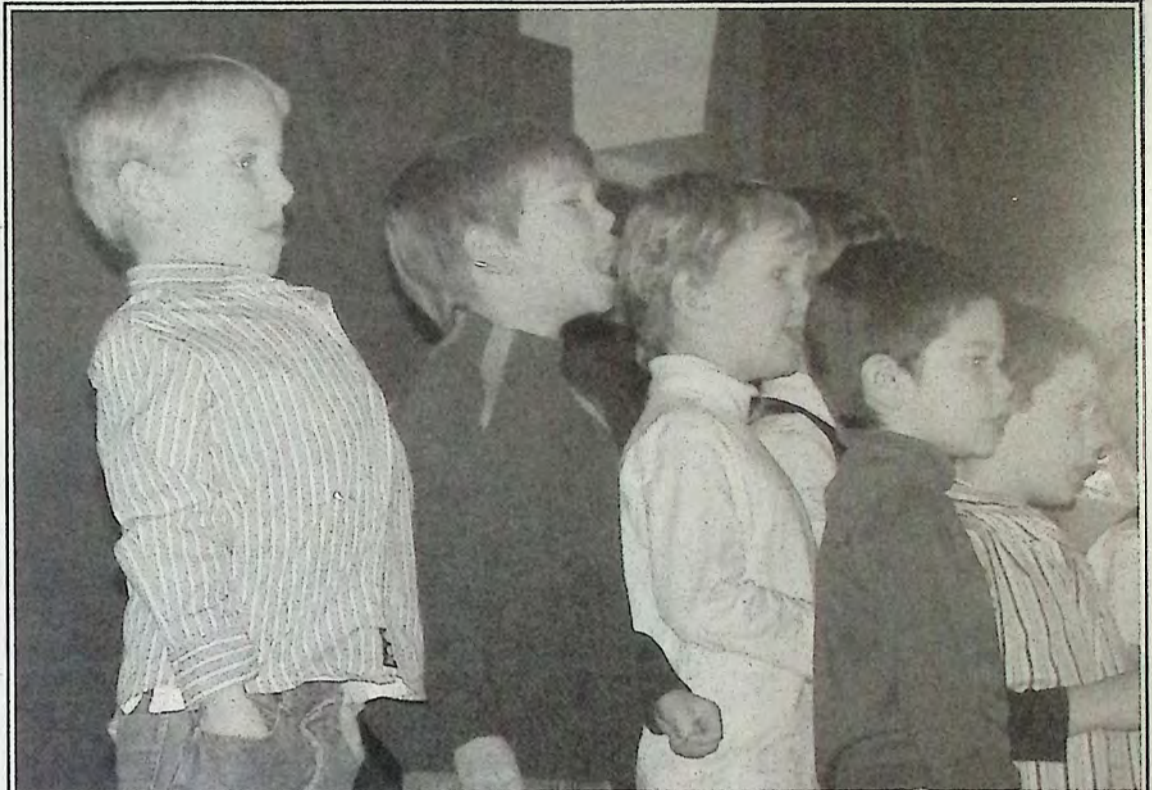
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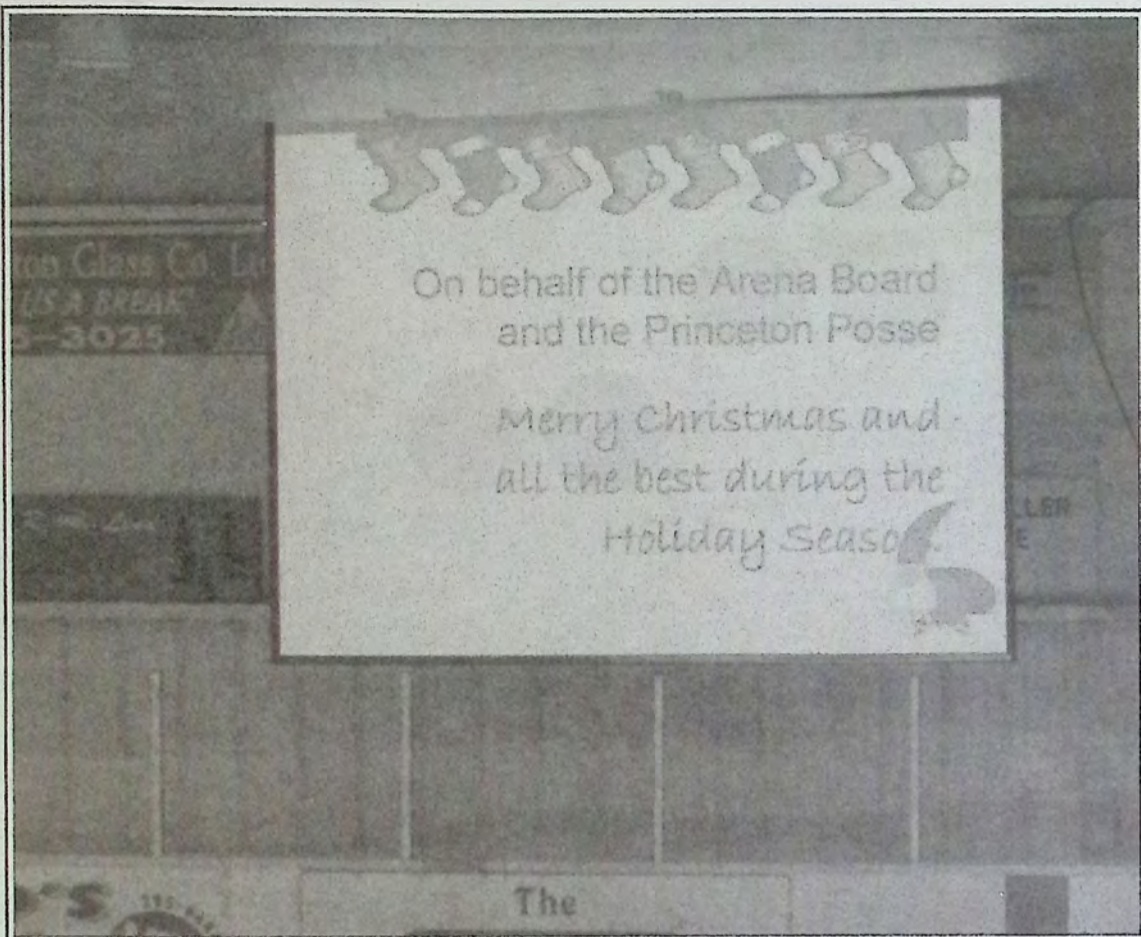


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Dawn Johnson, Princeton ArtsNow Committee Chair, accepts a \$500.00 cheque from Princeton Royal Canadian Legion President Bud Sadegur. The presentation was made December 9th. *



Princeton Arena has entered the 'big time' with the addition of this giant video message centre, provided in part by FortisBC. The big screen was operational at the December 15th Posse game against Beaver Valley. *

Seniors treated to private concert

Of course it is December so no wonder we are having snow and icy roads. However, it does make the great outdoors a beautiful winter wonderland!

We were fortunate to have the John Allison School Choir (55 students from Grades 1 to 3) led by their teacher Raelene Campana sing a number of Christmas carols for us. One youngster pretended to play a saxophone. He did an excellent job.

All the children were very attentive to their teacher and were very well behaved. With their program completed the students were treated to cookies, cake and juice. Lastly, they were given small bags of candy.

In the afternoon we were entertained by the Movers and Shakers. Do you realize it is 15 years since they organized? Mr. and Mrs. Claus made an appearance.

Mr. Claus sang a love song to

Mrs. Claus as she sat demurely by his side.

A duet sang the first verse of "Never Do Bells Ring So Sweetly" in German, then the carol was sung in English.

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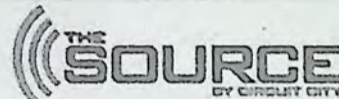


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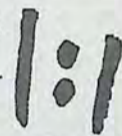
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New Year's Traditions

As we enter into a New Year, I thought it would be interesting to look at some different New Year's traditions from around the world. In every country, people have their own unique way of ushering in the New Year. Although the celebrations are not always held on the same day, they often include religious celebrations, costume parties, parades and customs said to bring good luck and fortune for the coming year.

In Ecuador, "Año Viejo" is celebrated by creating a dummy, which looks like a scarecrow. The figure is completely dressed and stuffed with old newspapers and firecrackers and placed outside the home. He represents something negative that happened during the last year. At midnight, each family lights the dummy on fire. As the dummy goes up in smoke, the firecrackers are also ignited which adds to the festivities. With this, the old year is forgotten and the New Year begins.

In Greece, St. Basil, one of the forefathers of the Greek Orthodox Church, is said to fill the children's shoes with presents at midnight. New Years is the most festive day and considered even more important than Christmas as it is the most popular day for gift giving and for stories of St. Basil's kindness to children.

In Denmark, it's a good sign to find your door littered with a pile of broken dishes on New Year's day. Old dishes are saved all year to throw at the homes where your friends live on New Year's Eve to wish them "Happy New Year." Many broken dishes are a symbol that you have many friends!

People in Japan spend weeks planning for their New Year's celebrations. They buy special food and make decorations for their front doors out of pine branches, bamboo, and ropes that are believed to bring health and long life. Fan ropes are also hung over the doors and roofs with seaweed or ferns to bring happiness and good luck. Children receive "otoshidamas," which are small gifts with money inside.

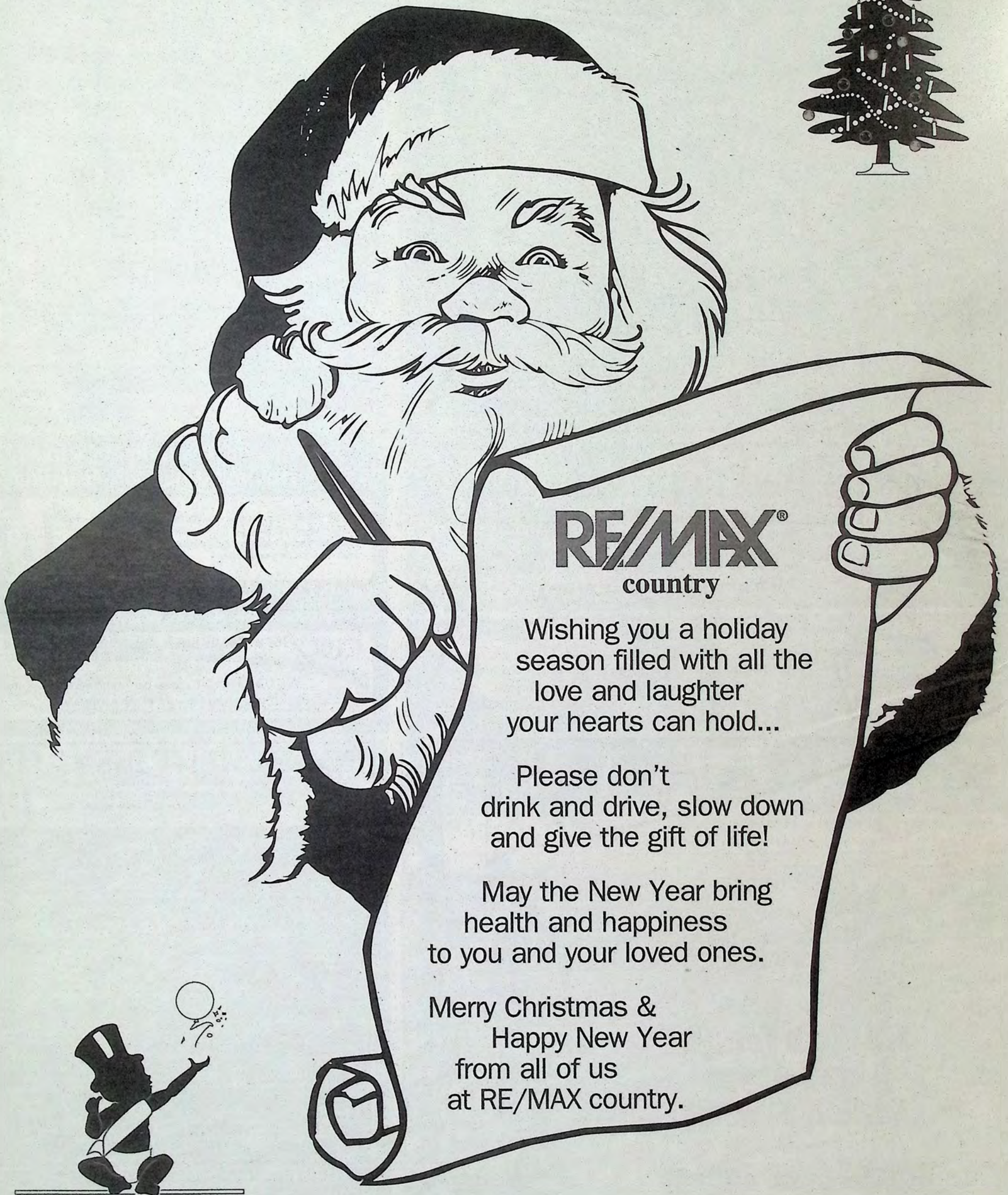
Many countries including the United States, celebrate the New Year with parades. One of the most famous parades is the Tournament of Roses which precedes the Rose Bowl football game in Pasadena, California. The parade dates back to 1886 when members of the Valley Hunt Club decorated their carriages with flowers and celebrated the ripening of the orange crop in California.

In Thailand, the traditional New Year "Songkran" is celebrated as a joyous occasion and people from all walks of life take part in week long celebrations. Most of the activities on Songkran Day involve water throwing, building sand pagodas and pouring holy water on the aged as a means of blessing. Whatever your particular New Year's tradition, we hope you have an enjoyable holiday. On behalf of the Vaccaro Investment Team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

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