



It was anything but a Blue Christmas December 5th at Princeton Baptist Church - where the annual Christmas Songfest was held. Darrell Tompkins of Tulameen, above, shared a little bit of the King for the standing room only crowd. More Songfest photos on Pages 24, 26 & 27. \*

## Mayor says there is no danger of flood

The pineapple express that roared through southern B.C. last week brought a response from Mayor Randy McLean at the December 3 Town Council meeting. He said he had calls from media asking him if Princeton expected a flood. "It's not the same as 1995," Mayor

McLean stated, referring to the flood of November 29, 1995, which resulted in millions of dollars damage to the local area, including downtown Princeton. "The snowpack is not as deep, and the temperature is expected to cool down in a couple of days," Mayor McLean added.

## Council announces good news for doctors

Princeton doctors are going to get some relief help this Christmas season. Three locum doctors will be coming here to help out for Christmas.

Councillor Pam Jones announced the good news at the December 3 Town Council meeting in her report on the progress being made by the committee for recruitment

of health professionals. Interior Health Authority is working with the committee and helping in any way it can. Councillor Jones showed a pam-

phlet about Princeton. This will be distributed in locations where it can do the most good. Interior Health Authority has promised to provide assistance,

and to keep the ER open as long as local doctors are willing to be on call. Councillor Ray Jarvis had a complaint from a nurse who was here temporarily from Alberta. She did not like the motel in which she stayed and had no transportation. Councillor Jones had some good news for locum doctors and nurses: a local person has donated a car for their use, and Council agreed to insure it.

## Jarvis asks for airport bucks

The Airport Committee wants Council to spend money on upgrading the airport. At the December 3 Town Council meeting, Councillor Ray Jarvis put forward three recommendations that would see the Town spend \$234,000 on airport facilities. Jarvis asked for \$20,225 in the 2008 budget for an upgrade in electrical service to the airport, and an operating account of \$20,000. The big ticket item is a fuelling facility for \$196,000. "We've been laying low on this," Councillor Jarvis stated. "It's about time the Town spend money on the

airport." All these items were referred to budget. The Airport Committee further recommended that Council initiate a marketing strategy in partnership with local businesses, not only to look for financial support, but to "raise awareness" of the value of an airport to Princeton business. Mayor Randy McLean questioned

what sort of ideas would be presented to local business people to encourage them to spend money. Councillor Jarvis explained that most of the funds raised locally would be to help put a fuelling system in place. Councillor Jim Manion said fundraising and raising awareness should be the job of the Airport Committee.

Despite the response Councillor Jarvis received, Council supported the concept. The final recommendation was that Town Council write to the Minister of Education requesting access to a surplus portable school building at a nominal fee to be used as a terminal at the airport. Council agreed to sending the request.

Billy's Restaurant will donate one meal a day, free of charge, to any doctor or nurse coming to Princeton to help out on a locum basis. At Councillor Jones recommendation, Council agreed to a \$500 per month fund to assist locum doctors driving here. It will be used for mileage if needed. Council will also provide back-up funding for accommodation for families who have volunteered to make space for a doctor or nurse coming here as relief help.

## Council wants more at light-up

Councillor Maria Sadegur expressed keen disappointment in the number of people who turned out for Princeton Christmas Light-up celebration on November 30. Councillor Ray Jarvis added his comments about the poor turnout for the event. "If it hadn't been for the carolers

and Council and others participating, there would have been nobody

there," Councillor Sadegur said. "I want to see more people next year."

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# Riverside wants to go strata



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The owners of Riverside Motel have applied to Town Council for a change in the Official Community Plan and a zoning change from commercial to medium density residential. The owners want to make the cabins available for purchase under strata title.

The Riverside Motel owners have submitted detailed plans to Town Council about changes they plan to

make. There will be a public hearing on January 21, 2008, for the public to express whether the change is in the best interests of the community.

Councillor Jim Manion had some concerns about the proposed changes and wanted to be clear that approving the bylaw would not constitute a commitment to approve the request. He was

assured that, if the public hearing raised cause for alarm, Council could deny the application.

## Pine beetle logging takes mostly pine, study says

All additional harvesting allowed by the Ministry of Forests and Range to deal with the current mountain pine beetle infestation has been directed at pine, according to a Forest Practices Board report released last week.

"The increase in the allowable annual cut to deal with the mountain pine beetle epidemic has raised concerns about whether non-pine species of trees were also being harvested," said board chair Bruce Fraser.

"We found that all of the new allowable harvest consists of pine, and that industry has not increased its harvest of other species."

A board investigation into species composition of MPB harvest in B.C.'s Interior was prompted by a 36 per cent increase in the allowable annual cut.

The increased harvest is helping to try to control the outbreak and salvage beetle-killed wood before it loses its value. Other species continue to be logged to make wood products for which pine is not suitable, or when clear-cutting mixed species stands.

The board found that industry is balancing the need to salvage value from dead pine with the need to maintain the commercial viability of existing mills.

The board remains concerned, however, that the trend toward harvesting in mixed stands while avoiding pure (80 to 100 percent) pine stands could reduce the mid-term timber supply and limit reforestation, which could affect the long-term timber supply.

If uses for the dead pine - such as for bio-energy or for non-lumber wood products - turn out to be viable, more pure pine may well be harvested and those sites replanted for the future, reducing the long-term concern.

The Forest Practices Board is B.C.'s independent watchdog for sound forest and range practices, reporting its findings and recommendations directly to the public and government. The board:

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- audits appropriateness of government enforcement;
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Valley First Princeton Posse players remind you the annual Teddy Bear Game is coming up on Wednesday, December 19th at Princeton Arena. Seated, from left, are Curtis Gedig, Brett Van Riper, Dan Hillman and Nolan Bowker. Fans are encouraged to take a bear to the game to throw on ice when Princeton scores their first goal. All teddy bears will be donated to the Princeton Crisis Assistance Society Christmas Hamper Fund. The Teddy Bear Game is co-sponsored by Dairy Queen and Similkameen News Leader. \*

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## Application moves to second phase

Princeton moves one step closer to receiving money to develop the industrial park land northeast of downtown Princeton across from the fairgrounds.

Mayor Randy McLean reported to Town Council that he had been advised Princeton's application for

money for the project had moved into a second phase of approval. Money is available to communities in southern B.C. Interior to compensate for expected economic downturn as a result of pine beetle damage to local forests.

Princeton's initial application

competed with many other communities. After initial screening, Princeton's application has moved up closer to final approval, although it is still competing with other communities.

If final approval is granted, the funds will be used to provide water, storm sewers and lighting for the industrial park area closest to Highway 40.

## Dorothy sends update

Now we're into December most people are busy with Christmas cards, making or buying gifts for our special people. We also notice the extra pounds we've struggled to lose are growing back with every dinner or tea we attend. Oh well! New Year will soon be here and then watch those extra pounds vanish!

Vermilion Court residents have been having a great time. Most Tuesdays and Thursdays we have Aida, or Beth as leader for games and exercise. But we do have other entertainment.

The Grade 3 students came with their story books and read them to us. They all did very well! Of course, they enjoyed juice and cookies before returning to school. We look forward to their visits in the New Year.

One day this week we used the Community Bus to visit five Princeton stores for shopping. Getting on and off the bus so many times was a bit tiring but we were all happy to be able to see the different Christmas displays and do a bit of shopping.

Today some of our residents were able to go by bus to Audrey's home for lunch. Such a warm welcome and lovely meal. Her Christmas decorations are fantastic!

We were entertained by her moving, talking and singing toys and dolls. Thank you, Audrey for sharing your Christmas with us.

We did not take part in the Santa Claus parade but we saw so many pictures of it as Reet attended and took great pictures. It was lovely!

- submitted by D. Stenvold

## District announces concert schedule

Nicola-Similkameen School District 58 has released the schedule for school Christmas Concerts in the district.

In Princeton, the PSS Christmas Band Concert is planned for December 10th at 7:00 PM with the annual Turkey Dinner on December 18th at 12 Noon.

Vermilion Forks Elementary School will host their Christmas Concert on December 14th at 1:30 PM.

John Allison Elementary School's Christmas Concert is set for December 19th at Princeton Secondary School beginning at 1:00 PM.

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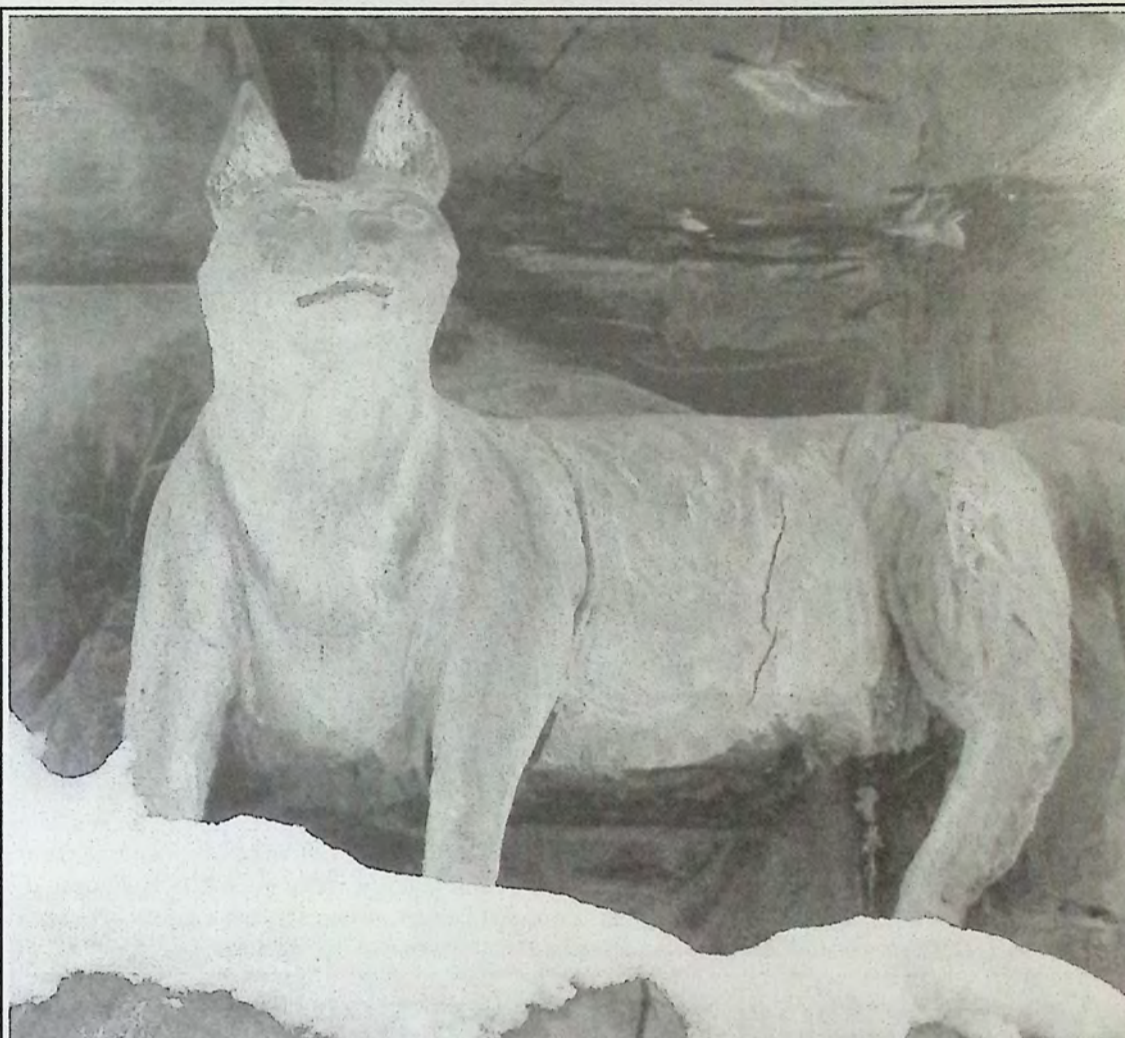

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**keremeos and area news**

Any idea where in Keremeos this carving is located? We'll give you a hint, it's near the Village Office. \*

**Keremeos permit numbers climb**

A review of building permits issued in Keremeos so far in 2007 shows a lot has been happening in the Lower Similkameen.

Although there were no permits issued in January, there was one in February for a \$15,120 garage repair to a private residence; five issued in March for demolition, renovations and new foundations valued at \$205,290; six in April including two new commercial buildings and one new residential building worth \$647,880; thirteen issued in May (2 new residential,

1 new industrial, 1 new commercial and nine repair or renovation permits) totaling \$683,120.

The Village also issued nine permits in June (\$435,380), four in July (\$963,680), four in August (\$271,160) and four in September (\$401,920).

The 2007 totals to September 30th show 46 building permits

issued with 26 of them for repairs or renovations to existing structures, eleven for new residential projects, eight for new commercial projects and one new industrial permit.

The total value of the permits equals \$3,623,550. The permits also generated \$40,384.01 in revenue for the Village.

**Similkameen Country  
Newsletter notes**
**Katimavik** - An information meeting was held on November 21st at the Village Offices. The coordinator for the South Okanagan, Erin Mckeown was in attendance.

Keremeos will be having 11 participants (ages 17 to 21). The project manager will be arriving this week.

Similkameen Country will be helping the project manager find billets for the first rotation (February 22 to March 2).

Wendy Curr, from the Village office, will be the emergency contact for the program.

**New Community Resource Centre** - Three bids were received for general contracting and a contract will be awarded any day. Work is expected to begin in March.

The Kitchen Committee will be meeting soon. The Sign Committee will meet on December 11 at 7:30 AM.

**Gaming Licence** - We are in the process of forming a 'not for profit' society in order to apply for a gaming licence.

We need a gaming licence in order to do our Similkameen Treasure Hunt fundraising event.

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The view from China Ridge X-Country Ski Trails. - photo submitted

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**BC Southern Interior monthly report**

**Meat Regulations Obstruct Efforts To Support Local Farmers**

The new B.C. slaughterhouse regulations are now in effect as of October 1st. What this means is that all slaughtering of animals must take place in government approved facilities and be inspected by inspectors from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

British Columbia has chosen to comply with federal government regulations which seek standardization across the country. This is in response to the BSE crisis and pressure from our trading partners.

While all of this appears to make sense, at least on paper, it has imposed tremendous hardships on hundreds of producers in our province. Farmers are no longer allowed to slaughter their own animals and sell them. Local meat producers are forbidden from slaughtering animals from surrounding farms unless they meet the stringent slaughterhouse criteria imposed by the new Meat Inspection Regulation (MIR).

Although funding is available to individuals and community groups to build or up-grade abattoir facilities, often this is not enough and can be quite complicated. As it stands now, many farmers must transport their animals' long distances for slaughter.

The Campbell government recently succumbed to intense opposition pressure by announcing that small meat producers and processors will get another six months to operate. This is a temporary victory but the regulation still ignores small meat producers and processors who lack the capital associated with MIR up-grades. In addition, meat producers have

been forced to wait weeks to gain access to existing abattoirs as well as being forced to cover additional costs for items such as transportation and animal loss during that extended time period. Time delays mean additional expenses to the producer who already has a small profit margin to work within.

It is interesting that in Nova Scotia the Meat Inspection Act does not apply to the slaughter of animals by a producer for sale at the farm gate if the consumer does not intend to sell it for other commercial purposes.

According to provincial NDP Agriculture Critic, Corky Evans, M.L.A., it is unfair that the government is de-regulating everything from the forest industry to the criminal justice system - things that really do help protect society and keep them safe - and then turn around and impose an unfair regulation on small farmers for doing what they've been doing safely for generations. In a statement before the legislature Evans said that if the government wants all meat to go through a legal processing facility then farm gate sales should be allowed until there are enough of them available, "Then the Minister of Health gets what he wants - every piece of meat inspected, but it forces the government that brought in the regulatory regime to see this job through, to actually put an abattoir within 50 km of every farmer's door, or until it gets there, they can sell to their neighbours like they want to and always have done."

It seems ironic that as we are trying to promote local agriculture and the "100 mile diet", the MIR is

forcing us in the other direction. If we believe in local control of our food supply, and moving away from the industrial model of farming, then it is imperative that throughout Canada we do whatever is humanly possible to encourage the survival of the family farm. This is one more obstruction that will make it more difficult to do so.

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## Get to know the most popular scams

(NC)—If you find an investment that sounds too good to be true, it probably is. The B.C. Securities Commission wants you to know about some of the most popular investment scams, so you can protect yourself.

**Affinity fraud**—Fraudsters find it easy to prey on people who know each other, especially people who share a strong bond such as religion, ethnicity, age, profession or interests. They gain your trust, use you to meet the people close to you, and then attempt to deceive the whole group into giving them money.

**Ponzi scheme**—Named for the originator of this ploy, Charles Ponzi,

this is a variation on the age-old pyramid scheme. Ponzi schemes promise high returns and encourage you to bring in new people to help make the venture successful. But the high returns paid out to early investors come from money paid in by new investors. Eventually, the whole thing collapses.

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**Free investment seminars**—Be extra careful when attending a free investment seminar. The speaker may appear friendly and trustworthy, but often he or she is just looking for innocent people to rob. The free or low-cost seminar may be bait and you could suddenly be on the hook for your life savings.

**Telephone fraud**—It's a good policy to avoid making any decisions over the phone, especially those involving money. Scam artists use 'boiler rooms' with slick, fast-talking salespeople. Be skeptical of every sales call you take over the phone, and never give out your personal information. - News Canada

## Lower your energy bills this winter

(NC)—The winter months can be notorious for rising energy costs. Fear not: there are a number of things homeowners can do to help save a few dollars on their utility bills this winter.

**Here's how:**

- Have your furnace inspected and cleaned every year. The ducting should be cleaned every few years to keep the air you breathe clean and to allow the air to flow efficiently. Be sure the furnace filters are changed regularly.

- Use a programmable thermostat. This will allow you to set the heat at a lower temperature if the house is

empty during the day and at night, when you're asleep keeping warm under the covers.

- Plug gaps in your home. The leaks around doors and windows in an average house can equal the size of a small window being open all winter. Trap interior air inside the home by applying a solar control window film, like 3M's Ultra Prestige film, to the interior of your windows and be sure to caulk all cracks around doors and frames.

- Fireplaces are another notorious 'cold spot' in a home. Check the damper to ensure it fits snug, so that it's not letting in cold air when the fire-

place is not in use.

- Keep furniture and drapes off of heating vents. It makes no sense heating up the bottom of a couch or blowing warm air up a curtain and fogging up the window. Vent deflectors are available to divert warm air to where it is needed and make better use of valuable heat.

- Keep the hot water tank thermostat at 55°C for the best efficiency. Install a tank insulation kit, and insulate any hot water pipes which are readily accessible.

Visit [www.3m.com/prestige/canada](http://www.3m.com/prestige/canada) to learn more about how to lower your energy costs this winter. - News Canada

## Holiday Shopping: Don't toy around with fake goodies

(NC)—Leading up to the holidays many people will be on the hunt for that perfect — and perfectly priced — holiday gift, but they should also be on the lookout for fakes. Counterfeit products are not just about knock-off handbags and watches. Phony items can include potentially unsafe items such as electric toys, household appliances, power tools, consumer electronics and other gifts that may present a shock or fire hazard.

Giving a counterfeit item could mean unintentionally putting family and friends at risk for serious or fatal injury or illness. CSA International advises consumers to look for signs that identify a bargain gift item that may be naughty rather than nice.

- **Eye spy:** Look for the mark. A system of standards has been put in place to test and certify products: avoid electrical products if a label from a recognized certification organization such as CSA International is missing.

- **Say phooey to phonies:** Inspect the mark. Counterfeit marks have distinctive graphic features that are often not accurately reproduced by counterfeiters.

- **Drawn to distraction:** Inferior packaging. Counterfeit packaging often has poor design or only partial illustrations.

- **You can label me.** Look for misspellings and unclear printing on products and labels.

- **What's missing?** Check for a discrepancy between the contents of the

product package and its description, as well as missing product information or package enclosures.

- **What's in a name?** When a product doesn't include a brand identifier or trademark, it's likely fake. Brand-name companies want you to know whose product you're buying. Also look for missing return addresses or company contact information.

- **Big bad bargains.** If the pricing seems too good to be true, it probably is.

- **Quality Control.** Check the 'look

and feel' of goods — fakes are often too light and too flimsy.

- **Don't I know you?** Know your retailer. If in doubt, buy only from reputable, well-known stores with clearly stated return policies.

- **Check marks the spot:** Check with the experts. Confirm CSA International certification of a product by comparing the product's identification against the certification record at <http://directories.csa-international.org>.

- News Canada

## living past 100

### Ladies; drink your decaf

A study done at the University of Minnesota and another done at the Harvard School of Public Health, discovered women who drink coffee had a 22 percent lower risk of developing Type 2 diabetes (adult onset diabetes). The study lasted 11 years and drew information from 29,000 older women. Surprisingly, the risk factor declined 33 percent for women who drank at least six cups of decaffeinated coffee a day.

The reduced risk was ascribed to the high level of antioxidant activity from drinking coffee.

Another factor is the chlorogenic acid in coffee which slows the absorption of sugar by the cells. Chlorogenic acid is abundant in red wine and chocolate, as well as in coffee.

There is a cautionary note to all of this good stuff about coffee: drink it plain, if possible. Adding sugar and milk increases the consumption of sugar and fats. Stay away from those gorgeous lattes served by many coffee vendors: a latte may contain more fat than anybody should consume in one day.

What about coffee with caffeine? Researchers found that six cups of caffeinated coffee did not seem to cause any major problems, but does reduce the absorption of calcium which is needed to avoid osteoporosis, and simply did not work as well as decaf for reducing diabetes risk.





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Thank you to the crafters for your diverse and creative goods. Thank you to the customers who came out and made the day worthwhile for the crafters.

**Thank you to all and we hope to see you next year!**



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China Ridge offers amazing sights to see and scenes to photograph and be part of, like this one. Photo submitted

# Trails improve at China Ridge

How wonderful to wake up Tuesday morning to four inches of fresh powder snow...just in time for the start of the 2007/08 ski season! Princeton's very own China Ridge Cross-Country Ski Association has been busy with plans for an active season, with better and more comfortable facilities in the works. Made possible through generous support received from local businesses and individuals, this group has been working on several important upgrades.

You will no doubt enjoy our new rustic zigzag fence and spiffy metal gate, custom-made by Pat Hayes, at the entrance to the China Ridge trails! Much-appreciated donations from Keith at Princeton Post & Rail made this project possible.

CRCCSA was busy out in community over the past few weeks raising money and support for their Longhouse Project which will hopefully be matched by the Community Gaming Grant they have applied for. Strong community support proves the public warming hut combined with an equipment storage facility will be very welcome up at the trailhead.

The club would like to thank the following contributors: Princeton

& District Community Forest, Town of Princeton, RDOS, Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Ministry of Tourism, Sport & the Arts, Princeton Rotary Club, All Purpose Roofing, Ty French Heating, Kabar Resources Ltd, Princeton Chamber of Commerce and Princeton Glass Company.

A very special thank you goes to Sharon Anderson who was 'Sleepless in Coalmont' many a night compiling the grant application requirements.

It was a real club effort and members dedicated many hours to ensure the feasibility of the project. This year an intersecting trail has been developed so that the snowshoers can easily access the China Loop warming shelter.

China Ridge Cross-Country Ski Association members are an active group of outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy cross-country (nordic) skiing on over 24 kilometres of track-set trails. China Ridge is located only ..... continued on Page 9

# RCMP aid plane in distress

Princeton RCMP responded to a call around 5:10 PM on Wednesday, December 5th of a pilot in distress attempting to land a small aircraft at Princeton Airport.

"The pilot apparently was having difficulty with orientation in the dark and with fog starting to roll in," says Princeton Detachment Sgt. Gary Macahonic.

"In case of the necessity of an emergency landing, RCMP members placed their police units - with emergency lights activated - at each end of the runway."

Vancouver Flight Control was contacted and they advised they

were communicating with the pilot of the plane. Vancouver Flight Control directed the pilot to head to Penticton to land at that airport.

"Penticton Flight Control was contacted and they advised that another plane was in the Princeton area headed to Penticton and that the first plane could follow the second to Penticton Airport."

Macahonic says that at about 5:45 PM Penticton Flight Control confirmed that both planes were about to land and did so without incident.

"Neither pilot or aircraft were identified to Princeton RCMP," Macahonic states.

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The winter wonderland of China Ridge X-Country Ski Trails. Photo submitted

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7 kilometres from Princeton (turn at Deer View Estates, accessing Snowpatch Road from the Tulameen Road). The flat groomed trail around the Princeton Airport is just on the edge of town.

Our two excellent and quite different facilities are maintained by the volunteer work of dedicated club members. Both venues provide wonderful and varied opportunities for the enjoyment of our sport. The China Ridge ski runs are well marked with maps available at the trailhead and at various locations throughout the trail system.

We invite you to enjoy our trails boasting a variety of terrain for all abilities. China Ridge offers the skier many wonderful views of the surrounding hills and valleys. There are convenient warming shelters located on several trails.

China Ridge even provides us with a loop trail that is dog and snowshoe friendly, however the majori-

ty of trails discourage dogs in order to keep the tracks in tip-top shape for the enjoyment of all!

China Ridge Ski Assn. has many great events planned for the approaching winter season.

Our Annual Club Events include:  
- Moonlight Ski Evenings with Potluck Dinners,  
- Lantern Ski Evening,  
- Group Ski Outings,  
- Plus trips to join in neighbouring Okanagan Loppets (races).

We would love to have you join our club! Please drop by An Ounce of Prevention Natural Foods on Vermillion Avenue, or contact Shirley Campbell at (250) 295-3379.

Membership is \$40 per adult, children under 19 \$10. Family memberships are to a maximum of \$100.

Why not come out, get a little fresh air, meet some new friends and join the fun!

- submitted by Lorraine Stubbins

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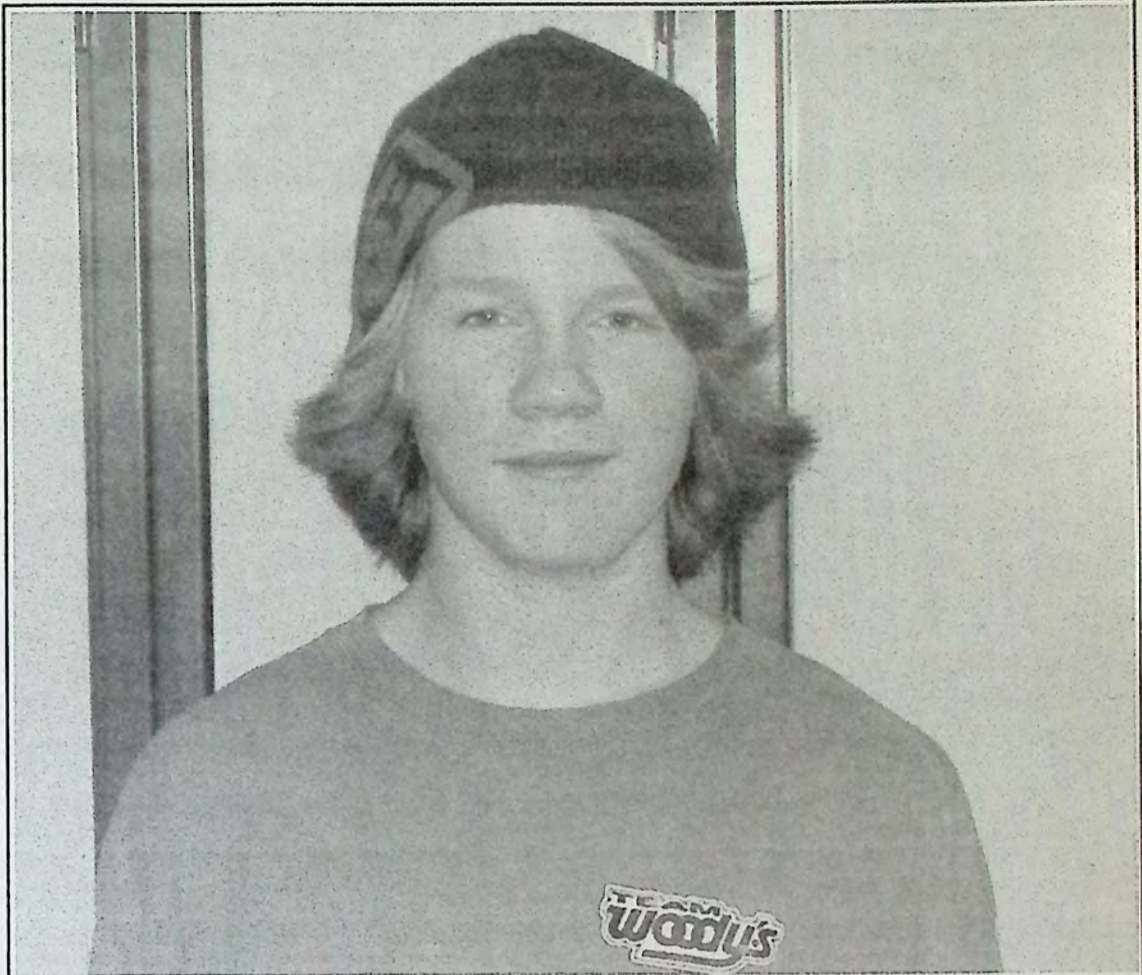
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PSS Student of the Month for November is Jesse Murray. The Grade 8 student was nominated for being a "kind, caring student" who "works hard on academics" and is "caring about his academics - always volunteering for tutorial." The PSS PAC sponsors Student of the Month. \*

# Mayor discusses pine beetle

by Randy McLean, Mayor  
Town of Princeton

As a board member representing the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen on the Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition I am privy to much of the latest information regarding the science of the cause and effects of pine beetle damage.

Our Coalition is charged with studying the extent to which communities will be affected and recommending initiatives and funding to encourage present industry and to diversify with other prospective alternatives. We are provincially funded and have a ministry representative on our board, we have delegates from every regional district and nearly all First Nations tribal councils in our area which stretches from 70 Mile in the north to the American border and from Lillooet to the Alberta border.

Our board recently completed a Phase 1 study of our area which assessed the percentage of pine in the timber supply and the dependence of communities on the lumber industry, that study showed that Princeton and Merritt were at the top of the list in those combined categories in our entire area. The amount of pine in our forest is very high and as well, the number of jobs in our town that are related to that forest are also high. This situa-

tion in the long term is definitely a concern, one which we as a community are going to have to come to grips with, yet I believe that upper level governments are aware of this predicament and have been displaying a willingness to assist.

Some months ago the town, Area H and the U.S.I.B. received an invitation to apply for a community forest license, this is an open ended area-based license which will supply funds to local projects for years to come. The recent \$1.7 million grant which will supply clean water to local residents will also supply fireflow to our industrial park and water to our airport. Last week our expression of interest for a \$700,000.00 project for infrastructure at our business park was met with an invitation to apply, this federal funding would enable us to construct roads, storm sewers, power, street lighting and curbing.

Our SIBAC board has also voted to provide a percentage of the 10% funding invited communities are required to come up with. As well I believe that projects Council has initiated including the airport, the town square and others stand a good chance of approval in the future as a result of this concern of upper level government.

It should be put in perspective what damage there really will be to our forest and how that will relate to the industries that utilize it. At our last SIBAC meeting, Assistant Deputy Minister Ray Schulz gave a presentation on the latest information regarding the mountain pine beetle. One advantage that we

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Princeton Curling Rink was the site of the annual Princeton Posse Funspiel on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Players used to sticks and ice learned a different game and enjoyed a dinner afterwards. Photo: Tom McLaren

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## Inside The Vault

### "Snowy Road To Victory" Clint Clifton, Princeton Posse Trainer

The Valley First Princeton Posse hit the snowy roads December 2nd for a matinee tilt against second overall Beaver Valley Nite Hawks. With the roads less than favourable the team arrived in Fruitvale just in time for the pre-game skate. With three regulars out of the line-up, including starting goalie Andrew Walsh, AP tender Nolan Bowker stepped up and did an admirable job between the pipes.


the stick of Dan Hillman with help from Tyler Martin. Less than two minutes later Beaver Valley tied the game at 3. The Posse kept pressing and forced Beaver Valley into a penalty with just less than 2 minutes left in regulation, this proved to be costly for the Nite Hawks as Dan Hillman tipped a point shot from Van Riper past the Nite Hawk's goalie with 28-seconds left in the game giving the Posse a huge 4 to 3 victory.

The Valley First Princeton Posse also played second place Summerland Sting on December 4th in Summerland. Princeton led the game in the third with a score of 2 to 1 until Summerland managed to tie it up. Both teams played an overtime period without breaking the tie which moved the game into a shoot out format. Summerland finished the game with the 3 to 2 shoot out win.

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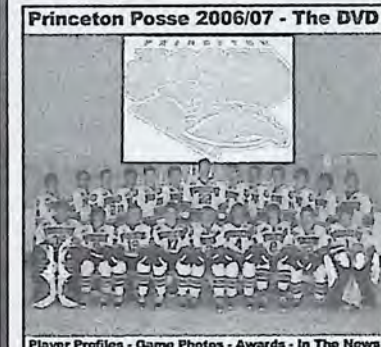
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Bus legs weren't the problem early in the game as the Posse had numerous chances to open the scoring, unfortunately it was Beaver Valley who lit it up first. The Posse kept pressing but were down 1 to 0 after the first.

At the 10:23 mark of the second, Kyle L'Arrivee tied the match on a pass from defenceman Brett Van Riper.

Five minutes later Brooks Christiansen, from L'Arrivee and Goss, put the Posse up 2 to 1.

Just over a minute left in the second Beaver Valley tied the game at two going into the third. The Posse picked up the pace in the third period outshooting Beaver Valley 13 to 7 and once again regaining the lead at 10:24 on a shorthanded tally off





Princeton Curling Club hosted the annual Valley First Princeton Posse Funspiel on November 30th. The team learned the game of curling and enjoyed a dinner afterwards. Photo: Tom McLaren



More action from the Posse Curling Funspiel. Photo: Tom McLaren

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2007/08 Valley First Princeton Posse Home Schedule

- December 15 - 7:00 PM - Kamloops
- December 19 - 7:00 PM - Summerland
- December 22 - 7:00 PM - Chase
- January 5 - 7:00 PM - Revelstoke
- January 15 - 7:00 PM - Chase
- January 30 - 7:00 PM - Summerland
- February 3 - 2:00 PM - Golden
- February 8 - 7:00 PM - Kimberley
- February 15 - 7:00 PM - Golden
- February 16 - 7:00 PM - Castlegar

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

Table of TV schedules for Wednesday, December 12, 2007. Columns include channel numbers (WTBS 3 to TROP 45) and program titles like 'All-Family News', 'Temptation', 'Jefferisons', etc.



# Horoscopes

December 12 - 19, 2007

**Aries** - You will find home life just as hectic as it has been for months, but it will ease back after Christmas. Meanwhile, think about your values. Christmas brings fun from parent.

**Taurus** - Look for big improvements in finances, shared resources. Local travel proves difficult. Try not to be grouchy. Partner/spouse is good to you. Christmas brings good changes.

**Gemini** - Interaction with partner/spouse is fun and fulfilling. Singles may decide on marriage. Christmas brings a lot of shared benefits. Life runs smoothly. Enjoy the holidays!

**Cancer** - You are pulled between the need to work and the need to spend fun time with partner/friend. Relax and enjoy the holidays, share the work. Be careful of your health at Christmas.

**Leo** - This is going to be a busy Christmas season for you but full of fun and activity. Worries will ease, but do not overspend on fun or you will soon have regrets. Keep fun simple.

**Virgo** - You are approaching a time of Christmas fun unlike most years: this year will be better. Talk to family, kids. Travel plans go smoothly. Changes for the better helps your kids, pets.

**Libra** - Home life is going to conflict with career for awhile, but Christmas will challenge you to enjoy life as never before. Worries subside. Do not overspend - you'll regret it.

**Scorpio** - This is your week to start a rejuvenation program. Look younger, feel younger. Do what's good for you. Christmas brings special messages this year. Enjoy all the talk, visitors.

**Sagittarius** - Your focus shifts now to your sense of values, as well as what you own, what you owe, and how you can make more money. Turn to humour as a source of revenue.

**Capricorn** - Big changes begin in this holiday season. Your inner world changes and is reflected in your outer world. There is joy, but keep a sensible diet: you can pile on the pounds now.

**Aquarius** - You are going to experience a change in your mind this coming year, and it starts with the holiday season. Your mind is going to be much more at ease. Have fun.

**Pisces** - A big change takes place in your plans for the future. The holiday season makes you think of big expansive plans as fun, and you go with the flow. Caution: home safety hazards!

## 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 GSAR Hall, Rocklin Avenue.
- 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.
- 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
- Little Folks Nursery School Parent/Board Meetings, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM at the school.

## thursday movies

### MORNING

- 6:00 am SPIKE (44) ★★ ★★ "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro. In the 1950s an Irish-Italian hoodlum joins the New York Mafia, but his mob career is not what he expected. (In Stereo)
- 10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ ★★ "About a Boy" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Hugh Grant. An irresponsible playboy becomes emotionally attached to a woman's 12-year-old son. (E)

### EVENING

- 6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Ghosts of Mars" (2001, Science Fiction) Ice Cube. An intergalactic cop and her team join forces with a dangerous criminal to battle supernatural warriors. (E)
- 9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Ghosts of Mars" (2001, Science Fiction) Ice

Cube. An intergalactic cop and her team join forces with a dangerous criminal to battle supernatural warriors. (E)  
 CHBC (4) "Family in Hiding" (2006, Suspense) Brenda Strong. Premiere. After seeing a murder, a single woman and her two children enter the Witness Protection Program. (E)  
 10:06 pm CITY (29) ★★ ★ "Time and Tide" (2000, Action) Nicholas Tse. Two men become good friends while protecting a gangster, until one decides to work for a rival.

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## friday movies

### MORNING

- 6:00 am SPIKE (44) ★★ ★ "Windtalkers" (2002, War) Nicolas Cage. In World War II, a Marine protects a Navajo recruit who transmits messages in his native tongue, confounding Japanese code-breakers. (In Stereo)
- 10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ ★ "Fletch" (1985, Comedy) Chevy Chase. An undercover Los Angeles reporter investigates a businessman who wants him to kill him. (E)

### AFTERNOON

- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Dreamcatcher" (2003, Horror) Morgan Freeman. While staying at a cabin in the woods, telepathic friends confront aliens that are being hunted by the military. (E)
- YTV (18) "Casper's Haunted Christmas" (2000, Fantasy) Voices of Brendon Ryan Barrett. Animated. Kibosh, ruler of ghosts, decrees Casper must scare someone or face banishment, so he enlists his look-alike cousin.

### EVENING

- 6:00 pm CITY (29) "Home for the Holidays" (2005, Drama) Sean Young. A loving aunt struggles to adopt her young relatives after their parents die in a car accident. (E)
- 7:30 pm FAM (26) "The Christmas

Star" (1986, Drama) Edward Asner. A fugitive's plan to use two children to retrieve money in a store's Christmas ornaments takes an unexpected turn. (E)

8:00 pm KHQ (7) ★★ ★★ "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)

CBC (13) ★★ ★ "The Santa Clause" (1994, Comedy) Tim Allen. An adman takes over for the bearded, big-bellied fellow after a rooftop mishap on Christmas Eve. (E)

9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★½ "Dreamcatcher" (2003, Horror) Morgan Freeman. While staying at a cabin in the woods, telepathic friends confront aliens that are being hunted by the military. (E)

9:03 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Slappy and the Stinkers" (1998, Comedy) B.D. Wong. Second-graders save a sea lion from their principal, an animal thief, and a groundskeeper who mistakes it for an oversized gopher.

10:06 pm CITY (29) "Scandalous Sex" (2004, Adult) Uninhibited beauties seek nonstop satisfaction.

10:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Buffalo Dreams" (2005, Drama) Reiley McClendon. A Navajo teen and a mountain-biker from Chicago must bridge a cultural gap to become friends and preserve tribal land.

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Recipe Corner (Recipe #197)

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# Lemon Coconut Shortbread

Makes: 24 cookies - Preparation time: 10 minutes

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup all purpose flour (250 mL)
- 1/2 cup unsweetened (125 mL) coconut
- 1/4 cup Splenda No Calorie Sweetener, Granular(60 mL)
- 2 tsp finely grated lemon zest (10 mL)
- 1/4 tsp salt (1 mL)
- 2/3 cup unsalted butter, cool but not cold (160 mL)

### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 325 °F (160 °C) and line a baking tray with parchment paper.
- In a food processor, pulse flour, coconut, Splenda, lemon zest and salt. Break butter into pieces and pulse until dough comes together (dough will be soft). Shape into a disc, wrap and chill for at least 2 hours.
- On a lightly floured surface, knead dough once or twice until pliable. Roll out to just shy of 1/4 inch (7 mm) thickness and cut out into 2 inch (5 cm) cookies of desired shape. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, just until bottom edges start to colour. Cool cookies on baking tray before removing.
- Cookies will keep up to 5 days in an airtight container or frozen for a month.

### Nutritional Information:

Amount per Serving:

Serving Size: 2 cookies

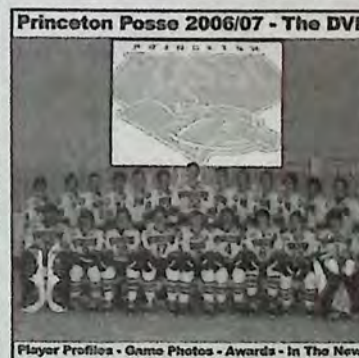
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007

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# CARTER'S Sudoku Challenge

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## HOW TO PLAY:

Sudoku is a game of logic. There is no math involved. The object of the game is to fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear only once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box. The numbers can appear in any order and Carter has left you some clues below.

### CHALLENGE #47 - Rated Easy

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### CHALLENGE #48 - Rated Hard

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THIS WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
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## saturday movies

### MORNING

9:00 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Mouse Hunt" (1997, Comedy) Nathan Lane. Brothers inherit a dilapidated mansion inhabited by a resourceful rodent that refuses to leave. (DVS)

11:00 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Mask" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. An ancient mask transforms a drab bank clerk into a grinning Romeo with superhuman powers. (DVS)

### AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "A Mom for Christmas" (1990, Fantasy) Olivia Newton-John. A widower and his daughter try to keep a mannequin that magically came to life from returning to its former state. (DVS)

1:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Encino Man" (1992, Comedy) Sean Astin. Teenage California buddies groom a thawed-out caveman and pass him off as a cool transfer student. (DVS)

CITY (29) "Home for the Holidays" (2005, Drama) Sean Young. A loving aunt struggles to adopt her young relatives after their parents die in a car accident. (DVS)

1:32 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.

4:00 pm YTV (16) ★★½ "An All Dogs Christmas Carol" (1998, Adventure) Voices of Steven Weber. Animated. Divine intervention is needed when a bulldog with a bad attitude makes plans to ruin the Christmas holiday. (In Stereo) (DVS)

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "3000 Miles to Graceland" (2001, Action) Kurt Russell. Two ex-cons and their partners in crime plan a Las Vegas casino heist during the week of an Elvis convention. (DVS)

### EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) "His and Her Christmas" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Two journalists write a Christmas column for rival newspapers in the same city. (DVS)

7:00 pm VTV (22) "Crazy Canucks" (2005, Docudrama) Lucas Bryant. Five daring Canadian athletes achieve fame while competing in alpine skiing in Europe in the 1970s. (In Stereo) (DVS)

7:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "The Glimmer Man" (1996, Action) Steven Seagal. An LAPD detective links murders blamed on a serial killer to a tycoon eliminating business associates. (DVS)

8:00 pm CHBC (4) KXLY (10) ★★ "Surviving Christmas" (2004, Comedy) Ben Affleck. Premiere. A lonely man returns to his childhood

home and celebrates the holiday with the strangers who live there. (In Stereo) (DVS)

KSPS (6) ★★ "The Seven Year Itch" (1955, Comedy) Marilyn Monroe. The blonde upstairs gives a man ideas, especially with his wife gone for the summer.

8:30 pm YTV (16) ★★ "Home Alone" (1990, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin. Accidentally left by his Paris-bound family, an 8-year-old makes mincemeat of two burglars in the house.

9:00 pm KREM (8) ★★½ "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling. Premiere. A man tells a story to a woman about two young people who become lovers in 1940s North Carolina. (In Stereo) (DVS)

FAM (26) ★★½ "3 Ninjas Kick Back" (1994, Comedy) Victor Wong. Young martial artists face their grandfather's foes when they accompany him to Japan to deliver a priceless dagger. (DVS)

CITY (29) ★★½ "Predator" (1987, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A sneaky alien monster attacks commandos on a jungle mission in South America. (DVS)

10:49 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off" (2003, Comedy) Taylor Ball. A 14-year-old baseball prodigy tries to juggle the playoffs and a cooking contest in the same day.

11:15 pm CITY (29) ★★ "The Man Who Cried" (2000, Drama) Christina Ricci. Adopted by a British couple and stripped of her ethnicity, a Russian Jew investigates her roots in pre-war Paris. (DVS)

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## sunday movies

### MORNING

8:00 am A&E (9) ★★½ "The Outsiders" (1983, Drama) Matt Dillon. Teenage gang life is seen through the eyes of a sensitive youth. Based on S.E. Hinton's best-selling novel. (DVS)

8:30 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Mask" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. An ancient mask transforms a drab bank clerk into a grinning Romeo with superhuman powers. (DVS)

10:30 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Encino Man" (1992, Comedy) Sean Astin. Teenage California buddies groom a thawed-out caveman and pass him off as a cool transfer student. (DVS)

11:00 am CITY (29) "His and Her Christmas" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Two journalists write a Christmas column for rival newspapers in the same city. (DVS)

### AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) "The Ultimate Christmas Present" (2000, Comedy) Halle Hirsh. Two girls plan to close school by making it snow in Los Angeles jeopardizes Christmas. (DVS)

12:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Last Action Hero" (1993, Fantasy) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A golden ticket handed down from Houdini

puts a boy in the middle of a Hollywood superstar's world.

1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "One Magic Christmas" (1985, Fantasy) Mary Steenburgen. An angel faces the difficult task of restoring hope to a woman whose recent life has been plagued with misfortune.

3:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "The Glimmer Man" (1996, Action) Steven Seagal. An LAPD detective links murders blamed on a serial killer to a tycoon eliminating business associates. (DVS)

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Fools Rush In" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Matthew Perry. A New York WASP and a feisty Latina wed when a one-night fling leaves her pregnant. (DVS)

CBC (13) ★★ "Eloise at Christmastime" (2003, Comedy) Julie Andrews. A 6-year-old girl tries to reunite a young woman with a former boyfriend before she marries another. (DVS)

### EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★★ "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites to foil a kidnapping plot and save their jobs. (DVS)

7:00 pm VTV (22) "Road to Avonlea" (1990, Drama) Jackie Burroughs. Premiere. A young woman grows up in rural Nova Scotia in the early 1900s with her aunts, uncles and cousins. (In Stereo) (DVS)

7:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Fools Rush In" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Matthew Perry. A New York WASP and a feisty Latina wed when a one-night fling leaves her pregnant. (DVS)

8:00 pm KNOW (5) "Inspector Morse: The Way Through the Woods" (1995, Mystery) John Thaw. Inspector Morse investigates after a killer is murdered and the body of a supposed victim is still missing. (DVS)

CBC (13) ★★ "The Polar Express" (2004, Fantasy) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. A train conductor guides a boy who doubts the existence of Santa Claus to the North Pole. (DVS)

9:00 pm CHBC (4) ★★ "War of the Worlds" (2005, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise. Premiere. A New Jersey man and his two children face an epic battle for survival when hostile aliens invade Earth. (DVS)

VTV (22) "Eight Days to Live" (2006, Drama) Kelly Rowan. A woman races against time to find her missing son and save his life. (DVS)

FAM (26) ★★ "Dancer, Texas" (1998, Comedy) Breckin Meyer. Four teens rile residents of a tiny town off Highway 91 with their decision to relocate in Los Angeles.

10:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Dead Man on Campus" (1998, Comedy) Tom Everett Scott. Two college students try to find a suicidal roommate in order to receive an automatic 4.0 grade average. (DVS)

SPIKE (4) ★★ "City Slickers" (1991, Comedy) Billy Crystal. Premiere. On vacation, three men get to play cowboy on a dude-ranch cattle drive, but unexpected circumstances test their skills and stamina. (In Stereo)

10:53 pm FAM (26) ★ "Baby Geniuses" (1999, Comedy) Kathleen Turner. Evil partners experiment on an infant and send his twin to a reputable research nursery.

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	WTBS (3)	CHBC (4)	KNOW (5)	KSPS (6)	KHQ (7)	KREM (8)	A&E (9)	KXLY (10)	BCTV (11)	CITY (12)	CBC (13)	YTV (18)	TSN (19)	VTV (22)	DISC (24)	FAM (26)	CITY (29)	SPIKE (44)	TROP (45)		
<b>6</b>	AM Paid Prog. News (N)	News (N)	Babar (E)	Desert (5:00) Today (N) (E)	(5:00) Saturday Early Show	Sell House	Good Morning America	Fishing	Fishing	Poko	Gadget	SportsCentre (E)	OWL/TV Kingdom	Machines	Overdrive	About You	Disorderly Con.	Fish TV	Fish TV		
<b>7</b>	AM Paid Prog. Design	Dora	MotorWeek	News (N)	Care Bears	Sell House	Good Morning Northwest	News (N) (E)	News (N) (E)	Bo On Go	Robot Boy	Fishing	Katie-Orbie	Unsolved History	Yin Yang	Eye on Asia	Disorderly Con.	Ellen (E)	Ellen (E)		
<b>8</b>	AM Videos Vanity	George S.	Building	Cake (E)	Design	Saturday (E)	Horseland	Sushi Pack	Sell House	So Raven	Driving TV	Goldfish	Phantom	Bowling	Against All Odds	Suite Life (8:43) Zoey	Polish Studio (E)	Disorderly Con.	Grace		
<b>9</b>	AM Movie: "Mouse Hunt" (1997) Nathan Lane.	Foodies (9:02)	Workshop	Biker TV	Upside	Old House	Dino	Sell House	So Raven	Driving TV	Fins Skins	World Cup Skiing	Hawks	Sports Hall of Fame	Wildlife	Mayday (E)	Phil	Wizards	At Movies	Trucks!	Family Guy
<b>10</b>	AM Movie: "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey. (E)	El News	Rolie Polie	Complete	PAID Prog.	PAID Prog.	Star Wars: Empire of Dreams (E)	Emperor	Fishing	Fishing	CEO TV	Curling: Continental Cup. From Medicine Hat, Alta. (Live) (E)	Legion Team	Special Olymp.	PLAN Canada (E)	Futureweap ons (E)	School Suite Life	Best In Fashion	My Truck	Videos	
<b>11</b>	PM Movie: "Encino Man" (1992) Sean Astin. (E)	THS Investigates Starving for Perfection (E)	Avventura	Painting	Entra	Donnas	Paranormal	Christmas Cele	Mining TV	Seinfeld	Simpsons	World Cup Skiing	The Happy EM (E)	Challenge -- Third Round. (Live) (E)	Let's Shop "Toronto"	Dirty Jobs (E)	Movie: "Home for the Holidays" (2005) (E)	The Ultimate Fighter	Beverly Hills, 90210	Deal or No Deal (E)	
<b>12</b>	PM King	50 Best Chick Flicks: Sex, Cries and Videotape	Dora	Europe	Fortune	PAID Prog.	Flip This House (E)	NASCAR	Simpsons	Family Guy	Sat. Report	The Nutcracker	SportsCentre (Live) (E)	MTV Shuffle (E)	How-Made	Lizzie	News (N)	Family Guy	Family Guy		
<b>1</b>	PM Family Guy	Family Guy	Zoboofa of "H2O" The rain dance.	Wild Things (E)	Penguins	Chrsts-NW	Flip This House (E)	Ebert	Family Guy	Family Guy	NHL Hockey: Thrashers at Senators or Maple Leafs at Canadiens	Movie: "An All Dogs Christmas Carol" (1998)	Series of Poker	Twice in a Lifetime (E)	Futureweap ons (E)	Suite Life	Cover	UFC	Unleashed	Frasier	
<b>2</b>	PM Movie: "3000 Miles to Graceland" (2001) Kurt Russell. (E)	News (N)	George S.	Summer	News (N)	News	Flip This House (E)	News (N)	Family Guy	4:59 News	ABC News	Global	House	A Flintstone Christmas	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye	Dirty Jobs (E)	K. Possible Montana	Battlestar Galactica	UFC Best of 2007	Friends	
<b>3</b>	PM Movie: "The Glimmer Man" (1996) Action (E)	That News	Meerkat	Lawrence Welk Show	News (N)	News	Flip This House (E)	News (E)	News (N)	Andromeda (E)	Andromeda (E)	NHL Hockey: Vancouver Canucks at Edmonton Oilers. (Live) (E)	He Man	49ers. (Live) (E)	Movie: "Crazy Canucks" (2005) Lucas Bryant.	MythBusters (E)	Life Derek Montana	News (N)	TNA IMPACT!	That News	
<b>4</b>	PM Movie: "The Glimmer Man" (1996) Action (E)	Heartbeat (E)	Movie: "The Seven Year Itch" (1955)	Chuck (E)	48 Hours Mystery (E)	Flip This House (E)	Movie: "Surviving Christmas" (2004) Ben Affleck.	Andromeda (E)	Andromeda (E)	Andromeda (E)	Mutant X (E)	Mutant X (E)	Boxing (Taped) (E)	Whistler (N) (E) (DVS)	Dirty Jobs (E)	Movie: "3 Ninjas Kick Back" (1987), Carl Weathers (E)	Movie: "Predator" (1987), Carl Weathers (E)	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2007	Friends	Friends	
<b>5</b>	PM King	Ben & Matt: The E! True Hollywood Story (E)	Fruit" (N) (E)	Trans-Siberian	News (N)	News (N)	Flip This House (E)	Women's Murder Club	Sabrina's Law	News (N)	After Hours	News (N)	Fries That?	Macaulay Culkin.	Angel	Movie Ent	Angel	Movie Ent	Friends	Friends	
<b>6</b>	PM Seinfeld	24 (E)	Ultimate Response (E)	Red Green	News (N)	News (N)	Flip This House (E)	News (N)	News (N)	J.R. Digs	Hockey Night -- Replay	Adrenaline	SportsCentre (Live) (E)	News (N)	Extreme Machines	"Eddie's Cook-Off"	(11:15) "The Man Who Cried"	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2007

	WTBS (3)	CHBC (4)	KNOW (5)	KSPS (6)	KHQ (7)	KREM (8)	A&E (9)	KXLY (10)	BCTV (11)	CITY (12)	CBC (13)	YTV (18)	TSN (19)	VTV (22)	DISC (24)	FAM (26)	CITY (29)	SPIKE (44)	TROP (45)	
<b>6</b>	AM Animal R. Ultimate	Pioneers	Babar (E)	Berenstein	Today (N) (E)	PAID Prog.	Private Sessions (N)	Good Morning America	Is Written	Hunter	Franklin	Gadget	SportsCentre (E)	Kingdom	Extreme Machines	Overdrive	Mix TV	Trucks!	That News	
<b>7</b>	AM Stars	Design	Dora	Noddy	News (N)	CBS News	A&E Rocks: Bon Jovi	News (N) (E)	Foodies	Canada	Doodlebob	The Christmas Elves	Reporters	Good Morning Canada (E)	Dirty Jobs Highlights, unseen clips and bloopers.	Yin Yang (7:20) Pucca	Eye on Asia	Action Sports	Ellen (E)	
<b>8</b>	AM Videos Vanity	George S.	Jakers	Meet the Press (N) (E)	Nation	NFL Today (Live) (E)	Movie: "The Outsiders" (1983) Matt Dillon. (E)	This Week With George	Trails	Coronatu	Rugrats	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) (E)	PLAN Canada (E)	Funnest Animals	Cory	So Raven	Festival Italiano di Johnny Lombardi (In Italian)	MuscleCar	The Nanny	
<b>9</b>	AM Movie: "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey. (E)	Powerboat	Magic Bus	Mama	College	PAID Prog.	The Other Nostradamus	Matthews	Driving TV	Listen Up	Continental Cup. From Medicine Hat, Alta. (Live) (E)	Charlie B. Grown Up	PBA Bowling	NFL Football: Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (E)	Funnest Animals	So Raven	Intiano di Johnny Lombardi (In Italian)	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2007	Seinfeld	
<b>10</b>	AM Movie: "Encino Man" (1992) Sean Astin. (E)	Marriage	Rolie Polie	Great	World of Adventure Sports (N) (E)	PAID Prog.	Extra (N) (E)	Paranormal	Hour of Power (N) (E)	Energy TV	Driving TV	Sabrina	PGA Tour Golf: Target World Challenge -- Final Round. (Live) (E)	Sports Centre (Live) (E)	W-FIVE	Phil	Wizards	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2007	Frasier	
<b>11</b>	AM Movie: "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey. (E)	Stranded With a Star: Who Would You Choose? (1993) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Mechanics (12:35)	Nova "Deadly Ascent"	PGA Tour Golf: Target World Challenge -- Final Round. (Live) (E)	Skiing: Celebrity Skifist	American Justice	Health	Big Coast	Seinfeld	Simpsons	Flintstones	PGA Tour Golf: Target World Challenge -- Final Round. (Live) (E)	VIP	Canada's Worst Driver	Suite Life	Movie: "His and Her Christmas" (2005)	CSI: Crime Scn	Friends	
<b>12</b>	PM Movie: "Last Action Hero" (1993) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	Profiles of Nature	Craft in America (E)	Craft in America (E)	Challenge -- Final Round. (Live) (E)	NFL Football: Indianapolis Colts at Oakland Raiders. (Live) (E)	Cold Case Files (E)	Holiday With the Stars	Seinfeld	Simpsons	Simpsons	Santa Claus	Santa Claus	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye	How-Made	Movie: "One Magic Christmas"	World Poker Tour (E)	CSI: Crime Scn	Deal or No Deal (N)	
<b>1</b>	PM Movie: "The Glimmer Man" (1996) Action (E)	Lost Snow	Consumer	Fall Festival of Poker	Consumer	Cold Case Files (E)	NBA Acc	Simpsons	Family Guy	Marketple	Santa Claus Brothers	Santa Claus Brothers	SportsCentre (Live) (E)	W-FIVE	MythBusters (E)	Lizzie	News (N)	CSI: Crime Scn	You Smarter?	
<b>2</b>	PM True Hollywood Story	Zoboofa of "Families" (E) (DVS)	Chronicles	Football Night	Access Hollywood (N)	Cold Case Files (E)	PAID Prog.	Family Guy	Family Guy	Wind at My Back (E)	Yogi's First Christmas	Football Night	Question Period (E)	MegaWorld: Spain (N)	Suite Life	Blood Ties (E) (DVS)	CSI: Crime Scn	Extreme-Home		
<b>3</b>	PM Movie: "Fools Rush In" (1997) Matthew Perry. (E)	News (N)	George S.	Old House	(5:15) NFL Football: Washington Redskins at New York Giants. (Live) (E)	News (N)	The First 48 (E)	News (N)	News (N)	Amer Dad (E)	Kink	Garfield	Red-Nosed Reindeer	Charlie B. Without Santa	Movie: "Eloise at Christmastime" (2003) (E)	Mayday "Fatal Flaw"	Sadie	Movie: "White Chicks" (2004), Comedy Shawn	Friends	
<b>4</b>	PM Extreme-Home	"Inspector Morse: Through the Woods" (E) (DVS)	Workshop	Masterpiece Theatre (Part 1 of 2) (E) (DVS)	60 Minutes (E)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Paranormal	Extreme-Home	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)	Survivor: China "A Slippery Little Sucker" (N)
<b>5</b>	PM News (N)	Chris: The Christmas in London	Independent Lens (E)	CSI: Miami (E)	Survivor: China (E)	Survivor: China (E)	The First 48 (E)	News (N)	News (N)	Popoff	News (E)	Mystery	SportsCentre (Live) (E)	News (N)	MythBusters	Movie: "Baby Geniuses"	Hollywood	Friends	Friends	
<b>6</b>	PM News (N)	Undersea	Holiday	PAID Prog.	Holmgren	The First 48 "Torched"	News (N)	News (N)	Van Impe	House	Key-David	Oracle	News (E)	Oracle	Oracle	Oracle	Oracle	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	



MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007

	WTBS (3)	CHBC (4)	KNOW (5)	KSPS (6)	KHQ (7)	KREM (8)	A&E (9)	KXLY (10)	BCTV (11)	CITY (12)	CBC (13)	YTV (18)	TSN (19)	VTV (22)	DISC (24)	FAM (26)	CITY (29)	SPIKE (44)	TROP (45)
6 AM	All-Family	News (N)		Body Elec.	News (N)	News (N)	Crossing Jordan	(5:00) News	News (N)	(4:30) News (N)	CBC News: Morning (N)	Gadget Viva Pinata	SportsCentre	News (N)	Daily Planet (N)	Henry's King	Rachael Ray	V.I.P. "ThunderVal"	F/X: The Series
6:30 AM	All-Family	2nd Chnce	George S.	Bob Build										Canada AM (N)					
7 AM	Temptation	Body	Clifford	Barney	Today (N)	The Early Show	American Justice	Good Morning America (N)			Animalia	Grossology	SportsCentre		Lost Nuke	K. Possible (7:24)	CityLine	V.I.P. "K-Val"	Traders "Spin"
7:30 AM	Temptation	Past Lives	Dora	Arthur (EI)							Curious	Team							
8 AM	Jeffersons	Room	(7:54) Hi-5	Curious			American Justice			100 Huntley Street	Bo On Go	Pokemon	SportsCentre	How-Made	Weekend	Star Trek: Voyager	V.I.P. "Mudslide Val"	Due South (DVS)	
8:30 AM	Jeffersons	Vanity	Magic Bus	Clifford							Busytown	Flamingo		How-Made	Lloyd				
9 AM	Sanford	Inside Box	Berenstain	Super Why!		The 700 Club	Cold Case Files	Regis and Kelly	100 Huntley Street	Fighting for Canada	Lunar Jim (DVS)	X Mas Log	Off-Record	Regis and Kelly	MegaWorld: Spain	Feet	News (N)	Disorderly Con.	Tube Tales
9:30 AM	Sanford	Antique (9:33)	Dragon									Viva Pinata	Fishing			Tigger	City	Whatever	
10 AM	Harvey	PoPQ (Live)	(9:57) Pancakes	Sesame Street (EI)		The Price Is Right (N)	CSI: Miami	The View Hot topics (N)	Hospital for Sick Kids	Room House	Wilbur	Jane	PBA Bowling	The View Hot topics (N)	Mayday Trains collide.	Mickey Handy	Movie: "The Little Vampire" (2000)	Disorderly Con.	Videos
10:30 AM	Harvey													eTalk	Killer Ice	Benj Bear (11:25) King		Oblivious	The Nanny
11 AM	Cosby	Playing	Rolie Polie Olie	Big World Sit-Be Fit	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Young and the Restless	Crossing Jordan	Paid Prog.	Past Lives	(10:59) News (N)	Martha Stewart	Jacob	Billiards: 2007 World Pool	In Fashion	Frontiers of		CityLine	Star Trek: Voyager	Seinfeld
11:30 AM	Cosby	Homes							House			George S.							
12 PM	Still Std	News (N)	History	Charlie Rose	Paid Prog.	News (N)	Crossing Jordan	All My Children (N)	News (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	News (N)	SpongeBob	2007 World Pool Tricksshots.	Degrassi	Frontiers of		Weekend		Seinfeld
12:30 PM	Still Std		Reach-Top			News (N)								Bold & B.					
1 PM	Fresh Pr.	Design	Depression: Fighting	Fine Art Sewing	Days of our Lives (N)	As the World Turns (N)	American Justice	One Life to Live (N)	As the World Turns (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Living Dinner	Winx Club	NFL Primetime (N)	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye	Deep Sea Detectives	Dragon Emperor	NewMusic Cover	Star Trek: Voyager	Beverly Hills, 90210
1:30 PM	Fresh Pr.	Vanity												General Hospital (N)	How-Made	(1:48) Weekend	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Star Trek: Voyager	Fresh Pr. Family Guy
2 PM	King	The Steve Wilkos Show	Macphree Moving On	Word Lions	Millionaire	Guiding Light (N)	American Justice	General Hospital (N)	Guiding Light (N)	Guiding Light (N)	Wind at My Back	X Mas Log Flamingo	Interruption	General Hospital (N)	How-Made				
2:30 PM	King																		
3 PM	Friends	Big Screen	BluesClues	Maya	Judge	Dr. Phil	Cold Case Files	Rachael Ray	Young and the Restless	Young and the Restless	Food Miracles	Team Neutron	Off-Record Sports	Dr. Phil	Beyond Invention	K. Possible Replace	News (N)	CSI: Crime Scn	Inside Box Vanity
3:30 PM	Seinfeld	Daily 10	Pets	Arthur (EI)	Judge														
4 PM	Family Guy	True H'wood	Dora (4:35) Little	Cyberchas Fetch! With	Judge J.	Oprah Winfrey	CSI: Miami	Videos Inside	Oprah Winfrey	(3:59) News Global	Frasier Red Green	Movie: "To Grandmother's House We Go" (1992)	Hockey Countdown	Friends	Daily Planet (N)	Emperor Proud	Friends Hollywood	CSI: Crime Scn	Tube Tales House
4:30 PM	Family Guy																		
5 PM	Friends	News (N)	Timothy (5:35)	BBC World Business	College Basketball: N. Colo. at Gonzaga	News (N)	Intervention "Kristen"	News (N)	News (N)	(4:59) News (N)	Simpsons Arrested		NFL Football: Chicago Bears at Minnesota Vikings. (Live)	News (N)	Dirty Jobs (N)	Zoey 101 Sadie	Movie: "Too Cool for Christmas" (2004)	Movie: "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis.	Family Guy Seinfeld
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8 PM	Seinfeld	Clash of the Choirs (Same-day)	Child of Our Time (N)	Great Performances (N)	Clash of the Choirs (Same-day)	How I Met Angel	Angel	Duel (N)	House	House	Grinch Frosty	Prank Ptrl	SportsCentre (Live)	Duel (N)	Daily Planet	Suite Life	News (N)		
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11 PM	Frasier	News (N)	Profiles of Nature	Charlie Rose (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Paranormal	News (N)	News (N)	Entertain (11:05) The Hour	Mystery	Prank Ptrl	SportsCentre (Live)	News (N)	MythBuster s	Suite Life	Life Derek		The Nanny
11:30 PM	"Mixed"	Guy Stuff			Tonight	Late Show	Paranormal	(11:35)											

monday movies

**MORNING**  
10:00 am CITY (29) ★★ "The Little Vampire" (2000, Adventure) Jonathan Lipnicki. Misunderstood vampires enlist a California boy living in Scotland to help them retrieve an amulet that will make them human. (E)

**AFTERNOON**  
4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "To Grandmother's House We Go" (1992, Comedy) Mary-Kate Olsen. Two goofy crooks kidnap twin little girls who have left home to get out of their mother's hair.

**EVENING**  
6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "National Security" (2003, Comedy) Martin Lawrence. Two Los Angeles security guards try to stop a criminal mastermind and his gang of robbers. (E)  
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## my turn

### All we want for Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the town,  
Not a creature was stirring, not a single deer could be found...or something like that.

We've been pestered lately by family members (some as far back as August) for a Christmas Wish List. It got us thinking about things we'd just generally like to see happen and although we're sure Santa can't put the elves on some of these projects, we're going to put them out there anyway.

We get some time off but what about those who don't and end up working through the Holidays? We wish all RCMP, Ambulance, Fire, Emergency Medical Staff, Town Snow Removal Crews and their families a quiet Christmas. One without accidents and incidents that would otherwise pull them away from a peaceful Christmas at home.

The same goes for those who are overseas and unable to be with family. We wish the 'tradition' of Boxing Day Sales came to an end.

We wish the Town of Princeton snow removal budget doesn't get spent before December 25th and actually ends up with a surplus in March to be rolled over into next winter.

We wish all local businesses a nice finish to the calendar year. They've all deserved a good year after so many bad ones or slow ones.

We wish for even better rechargeable batteries. They've gotten better in recent years, which means they should be getting even better.

We wish that with 450 channels to choose from there'd be times in the day that we wouldn't say 'there's nothing good on TV.'

We wish everyone knew how to drive in the winter.

We wish everyone, regardless of who you are, gets to taste turkey or ham this holiday season with all the fixin's.

We wish telemarketers take a few days off over the holidays and leave the rest of us alone for a day or two. That includes their automated systems. Unplug 'em for a few days.

We wish all travelers get to their destinations safely and make it back home safely.

We wish everyone pauses for at least a moment to remember what the Spirit of Christmas is all about.

We sometimes wish there were eight days in a week, 28 hours to a day. Sometimes we wish time would just stand still, but mostly we wish for more time.

We wish people went back to writing letters in their Christmas cards instead of sending a blanket e-mail with an e-card.

We wish we could find the box of winter gear we stashed away months ago.

We sometimes wish Christmas sweets didn't taste so good.

Okay, we've never wished for that.

We wish people quit writing Christmas as Xmas or saying Happy Holidays instead of Merry Christmas.

And of course, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

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## your turn

### Barking up the wrong tree?

Letter To The Editor:

Guilty until proven innocent – pet owners this could happen to you!

"Hello, this is Constable W from the SPCA. Do you own a dog named Trapper? We have received an anonymous call from Ontario from a person who has not seen Trapper for 18-months. Apparently he is in severe distress, seizing and has not seen a Vet. The seriousness of this report has prompted my immediate dispatch from Kelowna Saturday, November 24th to your home in Princeton. I am a block away – I must see Trapper."

Shock, disbelief.

Trapper is 84 (human years) and is somewhat short of breath on exertion. Seizing, this is a surprise to me. Constable W is sure of this – she is on my doorstep. I am not obligated to let her in, I later discover, I am not thinking straight as dozens of emotions flood over

me. I become a babbling idiot.

Trapper is dozing happily and barely notices her existence. He is dreaming. Well, she says, "I don't know what to do here, your pet is obviously well cared for and not in any distress."

This is where the investigation should have ended, but no. She has come all this way on a fruitless mission. I am ordered to see a Vet ASAP. Trapper is being treated by a Vet – this is not good enough – he must see one in person. Now.

So what if he gets stressed in a Vet's office, he has been ordered to go.

I say reluctantly that I will do this, I am not believed, the person in Ontario is believed, but not me.

The Vet is contacted well in advance of my visit and told to contact them. This is unwarranted harassment by the SPCA. I am angry, enraged. I visit the SPCA website and discovered my rights

so, pet owners here are your rights:

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When the SPCA gets a complaint they must investigate, no matter how ludicrous. They must respond. It is what they are all about.

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# Looking at Christmas as a celebration



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Every year, a lot is written about putting Christ back into Christmas. At the same time, a lot of people celebrate Christmas but are not Christians. They see Christmas as a festival honouring the life of a man who made a significant difference in our world.

Whether you are a Christian or not, it is worth looking at the values Jesus preached. Those are the most important qualities of being Christian.

First, a good Christian does not judge others, does not cast the first stone, and does not persecute those who are weaker.

This may be hard to believe at times, but this is the teaching.

Christians are forgiven for their sins. The real meaning of the word "sin" is "error", according to one book I read. Christians are forgiven for their errors.

Of course, the Original Sin was knowledge of sexuality, for which Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden. Christians are supposed to be chaste until marriage and are not supposed to commit adultery.

Christians are supposed to be charitable. Jesus taught that charity is important, especially for the rich.

Jesus taught that people must be pure of heart, and those who speak foul words are defiled, and those who hear them are not.

Christians are supposed to live lives dedicated to goodness, which God will see and reward them accordingly with a place in heaven. This has inspired many Christians to form organizations to help their fellow human beings.

There are many, many teachings of Jesus given to inspire leading a good life, but Jesus gave only one commandment. He believed the 10 commandments were to be followed, but the only commandment Jesus ever gave was "Love one another". This loving spirit is supposed to motivate all Christians.

Jesus taught something really important in today's world: we should be less concerned about our physical selves and more concerned about our spiritual selves.

Whether or not you are a Christian, it is not possible to find

fault with Jesus, whose teachings were the inspiration for the celebration of Christmas. Although Jesus was not born in the middle of winter, his birth is celebrated at this time because the early Christian teachers wanted to replace "heathen" mid-winter festivals with a Christian festival. Many of the customs of those ancient solstice celebrations have been given Christian meanings as we celebrate Christmas today. For

example, lighting up the night is said to signify bringing light into the world with Jesus' birth.

If all of my words sound a little too objective, bear with me, because I speak in praise of the celebration of Christmas. Even if you do not do all of the things devout Christians do, it is a good thing to remember the kind of life that has inspired people for the past 2,000 years. We need charity, honesty, less sinning and more

goodness in our world. We need to pay attention to our spiritual selves and be less concerned about our physical selves.

Jesus was called The Prince of Peace. Christians are supposed to

be peaceful people. We could certainly use more peace in our world.

The Spirit of Christmas is about love, charity and peace. May you enjoy all of these this Christmas.

## Marketplace Ministry

by Jim Caruso

### China Creek winter campout

I was about 11 years old. Eleven was the age when I looked for super heroes in everyday life. Kind of like Spiderman, he was the comic book hero that I put as number one in my imagination and even though I hated spiders, I thought Spidy was cool. Super heroes were not that common in those days especially in everyday life, but one story does come to mind, it about my brother Doug. It was January I think, the winter had been tough and the snow was deeper than usual. I was a part of the local cub-scout pack. I was in the tawny pack and had my own uniform with the scarf and the toggle. I still remember those words that would call us together as we began the evening. PACK, PACK, PACK, Mr. Marcel would call out and we would answer, Akala, we will do our best to honour God and the Queen, well DIBB, DIBB, DIBB and we will DOB, DOB, DOB. So we dibbed and dobbed and earned badges and we played games and ran into walls and posts in the basement of the local elementary school, it was always fun until someone got hurt. Anyway the big winter campout was happening this weekend and my brother Doug was the leader that was going to take 10 or 12 of our cub pack up China Creek, to camp in the snow.

Doug was older than me, by some six years or so, he was the firstborn in the family, followed by Tony and me and then my sister. My sister Debbie was a tough as they came; she had to be strong to survive three older brothers. Anyways back to Doug. He was older but that was all that really qualified him as the leader for this excursion. We met at the school on Saturday. We had spent the last few days packing up our sleeping bags, our personal items which weren't much, we were only eleven and none of us were shaving yet, didn't produce much body odor and only washed and brushed our teeth every second week. And of course we were cub-scouts, so we would live off the land and survive in the wilderness like the early explorers or some of the draft dodgers that lived nearby until the latest war was over.

We had food, plastic to make lean-tos; canned goods and an aluminum campfire cook set that burned everything equally to the point of non eat ability. We also had a hatchet and a knife to cut down trees and brush to make our beds and latrines. Latrines were the first order of any camp set up procedure and they had to build to a certain standard of construction. Many a forest was clear-cut to provide just the right type of tree and bough for the latrine. It seemed like our cub-scout group was really into latrines, we built one each every time we had a campout.

With all the backpack and gear loaded in the trucks, we headed off into the local hills surrounding our small town and parked just past the airport overlooking the China Creek ravine. Here we unloaded our back packs and helped each other slide into our packs and off we went.

When you are 11 and Italian and Irish, the snow seems a lot deeper than if you are 17 and Italian and Irish. My legs were Italian, the length being similar to that of a new born of any race. It seemed funny to look at my legs at age eleven and see a knee joint two inches up from my ankle and three inches down from my belt. This of course didn't change and when you grow into a full sized Italian and Irish adult, you have to roll up gym shorts and peddle pushers or you will trip over the excess. As an adult when I order a suit, I have them make a vest out of the part they cut off my pant legs. My waistline and inseam measurements are the same as a rectangular structure you may be familiar with, 38 wide and 28 long. All that to say that the snow was deep for many of us that day, but we left the parking lot excited and so warmly wrapped in our snowsuits, scarves, toques, and snow boots that all we could think about is when we do get the latrines built, it will take us a day and a half to get out of these clothes to be able to use it.

We must have trudged through the snow for what seemed like two hours, but really was only about thirty minutes. We stopped on a bit of a hillside and it was all ready just about dark when we started to set up camp. The first thing we did was make sure that everyone was present that had left the parking lot. Our cub-scout group was getting smaller and it seemed like it declined one or two kids after every camp out. The insurance company suggested that the leaders keep a better accounting of everyone who goes on these campouts, even though the excitement of search and rescue helicopters flying over our other campout sites with their bright search lights all night long was fun, packing the lost kids gear was pretty stressful for us who have the short Irish and Italian legs.

Because it was dark and cold, my brother the hero, that day, decided to build a fire. Looking around with my Jungle Jim flashlight, saw an old snag tree that had at one time been hit by lightning and looked like a fireplace. It stood about 35 feet tall and was only about 10 feet from our newly constructed lean-tos and latrines. Starting a fire in the fireplace like tree seemed at the time a great idea. The fire would burn and the tree would reflect the heat back into the campsite and I sat there excitedly thinking about my lifeless, numb, blue Irish Italian legs becoming warm enough to feel again. The fire started quite easily. Being a scout leader, my brother knew that you could start a fire easily rubbing two sticks together, as long as one of them is a match. Three gallons of white gas helps to establish the fire as well as the last four weeks daily newspaper that was crumpled up under the pile of self igniting presto logs from the local hardware store. Well, the old snag that was to act like a natural fireplace in the forest was actually in real life, a pitch stick. Let me explain. This 35 foot tree was composed of hundreds of pounds of highly flammable tree sap that had soaked into every cell of that old tree as it sat under the summer sun for who knows how many years. The ignition point of such volatile fuel is similar to that of a gas soaked sponge being touched by a lightning strike. Whoof! That snag was fully involved in seconds and the light and heat from it melted the plastic that we had made our lean-to out of and began to melt the snow in our camp site. The light alone kept us awake all night and I'm sure that it would have been seen from the space station had it been assembled at that time.

We left the campsite the next morning. The snow had melted and the mud dried up and the remaining area looked like a barren desert in the midst of the Arctic. We left all of still alive, suffering from mild sunburn and a couple of the kids who were in their lean-tos at the time of the inferno had to cut free from the shrink wrap that had imprisoned them when the heat reached its peak. My brother was right out in front, his backpack lighter now because of the proximity of his sleeping bag to the old snag. The doctor said that new eye brows and eye-lashes only take about 5 months to regrow. I was so proud of him.

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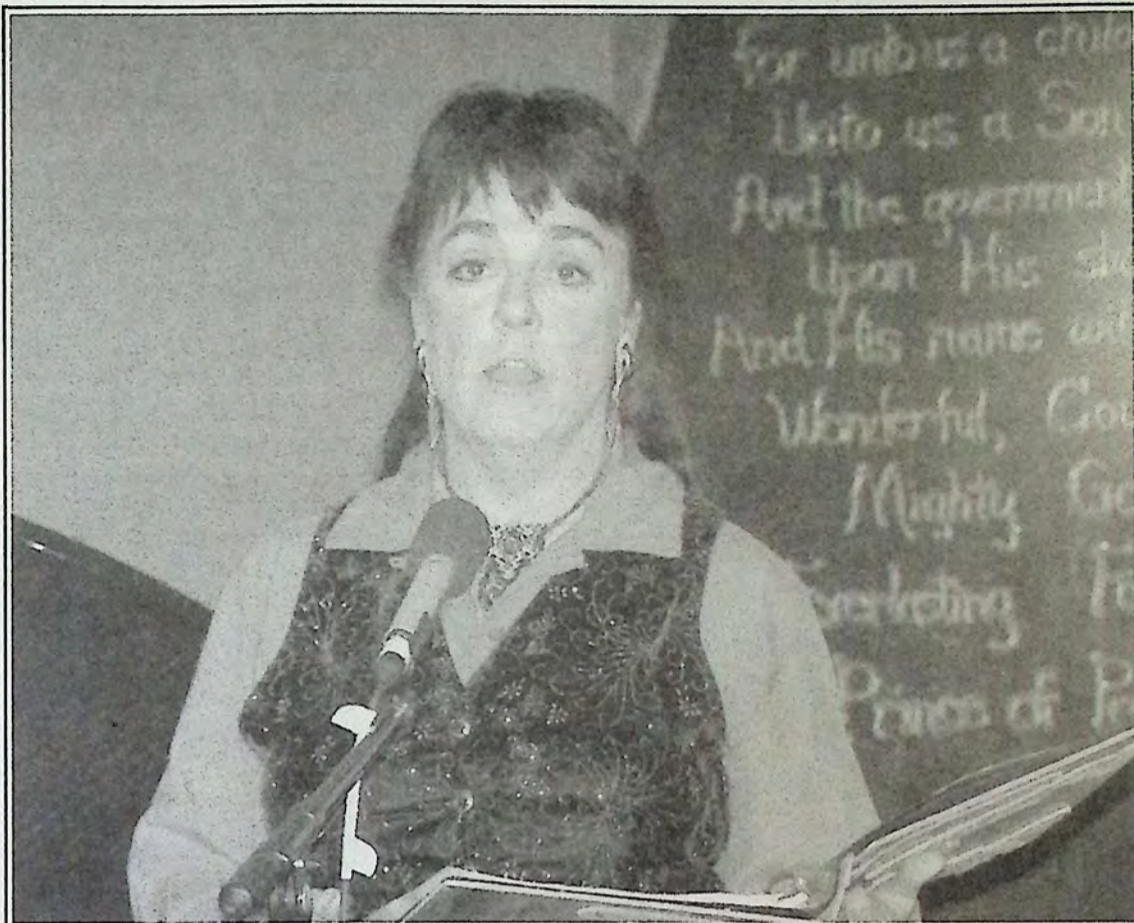
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Lyn Melnechenko reads a Cowboy Christmas Story at Songfest December 5th. \*

### Letter To The Editor

## Stefan discusses some hot rumours

Dear Editor:

*Please don't read this - unless you care...Part 5*

First of all Thanks to the Princeton Arts Council..who are offering their help to get this town back on track by working on the 'zig zag' area in town in 2008.

It would be great if others came forward and offered to help with smaller or bigger projects. And - it would be great to hear from one business owner especially that he will be supporting the 'paint the town weekend' publicly. It would be an honour to have him sign up first as a statement to all in town to follow. I think one of these days we have to set up an email address to get more useful feedback from everyone.

Today's subject is...RUMOURS. Hmmmm...there are certainly enough going around in this town lately - more than ever I believe and in a way it's a good thing...as long as we speak our mind and make some rumours happen and others not!

Let's start with the coal power plant last year. There was a rumour going around that it will happen

and 200 or so people will find a job there year round. What nobody knew or expected was that it wasn't a 'state of the art' coal power plant - a plant that could have been an example to show the world that it is possible to have the cleanest air with a coal plant working close by.

They (the planner) probably thought 'hey - it's Princeton and they are all desperate for jobs there' no matter what we offer them! That town took all the bad Vancouver chicken years ago...so let's try and open up a plant that just runs on the edge of what is allowed pollution wise...well they wasted years...THANK GOD.

In the long run we would have had 200 more jobs on that end and we would have LOST 400 people living here because of it...WHY am I talking about that stupid rumour idea of the power plant? Simply because now a rumour circulating around that says Mr. Pattison bought the old hotel piece of land.

Which is just what I was hoping for actually BUT instead of a 'Save On' we might have to put up with a Coopers? Well THAT is kind of like the power plant idea...if it's not the newest kind of store - a trendy store like Jim has everywhere since 6 to 10 years already it is not something we should just take because we get something new for free more or less!

A brand new Coopers or Overwaitea is like buying a brand spanking new 1970 car as a daily driver! It makes absolutely no sense to do that and it's a new OLD store for 30 years to come the day it opens. Or in kids language it's like your son wants a PS 3 and you try to give him a brand new PS 1 - 9 out of 10 kids will toss it back at you.

Rumours are out there to get a feel what some guys can do with Princeton people again - it wouldn't hurt to let a few people know what we all want. We deserve it!

I honestly believe that if we all sign up at the Overwaitea for a change in the right direction - it will happen! A letter containing 1,000 signatures can produce wonders. More people will consider moving here because we have some style food store starting with J. P.'s new 'Save On'!!!

Rumour #2 is a Zellers on the old Overwaitea lot...not sure what to think about that because it could cause tons of traffic with 2 big stores in that area...never mind how the 'Western town' look would suffer from that idea...so maybe west of Irly Bird towards the Esso somewhere would make more sense and there is more money to be made because many out of town people drive by there every day.

Rumour #3 is to move the new downtown bar to the old sushi place on Vermilion Avenue...now that is another thing that bugs me - never mind that it is not fair to John and his family business already close to the highway having a great bar - it would defeat the whole idea of us having this 'Western Town' with not even the original bar where it belongs and that is downtown!

In order to attract people day and night into downtown to walk around, wine and dine with dancing the 'built in old style' bar should be in the middle of town for us and as a tourist attraction with lots of seating outside...

Well maybe all of these rumours are...JUST RUMOURS!  
- Stefan Dietz, Princeton

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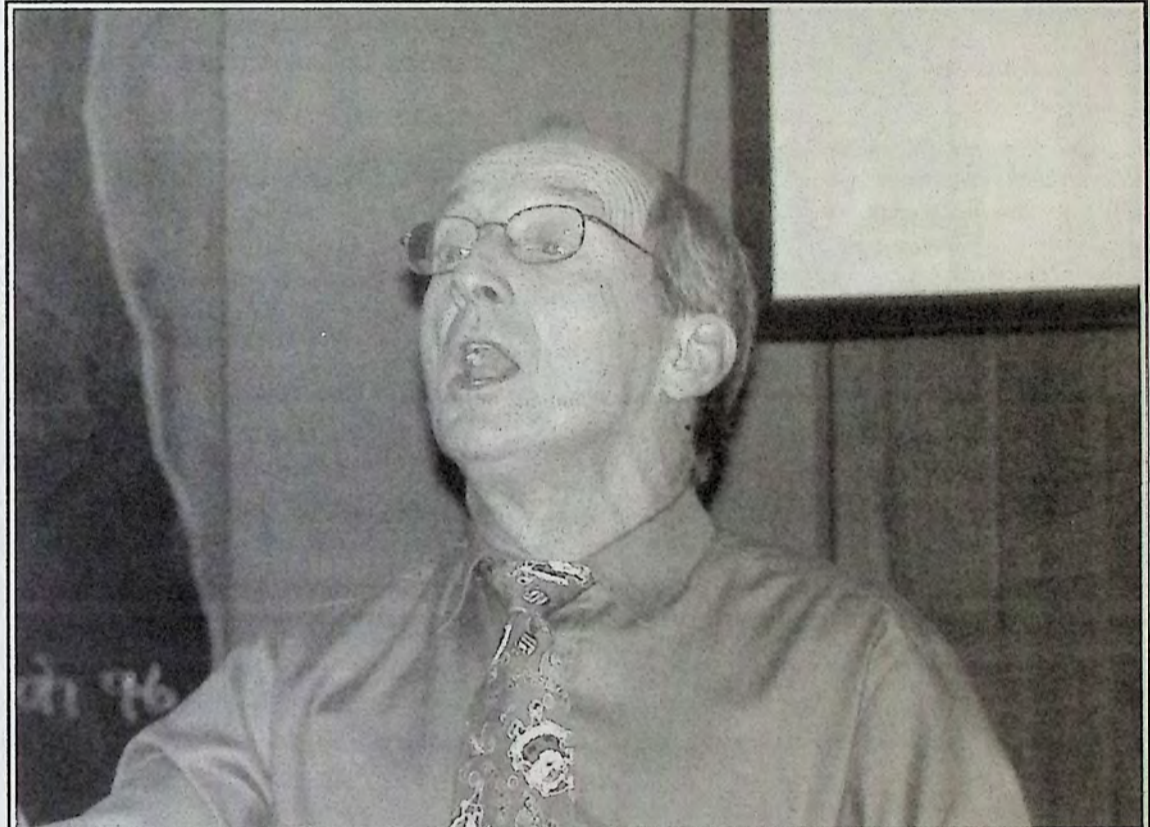
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Karen Smart displayed her many talents during Songfest. \*





J. D. 'Camel Dave' Howell performs during Community Christmas Songfest December 5th. \*

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have in this area is that the peak of the infestation has already occurred in Northern B.C. and we have 2 or 3 years of data before this peaks in our T.S.A. That data is indicating that whereas 40-70 percent of the forest has been affected in the north, in our area because of our lower percentage of pine, the devastation should be considerably less, in the 30 to 40 percent range.

While these figures may not show the devastation that we originally expected, make no mistake the pine beetle is a serious problem that will affect our industry for many years to come. In response to this infestation, the province has dramatically increased the harvesting of pine, in order to utilize the dead and dying wood. This harvest uplift is expected to continue for a period of 5 to 7 years. At that point in time the allowable cut will drop, to about 2/3 of our historical normal quota.

What this means in the short term is that the province has an over supply of timber. Traditionally 30 percent of the American market is supplied by the B.C. Interior. Assuming this demand remains constant we will experience an over supply problem for 2 to 3 years until the northern supply is depleted. At that time markets will increasingly be met by wood from the southern interior. In the midst of this pine beetle crisis, Princeton is reasonably well positioned, we have a short, medium and long term wood supply and a particularly well run and efficient sawmill operation. While some neighbouring mills have closed, Princeton is expanding operations.

This is not to say that the road ahead will not be without it's challenges, the reduced availability of timber will dictate that we have to move towards value added pro-

cessing, for example in the Cariboo Chilcotin, the log home industry employs over 300 people using only 80,000 cubic meters of wood, in our Princeton operation, our 300 people utilizes over 500,000 cubic meters.

While there will always be a need for dimension lumber production, the reduced resource base will require a higher ratio of employ-

## Bonnie sends note to Santa

December 7, 2007

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