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Snow day

Nyima Hussein, 2, rides down a snowy hill at Bonson Park Thursday morning. For more images and weather story, see p3.

Dalton to run for premier?

MLA considering run for
Liberal leadership

by Phil Melnychuk
staff reporter

One Maple Ridge politician is considering a seat in Ottawa while another is thinking of running for the top job in B.C. – premier.

Embattled Maple Ridge-Mission MLA Marc Dalton is thinking about the latter.

“It’s something I’m seriously considering. It’s a big commitment even to run, so I’m just evaluating options and will have to come to a conclusion sometime soon,” he said Wednesday.

Dalton said he’s been thinking about running for leadership of the Liberal party, as he says most MLAs have, since Nov. 3, when Premier Gordon Campbell announced he was stepping down.

“At this point, I’m still evaluating what type of reach I might have to make a credible run.”

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Council has moment to reflect

More religions sought to open meetings

by Phil Melnychuk
staff reporter

Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, Muslims and Sikhs could all offer their thoughts and blessings to Maple Ridge council, as politicians continued their plan to invite all groups to start council meetings on a spiritual note.

Council OK’d Tuesday a “mo-

ment of reflection” to replace the opening prayers now given by members of the Ridge Meadows Ministerial Association.

That “moment” was clarified by saying it could include a prayer, blessing, reading, thought or moment of silence “that would be available to all of the faith communities in Maple Ridge.”

The district will compile a list of established faith groups, possibly based on Stats Canada information, community directories, Canada Revenue Agency records or those recognized by

the Societies Act, which confirms a formal entity exists.

“Once we come up with that list ... we’ll send out letters of invitation and it’s up to them to respond,” Mayor Ernie Daykin explained later.

The invitation would include



Ashlie

groups that don’t have established locations to practice their faith. The policy would also have to include Katzie First Nations, who traditionally give blessings to many community events, Daykin added.

There isn’t a Sikh or Hindu temple in Maple Ridge, but representatives from those groups could be invited to give an address, said Coun. Linda King, who first put forward a motion to discontinue the opening prayer because it was exclusive.

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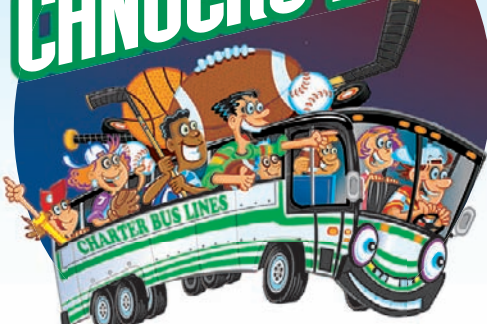
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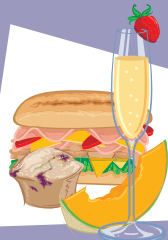
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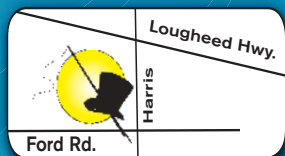
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Jada Glowa, 4, flies down a hill in the snow at Bonson Park Thursday morning.



Ashley Cathcart teaches Nyima Hussein, 2, how to make a snow angel.

See slideshow @ www.mapleridgenews.com



Jordan Oke, 2, enjoys the ride.



Anita Douglas pushes her daughter Olivia, 5, down a hill in Bonson Park.



Olivia and her brother Greyson, 2, ride together.



But the snow proved a bit too cold for Greyson, who tried to keep warm in his mother's coat.



Bonson Park turned into a winter wonderland.

Snow turning to rain

staff reporter

Operation crews in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge hit the roads early Thursday as snow fell across Metro Vancouver.

Environment Canada data shows snow began falling in the region around 2 a.m., and sent out a warning to the public of the wintry and icy conditions to follow.

Temperatures, though, were expected to rise from an overnight low of -3 Thursday with rain forecast for Friday.

In Pitt Meadows, crews were on the roads with plows and salting trucks at 3:30 a.m. Thursday.

“We’ve got probably 80 per cent of fleet out right

now,” operations superintendent Randy Evans said later that morning.

Crews were sticking to major routes such as Harris Road, Airport Way and Hammond Road and move to residential routes once those were cleared and under control.

The white stuff also caused problems for transit. Buses were operating at their normal schedules, although HandyDart service was halted.

Also, snow and ice on the Canada Line bridge over the Fraser River caused two SkyTrains to get stuck.

Drew Snider with TransLink said buses were having difficulties on hills in isolated areas.

All public schools in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows remained open.

Road safety

ICBC’s top 5 tips for staying safe in winter roads conditions:

- **Adapt your behaviour:** Nothing is more important than adjusting our behaviour as drivers. When we see a speed limit — say, 90km on a highway — that’s the limit in ideal road conditions. Conditions right now are not ideal so slow down and leave more space between you and other vehicles on the road to give you the time and distance needed to best avoid any potential hazards.

- **When things get slippery:** Black ice is virtually impossible to see ahead of time, and that’s why it’s so important to slow down and try and anticipate what’s ahead by seeing how the vehicles around you are moving on the road. While

it can be a natural reaction to slam on the brakes, the best thing you can do is try and slow your vehicle down to regain traction — ease off the accelerator and shift to a lower gear if possible.

- **Know your journey:** Road conditions can vary greatly depending on where you are in the province. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure can designate winter tires to be required on certain roads and highways. If you are driving on these roads without winter tires, police can ticket you and make you turn back. Visit Drivebc.ca to consult ahead of time.

- **If the worse happens:** Customers in the Lower Mainland can reach the Dial-a-Claim line by calling 604-520-8222. Those who are elsewhere in, or outside of, B.C. can dial 1-800-910-4222. Download ICBC’s Claims Card to help you record the information you need at the scene of a crash.

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Whenever we experience a batch of cold weather and working in the shop becomes what we refer to as, Operation Winter, I tend to think of one of my favorite movies. It's called Grumpy Old Men and it starred Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. The movie opens up with the song "We're Having A Heat Wave, A Tropical Heat Wave", which accompanies the opening scene of good old Walter Matthau shoveling the snow in front of his car so he can go ice fishing. So now whenever it's really cold out and I find myself a wee bit on the chilly side, I always start singing, humming or whistling the melody to that song, as I find it warms me up and puts a smile on my face.

As I sit here watching the snow fly on this icy winter afternoon, I'm getting ready to head out and shovel our driveway. I'm aware that it will melt in a couple of days and I drive a four wheel drive truck so I'm not going to have any problem getting around in the snow, right? Wrong as I need snow tires too, so I'd best be getting my boots on and stop my procrastinating.

Some driver's with four wheel or all wheel drive vehicles think they can drive in the snow just as well as they can on summer roads. They also think they don't need snow tires to drive in the snow, for reason's that make absolutely no sense. No matter what type of vehicle you drive if you're planning on driving in the snow, you need snow tires, simple as that.

If you drive a front wheel drive, four wheel drive or an all wheel drive vehicle, you need to install snow tires on all four wheels. Why? 1) If you increase the traction on a front wheel drive car by installing snow tires on your front wheels, but you don't install them on your rear wheels, you end up with your front tires having traction when your rear tires don't. This can lead to loss of control. 2) Most, if not all, modern vehicles have some form of traction control or ABS brakes, which monitor wheel spin and when detected take evasive action as per the strategy embedded in the vehicle's computer. So when you're half way thru a corner on a cold and snowy night, the rear tires on your vehicle start to slip on the ice because they don't have the same gripping power as the front snow tires. The most common thing for your ABS brake system to do is apply the brakes to the tire or tires that are spinning, to slow them down to match the rotational speed of the other tires. So picture yourself driving thru an icy corner and your ABS or Traction Control decides to apply the brakes. What happens when you brake on an icy road? Do you really want to risk it? Give us a call for all your tire sales & service needs.

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Pitt Meadows switching to paid on-call fire department

by **Monisha Martins**
staff reporter

The Pitt Meadows Fire Department will switch to a paid-on call model come January.

The move has been anticipated for years and will finally bring the city in line with other volunteer fire departments in the Lower Mainland.

"Our membership wanted to do that and the city has been planning for it," said fire chief Don Jolley.

Currently, an annual grant of \$210,000 is paid by the city to volunteer firefighters, who divide it up themselves, according to hours worked.

Once the department moves to a paid-on call model, the grant will be eliminated and firefighters who attend a call or training will be paid a wage hourly.

It will mean a \$50,000 increase to the department's million-dollar budget.

The public, however, won't see a difference.

"The functioning of the department is completely unchanged," said Jolley.

The hourly wage has yet to be determined by the fire department, but will be competitive with other departments in the Lower Mainland.

Pitt Meadows currently has 28 volunteer firefighters and has already selected five who will begin working paid on-call in January.

Besides Jolly, the department has two assistant fire chiefs and two fire safety technicians, who do maintenance and public education, but are also trained firefighters who attend calls.

Jolley hopes the

change to paid on-call will allow the fire department to retrain and attract more firefighters.

He said the department prefers to recruit people who are committed to being volunteers, rather than those who are training for a career putting out flames.

"We are pretty picky about who we take on," Jolley added. "We are trying not to be a training ground because we lose them and then have to train someone else."

Petition

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The public is welcome to attend the business planning sessions and there will be an opportunity at the end of each day for public input.

Date: Monday, November 29, 2010
Time: 9:00 am – 3:45 pm approx. (Public Input to Follow)
Location: Council Chamber at Municipal Hall
Contents: Financial Overview, Administration, Public Works & Development Services, Corporate & Financial Services (including Police & Fire Departments)

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2010
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm approx. (Public Input to Follow)
Location: Council Chamber at Municipal Hall
Contents: Community Development, Parks & Recreation Services, Capital Works Program, Financial Plan Recommendations

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Tam to run for federal Green party

Along with the NDP, the Greens are gearing up should Canada head to the polls early next year.

Peter Tam, newly acclaimed Green candidate, says an election could be triggered if the Conservative government fails a budget confidence vote in February.

"That's why a lot of parties are getting prepared," he said.

Everybody is getting ready because there's big speculation that the minute the budget is released, the minority government could fall, he added.

Tam, a member of the Silver Valley Neighbourhood Association, was acclaimed last month by the Green Party of Canada to

run in Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge-Mission. He unsuccessfully ran for a seat on Maple Ridge council in the 2008 municipal election.

He chose the Green party because its issues dovetail with many local issues, such as transportation and ecologically minded development, and it's the only party that promotes the same



Tam

values globally.

Conservative constituency assistant Mark Strahl said MP Randy Kamp was confirmed last year as the party's candidate for the next election after local members were consulted on whether they wanted a candidate nomination process.

He said while there's always the potential for a government to fall during election time, all three opposition parties would have to agree before that happened.

The present composition of the House of Commons has 141 Conservatives, 76 Liberals, 47 Bloc and 36 NDP members with two independents and six seats vacant.

Speirs may seek federal NDP nomination

MLA from front

However, the MLA, serving only since 2009, didn't want to explain what might qualify him to seek the office. Neither would he say if it was prompted by the Fight HST campaign, which has targeted him for recall in March.

That all would be explained if he decided to make the run, he said.

"There are many, many things involved," said Dalton, including the effect on his family.

But he acknowledged he'd have to make a decision within two weeks.

Liberals will choose a new leader on Feb. 28, with Campbell holding office until then.

Dalton with only a 68-vote margin over the NDP's Mike Bocking in the May 2009 election, is sixth on the list of 18 MLAs that Fight HST wants to remove through recall petition because of their support of the Harmonized Sales Tax.

Dalton said he's had a variety of input from colleagues, some encouraging him and some being cautious.

So far, only Advanced Education Minister Moira Stillwell and Education Minister George Abbot have said they'll seek the leadership of the

Recall organizer Corisa Nicole Bell agreed that Dalton could be using the contest to raise his profile so he could withstand a recall campaign next year.

"Yes, I wouldn't doubt it. He's got to figure something out.

"I don't believe the Liberal party would award him with that posi-

tion."

She credits him for doing something, but notes he hasn't served in cabinet and he's not well known, even in Maple Ridge.

"I think he's going to embarrass himself badly."

Bell said she was confident her campaign, now with 160 canvassers, will be able to get 40 per cent of those on the last voters' list to sign a petition asking to recall the MLA. That has to be done within 60 days.

"I know we're going to succeed in this riding, for sure."

If the petition succeeds and a byelection is ordered, Dalton has said he'd run again.

Bell, who's not aligned with any party, said she'd listen to all candidates when deciding how to vote. She didn't know who might be the NDP candidate. "I personally don't talk to any of them. I have no idea what they're doing."

Meanwhile, Maple Ridge Coun. Craig Speirs is also thinking about a larger arena.

Speirs, who's been a municipal councillor for 12 years, is thinking about contesting the federal NDP nomination in March for Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge-Mission riding now held by Conservative Randy Kamp.

"I'm definitely considering it. I'm not sure. I haven't made my final decision yet."

But a nomination meeting takes place in March, so he would have to decide after Christmas.

"I just might take a long walk in the snow," he said, referring to former prime minister Pierre

Trudeau's evening walk in 1984 that led him to resign.

Speirs said he's not tired of municipal politics. "That's where all the stuff happens." If he decides not to run, he could support Elizabeth Rosenau, also seeking the NDP candidacy.

And if works out that a federal election is called next spring, he'd step down from council if he became MP. With only a few months before November municipal elections in 2011, there would be no need for a byelection.

Speirs said he's been asked several times to run for the party. He's currently president of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows constituency association.

"You constantly need to challenge yourself. You constantly need to challenge authority, especially if it's yourself."

Rosenau decided to run for the federal NDP a few months ago because of the party's concerns for human rights. Police handling of the anti-G-20 demonstrations in Toronto this year in which her daughter was shot with rubber bullets, arrested by police and charged, only to have the charges dropped, prompted her to run.

"When I saw massive criminalization of dissent and when I saw my daughter being treated far worse than a criminal ... I couldn't sit back anymore."

She said when the Conservative government claims that police conduct is a police matter, they're basically saying we live in a police state. Her daughter Natalie Gray is suing Toronto police.



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News Views

Marc who?

Local MLA Marc Dalton is considering a run for the leadership of the B.C. Liberal Party.

Dalton, a rookie politician who previously failed as a federal Conservative candidate in 2006 and as a candidate nominee in 2004, only beat out his NDP opponent in the last provincial election by 68 votes.

He is sixth on the anti-HST campaign's recall list of the most vulnerable Liberal MLAs.

Since being elected in May 2009, Dalton, a former school teacher, has served as a backbencher. He has never been appointed a cabinet position, despite several shake-ups in the past few years. He has not put forward any meaningful legislation. He hasn't been a strong voice on any issue, even education. He has simply reiterated the party line like a good puppet, and cut a few ribbons.

His most successful move came during the provincial election, when he escaped criticism of anti-gay remarks made in a decade-old email and was not dumped by his party.

So why is he running for premier? Because he's Métis and speaks French? He was in the Canadian Armed Forces reserves and did volunteer work with the Salvation Army.

We have to guess because Dalton won't even say why he's thinking about this, which says a lot.

He is not qualified to lead the province, let alone his own party.

This move, testing the public waters, is nothing more than a ploy to settle the waves of a potential recall campaign in his riding, Maple Ridge-Mission.

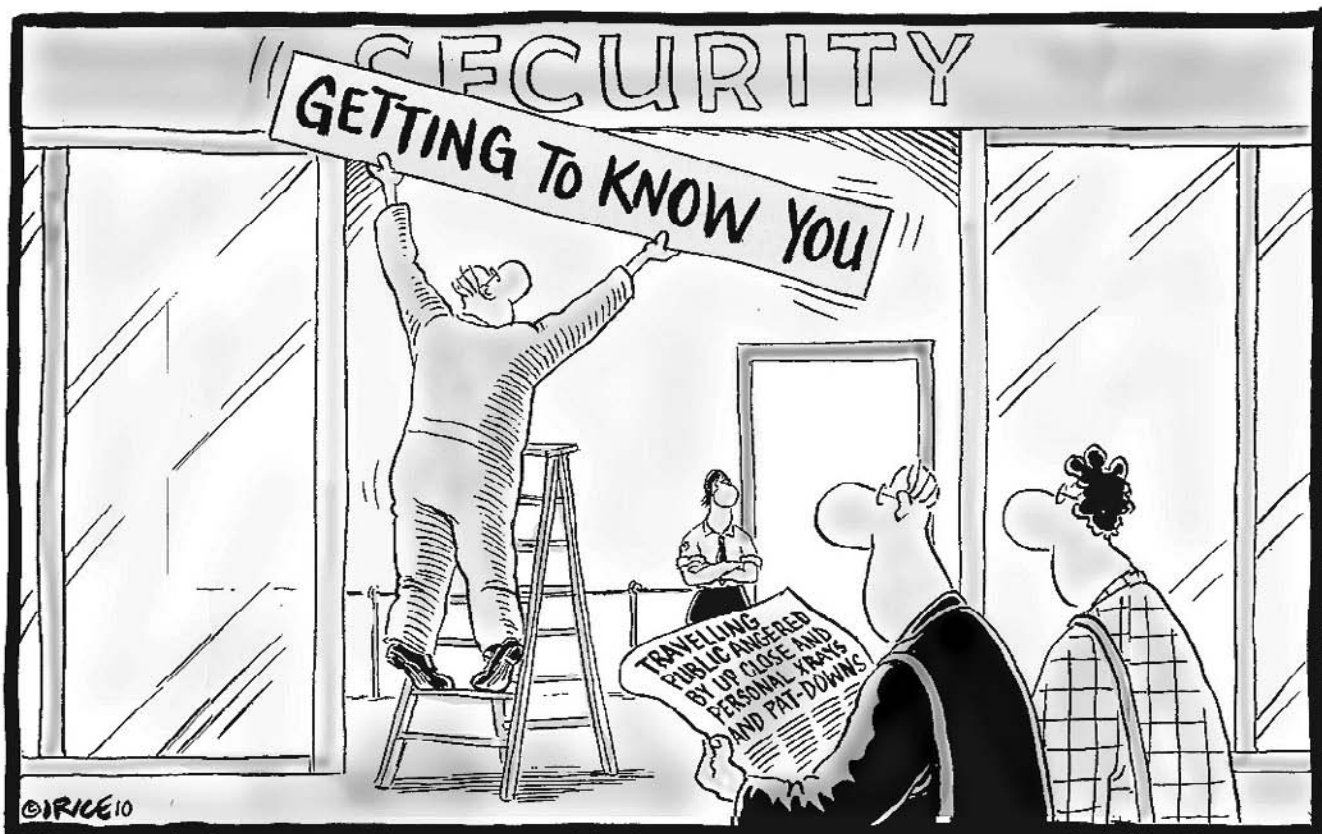
It is nothing more than desperation from someone trying to save his job, a deckhand on a sinking ship.

He should go back to teaching.

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Ingrid Rice



STUNG BY RECENT CRITICISMS, U.S. AIRPORT SECURITY ATTEMPTS TO PUT A POSITIVE SPIN ON INTRUSIVE NEW SCREENING TACTICS

Time to curtail unnecessary spending

Like most young doctors, I started my career in family medicine, full of ideals and, in retrospect, saw much of the health care scene through rose-colored glasses, in the early days.

A good part of the time our Canadian health care system works wonderfully well and it is a pleasure to assist patients to get better or help them cope with their chronic health care problems.

At other times, it is very frustrating when it's clear what needs to be done and, yet, the system simply doesn't allow it.

Many politicians and others claim that our health care system is sustainable the way it is, while others issue stern warnings that it isn't.

In order for our Canadian health care system to remain sustainable, it has to be socially equitable and economically feasible. It has been my experience that there are major shortcomings on both counts.

An example: I have been involved in the care of the Inuit in the Canadian Arctic for the past eight years. At times I would look after the patients in their own community, other times I had to manage their care with the help of the nurses at the nursing stations via telemedicine.

Last March, a young woman delivered

a very premature infant. The baby was born after only 27 weeks of residing in the womb instead of the usual 40. Like the great majority of the pregnant women in the north, the mother had continued to smoke during pregnancy. Being quite young and smoking a pack a day more than likely was a major contributor to the premature birth.

The infant had a tough time surviving. During the air ambulance evacuation after the delivery she suffered a cardiac arrest, was successfully resuscitated and arrived clinging to life at Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. She was looked after in the premature intensive care unit for months until she was strong enough to be discharged into the care of the mother.

Infants like this have very weak lungs and, therefore, are extremely prone to pneumonia. In order to give the infant extra protection, she received regular injections of a very expensive medication. That is quite effective in most cases when all the other circumstances are favorable and prevent most emergency air evacuations and high-cost hospitalizations and, therefore, make economic sense.

Despite the fact that physicians and nurses strongly urged the mother to stop smoking, she flatly refused. It was not surprising then that the child developed pneumonia not once, but four times since last June, and had to be taken back to Winnipeg by air ambulance each time in order to save its life.

The mother had also been instructed to come to the nursing station immediately when there is any sign of respiratory

distress so that we could stop a lung infection in its tracks. However, when I got the call, the child had been sick for three days before she was brought to the clinic. The diagnosis was once again pneumonia and I had no choice but to send the child back to Winnipeg for the fifth time by air ambulance.

Since birth, the cost of transportation alone is well over \$100,000, hospital care well over \$500,000. On top of that, one has to add a substantial amount for food and lodging for the mother during her stay in Winnipeg, as well as doctor's fees, all compliments of the Canadian taxpayer.

The Canada Health Act guarantees that each and every citizen is entitled to needed medical care at no cost to themselves. Socially, that is equitable and I wholeheartedly support that. However, when I look at the economics of this particular case, I wonder if we can continue to spend these huge amounts with no questions asked.

When it is clear that if the mother would take her responsibility for the care of this child more seriously, the cost of care would be a fraction of what we have been forced to spend so far?

I could describe numerous other situations where we, as taxpayers, are footing bills that would not have been incurred had people been more responsible.

I think the time is ripe to find ways to curtail what are, in essence, preventable and unnecessary expenditures.

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THE NEWS/letters

Jesus was not a Canadian, either

EDITOR, THE NEWS:

Re: No policy against religion (*Letters*, Nov. 24).
It's true, Thomas Jefferson was not Canadian. But then again, neither was Jesus.
And yes, Thomas Haney was a religious man, but so are Osama Bin Laden and George Bush.
It matters not the origin of wisdom, nor does it matter if the intentions are good. What matters, is, if it is the right thing to do, or not.
I questioned the 'wisdom' of mixing local politics with religion. This has caused some fuss. Apparently, the faithful are fearful. Why should they be? If they have the right to practice any archaic or new offshoot of religion that they choose, then we that choose not to, should be free, to not be ruled by a council that is regularly under the influence of any religion.
If our government has religious affiliation, it poses to divide the community.
Ultimately, it will incite unrest, and if history and current world tumult are any indication, eventually violence.
The fear of this is not from those who are agnostic or atheist, but from those who adhere to some opposing religion.
Local politics is Ground Zero for religious zealots to get a foothold in a neighbourhood. That may be OK for you, if it's your religion, but what if you suddenly find that the people who are restricting your ability to live or work in your town are of a different religion than the one that you and your family follow?

"I still think Thomas Jefferson was right, no matter his intent, even if he was a bit religious."

What happens when you and your friends discover that there is a commonality in that exclusion?
Now some of you are probably thinking, 'I better get my religion in there first.'
But the goal is not to cast the first stone. It is to throw no stones at all.
Or is it all a lie?
We elect our local council to represent our community and to make good decisions on behalf of all.
If you were intending to unsettle that goal, then introducing something as divisive as religion would be a good start.
Let's not be tempted by 'good intentions.' Intentions that lead us down the slippery path that so many have already fallen for.
I still think Thomas Jefferson was right, no matter his intent, even if he was a bit religious.

GRANT BAKER
MAPLE RIDGE

A war against modernization

EDITOR, THE NEWS:

Re: 'Everything's possible in Albion' (*The News*, Nov. 19).
If there was any doubt as to why Maple Ridge lingers in the 20th Century while it's neighbors build in the 21st, your recent article clearly identifies the problem.
While the representative of SmartCentres positively states that it is willing and able to meet all requirements in its desire to build a much-needed and tax-producing commercial centre in Albion, it is members of council and staff who throw out insults and stifles progress.
It was the planning department that chose to stack the charette process with anti-development, pro-stagnation advocates, and exclude the attendance of the land owners and developers in its ongoing war against the modernization of Maple Ridge.
Whereas other municipalities welcome investment and suggestions on how to improve, Maple Ridge builds barriers.
Coun. Craig Speirs' rants

- SmartCentres should "get the hell off farmland," and take its plans to another area - are totally unacceptable.
Farmland that cannot be or is uneconomical to be farmed due to severe drainage problems is not farmland.
It is not for Coun. Speirs or council to determine the economic viability of a project. If an investor desires to build a needed improvement, within existing guidelines, council should welcome it, not deter or build additional barriers.
If Coun. Speirs is concerned about traffic in the Albion area, he is too late; it has already happened as a direct result of his and council's ongoing, unconditional support for residential development in eastern Maple Ridge.
The thousands of new residents have no where to shop and are forced to drive to Pitt Meadows, Coquitlam and Mission.
It is time for the so-called development friendly majority on council to start tearing down the barriers that

deter commercial development in Maple Ridge, put an end to the obstructive attitude of the planning department and bring about the much needed changes to our community.
GRAHAM MOWATT
MAPLE RIDGE
Build bridges
EDITOR, THE NEWS:
Re: 'Everything's possible in Albion' (*The News*, Nov. 19).
I remain hopeful after reading the article that the property owner, SmartCentres, agrees - environmental concerns are challenging - and is familiar with all provincial and federal regulations and can build a project that is respectful of all regulations.
With the high tech engineering principles of today, all things are possible.
SmartCentres is also looking at ways to support and help farming in Maple Ridge and the Fraser Valley.
I do hope council can develop a business partnership while still being in control of the land and its use.

Please build bridges, not barricades.
Maple Ridge needs to send a message of sustainable growth to the business and development world.
Urban designer Rod Gruzelier has written good articles, offering his ideas for our downtown core - that it could resemble Park Royal or Newport Village.
Surveys have indicated 70 per cent of local residents want and need this project, to the benefit of our citizens, not only for shopping, but added business taxes and local jobs that would be created.
The Albion project needs all the support it can muster, too, as we all know apathy runs rampant in this town.
Plus, we have the biggest and most tenacious group of naysayers of any community I have ever seen, led by some council members and an MLA.
For this very reason, Maple Ridge needs to have a referendum on the development issue as soon as possible.
JIM BULPITT
MAPLE RIDGE

Thanks for building a community for all

EDITOR, THE NEWS:

Re: Coun. Speirs to blame for low-end shopping (*Letters*, Nov. 24).
At the risk of mixing politics and religion, Leslie Sofarelli's letter has forced me to think that perhaps we do need divine intervention in our council, if for no other reason than to overcome the all-powerful Coun. Craig Speirs.
Ms. Sofarelli would have us believe that this one individual is responsible not only for 'low-end' shopping (*I do 90 per cent of my shopping in these low-end stores*), but has blocked private investment, held back the local economy, stopped job creation (*you know, those wonderful part-time, minimum wage jobs that Walmart would give us*) and obstructed residents from access to shopping.
Truly an amazing accomplishment for one person.
As a resident of Maple Ridge for more than 20 years, I would suggest that this community has consistently elected councils on which two-thirds of the members are of the pro-development, right-wing perspective and one-third has been of the pro-farmland, left-wing' perspective.
My apologies to all councillors for these convenient labels.
The positive thing about our councillors is that they

have sought to reflect the wishes of their community - they are not elected to represent special interests, but to serve the whole community, and overall they have done that well.
I don't know why people refuse to believe that a majority of people are opposed to big-box stores in the Albion flats. People move to Maple Ridge because of the urban-rural mix and the proximity to nature - we didn't come here for the shopping.
On the matter of farming in Albion, in the late '90s, I used to buy hay for my horses at the corner of 105th Avenue and Lougheed Highway (now a parking lot) and buy fresh vegetables at the greenhouse just east of 105th.
For six years, I have lived in the Kanaka area, and during that time have witnessed the flats farmland produce at least two hay crops and a section was planted to corn for silage.
Since this conversation about big-box shopping has begun, many properties have been left untended; farmland is no longer farmed; and houses that were homes have been demolished.
Kudos to our local families that are developing a cheese business and a fruit production business. Those are the kinds of economic development that build on the

strengths of this community and will provide livable local jobs for our young people.
Thank you to our council for sticking to the planning process and building a community for all residents.
BOB GOOS
MAPLE RIDGE
Albion showcase
EDITOR, THE NEWS:
Re: Coun. Speirs to blame for low-end shopping (*Letters*, Nov. 24).
I agree with the frustration that Leslie Sofarelli feels. However, she needs to take a closer look at where the real problem lies.
Both Couns. Linda King and Craig Speirs have been outvoted by our so-called pro-development council on numerous occasions, the Pelton proposal being a great example.
Notice that the application for removal from the ALR was expedited in a most timely fashion, yet the ALC rejected it outright.
Its mandate, as I understand it to be, is that the outcome of any removal of land from the ALR must show a potential for a net increase in agriculture.
This was part of the package, yet the ALC flatly rejected it.
If you look at the Meadowtown mall in Pitt Meadows,

one has to wonder how that was passed with obviously no net increase to agriculture.
Now if you look at the report from the consulting firm that municipal hall contracted to design a proposal for development in the Albion flats, we are given every obstacle imaginable - why it can't be done, from drainage issues to stream setbacks, specifically west of 105th Avenue.
It is my contention that municipal hall has placed myriad obstacles and conditions upon the consulting firm so that there is no chance of success and no opportunity to find creative solutions, and in so doing, has nullified the positive efforts of our more progressive members of council.
Finally, with determined leadership and a willingness of council to take charge and get the job done, the Albion flats has the potential of becoming our crowning jewel, not only in terms of shopping, but as the "hub of our community, offering a unique architectural design that will enhance the beauty and showcase Maple Ridge for years to come.
GROVER TELFORD
MAPLE RIDGE
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Learning irrelevant

From: **Knowledgenetworks**, posted on www.mapleridgenews.com.
Re: Learning to learn: the future of education (*The News*, Nov. 19).
While a lot of it rings true, but it misses out one point completely. Kids are not really relying on or waiting for the schools or the education system to 'prepare' them. They take to technology in all its manifestations - mobiles, gaming consoles, computers - like the proverbial duck to water. Ever notice the short time it takes for even a five-year-old to figure out the controls and features of a new gadget?
The observation about changes in technology making the world we have grown in irrelevant is true. And the rate at which technology is evolving itself is accelerating - and, therefore, so is the rate at which irrelevance is setting in.

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Guilty plea in flagman death

by **Monique Tamminga**
Black Press

An 87-year-old Aldergrove man charged with hitting and killing a flagman in Fort Langley almost three years ago pleaded guilty to dangerous driving causing death in B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster on Monday.

Melle Pool was charged after the pickup truck he was driving westbound on River Road struck 52-year-old Terrance Mitchell, a Pitt Meadows resident working for the Township of Langley.

Pool will be sentenced on Feb. 11.

Crown counsel Don Wilson told the court that he will be seeking a custodial sentence.

"The accused has no criminal record," said Wilson.

Because of the age of the accused, Crown asked that a pre-sentencing report be included given 'the geri-

atric age' of Pool.

Mitchell was flagging at a road construction site on Feb. 25, 2008 near the junction of River Road and Mavis Avenue.

He left behind a wife and a large extended family, many of whom were in the courtroom on Monday.

Mitchell was employed by Valley Traffic Services, under contract to the Township.

Police arrested Pool at the time of the crash.

Slow down

Two new signs featuring traffic controllers who work in Pitt Meadows went up at work sites this week.

The WorkSafeBC slow down campaign, initially launched in July 2007, encourages drivers to reduce their speed and pay close attention to traffic control direc-

tions as they pass through work-sites by featuring near life-sized photographs of real workers and their families.

Today, more than 100 "slow down" signs can be found at highways and roads across the province.

Heather MacDonald is one of the workers featured in the campaign, along with nieces Taylor, 10, Hailey 6, Paige, 4, and nephew TJ, who is nine months.

She is currently directing traffic on Lougheed Highway, west of Kennedy Road.

"The biggest challenge we face is drivers who are not paying attention, who speed or drive recklessly," she said.

Sherry Sociadade, who is also working on the Lougheed Hwy. bus lane project, had a large truck drive through a lane closure where three people were working, taking out traffic cones.

She is featured with her husband and children Brandon, 13, and Britney, 11, in the Slow Down sign.

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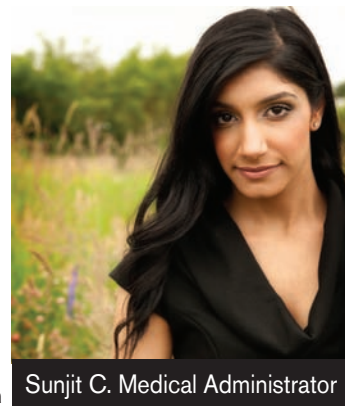
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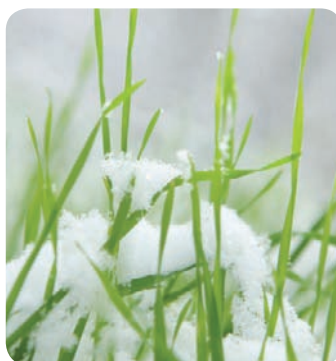
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School board approves environmental school

by **Robert Mangelsdorf**
staff reporter

A new type of public school, aiming to take students out of the classroom and into the natural environment, will be opening next school year after receiving final approval from the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Board of Education on Wednesday.

The district's environmental school is being headed up by former Yennadon elementary vice-principal Clayton Maitland and will focus on "place-based, imaginative and ecological learning."

Close to 40 interested parents packed the school board's meeting room to witness the final vote to approve the school, which has been in the works for the past two and a half years.

"As much as this marks the end of a lot of hard work, it's really just the beginning," Maitland said. "Now we can move forward."

School board trustees unanimously voted in

favour of the program Wednesday.

"The kids are ready for it, the parents are ready for it, and the community is ready for it too," said trustee Susan Carr.

The school will feature split classes of students from kindergarten to Grade 7, taking part in hands-on projected-based classes outdoors. Daily lesson plans will involve a variety of subjects, with assignments that incorporate the physical, outdoor environment.

A typical school day could take students to a local park such as Cliff Park, Allco Park, or Kanaka Creek. Students would set up a base camp for the day at the park before being led through the area by the teacher, explaining the cultural and geological history of the area. As a math lesson, primary students might use rulers to calculate the volume of a puddle, while intermediate learners would find and identify tree species, and measure tree heights using a clinometer,

gauge, or plumb bob.

Maitland said the next step for the program is to establish a council made of parents, students and community members to help guide the program.

The program represents the kind of progressive learning the provincial Ministry of Education has been encouraging in recent years, said Laurie Meston, the district's director of instruction for early learning.

"This is everything the Ministry is talking about... community relationships, critical thinking, project-based learning and place-based learning," she said.

The program will have open catchment boundaries, and will be open to all students in the district, and the province. Meston said more than 100 parents have expressed interest in the school, 14 of whom were from outside the school district.

Meston said ideally the program would take in 40 to 60 students from kindergar-

ten to Grade 7 in its first year, enough for two or three classes worth.

Maitland said demand could exceed those numbers, but he would like to cap the program.

"We have to make sure it is successful first before we begin to grow," he said.

Enrollment for the school will begin in February, and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Maitland said parents and students will be interviewed prior to the program's start, to make sure they know what they are getting into.

Staff will be funded through the district's existing staffing formula, so the program will not incur any additional costs to the district.

Parents will also be expected to provide wet weather gear as part of the child's school supplies.

While the majority of the school's activities will take place outdoors, many of the field trips will be free of charge, superinten-

dent Jan Unwin noted.

The school is still without a home, a situation Maitland said is not dire, considering how much of the program's curriculum takes place outside.

"What we are really looking for is a home base," he said.

That could be housed in an existing school, using portables on school grounds, or even a community centre.

The program was the recipient of a \$1 million Community/University Research Grant in March, which will fund researchers from Simon Fraser University for five years to train teachers and develop the school's curriculum.

Meston said that research will help provide statistical evidence that new program is working or not.

"We'll be able to actually show kids are learning and are being successful," she said.

For more information about the program, visit the school's website at schools.sd42.ca/es/

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Special fund for proposed to help farming

Coun. Hogarth proposes taking tax revenue from farmland no longer in ALR

by Phil Melnychuk
staff reporter

When land comes out of the Agricultural Land Reserve, values skyrocket, and so does tax the revenue collected by the District of Maple Ridge.

So why not take some of that extra cash and plow it back into farming – so there's a benefit to agriculture to compensate for the loss of farmland?

Coun. Al Hogarth proposed such a plan

at council's workshop Nov. 22.

He suggests possibly five per cent of the increased tax revenue be socked away in a special account to pay for items such as drainage improvements for farmers or helping the Haney Farmer's Market.

Exactly what that fund or account will look like will depend on the recommendations of financial staff.

"It's somewhat consistent with what was recommended by the

agricultural committee," in its agricultural plan, Hogarth explained Tuesday.

He wants to focus on what the district can do without requiring the approval of the provincial government.

"Let's work within the context of what we've got," he said.

Increasing development cost charges on former ALR land could be another way of raising money, though likely to require provincial authorization.

One variation of the idea would be to tax property sellers who are profiting by the removal of farmland

from the reserve, which can increase values tenfold.

"I think that may be something they look at as well," Hogarth said.

Coun. Linda King liked the concept but said many details need to be worked out. Should taxes be diverted on a property that's just come of the land reserve but hasn't been sold yet? she asked. And what kind of agricultural projects will be qualify for that funding?

"I like any idea that supports agriculture."

Finance general manager Paul Gill said the district can decide

how it wants to allocate its tax dollars.

Coun. Craig Speirs also supported the idea, because of its relevance to Albion flats, which lies within the farm reserve.

It would be a good way of leveraging tax revenue from commercial development of land east of 105th Avenue, he said.

'I believe in separation of church, state'

Prayer from front

Given such criteria, religions such as Wicca or other pagan worshippers, would be excluded if they're not established entities.

It may take some time to figure out the policy, King added.

"At first glance, it seems to be simple but ... it's potentially not simple."

King said she doubted if there was a rabbi in Maple Ridge, though there are some Jewish people and she knows there are Bahai followers.

She doesn't foresee any props or incense or smoking materials allowed as part of the moment of reflection, which should last just a minute. Nor is she worried about inflammatory or extreme speeches.

"We've never had that and I would never expect that to happen," she said.

"Actually, we have a history of having a very respectful chamber."

It's up to council to figure out what works, King added. "If we run into problems ... then we can discuss what the issue is and what we can do about it."

Coun. Judy Dueck liked the



THE NEWS/files

Until now, the opening prayer has been given largely by evangelical pastors.

revised motion because it included all faiths without completely eliminating the present practice of opening prayers.

Tuesday's meeting had opening prayers delivered by Pastor Brad Warner of Burnett Baptist Church.

Coun. Craig Speirs and Mike Morden also supported the idea. It's an improvement on

the previous practice, although it should be reviewed after a year, Speirs said.

Only Coun. Cheryl Ashlie voted against.

"I just firmly believe in the separation of church and state," she said.

"I think the greatest respect you can do is separate the two."

Council should operate from a framework of neutrality so that everyone feels included, Ashlie added.

King originally wanted to cancel prayers outright, noting no other municipality in the Lower Mainland has opening prayers.

Although she agreed with Ashlie, King was willing to support a moment of reflection as a step towards including more groups. But it's important to ensure the moment of reflection represents the community, "because I'm interested in hearing voices that have not been heard up until now."

She said council should also set a definite date on reviewing the policy to see if it's working.

The policy returns to council in December for final reading.

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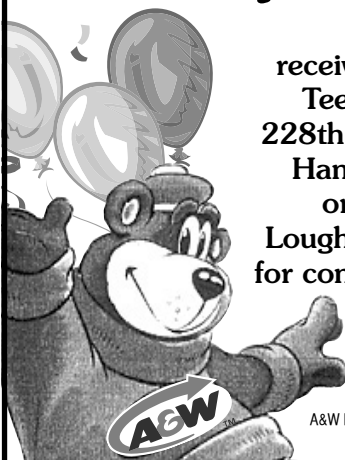
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No more crossing guards at 216th St.

by **Robert Mangelsdorf**
staff reporter

Superintendent Jan Unwin said the district would be discontinuing the use of crossing guards at the intersection of 216th Street and 121st Avenue next school year after the District of Maple Ridge constructs a four-way stop at the busy intersection.

The crossing guards were put at the intersection after the parents

of children at the now-closed Mount Crescent Elementary expressed safety concerns about their children walking to nearby Glenwood Elementary.

Unwin said the District of Maple Ridge conducted a traffic study of the intersection at the school district's insistence, and deemed it appropriate for a four-way stop.

Special ed audit

The Ministry of Edu-

cation has chosen to conduct a special education compliance audit of School District No. 42 beginning Jan. 17.

Students identified as having special education needs are provided additional funding from the provincial government. The audit will review the district's paperwork to determine if the students the district has billed the Ministry of Education are eligible.

"No matter how well

you have done, no matter what, they find something, and they take money away," said Unwin. "At least, that's been our experience."

Borrowing measure

The Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Board of Education unanimously approved a temporary borrowing measure that would let the district borrow up to \$6.5 million dollars, if required.

Secretary-treasurer Wayne Jefferson stressed the district did not presently need to access the money, and that the motion was merely a formality as the district's bank, TD Canada Trust, requires a formal resolution from the board.

"The board has never accessed the temporary borrowing," said Jefferson.

Per the motion, secretary treasurer Wayne Jefferson will now request the Minister of Education approval to borrow the funds, should it be necessary.

The \$2.5 million would be in the form of a line of credit, with an additional \$4 million of funds available, if required.

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That's odd

The Odds —(from left) Doug Elliott, Pat Steward, Craig Northey and Murray Atkinson —performed in front of Trax Café on River Road in the Albion industrial park on Tuesday to promote the CP Rail Holiday Train, which collects monetary and food donations for food banks, like Friends in Need in Maple Ridge. The band members also signed a guitar, to be raffled off for the food bank. The café also launched its official Odds sandwich. Two dollars from every Odds sandwich sold will be donated to the food bank. The vegetarian sandwich is filled with grilled portabella mushrooms, peppers, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, jalapeno havarti and chipolte mayo. The holiday train will be in Maple Ridge at Port Haney Station on Dec. 17 at 7:45 p.m.



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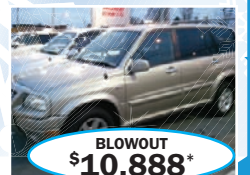
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Man arrested, meth seized after break-in

A Maple Ridge man was arrested by police early Thursday after he broke into Triple Tree Nursery.

Ridge Meadows RCMP were called to the business in the 20500-block of Lougheed Highway after an alarm was triggered at 4:40 a.m.

Officers found someone has entered the business through a side door and a quantity of jewelry was stolen.

A police dog was brought in and a 34-year-old man was tracked to a bank in a mall on 207th Street, where he was arrested.

Cpl. Alanna Dunlop said the man is known to police.

Police recovered the stolen property from him and seized what they believe to be crystal methamphetamine.

The man was also violating terms of his bail conditions by not abiding by a curfew.

Don't leave keys

A Mini Cooper was stolen from Maple Ridge on Tuesday after its owner left it running in a drive-way to warm up. The car was taken from

110th Avenue around 10:35 p.m.

"We want to remind vehicle owners that car thieves like the easy way out," Cpl. Alanna Dunlop.

"These people move around at night, often undetected, and look for cars that are running, with no one in the immediate area. When warming up your car, please try to stay close. If you see anyone in your neighbourhood looking suspicious, please call us."

The red 2009 Mini Cooper had B.C. license plates 957 NAE on it at the time of the theft.

Break-in

A flat screen television was stolen during a break-in Tuesday at a restaurant in Maple Ridge.

Ridge Meadows RCMP were called to Habanero Grill on Lougheed Highway around 2 a.m. after an alarm went off.

Officers found the front door lock broken.

Shoplifter

A 44-year-old Maple Ridge man was arrested

by police Monday after he shoplifted groceries from a store.

The man was caught around 3:45 p.m. by a loss prevention officer for Save-On-Foods and Valley Fair Mall security after he stole more than \$100 in food.

Cpl. Alanna Dunlop said the man is well known to police and is on probation. He was held in custody for a first court appearance on Tuesday.

More break-ins

Sunglasses were stolen from early Monday from a business in Maple Ridge.

The optical lens store, in the 20600-block of the Lougheed Highway, was broken into just before 5 a.m. after thieves smashed a glass door at the back of the shop.

Bobcat missing

Ridge Meadows RCMP are investigating the theft of an excavator and trailer from a construction site in Maple Ridge.

The white Bobcat excavator with a black bucket was on a black trailer with license plates 601 95W.

It was taken from the backyard of a property on 280th Street.

Dog reunited

Ridge Meadows RCMP re-unite a dog and its owner last week after the pooch was stolen from outside a Maple Ridge grocery store.

Tia, a Siberian Huskie-wolf cross, with blue eyes, was taken on Nov. 17 by a woman while she waited for her owner Geraldine Adams outside a Save-On-Foods at Valleyfair Mall.

When she discovered the theft, Adams flagged down a passing RCMP cruiser in a panic.

The store manager checked the security footage for a description of a suspect while an employee pointed the direction the thief had fled in.

Police then broadcast the dog's and suspect's description over the radio.

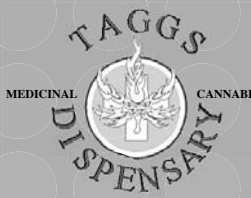
Cpl. Alanna Dunlop

said a general duty officer who was just leaving the detachment found the dog with a woman on Edge Street.

The woman who took the dog had special needs and will not be criminally charged.

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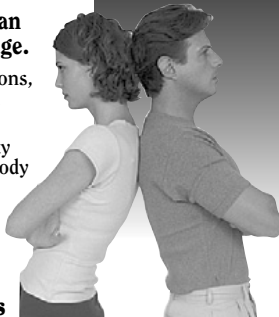
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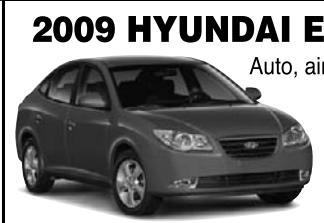


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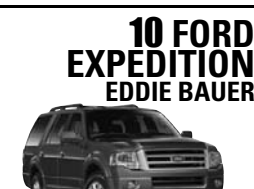
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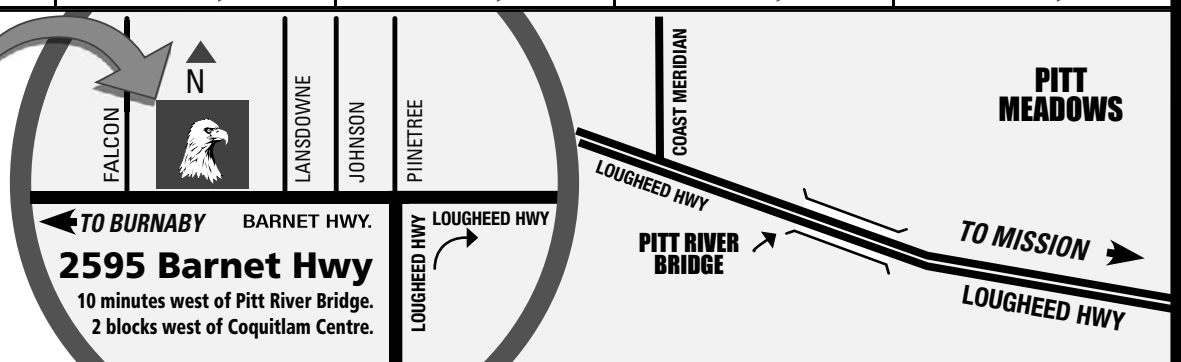
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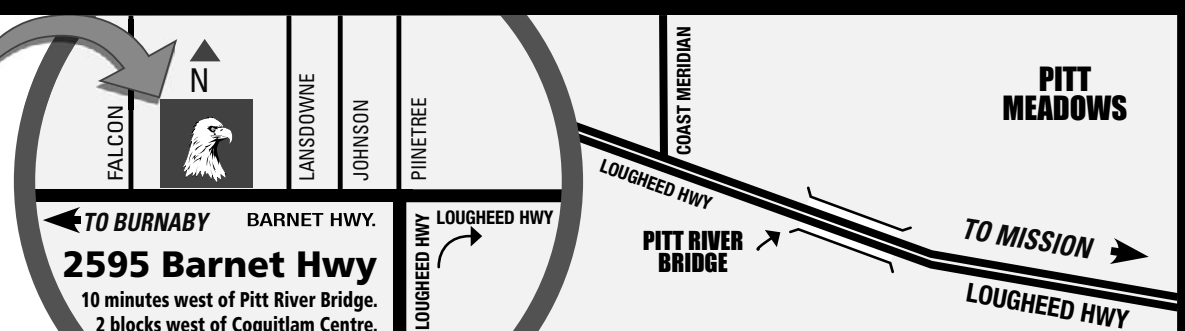
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I've been writing about heaven the past three weeks, and hopefully you've been prompted to do some thinking about a place that people often talk about, sing about, and hope or expect to go to one day.

So here's a question for you: How do you get to heaven?

That's not a question that people typically go around asking each other, but I do believe that it's an extremely important question to know the answer to.

Here are some of the answers that I've heard over the years: everybody goes to heaven; there is no heaven; when you die, you're dead, game over; all roads lead to heaven; you'll go to heaven if you do more good things than bad things; you gotta believe in Jesus to go to heaven.

Lots of thoughts and opinions about the subject: are they all right; what do you think; and, more importantly, how did you arrive at your conclusion about who gets to go to heaven?

Do your beliefs about heaven consist of anything more than what you have decided to believe?

I don't mean to insult anybody by that statement, although I am

amazed at how many people today seem to think that they can make up their own ground rules for entrance into God's heaven?

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So could I then ask: if all evidence based on how you live your life would suggest that you don't like God, then why would you want to go and spend your eternity with Him?

If you don't like Him in this life, what makes you think that you'll get along with Him in the next one?

I'm convinced that God wants His heaven as full of people like you and me as possible.

And I'm convinced of that fact because I believe that God paid a huge price so that we could get in to heaven.

What price did He pay?

He gave up His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cross.

John 3:16 says: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Entrance into God's heaven isn't based on what we do, think, or decide; it's based on what God has done for us.

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Dan Ost is pastor at Cornerstone Neighbourhood Church in Maple Ridge.

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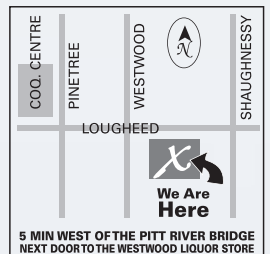
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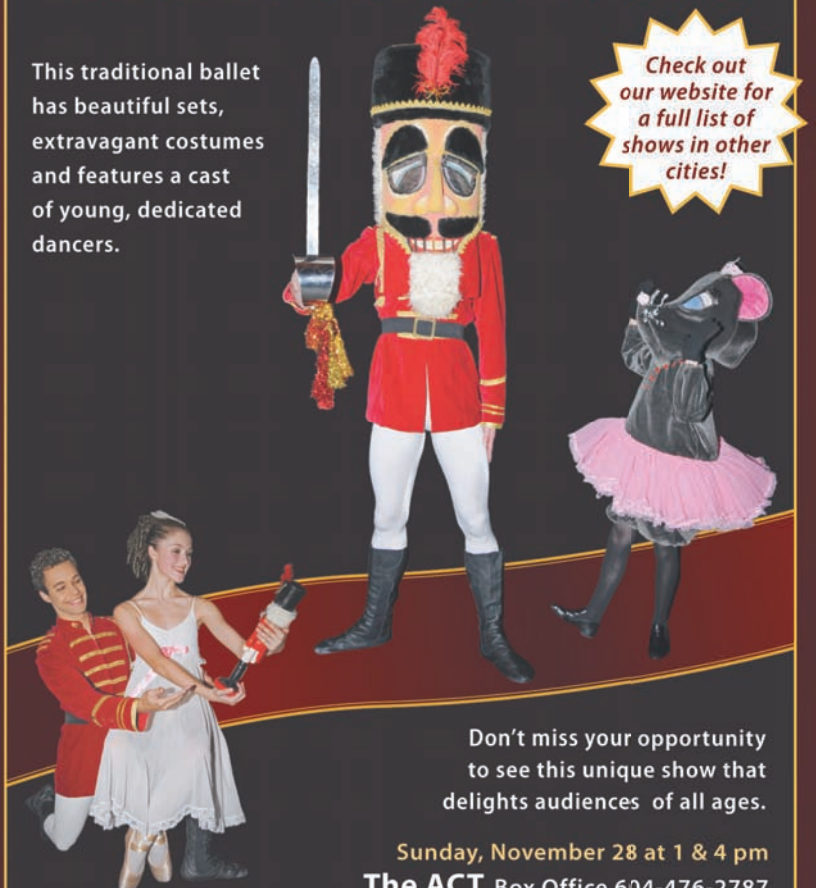


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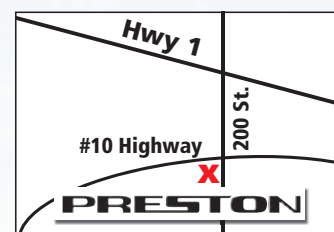


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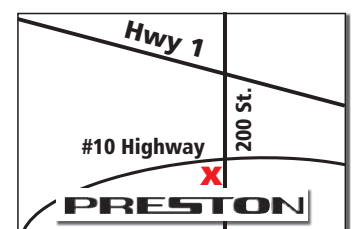
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Public meltdown more harm than good

I have recently seen a couple of kids have epic meltdowns.

I've been teaching in a boarding school for the past three years and that's been a whole new professional and personal experience for me.

Having just graduated from parenthood with three teen sons, I am now surrounded by an extended family of sons and daughters coming from homes with many sets of values and, perhaps most interestingly, from around the world.

I long ago learned that my own kids needed a safe place to have a meltdown every now and then. We called it home.

We had an informal family agreement that the home would be a safe place to let loose as long it wasn't disrespectful or damaging to property. The goal was to reduce the likelihood that they might blow up in a public place that could lead to more problems or create a long-lasting reputation that they could not escape.

Having a strategy to deal with anger is something that is important to youth. I don't like to paint everyone with the same brush, but many teens have more than a bit of pent-up frustration or anger that is a combination of hormonal angst and simple lack of direction. Teens are all revved up at times with nowhere to go. I remember that stage of life well.

As I watched the two

meltdowns, there were a couple of thoughts that crossed my mind.

First, in a boarding situation, these kids needed a place to let off some steam. When the hysteria got to the epic level, I made sure to take them aside and out of the public spectrum.

Second, I realized they had not learned much about appropriate rules for expressing anger. They were, quite frankly, just too raw and hurtful for their own good. Clearly, no one had ever put limits on their words and the venom they were spewing could, at some point in their life, do more damage than they intended to their family or workplace relationships.

Having separated them from their crises and let them spray that venom in no particular direction, they were able to calm down without making things any worse.

In the next few days, I had the opportunity to sit down under more

controlled circumstances and talk a little about anger management. With the emotions dialed down a few notches, I tried to offer some alternative options to the public nuclear explosion.

I'd love to say there's a happy ending to this, but I doubt it. In my discussions, I noticed that gloss come over their eyes that you see when you're being patronized. They were listening because they had to, not because they wanted to or because anything I was saying would change their thinking. The anger ran deep and the willingness to consider any less volatile strategies than

those that seemed to get the desired attention for years just wasn't in the cards.

As they left my office, I couldn't help but feel a little sorry for them. When they were younger, they needed some guidelines and strategies then, before the real furor set in during their teen years. Perhaps, with some time,

they might mature out of this kind of anger expression, but I expect they are going to have to take a few bumps along the way. When your first response to any confrontation is to go over the edge and lose complete perspective, it's not hard to feel that the entire world is coming down on you.

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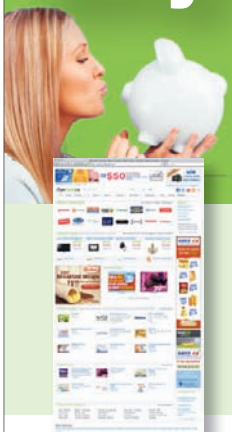
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The Las Vegas Casino Night raised more than \$100,000 for the Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation.

More than 225 people attended the casino night, held Saturday at the Executive Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre in Coquitlam.

The event featured Las Vegas showgirls, West Coast Contortionists, a Rod Stewart impersonator and a funny money casino.

Money raised will go towards the purchase life-saving equipment for Ridge Meadows Hospital.

“An evening like this cannot be successful without a team of volunteers. The committee that organized the festivities is simply an incredible group and I am privileged to know each of them,” said Anita Perler, chair of the committee.

The Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation is working to raise almost \$700,000 this year for equipment for Ridge Meadows Hospital, programs, education and research.

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THE NEWS/home&gardening

Christmas greens, longevity and fragrance

Gardening by
Brian Minter

Nothing smells as wonderful for the Christmas season as fresh greens inside our homes.

It's good to see a trend towards more traditional Christmas decorating.

There are all types of fresh greens you can enjoy indoors, but I always look for two qualities: how long they will stand up under dry conditions and are they fragrant.

For both longevity and fragrance, it is hard to beat pine.

All pine varieties have a wonderful scent, but one of the most attractive is *Pinus strobus*, or white pine. Its soft blue needles look so graceful, and they can be used in a variety of situations, particularly to accent fresh flowers and centerpieces.

Usually sold as single branches for swags, lodgepole and scotch pine are also very resilient.

The long-needled *Pinus ponderosa* is also attractive, especially when branch tips are cut and placed in a large vase.

The best use of these branches, however, is for door swags. With their naturally curved tips and large cones, they look perfect when combined with a big red velvet bow and a few shiny baubles and Christmas novelties.

True fir or the abies family is my second choice for indoor greens. Silver balsam and noble fir are very good when it comes to retaining needles, and when you brush your hand against their boughs, the fragrance puts you back in the forest. I particularly like the silver underside of their needles. The flat nature of their branches makes these greens ideal for swags or for advent and traditional wreaths.

Blue spruce is the ultimate *picea*, and its branches make beautiful door swags as well. The needles on spruce, however, do not last as long as abies or pine, and they are sharp, making them somewhat more difficult to work with. Douglas fir, named after Alexan-



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der Douglas, a British botanist who collected specimens of West Coast trees and took them back to Britain, is neither a spruce nor a fir – that's why they are classified as *pseudo tsuga menziesii*. They have a delightful fragrance and make beautiful looking Christmas

trees, but unfortunately, their branches dry out far too quickly to make them an ideal green for indoor use.

Hemlocks are much the same: lovely, but difficult both for drying out and for needle drop.

Cedar is an old-time favourite

for many reasons, but I'm afraid it also has a short lifespan indoors. If you can keep it in a cool room or use it outside the home, its pendulous branches are useful in swags, wreaths and most importantly, in cedar ropes.

Another super idea is to pull

all the spent flowers from your moss hanging baskets and replace them with all kinds of cedar tips to create wonderful Christmas baskets. Add a few frosted cones, some holly and a big red bow with long tails, and you've got a very attractive addition to your outside décor.

One of the most unique and attractive ideas that I've seen in a long time is a traditional European greens arrangement. Using a piece of florist's oasis in a low bowl, arrange a variety of colourful green tips from yellow, blue, gold, green and bronze foliated trees. A twisted stem of contorted filbert, one or two tall thin candles, bits of moss and a few dried perennials can be added for a finishing touch. It's a very creative way to wow your friends and guests, and it will last right through the festive season.

Cut branches are no different than cut flowers, especially deciduous holly, *Ilex verticillata*, with its stunning red berries. Seven to 10 days is about the maximum time for any greens to be indoors without being in water. Try to have an extra supply on hand so you can replenish your creations and keep them fresh looking. By cutting about one inch off the bottom of each stem and by keeping them in room temperature water, the life span of most greens can be tripled.

Decorative branches of contorted willow and filbert or the stunning brilliant yellow and red branches of twig dogwoods look great in a vase by themselves, indoors or out. My favourite are the branches of 'Midwinter Fire' which is a yellow and orange bicolour dogwood.

Christmas greens are so nice inside our homes at this time of year. They're inexpensive, natural and fragrant. To enjoy them longer, be sure to mist them often and keep them in water if at all possible.

Brian Minter owns and operates Minter Gardens just outside of Chilliwack.

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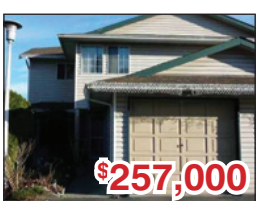
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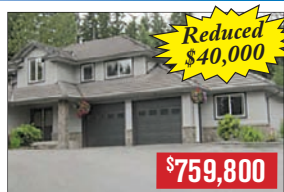
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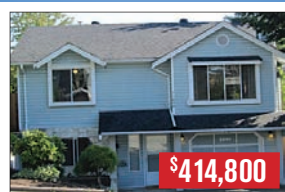
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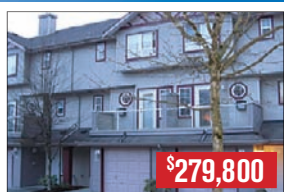
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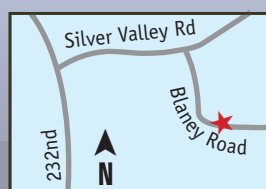
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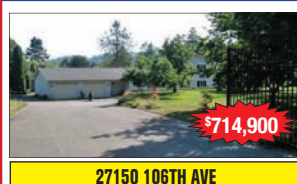
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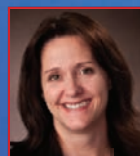
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- * 8439 s f lot
- * Cul-De-Sac location
- * Pitt Meadows
- * 2storey home
- * 600 s f master
- * hardwood flooring
- * too much to list!

OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY 2 - 4



22706 125A Ave
Listed at \$559,000

- * Mountain view
- * 4 bdrm, 3 baths
- * Over 2700 sq ft
- * RV parking avail
- * Gourmet kitchen
- * S/S appliances
- * Fully fenced yard
- * Triple garage
- * Fully finished bsmt

OPEN HOUSE
SAT & SUN 2-4



21540 - 123rd Ave.
Move-In at \$399,000

- * Rancher + bsmt
- * Huge 8600+ lot
- * 4 bdrm, 2 baths
- * New Laminate
- * New main bath
- * Fully finished bsmt
- * South facing yard
- * Fully fenced byrd
- * GREAT STARTER!

OPEN HOUSE
SAT & SUN 2-4



1 13887 Docksteader
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- * Great room plan
- * Backs on greenbelt
- * Gorgeous kitchen
- * Hi-end appliances
- * Granite counters
- * Walk out basement
- * View to relax to

OPEN HOUSE
SUN 2 - 4



12213 Chestnut Cres.
Move-In at \$459,900

- * Somerset Value!
- * 4 level split home
- * 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths
- * Deck w/hot tub
- * Large master bdrm
- * 3 pce ensuite
- * West facing yard
- * Near new roof
- * Walk to amenities

OPEN HOUSE
SAT & SUN 2-4



17 - 21960 River Rd
Listed at \$261,900

- * Foxborough Hills
- * Half duplex style
- * Double garage
- * Over 1200 sqft
- * 3 bdrm, 2 baths
- * Some updating
- * On greenspace
- * Near WCE & transit
- * End unit

OPEN HOUSE
SUN 2 - 4

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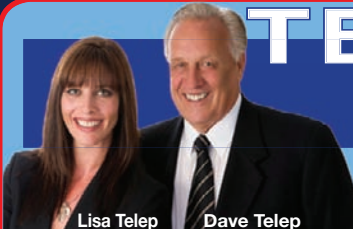
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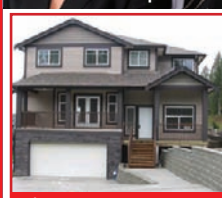
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- 3700 sq ft
- Granite throughout
- SS appliances
- RV pkg.
- 4 bdrms up
- Ready to move in



\$559,900

13360 McCauley Cres.

OPEN Sat. & Sun. 2-4

- Desired Rock Ridge Neighbourhood
- Hardwood throughout
- Huge spa-style ensuite
- 3800+ sqft on 6500 sqft lot
- Fully finished bsmt
- Move in before Christmas!



\$469,900

22728 127th Ave

- 3 bdrm + finished bsmt
- Kitchen island & maple cabinets
- Vaulted ceilings
- Large lot w/fenced yard
- Quiet cul-de-sac neighbourhood
- Great central location



\$779,900 INCL. HST

23870 106th Ave

- New construction
- Still time to choose your colours!
- Granite, crown mouldings throughout
- S/S appliances
- Triple Garage
- Engineered hardwood floors
- Quiet neighbourhood



\$449,900

23732 Kanaka Way

- Great family home
- Close to schools
- Maple Cabinets
- Large Open Kitchen
- Full 2 bdrm bsmt suite
- 2 years left on warranty



\$349,900

#36 - 11282 Cottonwood

- Shows like new!
- Granite counters w/ S.S. appliances
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- Slight view of the Fraser River

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- Laminate throughout, rain screened building
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- Adults 45+, small pets welcome
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- Totally remodelled 4 bedroom townhome
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- Walk to shops and transit
- Vacant, ready to move in

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**WELL
MAINTAINED HOME****\$349,500****Maple Ridge**

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- 40 year aluminum roof, thermal windows
- RV parking and room to build a shop
- Located on quiet side of street

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**TOWNHOME WITH
A VIEW****\$395,000****Port Coquitlam**

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- Corner unit in "The Summit"
- 2 large bedrooms plus a den, 2 full baths
- Sliding doors open to a large deck with an incredible view
- Level entry to private backyard
- Dbl. garage with mezzanine level for extra storage

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HOME****\$499,900****East Maple Ridge**

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- Separate family and living rooms
- Private corner lot, ideal for RV or?

Gina Halinda **604-467-5000**

OPEN SAT 12 - 3**\$398,800****12284 227 ST**

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- 10 minutes walk to shopping & leisure amenities
- Master bedroom with roomy ensuite
- Low maintenance landscaping
- Dble garage - great for workshop
- Laminate wood flooring

Randall Didiuk **604-377-7765**

OPEN SUN 2 - 4**\$849,900****13090 ALOUETTE RD**

- Beautiful one acre south facing private yard, completely renovated last year
- Master en suite as it boasts a soaker tub as well as a custom designed imported tile shower
- Two other bedrooms have walk-in closets and one has its own en suite
- The acre of land offers treed portions to protect your privacy as well as open space
- Triple garage and 5th crawl space

Greg Swatske **778-229-GREG**

OPEN SUN 1 - 5**\$379,900****407-11667 HANEY BY-PASS**

- Penthouse living, watch sun rise and set on the Mighty Fraser River
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath corner unit with flex
- Open concept with vaulted ceilings in living room
- Maple kitchen with granite counter tops, 5 high end appliances and breakfast bar
- Insuite laundry and storage as well as additional storage in basement

Randall Didiuk **604-377-7765**

OPEN SUN 1 - 4**\$439,900****12394 231B ST**

- Great location close to everything
- 6 bedroom house including 2 bedrooms in basement
- New deck with insulated roof, view of Golden Ears Mountains
- Large fenced yard in a very family oriented neighbourhood

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OPEN SUN 1 - 4**\$514,900****11751 GLENHURST ST**

- 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms in quiet central Maple Ridge
- 6000 sq ft lot, close to Thomas Haney and Golden Ears Elementary
- Beautiful 2 bedrooms suite
- Huge kitchen and lots of cupboards

Rick Medhurst **604-463-3000**

OPEN SUN 2 - 4**\$559,500****#6-11442 BEST ST**

- River Road Estates
- Exceptional 2947 sq ft full featured home
- Sought after west side location from River Road
- Turn south on Best St and park at bottom.
- Adult oriented in this exclusive (soon to be gated) residence. You will not be disappointed!!

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OPEN SUN 1 - 3**\$489,000****23871 FERN CRES**

- Alouette River is only 88 steps from the front door
- 2000 sq ft 3 bedroom rancher on .40 acre
- Very private park like property
- Large detached workshop and carport
- Short distance to Davidson Pool and Hot Rocks

Rick Medhurst **604-463-3000**

OPEN SUN 1 - 4**\$329,900****38 11282 COTTONWOOD**

- Only 2 years old
- 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms
- Laminate flooring, granite counters
- Double garage
- Over 1400 sq ft
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Enjoy Nature at it's Best



11309-238th Street

Ambience abounds the minute you enter the open floor plan of the awesome 4 bedroom + den 3 level home. Beautiful hardwood, tiling, vaulted ceiling bring this home together to enjoy. Nature at your back door as the yard has comforting green belt and lush landscaping. All this and a separate suite with large patio opening to yard.

Fast Possession-Great Buy



12058 201 B Street

Super Westside 3 bedroom and den with a large 2 bedroom suite for added income or mortgage helper. Double garage. Landscaped lot with lots of plants. All this and only steps from shopping, theatres and West Coast Express.

offer pending

FRASERVIE Village



Unit #105 11578 225th St. Maple Ridge

Spacious 1 bedroom ground floor unit on quiet side of "Willows" complex. Gas fireplace (included in maintenance) open plan. Fast Possession available. Enjoy all the amenities offered plus only a couple of minutes to West Coast Express.

Hobby Farm with added Potential.



25360 102nd Avenue

South Slope Thornhill 2.42 acres featuring immaculate split level home with out buildings. New roof and rear deck overlooking this mini park. Enjoy all this knowing there is future potential for your investment.

Great Buy- Fast Possession



12450 232nd Street.

Why rent when you can buy this 3 bedroom plus a den and a 1 bedroom mortgage helper for under \$400,000. Great location near schools and parks. Double garage with lane access.

FRASERVIE Village



Unit #206 11578 225th St. Maple Ridge

Enjoy the open feeling this 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom plus den offers. Main bedroom is located on lower floor and 2 bedroom plus den in loft area. 2 balconies look over the quiet side of the "Willows" complex. This is a great floor plan with vaulted ceilings and open plan. Lots of amenities and closeness to West Coast Express.

Wall Mark Home with a Flair



23617 112a Avenue

This beautiful home shows better than new. Loads of features from hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings awesome kitchen and top of the line plumbing fixtures. Come have a look yourselves you'll want to move right in.

Where Nature Beckons You



12680 239th Street (off 232nd & 128th Ave)

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• 3 large bedrooms up, den on main
• Two gas F/PS, crown moulding
• Full unfinished basement
• Walk to year around school

MLS #V853116

OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4



\$379,800

20622 123RD AVE.
• New roof, open floor plan
• Mountain view
• Large 7200 Sq Ft lot with sunny south facing backyard

MLS #V841792

OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4



\$564,900

11661 238A ST.
• Like new bsmt home with triple garage
• Over 1800 sq ft on the main
• Level walkout to rear yard
• 16 x 16 covered deck
• A/C, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors

MLS #V852196

RELAX + ENJOY THIS PARKLIKE ACRE



\$588,800

12473 KATHRYN ST.
• Over 2000 Sq Ft rancher with partial bsmt.
• Kitchen has great room plan with lots of cupboards and updated countertops
• Quiet location on city water
• Roof and hot water tank 2 years old

MLS #V848582

LARGE PRIVATE FENCED YARD



\$309,900

#7 - 11528 BURNETT ST.
• Complex has only 8 units, is only 6 yrs old
• All 4 bedrooms are upstairs
• Master has a 4 pc. ensuite and one bedroom has a 'cheater' door to main bathroom
• Quality laminate floors in living/dining rm.

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\$13,250 DOWN & \$1250/MONTH



\$264,900

#11-11757 207TH ST.
• Spacious 3 bedroom plan
• New carpets and vinyl windows
• Crown moulding and new doors
• Sunny south facing fenced yard
• Family complex, bring the pets

MLS #V836938

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\$324,900

#6-19236 119TH AVE.
• Almost 1500 sq. ft. of living.
• Freshly painted, laminate floor
• Fenced yard with patio
• Private roof top deck
• Walk to schools

MLS #V834281

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\$139,900

11951 PINYON DR.
• Manufactured 3 bed home
• 384 sq ft professional addition
• 2 pets welcome
• Pad fee only \$260/month and includes cable, garbage pickup and facilities

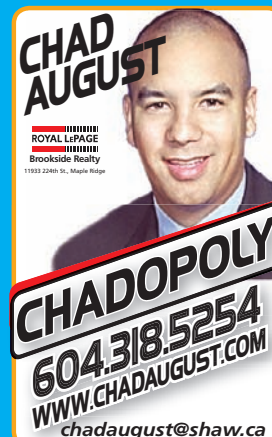
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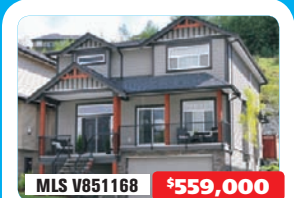


\$239,900

✓GREAT LOCATION
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• 2 bed, 2 bath, Townhouse
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✓CUL DE SAC
✓SUITE
✓NO HST
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• New never occupied 2 bed suite
• Maple Cabinets, Granite Kitchen
• Easy walk to S.R.T High School
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\$769,000



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- Future Development
- No Creeks
- Pride of Ownership
- Newer Roof

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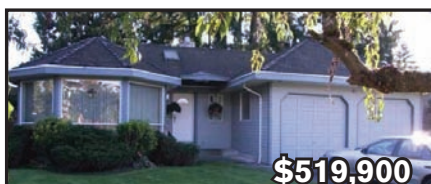
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**\$389,900****OPEN HOUSE SUN. 12PM - 2PM****19755 Wildcrest Ave., Pitt Meadows**

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase a detached home in Pitt Meadows for under \$400,000. This two-storey home offers laminate floors and vaulted ceilings in the living room, formal dining room, family room off the kitchen, 3 bedrooms upstairs, very deep crawl space, backing onto green space. Work in progress, but still needs your special touch! Come see it today!

**\$129,900****BE IN FOR CHRISTMAS**

DRASTICALLY REDUCED! Seller says sell! Quick possession possible. Located on the top floor, this suite has been beautifully updated with laminate floors, crown moulding, new counter top and appliances. This 2 bedroom suite offers a fireplace in the living room, 2 washrooms, ensuite laundry and storage, 55 plus building. This is an extremely good price, don't miss it!

**\$519,900****PUT ANOTHER LOG ON THE FIRE**

This house brings that feeling of comfort and wanting to nestle in for the winter. First time on the market, this executive rancher has been lovingly maintained and offers 1710 sq. ft, family room off the kitchen with a feature oak panel wall, carousel windows in the eating area, formal dining and living rooms, 3 bedrooms, deep soaker tub in ensuite, double garage, the list goes on and on... come see for yourself!

**\$849,900****SCENIC RIVER VIEWS FROM HOUSE**

This 2 acre parcel has it all... tucked away on dead-end street, minutes to downtown... enjoy views from living and dining rooms overlooking an arm of the Alouette River. Property enjoyed offering B&B services for years, renting out a cottage and a room added onto main house. Also set up for animals with small barn & loafing barn. One of a kind property... treat yourself & view this special property.

**\$279,900****UNBELIEVABLE PRICE**

JUST REDUCED! This 1034 sq. ft. rancher sits on a 78 x 84 foot level lot, backing onto a field, minutes from downtown Maple Ridge. The house offers a fireplace in the living room, updated flooring in the kitchen, 2 bedrooms, easily converted to 3, 1 full washroom, 1 part washroom, new roof and furnace in 2007. Enjoy the freedom of owning your own property! Call Debbie today!

"Trust your dreams!"**Jan Hickman***The Realtor who unites "Hearts and Homes"***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4****30-19452 FRASER WAY**

Situated on the banks of the Fraser River this duplex styled town home is in show home condition. Features include master on the main plus 2 more bedrooms, double garage, lovely private patio, plus, plus.

Priced to sell at \$584,800**23651 TAMARACK LANE**

Lovely large hillside rancher with walkout fully finished basement and great extended family suite. Newly landscaped private 1/4 acre lot close to transportation and sports amenities. Freshly painted and new flooring - super package.

Reduced \$568,800**ACADEMY PARK 2 ACRES**

Too much house for the present owners of this 5 bedroom, 5 bath, 4050 sq. ft. sprawling rancher with 3 car garage. In-ground pool, 4 stall barn and 2 acres in a choice private setting. Take advantage of an unusual opportunity.

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New Homes****Starting at \$649,900****Only 8 Homes Left to Choose From
13782 - 232A St., Maple Ridge**

- (Off 232nd St. onto Silver Valley Rd.)
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(south off 102nd Ave onto 242B St)

- 3 to 6 bedroom homes
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HOME ON ONE ACRE**\$489,900****25748 128TH Ave.,
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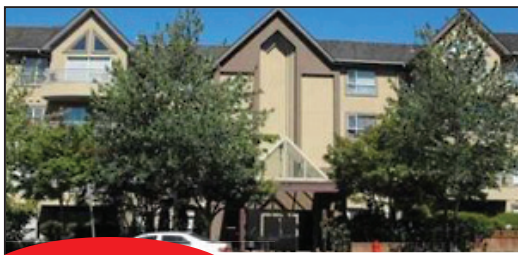
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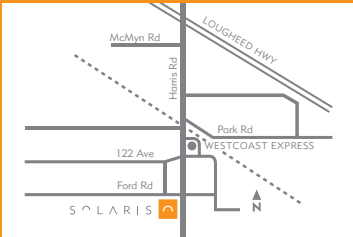
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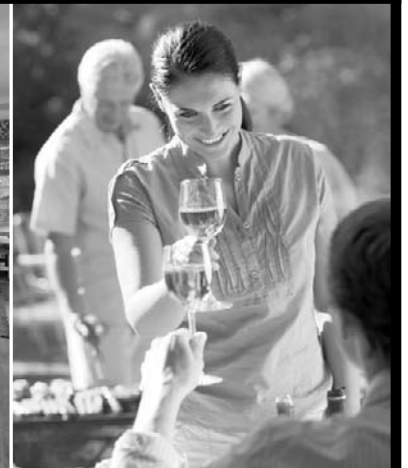


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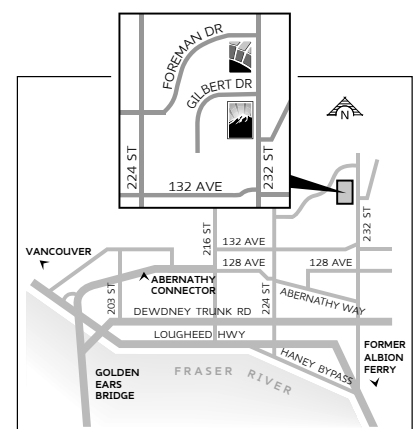


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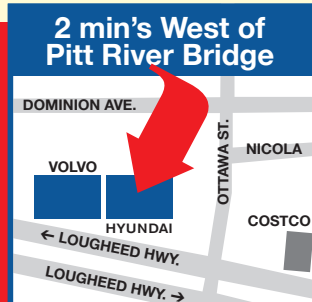
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Liberal fears leader vote may hurt party

Ending one-member-one-vote rule may have election fallout

by Jeff Nagel
Black Press

A B.C. Liberal organizer says the party executive's decision to give rural B.C. members extra weight in the vote for a new leader will make the race more chaotic.

Gulzar Cheema, a former Liberal MLA who stood to exert considerable influence by signing up new members in the South Asian community, admits the proposed rule change will deter mass sign-ups and could undercut the Lower Mainland's power in the race.

But he says the main problem is that leadership contenders won't know for sure which set of rules will apply until the executive recommendation goes to a ratification vote at a convention Feb. 12, where it must pass by a two-thirds majority.

That's after a Jan. 15 cut-off for signing up new members who can vote, and it leaves just two weeks of campaigning before B.C. Liberals

choose the new leader on Feb. 26.

"It's causing mass confusion," Cheema said of the timelines. "How can you have two major events happening within a matter of two weeks?"

If approved, the current one-member-one-vote system would be replaced by a points system that gives each constituency the same weight regardless of the number of members.

A constituency with few members — say 100 — would have the same influence in the vote as one with 1,000, so a Liberal in the first district would have the voting power of 10 members in the second.

Cheema said Liberals need to think beyond the leadership race to defeating the NDP in the next election, and every possible new Liberal member that signs up in the Lower Mainland could be critical, particularly in tight races.

"It creates a bad perception to change from one-member-one-vote in the middle of a cam-

paign," he said, adding he worries it could hurt the party's election chances.

Cheema said he will do everything he can to bring new members on board.

He hasn't decided who he will support in the leadership race, but says cabinet ministers Kevin Falcon, Rich Coleman and Mike de Jong are all good choices who would also put a South-of-Fraser resident in the premier's chair.

"It's time for the Fraser Valley and Surrey to shine," he said. "I would like to have a premier from this area."

All three also have "very good" connections in the South Asian community, which Cheema predicted will support multiple candidates and not vote as a bloc.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University political scientist Shinder Purewal said the voting rule change would mean candidates have to try to win over many of the party's 38,000 members across

B.C.

"You're not going to concentrate your effort in four or five ridings," he said. "You've got to win 85 ridings."

He agreed that Falcon, Coleman and De Jong all have sizable South Asian backing and said Coleman and Falcon have "done a fair bit of campaigning underground" in

advance of the race, so are likely best positioned right now.

SFU public policy professor Doug McArthur said the apparent unravelling of the government means leadership contenders must move quickly to distance themselves from the premier's policies and "losing agenda" — likely by quitting cabinet.

Loyalty may count with some members, he said, but it will be toxic among voters.

"Anybody who's going to be a successful candidate is going to have to make a break at some point on the HST issue," McArthur said.



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• **Garibaldi Secondary School Interdisciplinary Arts Academy** presents Hairspray. This Broadway show has won eight Tony Awards and inspired a major motion picture. 24789 Dewdney Trunk Road, doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the school or The Little Cricket Gift Gallery located at 22347 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge. For more information, please contact the school at 604-463-6287.

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NE Chiefs burn Blazers

by **Robert Mangelsdorf**
staff reporter

The Vancouver North East Chiefs picked up four points last weekend in their two-game series with the visiting Thompson Blazers, the last-place team in the B.C. Major Midget Hockey League.

The pair of wins puts the Chief above .500 for the first time this season, and strengthens their hold on the sixth and final BC-MML play-off berth by putting them five points ahead of the Okanagan Rockets.

The Maple Ridge-based major midget hockey club out scored the Blazer 11 to 1 over the two games. After handing the Blazers a 4-0 shut-out on Saturday, the Chiefs followed up with a 7-1 Sunday afternoon at Planet Ice in Maple Ridge in a game that saw 11 Chiefs find their way on to the score sheet.

The Chiefs opened the scoring less than three minutes into the game and carried the 1-0 lead through most of the period until Matthew Bissett scored with a minute remaining in the period. Truman Gonzales gave his team a 3-0 lead in the second period, but it was early in the third when the Chiefs blew the doors of the Blazers, scoring three goals in the first four minutes of the third frame.

Gonzales and Bissett both finished with three-point nights, each registering a pair of goals and an assist. Matt Allan and Tyler Martin both finished with a goal and an assist, while Boston Colley had the other Chiefs goal.

Michael Scobie and Adam Rockwood each had a pair of assists, while Brandon Volpe, Joey Santucci, Dominic Centis, and Conor McCoach each picked up a single helper.

The Chiefs will undoubtedly face stiffer competition this weekend when they travel to Prince George to take on the first-place Cariboo Cougars.

The Chiefs next home game is Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. against the Vancouver North West Giants.



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Stick-y situation

Kyle Dolan of the Ridge Meadows C4 Hustlers, right, battles for possession of the puck during a bantam C game against the Port Coquitlam C3 team at Pitt Meadows Arena Sunday afternoon. Ridge Meadows won the game 7-1, and currently sit in second place in the bantam C Fraser Valley North Conference.

Another blow-out for Bishop

Local boxer has eyes on 2016 Olympics in Rio

by **Robert Mangelsdorf**
staff reporter

Maple Ridge's Dylan Bishop proved he's ready for the upcoming Senior Canadian Boxing Championships next month with a convincing win

over Alberta Golden Gloves champion Robbie Cusine last weekend at the Mission City Boxing Club.

Bishop dominated the fight from the get-go, burying Cusine by a score of 35-7.

An accidental elbow by Cusine opened up a cut on Bishop's face early in the match, according to coach Alex Nelson.

"He was ahead before that, but that really set him off," said Nelson.

Bishop again won the night's best bout award, the third fight in a row he's recieved that honour, and the eighth of his career.

Bishop is now 6-1 in his past seven fights, and is poised to make a splash at the upcoming national tournament. Bishop narrowly missed out on a bronze medal at his first appearance at the senior nationals in 2009.

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Denney scores hat trick in atom Rustlers league opener

The Ridge Meadows Rustlers split their first two games of atom A1 hockey league play last week after qualifying for the Fraser Valley Tier 1 Conference with a 4-3-1 record in the placement round.

Ryan Denney, a first-year atom player, had three goals and an assist as the Rustlers opened the A1 season last week with a 6-2 win over

host Surrey. Emmett Garrett, Zach Guldemet and Dylan Tonks also had goals for the Rustlers. Tonks added two assists, while Damian Richards, Austin Wahl, Zack Guldemet and Keenan Rea each had one. Nathin Welay was a stand-out in net, making 17 saves for the win.

The Rustlers, who finished fourth in the placement round, fell 5-4 to

North Delta at Planet Ice in Maple Ridge on Sunday. Emma Hall, Jacob Mainhout, Richards and Tonks scored in that game. Tanner Eaton, Sean McClosky, Wahl, Guldemet and Richards earned assists. Evan Allen made 16 saves for Ridge.

The Rustlers fell 5-1 to Abbotsford on Wednesday. Hall scored the goal. Nick Amsler and Richards had as-

ists. Allen made 16 saves.

"We are learning and developing very quickly, I feel the players are excelling and getting stronger every game," said Rustlers head coach Dave Denney. "We have a skilled group of players and a team that never gives up."

• The Rustlers host South Delta on Sunday at Planet Ice.

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Flying high

Julie Thierman (right) of the Pitt Meadows Shock battles for the ball with a leaping member of the Burnaby Blast during a U-21 Gold game against at Pitt Meadows Athletic Park Sunday afternoon. The Shock won the game 2-1.

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'He's short, but he's a tank'

Boxing from p49

Nelson expects him to have a stronger showing this time around.

"In the last couple years he's really matured," says Nelson. "He's in really good shape, and he's growing into his body."

"He's short, but he's a tank."

The pair have worked together to adapt Bishop's style to the new computer scoring system, and their efforts have paid dividends.

"He punches so hard, but that doesn't really matter with computer scoring," said Nelson. By getting Bishop to move laterally, Bishop has been able to land clean hits, conserve his energy, and score more points.

"If he keeps boxing like this, he should do well back east," said Nelson.

The national tournament is just another stepping stone for Bishop, Nelson added.

"Our goal is 2016 [for the Summer Olympics in Rio De Janeiro]," he said. "Dylan will be 27 then, which I think is the prime age for a fighter."

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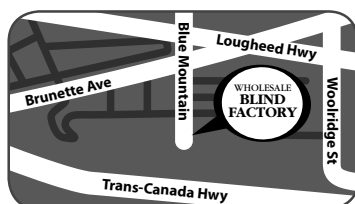
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7 OBITUARIES

BRETI
Anton (Tony)

On Sunday, November 21, 2010, Tony Breti passed away at McKenney Creek Hospice in Maple Ridge. Tony was born April 24, 1933, in Lestock, Saskatchewan. He is survived by his wife, Iris, daughters Diana and Sharon (Joe), son Kevin (Nikki), step-daughter Michelle, stepson Adrian (Darcell), eight grandchildren, and many friends and relatives. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Harrison and the staff at McKenney Creek Hospice for their excellent care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or McKenney Creek Hospice.

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CHERNIAK
Sandra (Sivewright)
 1957- 2010

Sandra passed away suddenly Nov. 18, 2010, age 53. Predeceased by her father (Sandy), March 16, 2010. Leaves to mourn her mother (Milly), sister Heather (Sean and family), Daughters, Tracy and Alison (Bobby) and 5 grandchildren Nicholas, Dylan, Eryn, Jacob and Nevaeh. Good friends Karen and Robert. Service at 2pm, Friday Dec. 3, 2010 at Salvation Army 22188 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge BC. Officiating Major Ed Chiu.

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MOONEY
Kay (Kathleen)
 nee Vincenzi

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Kay Mooney, born April 10, 1935 in Vancouver, B.C., passed away unexpectedly November 19, 2010 in New Westminster. Leaving behind her son Barry Mooney of Vancouver, daughters Barbara (Ross) Soros and Kathleen Smith of Maple Ridge. Also grand children Jake and Kelly Soros and Brent and Hayden Smith. Also fondly remembered by Robin Vincenzi and Lyle Smith and sisters Barbara Dolman and Marie Jordan-Knox. Notification of service to follow in the New Year.

VERHEYDE
Theodorus (Theo)

1918 ~ 2010.
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With sadness and love we announce the passing of our Dad November 17, 2010. Dad passed away peacefully with his family at his side. He's survived by his children; Bert (Marlene), Audrey, Joe (Allison) and Maya. Grandchildren, Neall (Alison), Angie, Stephanie (Mike), Stacy (Darren), Allisha, Jason and Jenn. Great grandchildren, Brittany, Ian, Sadie, and Holly. No funeral as per Theo's request.

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KLASSEN
Herman John

Feb 12, 1930 ~ Nov 21, 2010

Herman passed away peacefully at Maple Ridge Seniors Village in the company of his family. He is survived and will be dearly missed by his wife of 55 years, Claire, his son David Klassen (Ellen), daughter Yvonne McDonough (Ron), son Randal Klassen (Joyce), and daughter Jeannette Reid (Sheldon), as well as his grandchildren Kevin, Rowan, Ty, Abram, Ezra, Molly, Darcie, Meghan, Aimee, Casey and great grandchildren Soren and Deja. He is also survived by his two sisters, Edna Ryan and Marie Ortwein (Del) and many many neices and nephews.

Herman will be remembered as a good husband and father with a wicked sense of humour and an unforgettable grin. He was a handyman extraordinaire, a pool shark, a world traveller and a collector of nuts and bolts.

In the years of his working life Herman worked in Alberta, Yukon and B.C., doing whatever work was available. This included time as a Hard Rock Miner and working on the official breakthrough crew for the Kemano tunnel project in 1954. He worked at Alcan Aluminium Smelter in Kitimat B.C. for 31 years and retired to Maple Ridge B.C. in 1985. For the most part his retirement years were spent enjoying the things he loved the most, gardening and working around his acreage and spending time with his family.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Sunday November 28th 2010 at 12:00 p.m. at Thornhill Hall, 26007 - 98th Ave, Maple Ridge B.C.

The family would like to thank the staff at Maple Ridge Seniors Village and Ridge Meadows Hospital for their thoughtful care of Herman.

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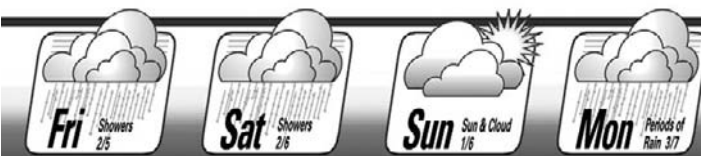
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