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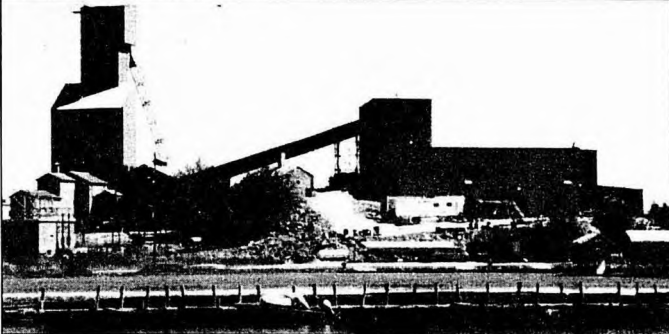


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Rea Gold's Bissett Mine was closed down on Tuesday Morning.

Bissett mine closes Bankruptcy declared- Low Gold Prices Blamed

by Charles Norman

When workers at the Bissett gold mine showed up for work at 7:00 o'clock Tuesday morning they learned that the owner of the mine, Rea Gold of Vancouver, has filed for bankruptcy, that the mine was closed, and they were out of work, effectively immediately.

The mine is owned and operated by the Bissett Gold Mine Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Rea Gold. The Bissett mine had been plagued with cost over runs in bringing the mine into full production. The mill is complete and capable of processing 1000 tons per day of ore, but underground development has not reached a stage where that rate of production can be met, and is already a year behind schedule.

The major secured creditor involved is N. M. Rothschild & Sons Ltd, of London, England. Rothschild's representatives

were at the mine a week ago, reportedly in connection with a request by Rea Gold for additional financing to complete underground development.

Why Rothschild's called their loan has not been made public, but the current, very low price of gold could have been a factor. The amount owing to Rothschild's is approximately US\$23 million. It is guaranteed by Rea Gold and secured by charges over the assets of the Bissett Mine and Rea Gold. In a December 16 press release Rea Gold said attempts to come to an arrangement with Rothschilds were unsuccessful.

Bissett Mayor, Hugh Wynne, is still optimistic for the future of the mine. He said it is a state-of-the-art facility, and the mine has proven reserves of a million ounces of gold. He said he is absolutely convinced that someone will buy the mine and put it back in operation very soon. He said it will certainly be back

in production when the price of gold returns to more normal levels.

The people of Bissett may not have too long to wait. In the opinion of one analyst, James Turk, Strategic Analyst for Midas Fund, a US precious metal mutual fund, the present low price of gold is an aberration. Gold is currently selling at US\$282 per ounce. The same price as in 1985, but the value of the US dollar has dropped more than 40% since then. He believes this very low price is the result of some selling in Southeast Asia because of the financial crisis there, but also he believes that Holland and Belgium have been selling of their reserves in anticipation of the new European Central Bank announcing it's policy on gold reserves. He said he believes this selling has been completed, if so, it will be confirmed by the European countries involved towards the end of January.

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Open pit gold mine planned for Bissett.

by Charles Norman

While one Bissett mine closes, another is planned to open. Hugh Wynne, Mayor of Bissett, and president of San Gold Resources, is in the process of raising financing to develop a gold property immediately East of the mine that closed early Tuesday morning.

Wynne, who's property has already been explored to a depth of 500 feet, plans to drill to 1500 feet, to remove 35 feet of overburden, and to begin excavation of 50,000 ton of the high grade ore close to the surface. He will use the revenue from the ore for further exploration and development. He plans to use 100% equity financing and so avoid the problems facing Rea Gold who

have not been able to satisfy term lenders due to development problems and the current low price of gold.

Wynne plans to use the mill at the Rea Gold mine to process his ore. He does not see the Bank-See **WYNNE** page 3



San Gold President Hugh Wynne

UPIU opposed to sale of mill

The Pine Falls Paper Company's biggest union has voted 249 to 145 against the sale of the company to Tembec.

397 votes were cast, from a total of 421 eligible voters, which includes retired union members who are shareholders of the company. Three ballots were spoiled and two members registered abstentions.

The vote on the sale of the mill will take place at a shareholders meeting at the end of January next year. At that time a vote of 66.7% of shareholders will be required to approve the sale. Because of the share structure it will require a much larger

majority of employees to kill the deal than indicated by the UPIU vote.

UPIU President Chris Christensen sees the vote as a mandate to use whatever means available to him to prevent the sale of the company.

The Voice office will be closed from December 20th. We will re-open on January 5th. The next issue will be published on January 7th

Happy Holidays

News

Sagkeeng family reunion

by Charles Norman

Lionel Spence's family was scattered by a series of adoptions about thirty years ago. Spence, a Sagkeeng band member who currently lives in Powerview, and is a researcher for Sagkeeng's repatriation program.

He had three sisters and two brothers who were all put out for adoption. Lionel was raised in Winnipeg by his grandparents. He managed to locate two brothers and a sister in 1991, but two twin sisters, Gwen and Greta, now 33 were not located until October this year. Greta now has two children of her own, Melissa and Megan.

The family will be meeting in Winnipeg for a family dinner on December 23. Lionel hopes that both Jerry Fontaine and Phil Fontaine will be able to be there. They will be spending Christmas in Powerview, when the twins will be meeting their cousins,

uncles and aunts.

The twins were put out for adoption at three years old, but

Lionel has not seen them since the picture was taken when they were about six months old.



Lionel Spence with his twin sisters Gwen and Greta.

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CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN - Sunday 2:30 p.m. in Hollow Water.

News

Timing 'devastating': Desjarlais

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Turk said that if his analysis is found to be correct, the price of gold should rebound as rapidly as it has fallen.

Bev Desjarlais, MP for Churchill, said her office has contacted federal and provincial governments to see what can be done to speed up UIC claims and provide other necessary assistance. "The bankruptcy, coming as it does just a week before Christ-

mas is devastating for employees and their families." She said. She hopes that the mine will reopen under new owners in the not too distant future.

Human Resources Canada will be providing information and processing claims at the Bissett Community Hall from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 18. Suzanne at the Selkirk office of Human Resources can be contacted for more information at 785-6203.

Wynne confident Rea bankruptcy won't affect mine

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ruptcy of Rea Gold as a problem for his own project. He says the mill has been completed, and it is in the interests of whoever owns the Rea Gold property to put it into production.

Wynne does not see the bankruptcy, or the low price of gold affecting his attempt to raise financing through the Winnipeg

stock market. The project is being financed by the sale of "flow through" shares, which carry attractive tax benefits. The viability of a mine depends on the difference between the cost of production and the price of gold. Providing the first is less than the second, and the mine has no debt repayment burden, the mine will be an economic proposition.

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Mill employees are expressing their displeasure with the Tembec deal.

PFPC employee unhappy with mill sale

To the people of Pine Falls and surrounding area

1992 - Abitibi Price said Pine Falls was no longer in their long range plans. It didn't look good. Old mill, no effluent plant, newsprint industry in bad shape, no buyer. Lots of good people left, lots more tried, no jobs. Fern Pitre and his group came along and structured a deal with Abitibi Price, government, Ashok Narang, First Nations, Royal Bank, Employees. Pine Falls employees all took a 10% wage cut back and wage freeze. In return for wage concessions we received trust shares, wage concession shares, profit sharing plan, some free shares and the option to buy a small amount of shares if you wanted to. Most employees didn't like the share structures (top heavy), but we had the guns to our heads (Mill closure) so the majority voted for the deal on September 1/94.

Fern was a hero to most. It was going to be a lot better now. No longer a cash cow, direct relation with management, a vision was then written up by Senior management building on a strong past for a successful future.

Ya Hoo, Ya Hoo! The price of newsprint sky rocketed, we built the Effluent plant, and DIP plant and many other smaller projects throughout the mill. Substation work, new reels, computer upgrades, screens, #1 winder. We cut some corners, but we did a lot. We received some great profit sharing cheques and shares going up in value. By leaps and bounds we borrowed money to pay off Abitibi and the Government (No more restrictions).

From the outside looking in, it couldn't be better. What a

great team (Job well done). But from the inside it is sick. And I believe most of this sickness is brought on by Senior Management. Looking at the vision: "to be treated fairly, respected, be listened to and be involved." It sounds good, but it is not that way.

Look at mid-management. How many very good outsider men have left in the past years (lots). Why?? Lots of hours, no family life, not properly paid, yelled at, not listened to, in all just not treated with respect. Then you have the local mid management people. Half of them are stressed out or other personal problems. Why? Same reasons I suspect.

Also the way management treats lots of privatetruckers and contractors; the tactics they use on our own woods operation; the way they handled the sewer situation on the rock.

The sweet heart deals within the town site. Thor Cronshaw being put between Pitre and Narang. The petition to save Fern. Getting back to the dollars saved by cutting the corners on some of these projects. When the management team were told by many people in the know it would cost them in the long run. Examples - broke systems, effluent sludge problems, lack of room at winders, #1 winder, dip plant. I guess the people in the know were right. It has cost us millions so far and going to cost millions more to fix the problems.

Management said TMP was the answer. Capital Canada and went looking for money and couldn't find it on the right terms. Narang said this project was putting the company at too much risk. The next thing we hear, we

were approached by Tembec with a 100 million dollar offer for the mill. We hear later, it was Capital Canada who approached Tembec. Narang and Pitre and group sign letter of intent once again without having the respect of asking us. So all the legal paper work is started. Talk starts all over again, lots of options, no one is wrong. But lots of scare tactics appear from management. But still a lot of people including Al Wingate, Al Duff, Ashok Narang, Thor Cronshaw, Ed McMullen and 61% of office & UPIU Union Members believe we can still make it as a stand alone operation. In the mean time Frank Dotorri stated publicly in front of hundreds of shareholders/employees at the school, that if the majority of the employees didn't want him here, he wouldn't come. Now I think we should forward a copy of poll results to Dotorri and see how honourable everyone is.

In closing I don't believe any of these men are honourable and will take the offer off the table because money does the talking. So what are we the employees going to do about it. We can blame top management for all the wrong doings. But we are to blame because as a whole we can put a stop to all this. But we just talk about it and do nothing about it. Just a bunch of sick people.

Don Powell

Sticking with the vision

In response to Laird Crawford's article December 10, 1997.

Laird says he is disturbed to see speculative articles on the proposed buyout, for we need direction not deflection of purpose. Then he goes on to say how he sees this as a long term, no lose situation.

This sounds like speculation to me. He says we need direction not deflection of purpose. It seems to me he is not looking for direction because his mind is already made up. The deflection he is worried about is deflection from his purpose. In our Union over 63% are not looking in that direction. I respect Laird's right to be in favour of the sale. I only ask for the same respect for those who do not wish to sell the Pine Falls Paper Co.

He refers to Tembec as our Fairy Godmother. I quit believing in fairies years ago. I believe Tembec can help us, but in the long they are interested in what they can get from us, more than what they can give to us. We are an asset to them. They believe in us. Do they believe in us more than we believe in ourselves?

Mr. Crawford gives some very good advice. Talk to the higher ups. I have done so. Mr. Pitre was gracious enough to give me 30-45 minutes of his valuable time. I listened to him and learned a few things. He also listened to me. We shook hands when I left, not only that, but he personally ensured that I received more information on Tembec. Thank you Mr. Pitre.

The company has also kept us informed with daily updates. On Tuesday, September 30th, the questions were asked, "Why can't we go on our own - we've done well, who's to say we can't continue to be successful? Why the rush?"

The Company answers, "There is no guarantee, no matter which option we choose. There isn't a right or wrong answer, it's a matter of making the best choice for us at Pine Falls. When it gets down to it - it's all

about risk. How much are we willing to gamble. What are the risks - what are the consequences?"

This is to me very good advice. There is no guarantee, no right or wrong answers, even though Mr. Crawford would have us believe different.

Al Wingate went on record in the Voice and said 'yes we could make it as a go alone company.'

Ashok Narang when asked by Chris Christensen thought the company was viable on its own, but we must make improvements. In the end Ashok says the shareholders have to make up their own minds.

I found Charlie Norman's articles very informative as well. From what I have learned I have every reason to believe that we can make it on our own. But not without risks. Tembec did not get where it is today without taking risks, and a lot of hard work. In business greater risks can yield greater rewards. But there is no guarantee. We must make choices, if these choices were easy everyone would agree. They are not and we do not.

Laird also makes reference to a "Pied Piper leading us all over a cliff." As I recall the story of the Pied Piper, he was hired by the town's people to rid the town of rats, he did so and was hailed by them as a hero. I personally don't like to think of people as rats or totally gullible.

I have talked to people on both sides and have heard some good reasoning for both choices. I have some friends and co-workers who think differently than I, but we are still friends and work together.

We need to respect each other and each other's choices and when all is over and done with, continue to work and live together as a community. As for me I am sticking with the vision. My prayer is that God's will be done, whatever that may be.

Yours Truly
Ray Berthelette

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Notre Dame du Laus Parish News

A rehearsal for the skit which will be held during the 7:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve) Mass with Children's liturgy, will be held this Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 am at the church. All the children who would like to participate are to attend the rehearsal. The assistance of a few parents/adults is also required to help out with the skit.

To the Parish Council, Trustees, other committees, Knights of Coulombs, Ladies Auxiliary, catechism teachers, youth leaders, volunteers, thank you for your good work, collaboration and support. To each and all, thank you for your kindness and cooperation. May the next year be even more fruitful.

Christmas Masses Schedule

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00 pm Powerview (Mass with Children's liturgy). In Stead at 9:30 pm.

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25th at 10:00 am in Powerview.

This time of the year is perfect to underline our appreciation and to thank all who have put time and energy into enhancing the church with various decorations and flowers during the past year and for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Thank you to all who, during the past year, have helped prepare and participate in a special way in all the celebrations that were held at the church: the musicians, choir members, readers, Eucharist ministers, servers and all those who work behind the scene to help assure every-

thing functions smoothly. Your dedication is needed and greatly appreciated.

To the Parish Council, Trustees, other committees, Knights of Coulombs, Ladies Auxiliary, catechism teachers, youth leaders, volunteers, thank you for your good work, collaboration and support. To each and all, thank you for your kindness and cooperation. May the next year be even more fruitful.

New Year's Eve/Day Masses Schedule

New Year's Eve - Wednesday, December 31st at 7:30 pm. Powerview (in English). New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1st at 10:00 am. Powerview and at 12:00 noon in Stead.

May the New Year bring light, happiness and comfort to all. May the New Year give each and all renewed energy and the courage to draw closer to Christ and to each other. May the Lord grant his Spirit of peace, love and understanding to every member of our parish and communities. May 1998 be a most happy, peaceful, satisfying and prosperous year for each and everyone. As we wish and offer each other peace, may we also pray

for peace and strive for true peace in our homes and communities, and in the world.

Merci,
Thankyou

Le comité scolaire de l'École communautaire de Saint-Georges remercie les participants au bazar qui a eu lieu les 21 et 22 novembre dernier. Nous encourageons la communauté à se servir des locaux de l'école et la Salle Vincent et nous sommes prêts à nous impliquer dans d'autres activités communautaires. Nous avons un cœur que notre école, nos jeunes grandissent en harmonie avec la communauté.

The Saint-Georges school committee thanks those who participated in the Bazaar on November 21 and 22nd. We strongly encourage the community to avail itself of such school facilities as the hall, Salle Vincent and we are prepared to become involved in other community activities. Above all we want the school and our students to grow in harmony with the community.

Pine Falls Legion
Number 64 News

by Sharon Mignon

There was a good crowd out for our Christmas Party on December 11th. The Early Bird winners were Art Brown (Branch) and Linda Grenier (Auxiliary). We were treated to a visit from our Ukrainian Santa Claus who had something to say to everyone who sat on his knee. There was also lots of Xmas goodies to enjoy.

On Friday, December 19th at the Legion House, we will be holding our Xmas Give-away to express our appreciation to our customers for their patronage over the past year. Be sure to attend. This will be held after the meat raffles. Also this will be the last chance to win a turkey in the Turkey Dart Shoot contest. You throw three darts for a LOONIE. The top score wins the turkey and the lowest score receives a consolation prize.

Our Branch Levee will be held in the clubrooms on Thursday, January 1st starting at 1:00 pm. A light lunch will be served at 4:00 pm. Be sure to drop in

and enjoy a get together with your Branch and Auxiliary members. This invitation is also extended to guests of members.

Also, if you have not purchased a ticket on the Trip for Two to Hawaii, be sure and purchase one the next time you are in the Legion House. Cost is \$2.00 each. This is being held at the Dominion Convention in Winnipeg.

Next Loonie draw will be Saturday, December 27th. Be sure and enter your name when you are in the clubrooms.

All branch and auxiliary members are also reminded that if you missed paying your dues before November 30th, they must be paid by December 31st. There is a lot of extra work for the Membership Chairperson to get your reinstated if you allow your dues to lapse. Branch dues can be paid at Legion House or to Daphne Webb at Main Office or Sharon Mignon in the mill. Auxiliary dues can be paid at Legion House or to Sharon Mignon.

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We want to know what you think about the future of Canada. A survey has been mailed to every Manitoba household. Please read it when it arrives and take a few minutes to answer our questions. Share your vision for Canada in the 21st century — mail, fax or email them back to us.

Public Meetings

The Task Force will be in a community near you in January. Watch for local details or phone us for information.
Gimli (January 8), Pine Falls (January 9), Winnipeg/St. Boniface (January 10), Winnipeg/Legislative Building (January 12), Portage la Prairie (January 14), Brandon (January 15), Dauphin (January 16), Garden Hill (January 19), Norway House (January 20), Thompson (January 21) and The Pas (January 22).

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Sports

Blades move into third

"Brutal" Officiating in St. James Game doesn't kill spirit

by H. Siegel

After an ugly display on December 8th against the Canadians in St. James, Coach Bruce Schmidt was under the gun to see about the officiating which was absolutely brutal! The outcome of the game was decided by bad calls.

The Blades lost 9 to 8 after having a controlling 5-1 lead after the 1st period. That's when the refs brought out the whistle which was obviously in favour of the Canadians. With the ref calling unnecessary penalties in overtime, the Blades ended up playing shorthanded through 5 minutes of overtime. The Canadians eventually won the game in the shoot-out.

Coach Schmidt put in a call to the MJHL to question the officiating during that game.

Friday the Blades hosted the Selkirk Steelers where the MJHL had an official in the stands observing the officiating.

With some end to end action, the Blades came out victors with a 4 to 3 victory. In a game where the officiating was more neutral and the refs put away the whistles, the players could once again decide the game's outcome.

On Sunday the 14th the Blades hosted the first place South Wpg Blues. The Blades came out flying easily taking control of the game with no interference from the same refs which were in St. James the Sunday before.

The blades are really looking like a hockey team. With smiles coming from Coach Schmidt's face as the Blades moved up in the standings. The blades defeated South Winnipeg with a 5 to 2 win. The Blues' goaltending saved them from certain humiliation. The Blades had many opportunities and breakaways, the score could have easily been 10 to 2 with really no offence coming from the Blues.

Paper Kings win again

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 pm the Paper Kings vs. the St. Jean Royals. There was definitely more of a crowd this game and what an intense game it was.

The first 4 minutes of the game seemed to be especially quick and competitive hockey. We were sitting on the edge of our seats the whole game.

The crowd went wild when the 1st goal of the game was scored by the Paper Kings #15 Joey Strongquill unassisted. Great start Kings.

The St. Jean Royals soon scored to tie the game 1-1. The Paper Kings worked, hit & dug hard for another one but the time ran out on the clock, the first period ending in a tie.

The Kings came out fight-

ing hard in the second period with a much appreciated goal, scored by #3 Kirby Papineau, assisted by #9 Trent Proctor in the first 2 minutes of the second period. Then #10 Derrick Male scored for the Kings, he was assisted by #12 Paul Barnard at 8:16. The score was now 3-1.

The Royals came back to score at 12:47 to make the score 3-2 Kings. Just a few minutes later the ST. Jean Royals scored again to tie the game at 3. Unfortunately the Royals scored again to make the score 4-3 Royals.

Joey Strongquill #15 of the Paper Kings scored to tie the game at 4. The assist went to #18 Todd Kembal.

The crowd went wild when #22 Trevor Sokoloski scored, as-

sisted by #16 Tobbie Savard and #12 Paul Barnard to make the score 5-4 Paper Kings.

Paper Kings were hot in the third to score their sixth goal by the stick of Cam Sokoloski, assisted by Trent Proctor and #27 Sheldon Einfeld with 8 minutes, 40 seconds remaining in the third.

The Royals scored at 5:21 left on the clock to make the score 6-5 for the Kings.

The tension was high with only 13 seconds remaining. St. Jean called a timeout. The Paper Kings hung on and won the game 6-5.

Don't forget the Paper Kings next home game will be Saturday, December 20th at 8:00 pm. Come out and support your Kings!

Pine Falls Paper Kings Hockey Schedule

DATE	TIME
VISITOR	HOME
Dec. 20	8:00 pm
59ers	Pine Falls
Dec. 21	2:30 pm
Pine Falls	St. Anne
Dec. 27	8:00 pm
Pine Falls	St. Adolphe
Jan. 3	8:00 pm
Pine Falls	Grunthal
Jan. 9	8:00 pm
Pine Falls	IDC

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Northeastman Hockey League

NOVICE					ATOMS				
Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Beausejour	5	0	0	10	Pinawa	4	0	1	9
Pineview	2	1	0	4	Sagkeeng	3	0	1	7
Hazelridge	2	2	0	4	Bsjr Blades	2	2	0	4
Pinawa	1	3	1	3	Lac du Bonnet	1	2	1	3
Sagkeeng	1	3	0	2	Beausejour	1	3	1	3
Lac du Bonnet	0	2	1	1	Pineview	0	4	0	0

EASTMAN RINGETTE LEAGUE STANDINGS

NOVICE DIVISION									
GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA			
Grunthal	6	5	1	11	93	32			
St. Anne	5	3	1	7	59	30			
Niverville	6	3	3	6	55	61			
Steinbach	5	1	4	2	24	52			
Pineview	4	4	0	0	18	74			
PETITE DIVISION									
GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA			
Pineview	5	5		10	59	24			
Steinbach	5	3	2	6	43	36			
St. Anne	5	1	4	2	46	45			
Niverville	2	2	0	4	28				
Lac du Bonnet	1	1	0	0	0	19			
TWEEN "A" DIVISION									
GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA			
Steinbach	7	6	1	12	60	26			
St. Anne	6	6		12	60	44			
Pineview	6	2	4	4	43	61			
Niverville	6	1	4	1	3	28			
TWEEN "B" DIVISION									
GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA			
Mitchell	6	2	4	4	48	62			
Lac du Bonnet	7	1	5	1	3	36			

(Please note cross over games are recorded between "A" and "B" Division.)

Hanover-Tache Hockey League Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.	PIM	
Ile de Chenes	9	8	1		66	24	16	229	
La Broquerie	9	5	4		49	48	10	307	
St. Adolphe	11	5	6		52	64	10	503	
St. Jean	7	4	3		43	37	8	295	
St. Anne	8	4	4		42	42	8	265	
Grunthal	8	3	5		33	49	6	246	
59ers	8	3	5		39	41	6	314	
Pine Falls	8	2	6		31	50	4	367	
SCORES									
December 9	Pine Falls 3	59ers 5							
December 10	St. Adolphe 1	La Broquerie 8							
	Grunthal 2	IDC 10							
December 11	59ers 10	St. Jean 5							
December 12	St. Adolphe 3	IDC 9							
December 13	St. Anne 7	Grunthal 5							
December 14	St. Jean 5	Pine Falls 6							
COMING GAMES									
December 17	Pine Falls	at	La Broquerie						
December 18	IDC	at	59ers						
December 19	St. Jean	at	St. Anne						
December 20	St. Adolphe	at	Grunthal						
December 21	Pine Falls	at	St. Anne						
	St. Jean	at	IDC						

SCORING LEADERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Bouchard, Brian	St. Jean	7	8	13	21	26
Dumaine, Mike	IDC	9	7	12	19	21
Meilleur, Don	St. Adolphe	11	9	10	19	38
Anderson, Paul	La. Broq.	9	11	7	18	24
Arnold, Jeff	St. Adolphe	9	11	6	17	0
Gottfried, Mike	IDC	9	6	10	16	10
Hickes, Jamie	St. Anne	8	10	5	15	4
Clarke, Ray	St. Jean	7	8	7	15	6
Beachemin, Joe	IDC	8	5	9	14	4
Brennan, Mike	Grunthal	8	6	7	13	6
Friesen, Glenn	Grunthal	5	3	9	12	8
Desrosiers, Donnel	IDC	9	4	4	13	18
Silvaggio, Dan	IDC	8	1	12	13	0
Martin, Dave	St. Adolphe	8	4	9	13	24
Foy, Darryl	St. Anne	8	3	10	13	6
Marcon, Denis	St. Jean	6	6	7	13	0

Manitoba Junior Hockey League Standings

Addison Division	W	L	T	SL	F	A	P
Wpg. South	18	19	0	1	148	165	37
St. James	14	19	1	1	151	151	30
S.E. Blades	12	19	1	2	131	150	27
Selkirk	13	19	0	0	119	147	26
St. Boniface	10	24	1	1	131	166	22
Allard Division	W	L	T	SL	F	A	P
Winkler	26	7	1	1	158	106	54
OCN Blizzard	24	12	0	1	153	126	49
Portage	20	9	1	2	148	112	43
Neepawa	17	12	0	3	141	138	37
Dauphin	16	20	0	0	144	165	32

Scoring Leaders

Crumb	Wpg. South	G	A	Pts
Vandewater	St. James	39	32	71
Morgan	Selkirk	25	27	52
McGill	Winkler	18	34	51
Brunel	Winkler	21	29	50
Taylor	St. James	16	33	49
Oglivie	Neepawa	23	25	48
Burgess	Winkler	19	29	48
Kirk	Southeast	22	25	47
Duchesne	OCN	15	32	47

Goaltnders

Tucker	Portage	MP	GA	GAA
Pateman	Winkler	746	32	2.57
Lagace	Winkler	1171	53	2.72
Colouhou	Southeast	992	55	2.68
Person	OCN	586	30	3.07
Fontaine	St. Boniface	1754	93	3.18
		1302	80	3.69

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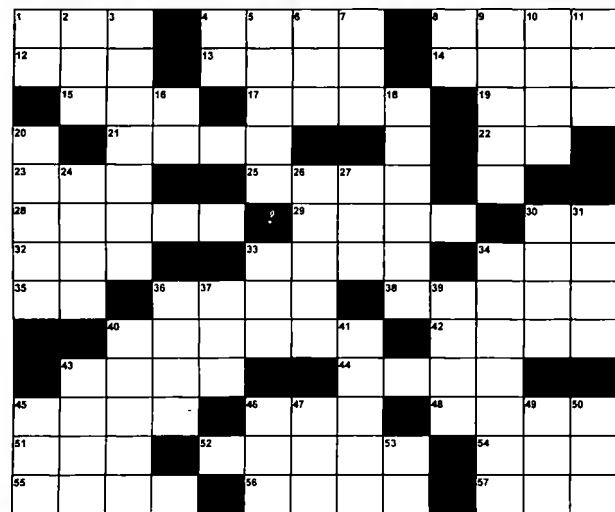
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- 16. Malne (abbr)
- 17. resides
- 18. cont. air def. (acr)
- 19. last single number
- 20. egg shaped
- 21. estuary
- 22. area
- 23. cereal grass
- 24. behave
- 25. negotiate
- 26. color pigmentations
- 27. superpower
- 28. senile person
- 29. Cent. Amer. Org. (acr)
- 30. angered
- 31. Intermediate missile
- 32. Philippine Island tree
- 33. resin
- 34. British officer
- 35. laboratory (abbr)
- 36. Spanish queen
- 37. the (ital)

Last week's answer



Down

- 1. to feel
- 2. bill
- 3. as one
- 4. Maryland (abbr)
- 5. sprinkles
- 6. munched
- 7. ham on _ sandwich
- 8. capital is Hartford
- 9. paddled
- 10. existence
- 11. tender loving care

Across

- 1. Br. thermal unit (acr)
- 4. min. daily adult req.
- 8. horse
- 12. sire
- 13. responsibility
- 14. appendage
- 15. Barbados native
- 17. germ
- 19. rec. finance corp (acr)
- 21. accomplishment
- 22. degree (major)
- 23. any (dialect)
- 25. ulcer
- 28. sibling's daughter
- 29. repulsive
- 30. Asiatic cow
- 32. plus
- 33. American Academy (acr)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

Each letter represents another letter in the alphabet. See if you can break the code to figure out the famous quotation.

QWE GKQGB GKX JMFCE YW Q WHGBKXCC
 - QW QTTFTFYQGX FXPXTGQPCX.
 - - BGQW EHW

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION
 AS A RULE, MEN WORRY MORE
 ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN'T SEE
 THAN ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN.
 - JULIUS CAESAR

HOROSCOPE

ARIES March 21 - April 19
 'Tis the season to be jolly. You will find that laughter is definitely the best medicine. Notice how others follow you and lead into the New Year and want to spend a lot of time together.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20
 Do not be disappointed if plans change or do not materialize. This time of year will test your patience but if you go with the flow you will get everything you need. Loved ones will share your positive outlook.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20
 Try to be realistic during this busy time and limit yourself when saying 'yes' to social engagements. Keep on top of your other responsibilities and the new year will be an easier transition.

CANCER June 21 - July 22
 A time for you to reflect on past events. You've had a particularly good year. Rather than trying to figure out the pattern, continue to do what you feel. Good fortune will follow you into the new year.

by Millie Khan
 (December 18 - January 6th)

LEO July 23 - Aug. 22
 Being with your closest friends and loved ones will bring you the most joy this time of year. Try setting up your own gathering even if it has to be after the new year.

VIRGO August 23-September 22
 Do not let the hustle and bustle of this season overwhelm you. Allow your partner to help you make some decisions (even the little ones). This is a time for you to reconnect with friends and family.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
 Decide who you want to share the new year with and all those social engagements will become enjoyable. Use this time to recharge so you can begin the new year with a fresh outlook.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
 With many things to do this season try to remember what you actually want to do. It's OK to put some things on hold. Some things can wait until the new year.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 Try to spend more time with friends and family. They may prove to be a good sounding board or at least will have an opinion on some new ideas you've been working on.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
 Do not let past problems carry into the new year. Although letting go is difficult you will find it quite helpful. Let the spirit of the season bring warmth and beauty into your home.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 Your friends will stir up that sense of fun that will make bringing in the new year magical. It is that feeling of magic that people see in you and reminds people of feeling like a child again.

PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20
 As you look forward into the new year try to remember both the good and the bad and accept both realms whole heartedly. Your sense of wisdom will be much appreciated as you share your holiday time.

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The Little Camel

A Syrian legend retold by
Melissa Kajpust

Long ago, a little camel snuggled into the warmth of his mama's soft coat. His three sets of eyelids were heavy with sleep, but just as he dozed, he was awakened by the sharp sound of clapping hands.

"Everyone gather around," called his master. "I have wondrous news to share with you!"

The people of the camp came out of their goat-hair tents to hear what the Sheikh had to say. "A messenger has brought word that a large caravan led by three kings approaches. We

must prepare a splendid feast and show them generous hospitality."

The little camel watched the people hurry about preparing a feast of lamb with well-cooked rice and raisins, vegetable soup, and plates piled high with olives, dates and nuts.

"Why is everyone so busy?" The little camel asked his mama.

His mama lifted her nose into the air and took a deep breath. "I smell a caravan nearing. The people must be preparing for visitors."

Just before dawn the next morning, the grand caravan arrived. The little camel stared in

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wonder as three elaborately dressed men climbed down from the biggest and most beautifully draped camels he had ever seen.

On shaky legs, the little camel approached the great beasts. "Where are you going?" He asked nervously.

One of the camels gracefully lowered his long neck to look at the little camel. "We follow that star," he replied looking up at the radiant light in the sky. "In search of an Infant King."

The little camel thought a journey of such importance must be very exciting. He swallowed, and stood as tall as he could on his bony legs. "Can I come with you?" He asked.

The elegant camel snorted, then spat. "You are just a calf, and far too young to trek through the desert." "My mama told me I have good, strong legs," said the little camel.

The three powerful camels chuckled in soft grunts and turned to drink from the trough. The little camel sighed, and as he sauntered back to his mama he practised spitting like the big camels.

After a drink of his mama's warm, rich milk, the little camel listened while the three kings sipped coffee and spoke with his master.

King Melchior stroked his long white beard and thanked the Sheikh for such congenial hospitality.

"Do not thank me, wise king. I am honored to house such regal guests. And to show my appreciation I will let you

choose a camel from my herd to help you on your journey." "You are a gracious host," said King Balthasar.

Late the next evening - in the glow of the brilliant star - the little camel watched as the travellers prepared to leave. While the little camel was away from his mama's side, King Melchior searched the herd for a strong, swift camel. He stopped when he came to the little camel's mama, unaware that she had recently calved.

"This animal should serve us well," he said. And he ordered his vizier to ready her for the journey.

When the caravan was set to leave, the mother camel called out to her calf. The little camel ran to his mama's side and saw that she was carrying a large and heavy load.

"Where are you going, mama?" He asked. "I have been given to the men who follow the star. You must stay close by my side and hide in the shadow of my hump. If they see you they might separate us."

The little camel stayed very close to his mama, and because it was dark he wasn't noticed until they were far into the desert.

"Mama, my legs are aching," he whimpered. "We must keep walking, beloved one. If we lose the caravan we will surely die."

The little camel tried to keep up with the steady pace of his mama, but he was young. His legs grew so sore that he finally had to stop and lie down in the sand.

His mama gently nudged him with her soft nose. "Get up. You must get up." The little camel tried, but his legs were too weak.

Soon Gaspar, the wise young king of Turkey, noticed the new camel had stopped. Leaving the safety of the caravan, he ran back to see why she wasn't following. It was then that he noticed the calf. "So this is why you have stopped," he said stroking the mother camel's thick neck. You and your calf must push on. We haven't far to go." He pointed to the star. "You see, the star is shining brilliantly over that distant dune. If we stop now we might lose the caravan." Knowing the calf would follow, he pulled the mother by her rope.

The little camel, feeling somewhat rested, grunted as he rose to his feet. Just then a strong wind stirred the desert sands. Before Gaspar could pull the camels together, a sand storm was upon them. The sand swirled in every direction, biting into the little camel's skin. He stumbled and tried to look for his mama through his long, bushy eyelashes. But the storm was too intense, and the little camel could see nothing. He pushed forward, hoping to bump into his mama's side. As the moments passed, the little camel worried he might be walking in the wrong direction. He cried out, but heard no response.

Meanwhile, Gaspar pulled on the mother camel's rope, trying to lead her to the rest of the caravan. But she wouldn't move without her calf. She dug her feet into the sand and locked her knees.

"Come," Gaspar cried, yanking at the rope. "We must find the caravan." The little camel wanted to follow, but he was too young to help. He cried out, but heard no response. "Mama! Mama! Look at me," he cried, dancing about. "I carry a King's gift!"

"Yes, I am very proud of you, but save your strength, the night is long." The great beasts grumbled to their feet and set out under the now lustrous light of the star. The little camel, his head held high, pranced ahead of his mama, eager to reach the Infant King. When we arrive, he thought, I wry gracefully kneel before the King so He can see the wonderful gifts. But as dusk turned to night, the little camel began to tire. Soon he was barely able to keep up with his mama's even pace. I can't stop now, he thought. I must make it to the King. He struggled up a large dune and collapsed when he reached the top. Melchior cheered. "We have made it! The King lives in that town. The town of Bethle-

hem" crumbled into a heap at the mouth of a small cave. A tiny hand brushed against the little camel's damp forehead. Immediately, he found his strength and jumped to his feet. There, before him, the newborn King rested in a simple bed of straw. The little camel looked around and saw that his mama and the three wise men had gathered in the lowly stable. On legs of newfound strength, the little camel gracefully knelt before the King.

To this day, the little camel repeats his journey every Christmas eve, delivering gifts to children along the way.

dered aimlessly about, crying for his mother. When he had almost given up hope he felt a warm glow on his head. He looked up, and through the whirling sand he could see the gleaming star! The gentle beam soothed his sand-bitten cheeks. If I wait here, I'm sure they will find me, he thought. He took a deep breath and called for his mama again.

This time she heard the faint cry. She lowered her head and trudged towards the noise. Gaspar had no choice but to follow her, as her strength was far greater than his own.

When they found the calf standing under the bright beam, Gaspar smiled. "Ah, it is a miracle," he said, resting his hand on the little camel's head and feeling the warmth of the light. Slowly the beam started to move through the storm. The

quivering group followed the light until the wind calmed. When the sand settled, Gaspar looked out into the desert; only a short distance away he saw the caravan. He wrapped his arms tightly around the little camel's neck. "You, my friend, are a very special calf."

Melchior and Balthasar were delighted to see their friend was not lost. When Gaspar told them of the miracle, the three kings decided the little camel must be rewarded.

"I think he is worthy to carry the gifts we have prepared for the new King," said Balthasar.

The others agreed. The next evening, the vizier carefully wrapped the gold, frankincense and myrrh into a small package, just the right size for the little camel's back. "Mama! Mama! Look at

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Evan Race
At this time of year our family:

I help my mother to decorate the house. We all get together to decorate the Christmas tree. This year, I bought a present for Mom, Dad, my brother and my sister. I would like to buy something for my dog too. On Christmas Eve, my family and I all go to the Midnight Mass.

Mathieu Gravel

At this time of year our family:
For Christmas my family is going to me. Memere and

Pepe're's in Ontario. We are going to visit them for Christmas. It will be fun. I will get to go skating on the river.

Jalin Desloges

At this time of year our family:
We wrap presents for our family and other people and on Christmas day we give them. Mom, Ashley and I make Christmas cookies. We visit my Grandma and Grandpa Cyr.

Kahla Grant

At this time of year our family:
Wedecorate the tree. We bake Christmas cookies with Mom. We go have Christmas dinner at Grandmas.

Curtis Duval

At this time of year our family:
We open presents and we have surprises. I play with my toys after. We visit my Grandmas and Grandpas.

Amy Blatz

At this time of year our family:
My family gets me presents. I get presents for my cousins. They live in Germany. We have a good Christmas.

Kayla Chomokovski

At this time of year our family:
I help put up our tree. We decorate it with birds and decorations. We decorate our house. We have fun.

Hilary Chevrefils

At this time of year my family:
We all go to my Grandma's and Grandpa's. I help Mom bake Christmas cookies. Dad and I go to get our tree. We all decorate it. We have a good time.

Brittany Vinck

At this time of year my family:
We put up decorations. Sometimes I wrap up presents. My mom makes Christmas cookies. They're yummy!

Scott Watling

At this time of year my family:
We put the tree together. We decorate the Christmas tree. We put presents under the tree.

Jacob Meilleur

At this time of year:
Peperè and I decorate the tree. We put lights on our house.

Brendon Gogo

At this time of year my family:
Goes to get a tree. We decorate it. Then we put presents under the tree.

Nicole Murray

At this time of year my family:
Gets presents ready for Christmas.

Elizabeth Vincent

The Magic of Christmas:
Everyone cares about each other. People share with others. We visit my Grandma and Grandpa Joseph and Memere and Léon. We have a good time.

Chelsea Nault

The Magic of Christmas:
On Christmas morning there's presents under the tree. I am really excited. I look in my sock. Once there was a big pillow cow in it.

Bryton Papineau

The Magic of Christmas:
Santa brings the presents all the way across the world at night.

Cole Wark

The Magic of Christmas:
Santa is magic because he can fit through our chimney and it is small. He comes in anyway!

Mathieu Fenez

The Magic of Christmas:
Christmas is a time of joy. Santa brings us nice toys.

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Tess Houston

The Magic of Christmas:
The Magic of Christmas is holly and joy. Santa comes to give me nice things. We leave him a snack. Christmas is the best season. Everyone should do this too.

Brin Mitchell

The Magic of Christmas:
Christmas is magic because it's Jesus' birthday.

Kyle Sokoloski

The Magic of Christmas:
Christmas is special because my Mom gives me special stuff. Santa Claus is special to me.

Megan Papineau

The Magic of Christmas:
Santa brings surprises for boys and girls. Boys and girls are being good at school.

Grade 4F

Carlee Tardiff

Sliding I go with my little sleigh.
Leaping with my little

sleigh.
Elves helped make my little sleigh.

I really hope that I can go in Santa's sleigh.

Gifts like this are better than anything.

Holidays are good because I can go sledding in my sleigh.

Travelling down, I go with my little sleigh.

Joey Lussier

Joseph is the father of Jesus.

Everybody loves Christmas.

Shepherds came to see Jesus.

FUN is what you will have on Christmas.

Sheep also came to see Jesus.

Church is where you go on Christmas.

Hay is what Jesus was laying on.

Rudolph is the head reindeer.

Israel is where the angels asked Mary and Joseph to have Jesus.

A Star led the way to Jesus.

Travel is what Mary and Joseph did.

Cassandra Flanagan

Christ is God's on Ho' Ho' Ho' I'm Santa Reindeer pull Santa's sleigh.

I love Jesus.

Santa Clause gives presents.

Turkey is for dinner on Christmas.

Mary is the mother of Jesus.

Stars are shining in the sky.

Chantal Vincent

Christ was born on Christmas day.

Holy day we celebrate.

Reindeer wait patiently.

Icicles sparkle in the cold.

Saints are in the sky.

Trees are so beautiful.

Mass is at midnight.

Angles fly around.

Stars shine on the top of the trees.

Jenna-Leigh Houston

The stockings are filled.

The wreath is so green.

The evergreen is nice.

Baby Jesus is born today.

Pierre Gravel

Christ is the father of Jesus.

Hat for Christmas.

Rudolph has a light bulb nose.

Cupid loves Valentine's day.

Santa Claus delivers presents to children.

Comet is fast like a comet.

Mary is the mother of Jesus.

Dancer likes to dance.

Santa's sleigh is loaded up.

Brooke Vincent

Jesus is so wonderful he helps lots of people.

Every Christmas eve is Jesus' birthday.

Some bad people killed Jesus on a cross.

Up in heaven is where Jesus is.

Some good people appreciate Jesus and love him alot.

Glenn Raymond

Stars are very bright.

Angels are nice.

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My Dad is Gone for Christmas
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Jessica Head

Frosty the snowman
Real friend of all the children
Only has a carrot for his nose.
Santa comes and makes Frosty alive again.
The children are happy that Frosty came back.
Yes, yes two sticks for

his arms.

Amanda Boulet

Reindeer pull Santa's sleigh
Up in the sky jolly Christmas reindeer
Decorations are everywhere.
On the snow is beauty.
Love is in Jesus.
Presents are under the tree.
Ho! Ho! from Santa.

Kale Richardson

The Little Christmas Motor man

One night on December 24, 1997, a man named Motor got on his dirt bike to go get some eggnog. His parents named him Motor because he loved Motor's. After he got the eggnog, Motor went to see his parents. When he got to his parent's they were both laughing. "Why are you guys laughing?" asked Motor. "Because one of my friend's had a baby and his name is Motor," said his parents. Motor began to laugh. "This will be one confusing Christmas," said Motor.

Daniel Sokoloski

The Littlest Angel
Once there was a little angel. He was the most untidy angel they'd ever seen in their life in heaven. His halo was full of dirt and his robe was ray. He swung around the gate's the night before Christmas. All the angels were making their present for Baby Jesus. The littlest angel went to his house on Earth and brought a box. He put it with the other's. God searched for the perfect present. It was the little angel that made the bright star that was his present to Baby Jesus.

Colin Cyr

Santa's Late
Two months before Christmas the elves were excited. "Hurry up Santa, you're late!" Late? said Santa. "I have lots of time!! One month later the elves packed the sleigh. Mrs. Claus came to the reindeer. A carrot for Comet, 1 for Cupid, 1 for Donner, 1 or Blitzen, 1 for Dasher, Prancer and Vixen, 2 for Rudolph. Christmas Eve "SANTA!! get over here!" Santa took off. Bye, bye the elves said. Ho ho ho, Merry Halloween or Christmas. Santa didn't go

to any houses, but my house.

Jamie Desautels

Red and White Stocks
Bright Christmas Lights.
Cold winter weather.
And warm woolen sweaters.
A bright fires light
Everyone is waiting for Christmas Night!

Jessica Benedict-Lee

Up at the North Pole Santa was getting ready for his big trip around the world. Santa was getting his black boots shined by himself. Santa was putting presents in his sled. Then he got dressed and he was off to deliver toys to good boys and good girls. Ho Ho Ho!
Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!

Jamie Desautels

Santa's Trip
When Santa gets his sleigh ready to go he calls out to Rudolph you know.
Then all Reindeer get together no matter how cold the weather.
All the Reindeer get their gear. They say to Santa have no fear.
We're ready to go 1, 2, 3.
Up past the tallest tree.
Then we do what we know best. We go from North, to East, to South to West.
Taking gifts to the children, going over and over all the buildings.

Then finally we were done. We all had lots of fun. Then it was time to say, Merry Christmas Santa and have a nice day.

Cody Duff

Jesus son of Mary
Joseph father of Jesus
Angels protect the baby
Sheep were in the Manger
Shepherds came with gifts.
Bethlehem is where Jesus was born.

Jenna Pachkowsky

Jesus is the son of Mary.
Every Christmas we celebrate his birthday.
Sunday we go to Church to pray.
Usually we visit our relatives.
Soon we'll decorate our tree.

Julie Blatz

Santa and the elves work hard in the shop. Making toys for girls and boys. Tonight is Christmas Eve, Santa is getting ready. He puts the toys in his sled. Then he goes delivering them. To all the children around the world.

Grade 6F

Claire Lussier/
Jolene Trethart

Waiting for Santa
I sat in a rocker by the Christmas tree - waiting for Santa to bring gifts to me.
I wanted to see if he truly looked - like the Santa in my book.
It was getting bright and I didn't see a sign of Santa coming tonight.
I fell asleep under the tree - dreaming of soldiers dancing with me.
Santa came when I was asleep - giving me things like toys and treats.
So if you stay awake waiting for him - he'll never come till next Christmas Eve.

Matthew Burton
The 20th Day of Christmas
On the 20th day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,
20 soldiers marching, 19 Christmas candles, 18 Christmas trees, 17 Christmas beads, 16 Christmas presents, 15 puppies barking, 14 kittens purring, 13 diamonds shining, 12 drummers drumming, 11 pipers piping, 10 lords a leaping, 9 ladies dancing, 8 maids a milking, 7 swans swimming, 6 geese a laying, 5 golden rings, 4 calling birds, 3 french hens, 2 turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

The next morning when I woke up, I saw Santa under the mistletoe with mom. Then he came to me and took off his beard, and it was dad. He had a present for me, it was a dog and cat, and my parents were together again. That goes to show you Santa is really magical.

Daniel R. Tarrant

Christmas is about giving, sharing with family and friends.

Why is there Christmas?
Well, a long time ago in Bethlehem, Jesus was born the son of God. And that is why there is Christmas.

Amanda Cyr and
Cheryl Kraeker

Hi! My name is Jamie Miller. I think Santa is very magical because a couple years ago my parents divorced and it was two weeks before Christmas. I wished that my parents would get together again. I waited for about a week but nothing happened between my parents. So I decided to take action. I was going to do something but I didn't know what. I decided to give them each an invitation to the fanciest restaurant in town. I put it from their boss. They went.
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It was getting bright and I didn't see a sign of Santa coming tonight.
I fell asleep under the tree - dreaming of soldiers dancing with me.
Santa came when I was asleep - giving me things like toys and treats.
So if you stay awake waiting for him - he'll never come till next Christmas Eve.

Mitch Berthelette/Ian Wingate

Jesus was Born
Jesus was born.
A star was bright.
Jesus was born.
On Christmas night.
The angles came, the kings did too.
The shepherds and three wise men too.

Brady Thurston

The Things I like about Christmas
Christmas: Presents, love, receiving, giving.
Love: from Moms, Dads, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, Grandma's, Grandpa's, Cousins, and Friends.
Giving: to family and friends.
Receiving: nice gifts from friends and family (that is not the Christmas spirit though!)
Candies: chocolates, and hard candies.
Presents: toys, movies, hockey stuff, candies, tools and stuff like that.

Jarret Pachkowsky

The Meaning of Christmas
Advent is a time of waiting.

Waiting for the King to be born.

We celebrate Christmas because the Lord Jesus was born on this special day.

Christmas is really about celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ the Saviour.

Jesus our Saviour brought peace and love to Earth.

That is the meaning of Christmas.

Dana Gauthier

What Christmas is About
Christmas is fun,
Christmas is special,
Christmas is family.
Christmas is a star that the child puts up on the tree.
Christmas is love.
But why do we celebrate?
It's because of our little baby Jesus.

Tonya Lessard
and Cullee
Delaquis

Jesus was born on Christmas day. Jesus was born on a stack of hay. Jesus was born a happy boy. Jesus was born and he brings us joy.

Pieter Kuschke,
Scott Sokoloski
and Mark
Watling

The Silly Christmas

One day when the elves were making toys, they suddenly heard a noise. They went up a ladder, to see what was the clatter. They went on the roof, and saw a big goof. It was a polar bear, that had lots of hair. He pretended to be Santa, but he looked more like a panda. Snow covered the black, and he was carrying a sack. He tumbled down the chimney, he said his name was Jimmy. His sack was very big, he pulled out a toy pig. To be fair, we said he could stay. He had some hot chocolate, then went on his way. This is the end with out a doubt, now not a cry, not a shout!



The Manitoba Model Forest Board of Directors, staff, researchers and volunteers extend Holiday Greetings and wish the best in the new year....



...For all our Relations

...the two legged, the four legged, the winged ones, the crawling ones, the fishes, the plants, and the trees...



"Did you know the Model Forest has an e-mail address?
The new address is
bdube@mb.sympatico.ca

Merry Christmas and a Happy
& Healthy New Year!

From the Board of Directors and Staff of the North Eastman Health Association:



Community Health Services
Beausejour District Hospital
East-Gate Lodge
Pine Falls Health Complex
Whitemouth District Health Centre
Winnipeg River Health District

May the Salvation and Peace that comes from Jesus Christ and Him alone, be yours as we remember and celebrate His birth into this world!
Best wishes to all of you from all of us at the Esser Chiropractic Health Centre.



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." -- Isaiah 9:6

Joyeux Noël

Merry Christmas

Jocelyn Vincent and Brigitte Grenier

Jesus (Poem)
Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

On a Christmas night,
The star shone like a gem,
and gave great light.
There baby Jesus lay,
The crowd watching him,
All around the hay,
Shone in the light so dim,
The shepherds with their

sheep,
Their cloaks of red and white,
Looking at Jesus they weep,
With eyes so very bright.
Three Wisemen,
Follow the star,
They travel again,
Oh so far...
The angels were singing,
Mary and Joseph were
in heaven were
rings.
Baby Jesus was smiling
at you!

have yourself a merry little christmas!

To all of you who visited us this past year, go our very best wishes for lots of good cheer.

from Lloyd Emberly Esso Sales Agent



The Management and Staff of the lakeview hotel



Wishes all our customers, A very Merry Christmas & a prosperous New Year!

Grade 7F

C. Steinke

To all you evergreens out there, what would Christmas be like without you? Where would we put our presents, what would we decorate, what would we put in our living room. Oh Santa, the jolly fat man from the North Pole. What would the little kids do without you? They wouldn't get any special elf make presents, they wouldn't have anything to believe in?

Forsty, the Snowman, What's so important about you? You're a pile of snow with a magic hat. I mean, you smoke a pipe. Wouldn't you have melted by now? And how come after you melt each year, you come back as snow? You'd come back as ice. Oh well, the kids love you.

Pamela Lessard & Satira Duval

Christmas
C - is for Christ, who was born in Bethlehem
H - is for Holiday, Christmas is a special holiday
R - is for Rudolph, the reindeer with the red nose.
I - is for Israel, a place in Bethlehem
S - is for Santa, who brings the presents for little kids.
T - is for Tree, we decorate it for Christmas and it

lights up in the room.
M - is for Manger, where little Jesus lay.
A - is for Angels, who look upon us from Heaven.
S - is for Sleigh, where Santa puts all the toys for the kids of the world.

Adam Pepin

C - is for the child who lay in the hay.
H - is for the holy Lord
R - is for the Remembrance of the sacrifice of Jesus.
I - is for the lowly in a humble and lonely place.
S - is for Saint Nick.
T - is for the night of December 25.
M - is for the Manger where.
A - is for the Angles who hovered around his bed.
S - and is for our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Scott Zimmer

Christ was born this day.
He is the right-ful King
Ring the bells, a King is born
Is Jesus real?
Sure he is.
The birthday of Jesus comes once a year.
Merry Christmas!
And a Happy New Year!
So long for today, see you next year.

Chris Vincent

Christmas is fun. It will get you to run. Out the door.

and to the store. Make it snappy, it will make you happy. Get presents, for your friends and all the family residents. And that's what you do at Christmas. So you better not pout, or have a doubt, Cause Santa's on his way, this very day!

Emmy Hamilton and Nicole Boulet Rudolph's Nose Went Out!

It was Christmas Eve and Rudolph was getting ready for the big delivery. Santa was getting all the toys in the sleigh. Rudolph the was just waiting for Santa to get in the sleigh, when his nose started to blink and all of a sudden it burned out. Rudolph told Santa, Santa told Mrs. Claus, Mrs. Claus told the elves and the elves got a light bulb. They put it on him and realized it was green. "Oh well," said Santa. He took off yelling. "Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!"

Morgan Nolin & Brittany Delaquie

Mary is Jesus' Mother.
Enjoy everything your get.
Rudolph has a red nose.
Red is the color Santa wears.
Yuletide carol, fa, la, la .la. la. la. la.

Candy canes hang on your tree at Christmas.
Happy children smile with glee.
Reindeer prance around from house to house.
In a Manger Jesus was

Greetings



Our very best wishes for a warm happy holiday season.

St. Croix Cycle & Marine

Best Wishes
Hope your Yuletide season is filled with joy, peace and happiness.
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Powerview, MB Ph. 367-2473
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Merry Christmas

born.
St. Nick comes once year.

The families are happy at Christmas.

Mistletoe is where you Smooch!!!

Angles sing.
Stockings hang on the fireplace.

Erika Head / Kristin Durocher

Christ was born.
Hark the herald angels sang.

Rejoice in Jesus' birth.
In the manger, Jesus was born.

Stars shone upon baby Jesus.

Thankful people prayed.
Mary the Mother of Christ loved her child.

Angels watched over baby Jesus.
Sheep lay beside baby Jesus.

Ashley Lavoie and Ashley Vincent
Christmas

Christ was born on Christmas day.
He is the holy one.
Remembering Jesus' birthday.

It's time for forgiveness.
Sharing and giving.
Together with the peo-

ple you love.
Merry Christmas.
And a Happy New Year.
See you next year!

St. Nick is who gives the toys.
Trees are what we decorate at Christmas.
Artificial trees are nice.

Stockings are hung by the fire.
Angels watch over us.
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ple you love.
Merry Christmas.
And a Happy New Year.
See you next year!

Sara Bouvier & Aimee Niedermayer

C - Cookies and milk for Santa when he comes.
H - is for the holly you see on a wreath.

R - for the Red on Rudolph's nose.
I - is for Icicles around the window.
S - is for Santa and Snowman.

T - is for the Toys you get under the tree.
M - is for Mistletoe under the door way.

A - is for Angles on top the tree you see.
S - is for Sending messages that say.....We Wish You a Merry Christmas!!!

Bobby Watson
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rooftop.
Thanks for Christmas and all the presents.
Apple Pie.

Cookies and milk Santa will eat.
Laughter that spreads Christmas Joy.

Angels high in the sky.
Us having a good time.
Saint Nick.

Vince Lavoie
H is for the holy Lord.
A is for the apple pie.
P is for Plump Saint Nick.

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rope broken. Then he yelled "Where's Rudolph". He went looking for him but he couldn't find him so he said, "Rudolph come out where ever you are. I'll make a new leader to lead my to places."

Them Rudolph, ran out of the house where he was hiding and went right to the front of the pack. Santa hooked him up and then Santa got in and they went out delivering presents.

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Reindeers are flying in the sky on Christmas Eve.
Icicles are sparkling in the sun.

Sacks and sacks of toys.
Tinsel is on the tree.
Mistletoe hanging in the doorway.

Angles are stringing harps.
Santa Claus is coming to town.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Best of Luck in 1998

from Omer, Lucille & Staff

at Midway Foods



CLARK'S CORNER
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from Mel, Debbie & Staff
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!
We hope Christmas brings you every blessing!
Holiday Hours:
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Christmas Day - Closed
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May your holidays be filled with joy.
Season's Greetings
Empower School & Staff

Season's Greetings

Jason Savoie & Chad Lavoie

Santa's Toque
"Honey Where is My Toque?"
Mrs. Claus walks into the bedroom. "Honey where is my toque? Mrs. Claus says, "I haven't seen your toque since last year. "Oh my gosh that was the only toque I ever had. I've used it for too many years to count." Santa looked everywhere. He checked under his mattress, on his bed. He checked all the elves toques, but his toque was nowhere to be found. Finally he said, "I'm going to have to go out in public to buy another

one."
So Santa went to the mall. Nobody really noticed him. That was a good thing. Then he checked a couple of places but he couldn't find any toques that he like, until he went to Men's Footlocker. There he was bench pressing two hundred kilograms to relieve his stress out of the corner of his eyes he saw a Nike toque (red of course). Santa was so happy he dropped the two hundred kilos on the ground and made big holes in the floor. He bought the toque. Then went for Christmas in his bright, shiny, Nike toque.

Grade 8F Kora

Looking from my window out onto the snow, I thought of something everyone must know.
On Christmas Eve our Saviour was born, a baby in a Manger. Only swaddling rags were worn.
No cries from his mouth, despite all the cold. His parents had no clue, he was to be admired by the young and old.
As I look out from my window, at the sparkling tree, I think to myself how lucky I am to have Jesus' Precious love.

Christina Tarrant and Rebecca Papineau

Christmas Day
On Christmas day, by the fire, the stockings are full.
On Christmas day, presents lay scattered under the tree.
On Christmas day, the houses are decorated beautifully.
On Christmas day, the nights are lit up with all sorts of colors, but let's not forget the true meaning of this traditional day.
On Christmas day, the joy of giving.
On Christmas day, Jesus was born and brought love and friendship.

On Christmas day, Snow falls angels' feathers.
On this joyful day, Family and friends are brought together.

Tyrel Thurston & Chris Dupont

Christmas night, Snowy White.
On the Roof tops Muffles reindeer hooves.
Santa's jolly laugh, rings out joyful in the night.
The eye of Christmas. Snowman standing. Silent in the night.
Carollers chanting songs.
Some new, some old, joyful in the night.
It's a white Christmas. Candles, love, gifts and smiles, feeling warm.
Loving, on Christmas Eve.

Dan Abrahamson

Christmas Time
Christmas tie is a cool time.
A time to give and also receive.
A time of joy, hope, love and freedom.
A time to celebrate the birth of Christ.
A time to gather with

Season's Greetings

friends and family.
A time to be kind.

Alexis Hamilton and Julie Chevrefils

Manger, where Christ was born.
Exciting (everything)
Reunion with the family.
Reindeer on the rooftop!
Yuletide carols. Fa. la. la. la. la. la.
Carolling in the snow.
Holidays are a wonderful time.
Rewards (think

presents).
Icicles hanging from the roof.
Santa Claus is coming to town.
Mary the Mother of Jesus.
Angels on the top of the Christmas tree.
Snow falling from the skies.

Aaron Trethart & Gordon McLeod

It's Christmas. It's really cold.
It's Christmas. 42 Below.

It's Christmas. I'm freezing my nose off.
It's Christmas, I can't get my mitts off.
It's Christmas, that's pretty cool.

It's Christmas, no more school.
It's Christmas, I'm getting presents.
It's Christmas we're eating pheasants.

It's Christmas my favourite time.
And I don't think I can make another rhyme.

VILLAGE OF POWERVIEW Merry Christmas

Wishing you all the best for the holiday season & throughout the year

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Henry Ostrowski Jr.

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Gordon Watson
Patrick Watson
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Janice Thevenot

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Louis Fenez



We wish all of our patients a most warm and happy Christmas



We appreciate the way you have taken us into your hearts during our first few months here and we look forward in the New Year to providing you with the quality dental care you have come to expect.

Powerview Dental Centre

Dr. Mark Karpa, Tyrallynee Gagnon, Yvette Gelinax

Merry Christmas Joyeux Noël



All the best to you in this festive season.

From Zeb, Lillian & Staff of Zeb's Heating



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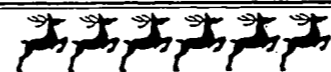
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Courtney Martin

Sleighs in the snow, stars in the sky. Tonight Santa and his reindeer are going to fly. The stars on top of the Christmas tree so bright. The Mistletoe is hung by the firelight. To all a Merry Christmas and a very good night.

Dustin Davidson

The Eve of Christmas, candles light. Trees decorated with gifts under them. Love, Peace, Joy and forgiveness time. Jesus was born today. Fires burning so warm. Sitting around the table

eating supper with a glass of wine. Carollers singing so heavenly. Clear skies with stars lighting the way for Santa. HO HO HO and Feliz Navidad Everyone!!!

Paul W. & Justin D.

Christmas (rap song)
Christmas is coming. I'm so excited, my relatives are all invited. Christmas is here, just once a year. Don't worry about the weather, the snow is like feathers. Christmas night is al-

ways white. Santa is coming down the chimney, said Jimney Cricket. Christmas is fun. But just wait until January one! Merry X-mas!

Greg Watling

Candy canes are red, Christmas trees are green. Reporters have said, that Santa has been seen! When Christmas is here, Santa will deliver toys. With Rudolph and the other reindeer. To good girls and boys!

Candy canes and cookies, Cakes and pies, turkey and rice, and meat pies with lots of spice. Carolling and presents, fat men in red. Big white beards, presents under the bed. Then in a flash, footsteps on the roof. Quiet! Santa's here, And then a big poof! Coals all over, Oh no! The carpet is dirty. Oh, who cares, Santa is here. And the kids hop into bed, the end.

hay. Quiet's that he is, there's not a sound that he makes. But he ain't no ordinary boy, he's the one that we praise. And as that star shines in the sky, It has such a part on this holy night. And the angels will sing as the heavens rejoice. Our Saviour was born tonight!

Thank you to all the kids from Powerview School who submitted these wonderful Christmas Memories.



Justin Lagasse

Getting Ready for Christmas
Christmas is coming, with no time to spare. Christmas is coming, with reindeer flying in the air.

Destini Delaquis & Dawn Savoie

Away in a Manger (song)
Away in a Manger - is where a baby lays. This little boy Jesus - he's asleep on the



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Robin Redbreast



lay eggs." The brown bird ignored the comment about old birds but as she looked around her, she saw the other bird was right, there was no room in the bush, it was crowded with nests. The brown bird tried another bush and another, yet all the bushes were full. She could wait no longer, and settled for a cozy corner in a humble stable. She built a warm and comforting nest, taking the time to pluck the knots from the twigs so her baby wouldn't be bruised. She feathered it with soft down from her breast and wool that had fallen from

the sheep's coat. And just before the cock called to the morning sun, the old brown bird laid a delicate speckled egg. As the weeks passed, the brown bird took special care of her egg, keeping it warm, turning it often, and only leaving when she needed food. She anxiously awaited the day she would be a mother and thought of all the wonderful times she and her chick would spend together, singing, playing, and pulling

plump juicy worms from the earth. But as time passed, the brown bird began to worry about her egg. "It should have hatched by now," she thought. She could hear nestlings in nearby bush chirping loudly. As she watched the proud parents fluttering about to keep their ravenous chicks fed, she sighed a deep sigh and fluffed her feathers. "Perhaps my chick isn't ready," she thought. "I'm certain I won't

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by Melissa Kajpust

Many years ago, an old, brown bird hurried about eagerly searching for a place to build a nest. She felt certain, this time she could lay an egg. All her life she had tried, yet nothing ever happened. She had almost given up hope of becoming a mother when one day she woke feeling a strange, unfamiliar urge. Soon she found a fetching bush with concealing leaves and sturdy branches, the perfect place to raise her family. As she gathered moss and twigs she thought of her husband who she had recently lost to a scruffy tom cat. She was lonely without him, and wished he could be with her to enjoy this happy time. Her thoughts were interrupted by the loud chirping of other birds.

"You can't roost here," said one bird. "There is no room, this bush is full. Besides you're much too old to nestle anyway, old birds can't

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Merry Christmas

Robin Redbreast

From previous page

ave to wait much longer."

But she waited and waited. As the weeks passed she watched the other chicks grow and learn to fly. It wasn't long before they began to tease her. They flew in and out of her stable, chirping loudly and piping.

"Old birds lay old eggs and

old eggs never hatch."

The brown bird tried not to cry as she wondered if they might be right. But she was determined not to give up hope.

The breeding season was long over, when something splendid happened. A women rode into the stable on

a donkey, lead by her husband. Soon the woman gave birth to a bonny little baby. As she and her husband gazed lovingly at the little bundle, the brown bird felt a new sense of hope.

One cool night Mary's husband Joseph, set out to search for fire wood.

"I will be back as soon as I can Mary," he said wrapping a blanket around Mary

and Jesus. "It is a cold night and fire wood might be hard to come by."

"We will stay close to the fire while you are gone," replied Mary.

While Joseph searched throughout Bethlehem for wood, Mary sang a beautiful ballad to Jesus as she rocked him in her arms.

Many hours passed, and still there was no sign of

Joseph. The fire slowly began to dim and Mary moved closer to the dying embers. The old brown bird began to worry as she watched the fire lose its luster.

"The little laddy will surely catch a chill if the fire should go out," she thought. "If only there were something I could do to help." As she gazed around the stable she noticed warm mist from the sleeping donkey's breath in the cold air. Quickly she flew to him, chirping in his long velvety ear to wake him.

"Wake up," she chirped. The donkey, startled by the loud noise, brayed as he woke. "The fire is almost out and Mary and Jesus are cold. go close to them, lay near the baby and breathe your warm breath on him."

"I would be delighted to help," said the donkey. He had been honored to carry Mary to Bethlehem. He settled close to Jesus and with gentle puffs of breath he kept the wee baby warm.

"Thank you, old fellow," said Mary, patting the donkey's soft nose.

The donkey managed to keep Jesus warm, but it wasn't enough for Mary. Although she never complained, the

brown bird noticed Mary shivering. The fire had dwindled to a few dying embers and Joseph had not returned. Suddenly, the old brown bird had an idea. She flew to the ground and began to fan the faint coals with her wings. Her little heart pounded in her heaving chest. Despite her failing strength, she continued to flap as hard as she could. She managed to keep the embers glowing until Joseph finally arrived.

When he saw Mary and Jesus huddled around the dying coals he quickly stoked the fire. Soon the stable was filled with comforting heat.

Mary tucked her sleeping baby into the manger and again thanked the donkey for his warm breath. But when she turned to thank the little bird she noticed she had scorched her breast. Mary scooped water from the trough to cool her, but to no avail, her breast was still red.

"Dear little bird," said Mary. "Because of your kind and unselfish ways, you shall keep your fiery red breast, and forever you shall be loved and known as Robin Redbreast." Mary gently placed the exhausted bird into her nest.

The robin noticed her egg was very cold. She had been away too long on such a cold night. For the first time she started to lose hope.

"Maybe the other birds were right," she thought. "Maybe I am too old to be a mother." Exhaustion overcame her as she fretted and

soon she was fast asleep.

She woke suddenly when she felt something move beneath her. When she heard a quiet crack she jumped to the side of her nest and watched in amazement as her egg began to hatch! First she saw a tiny beak poking through the shell. Then a small head. Soon her beautiful little chick sat before her, his orange mouth wide open, ready for his first meal. The added warmth from her scorched breast and the love in her heart finally hatched her egg.

Melissa Kojmest is a Winnipeg children's author. The Voice thanks her for her yearly contributions to our Christmas Edition.

Merry Christmas



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