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TARABISH
TUESDAY AT 7.00 PM

R.C.L. Br. 083 Installation of Officers and Board Members, to be held on Dec.14/22, at 7.00 p.m. sharp, upstairs. Lunch to follow.

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8:00 - 12:00 - KILLIN' TIME

DEC. 16 - Christmas Supper - anyone not a member can pay \$5.00 to attend the dance.

NOTE: BINGO will be on Monday December 26 due to Christmas - doors open at 6:00 pm.

GUESS THE NAME OF CHRISTMAS CAROL



I'M DREAMING OF A
 WHITE CHRISTMAS



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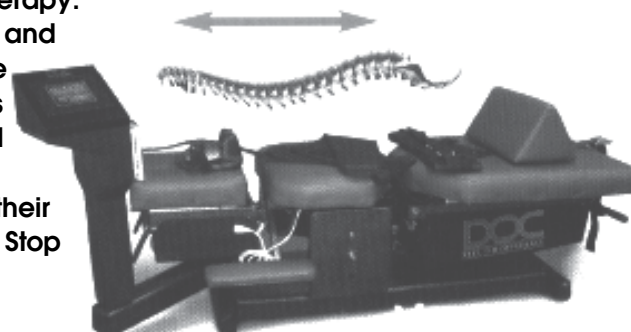
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\$500 Canada Housing Benefit Dec. 12

The one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit aims to help low income renters with the cost of renting.

You may be eligible for a tax-free one-time payment of \$500 if your income and the amount that you pay on rent qualify. The CRA will administer the one-time payment.

Applications open on **December 12, 2022.**

You may be eligible to apply if all of the following are true:

- you were born on or before December 1, 2007 (you are at least 15 years old on December 1, 2022)
- your principal residence is in Canada on December 1, 2022
- you were a resident of Canada in 2022 for tax purposes
- you and your spouse or common-law partner have filed your 2021 income tax return or statement of income
- in 2021, you had an adjusted net income of \$35,000 or less for families, or \$20,000 or less for individuals
- in 2022, you paid at least 30% of your 2021 adjusted net income on rent for your own principal residence in Canada

Go to the C R A page on your computer - the \$500 Benefit does not begin until December 12. Submit your application for one time payment .

BARTENDER WANTED - looking for a Bartender for downstairs bar. Drop application at bar downstairs, Branch 083 Legion, Florence.

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SEE PAGE 5 FOR COMPLETE LIST OF LEGION ACTIVITIES



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"Santa Inc." is a stop-motion animation series that's definitely NOT for kids. The story follows Candy Smalls (voiced by the multi-talented comedian, actor and writer Sarah Silverman) a female elf who's second-in-command at the North Pole who wants to become the first female Santa Claus when the jolly old dude retires. Cue Seth Rogen as probably the most politically incorrect Santa Claus you could imagine. Again folks, this show is not for kids or the 'snowflakes' out there. Also helping out is Craig Robinson as 'Junior', the jacked up lead reindeer. Each episode builds up to the big night with all the backstabbing, scheming, drug and alcohol abuse and general

chaos befitting a crass Christmas. This show looks amazing-with vibrant colours that really push the holiday magic over the top, and there's tons of visual jokes. However, the series has been called one of the worst seasonal offerings to date, creating online anger. Mira Fox of the Jewish digital magazine 'The Forward' said "You might think that this Christmas series made by two famous Jews would have some greater message about antisemitism or Christianity's hegemony in the U.S. but instead Silverman has reduced Jewishness to a handful of hackneyed stereotypes"...ouch. There were also over 200,000 dislikes on YouTube, including some antisemitic & Holocaust denial jokes. However, HBO Max defended the trailer and disabled the comments due to the controversy. Seth Rogen claimed that the series was being 'review bombed' by



tens of thousands of white supremacists. In today's 'digital snowflake world' too many people have NO sense of humour, and are offended by just about everything; I believe that comedy is the last bastion of free speech and that's why we need people like Seth, Sarah and producer Alexandra Rushfield to slap us in the face with the irony of how crass and commercial the holiday season has become. This is a series aimed at those who recognize irony, and like dark humour, which I do.

BE PREPARED CHRISTMAS DRAW

Holy Family Parish is holding their "Be Prepared Christmas Draw"! Tickets are now on sale now and the draw will be on Friday December 16th.

Tickets are \$5 or 3 for \$10. 1st Prize, a Fire Man Generator! 2nd Prize, a KitchenAid Stand Up Mixer, and baking basket! And 3rd Prize is a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings! Buy a ticket for yourself, or as a gift for someone else, and take a chance to win! Call 902 736 8333, or email holyfamilyssydneymines2013@gmail.com for tickets!

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AROUND THE TOWN

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS

GLEN GRAY - EDITOR

We're heading into the third week of December and you can feel the excitement in the air anticipating Christmas with the lights, music, gift shopping and food - on page 7 we have a Christmas story from the **Cape Breton Christmas Memories Book** about two intrepid Cape Bretoners and their adventures in "the Boston States".... I want to make sure Seniors are aware of a new **\$500.00 Grant** for renters just in time for Christmas - see page 3 for details - the application opened December 12th and it is very easy to fill out..... **Paul Power's column** this week is a seasonal theme "Santa Inc." and it has an adult theme.... just opposite this column is a list of the many events happening at **Branch 008 Legion** in Sydney Mines - take a look and plan to attend some Christmas festivities..... page 6 contains the **Library News** and the Christmas schedule for this year.... we have been including a weekly **Crossword Puzzle** in our paper for the past few months and we receive a lot of feedback, especially from Seniors, and they would like us to continue - if you like the puzzle, we'll keep it - let us know what else you might want to see in the paper..... **Holy Family Parish** is holding their "Be Prepared Christmas Draw" - Tickets are now on sale now and the draw will be on Friday December 16th.... we've also included a few "**Guess The Christmas Carol**" cartoons in this issue, see if you can guess the traditional Christmas songs..... I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the volunteers and performers at the **Annual Christmas Daddies Telethon** and the tremendous effort they made to raise **\$608,000** - this is a truly

amazing feat considering all the lingering effects

of COVID and Hurricane Fiona - well done everybody..... Every year we hear of tragedy over the Christmas holidays and the effects of drunken drivers and car accidents - there really is no need for this as it is a simple

matter to find someone who will be responsible

to drive you to a party or family meal - local taxi companies are on call all through the Christmas vacation and there should be no excuse - let's make 2022 Christmas an accident free Christmas ... **FREE PUBLICITY**, simply email us with your information and we'll publish it free of charge in our weekly paper - just email us with your event information to us at this email address thisweek@kleeradio.com



Branch 008 Legion Activities MAIN STREET SYDNEY MINES

Dec.15/22 - Regular Meeting Election of Officers — 2nd vp, Secretary and Treasurer

Dec.18/22 - Turkey Shoot - upstairs - starts at noon. \$10.00 per person - kitchen will be open

Dec. 26/22- Open 11 am — 9 pm. - Music From 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Dec. 24/22- CLOSED at 3:00 pm.

Dec. 31/22- CLOSED at 4:00 pm.



**Dec. 31/22- New Years Dinner and Dance
Tickets available at the downstairs bar**

**JAN. 07/23 – Installation of Officers. - 7:00 PM. -
Light Lunch and Dance from 9:00 pm to Midnight**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

YOUR FREE SODUKO WEEKLY PUZZLE

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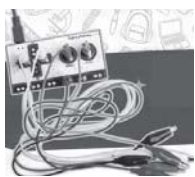


NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK & DVD SALE - Books 3 for \$1.00 and up to \$2.00. Large selection for your Winter reading.

Fibre Lunch will be held on Thursdays at 1:00 pm - 3:00

STEAM KIT DEMO - December 9th from 3:30 - 4:30 - join CBRLs Steam Kit Program Developer for a fun and creative technology demo.



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boards with everyday materials like Playdough or pencils.

Registration is required.

BABIES & BOOKS - Dec. 13 and 20th from 10:00 - 11:00 - ages newborn to 18 months. Please register for this program.

STORYTIME - each Saturday at 1:00 pm. - all ages.

CHRISTMAS - closing Dec. 24th at 1:00 pm, closed 25th, 26th and Dec. 27th.

GUESS THE NAME OF CHRISTMAS CAROL



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Seniors Book Club, 1st Tuesday of the month at 2:30.

If you are interested in starting a second adult Book Club, contact Jeannie at 736-3219.

If you wish to start a Babies & Books or other clubs, contact us at (902) 736-3219.

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NORTHSIDE & DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY 50/50 DRAW



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LICK-A-CHICK

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Times were tough in 1983 as Christmas approached. Booger Phillips and Teddy Coffin were out of work and were looking for a way to earn extra money. They hit upon what they thought was a novel way to get the extra cash.

They figured that Christmas trees were selling for \$35.00 and \$45.00 down the "Boston States" so they decided to rent a truck, cut about 100 trees and sell them down in the U.S. They estimated that with the money they had to put out for the trees and truck rental, they would clear about \$1,000 each by Christmas. The American dollar was about 30% at that time so this was an extra incentive.

They rented a stake body truck from a neighbour for \$250.00 and they already had chain saws and axes for trimming the trees. They went out to the Gabarus area and by December 7th, they had their 100 trees and headed for Boston. By the time they hit Amherst, the truck was acting up and they had to take it to a garage for a new fuel pump. That wasn't too bad, only \$75.00.

They decided to sleep in the truck to save on hotel money. That was fine as long as the truck was running and the heater was on. They nearly froze the first night but labored on and by early morning they hit the American border in Calais. The Customs officer asked them if they had their import paperwork. The two looked at one another in puzzlement. They had to park and wait almost 5 hours before somebody showed up and examined their cargo. They had to pay a \$125.00 import fee.

The officer asked them if they had a selling permit as they would need this when they got to Boston. The boys figured they would sell their trees quickly so they wouldn't need one. They finally arrived in Dedham where they knew a lot of ex-Cape Bretoners lived. They set up in a mall but after about two hours, the cops showed up and asked them for their selling permit. They didn't have one so down to the station they go and another \$60 was gone.

They didn't have too much success with the regular American customers. The boys figured they would lose what little money they had and were wondering if they made a big mistake. But then, a wonderful thing happened. A passerby spotted the truck and noticed the Nova Scotia plates. He chatted the boys up and they told them of their plan to earn Christmas money. The passerby was a Cape Bretoner from Judique and he was thrilled to have a real Cape Breton tree for Christmas.

He told the boys he would call all his friends and fellow Cape Bretoners when he got home. Within an hour, the parking lot was jammed with Cape Bretoners and the boys sold out all their trees. Many of the Capers exchanged the usual gossip and "do you know" questions. They were asked if they would be back next year and the boys said they would be there the same time.

So, their plan worked but not because of the American market but because so many Cape Bretoners loved the idea. The next year the boys had their own truck and started to bring other items like woolen socks and mitts, a few sweaters, cookies, apple and blueberry pies and small craft items that they sold on consignment. Once they sent their notice to their Judique friend that they would be there on a given day, the parking lot would be filled as the boys pulled in.

The manager of the mini mall was so pleased with the increased traffic that he didn't charge them any rental. They still go down each year and their fame has spread. They now carry CDs, pictures, tapes, books, baked goods and, of course, the Cape Breton trees which started it all.

A QUESTIONABLE PUZZLE

By Timothy E. Parker



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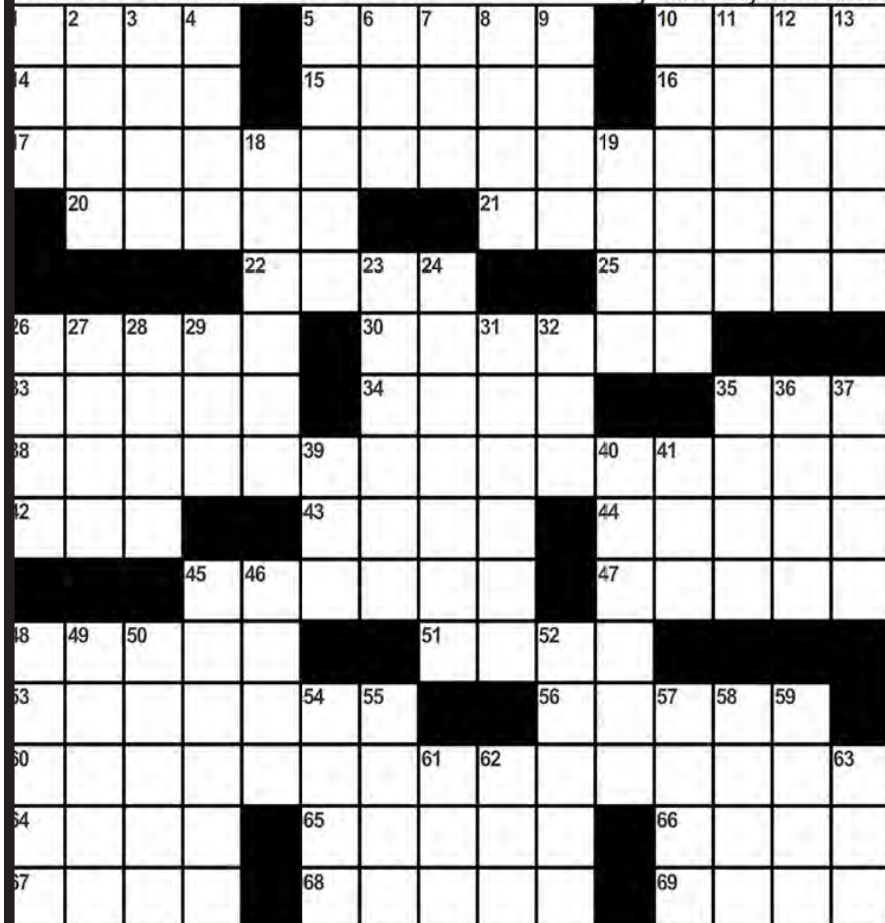
- 1) ___ mater
- 5) Operates a crowbar
- 10) "Song" or "slug" attachment
- 14) TV fixture of old
- 15) Cocoon constructor
- 16) Hourly wage, e.g.
- 17) Procrastinator's response to a question
- 20) Assume for argument's sake
- 21) "Twelve Days of Christmas" bounders
- 22) Vein glory
- 25) Buying binge, e.g.
- 26) Long-billed shorebird
- 30) Crate eggs, e.g.
- 33) Palomino, e.g.
- 34) Type of lily
- 35) Lion offspring
- 38) Hitting up the boss
- 42) "Indubitably!"
- 43) Lucy Van ___ of "Peanuts"
- 44) Demagnetize
- 45) Fingerprint features
- 47) It falls in the fall
- 48) "Li'l Abner" character Hawkins
- 51) Lip-___ (fake sing)
- 53) Most suitable for Sprat
- 56) Bewhiskered animal
- 60) Sought consent
- 64) Animal that killed Adonis
- 65) Alternate identity
- 66) Solo at the opera
- 67) Agile
- 68) Thing to ski down
- 69) Put faith in (with "on")

DOWN

- 1) Decay-fighting org.
- 2) It makes a sinner thinner?
- 3) Kind of shark
- 4) Poor-box contents
- 5) Aristotle's instructor
- 6) Car-washer's need
- 7) Nest-egg initials
- 8) Wicked as sin
- 9) Rational
- 10) Frozen, fruity dessert
- 11) "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin ___"
- 12) Cubic meter
- 13) Brief in speech
- 18) Brennan of film
- 19) Girl of Aberdeen
- 23) Less willing to listen
- 24) Signs up, as for the military
- 26) Horse cart
- 27) Scent detector
- 28) Gets one's goat
- 29) Letters on an air pump
- 31) Girl's bow
- 32) Doc bloc, for short
- 35) Overseas greeting or farewell
- 36) Lenin's land, for short
- 37) "How have you ___?"
- 39) Local mail HQ
- 40) Responds to a stimulus
- 41) Line made with a compass
- 45) Place with vats
- 46) Act on, as advice
- 48) Big, thick slices
- 49) Famous writer of fables
- 50) Senegal's capital
- 52) Disturber of the peace
- 54) Aquatic resorts
- 55) Spill the beans
- 57) "Arts" anagram
- 58) Emerald Isle
- 59) Churn up
- 61) Copacabana setting, briefly
- 62) GPS offering
- 63) Voiced turndown

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 7