

U.S. to build 1000 km wall to keep pesky NAFTA partners in cage. Who'd ever trade with those Yanks?

# Best of the Season and may your 2007

## be a healthy, fulfilling, 7% less energy one!

### Let us celebrate our family

Several of us have served our country in times of war as Victory Bond Queen, grunt soldier or as peace time Reservist. Several of us were socially conscious and full serving Queen's Scout or Venturer or Canadian Girls In Training. Many of us have been honoured with Service Awards and other notable community recognition that goes above and beyond the call of social duty- **Grandma's 25 year** volunteerism at the Vancouver Museum, **Cath's 10 psycho bruising years** on Crisis Line phones and **Grumpa's** 3 or 4 decades reading books for UBC Crane Memorial Centre for the blind come to mind.

This family has passion and compassion that dictates a natural sense of social morality well beyond average- **Heath, Hol, Jo and Tee's** volunteerism, school or elsewhere certainly glistens the eyes here.

We have substantial, ingrained, kindhearted, moral integrity, and patriotism, yet intestinal fortitude in a challenge- Purple Dragon **Andrew** for guts, as well as **Chris, Sean and Stuart's** talent for athletic mental stamina in leadership and **Garett and Liam's** ability to perform with seeming nerves of steel.

Thus, all of us- **Read, Rodwell, Hall, MacLeod, Doré, Wang-** show a given pattern of behaviour in the area of social conscience and compassion, extending from the oldest to the youngest. It is simply our way of being in the world.

This extended family has a need and desire to better itself, but more importantly, a devotion to better society for the lives of those less fortunate within it. This family shows its true moral colours beyond pale and now perhaps it is time to step up to the horse, take the bat by the horns and lead the bullies to water.

Now is the time in history to call on all of this family's strengths and resources. **Mom & Dad** will pass on in too few years, their kids within decades if lucky and the grand-kids within half a century the way planetary "medioambiental" (span.) things are unfolding. The **World Health Organization** shows that this younger generation will be the first to live shorter lives than recent previous generations. Haunting fact that but it's something we CAN do a wee bit about.

This is a call to us **olders** to do what is right for our **youngers** and the few possible offspring who may follow - but more importantly it is an alert to us all to do what is morally decent for all the third class passengers on our own living **Titanic** heading swiftly towards the last and largest block of hull shearing ice - ironically, in the case of our fragile thin skinned space ship earth- it is not a matter of ice but fire- our life giving sun in excess and the resultant global frying.

### ? Classic 1st Class Family ?

All of us who have seen Canadian Producer and Director **James Cameron's** moving and accurate portrayal of those last horribly ->

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tragic moments on the unsinkable **Titanic** no doubt all had similar feelings. **Thms** and I have only sampled the stunning, heart stopping pain of the Atlantic ocean off Cape Spear, NFLD, as the icebergs floated by, and this in August. **Stu & we** experienced Yukon River kahonie freezing. **Ric, Steve, myself,** perhaps **Derek** and a few other family members have felt the instant headache diving into brain numbingly frigid Garibaldi Lake chilled by it's massive tongue of glacial cooling ice, though I imagine by now it has receded far back up onto the land like all the others in the world.

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### Dear Santa: North Pol, Canuduh, H0H.0H0

I hav tryd vary hard to bee a gude boy this yeer. I brush an flos my teeth evry day 2 tymz, eat lotz uv frut, rys, meny vegabulz an walk evrywayr an stuhdee hard.

I noe you r sad cuz we didn't take care of poler bar land an am sory for thuh beehavior of us Canadyunz.

I don't want aneething for myself but if you culd pleez help mi famlee start bugin my guvrmnt of Canuduh to stop Free Trayding with the Usnited Stays uv Uhmarican cuz thay bother an kill so many peepel evrywar to keep livin badly on my planut wif SUVz an crap an stuf an walmart thingz that r reckin our byutiful envrioment.

I roat U a poam bout barz, I hoap U lyk it on payg 6

XoX hugz frum Lance a Cunadyun in Cubuh