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ONWARD & UPWARD!

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With Rabbi Menachem M. Matusof
@ Last Year's Lighting of the Menorah

GOOD NEWS/HIGHLIGHTS:

- DO YOU KNOW AN **EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATOR** or **ALBERTAN?**
*PLEASE CALL ME RE: The "2007 Excellence in Teaching Awards"
& the "Alberta Order of Excellence"*

<Nominations are due at the end of January!>

- To meet the production deadline, this update was e-mailed Nov 4—so at writing, I don't know who our new premier is! In any case, I hope you **democratic right to vote...**& I really **look forward to working with you**—in continuing to build the best Alberta possible!
- **It's been a pleasure to visit hundreds of you on your doorsteps!**

- Presenting to the **Drug Coalition Showcase 2006**
- Working with the **Nature Conservancy of Canada “Last 5 Miles”** Group
- Attending the 2006 **Public Service & Business Leadership Awards Dinner** (with Mayor and Harley Hotchkiss), the **Calgary Business Hall of Fame Gala Dinner**
- **Fundraiser for KidSport**
- We will never cease continuing to work on issues affecting **Calgary-Lou** (not limited to): **SW Ring Road, Health & Educational Issues, Challenges, Seniors’ Benefits...**

HEADLINES:

Please contact today if you have any questions/comments re:

- **Provincial Grants Support Young Environmental Stewards** (*Thank you to the young environmentalists and Joey Redman—who represented Calgary-Lougheed at the Environmental Conference*)
- Gov’t invests **\$39 Million** to Improve **Children’s Mental Health**
- Seven Health Regions Reach **Milestone with Electronic Health Records**
- New Interchange Bridges **Foothills Hospital & the New Alberta Children’s Hospital**
- Alberta Law First in Canada to Protect **Drug-Endangered Children** (added to the new **Protection Against Family Violence Act**—which became law in 2006)
- New Funding to Provide **Relief to 600 Families with Critical Housing Needs**
- **\$1 Million in New Funding** to assist with **Winter Emergency Shelter**
- New Program Improves **Access to Justice for Low-income Albertans**
- **AB Homes & Businesses** to receive **Natural Gas Rebates**
- **Good News from the EUB:** Flaring Down 72% since 1996, Venting Down 50%
- **\$34 Million** Invested in Steel-Framed Modular Classrooms (**30 in Calgary**)
- **New Career-Focused Courses** Open Doors for Students
- Record Number of High School Students Awarded **Apprenticeship Scholarships**
- **34 Communities** Join to Tell the World About the **Alberta Badlands**
- **Albertans over 49** have Increased Access to Locked-in **Retirement Savings**
- **Over \$800,000** to purchase **2 Mobile Dental Clinics for Seniors**

Please contact me if you require:



Dave, Jen, and Santa wish you the Best of the Season!

<@the Airport for "Santa's Express"--For the Love of Children (AB) Society>