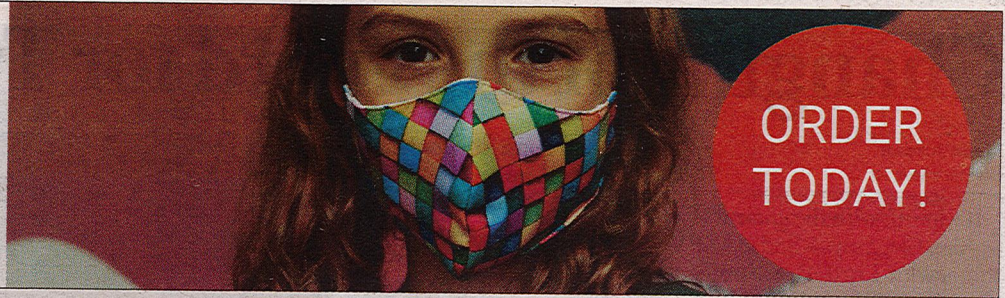


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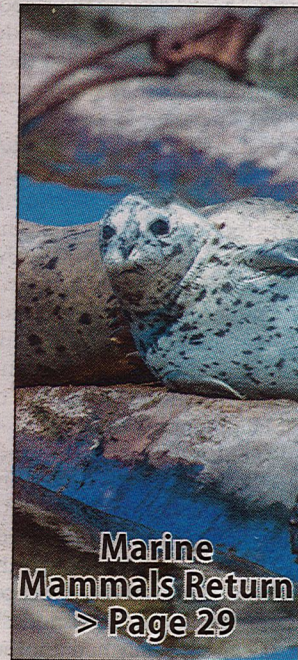
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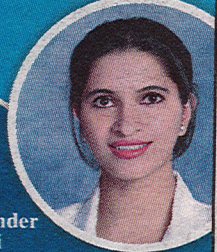
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## Lotus Terminals gifts 500 pairs of socks to CCK

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Santa delivered three big bags of socks to the Cloverdale Community Kitchen Dec. 11.

Dressed in a red suit, Lotus Terminals' Bob Meredith, alongside owner Saran Bal, director Prab Bal, and operations coordinator Ricky Bal, donated 534 pairs of socks to CCK. "It was something very simple," Meredith said about the company's sock drive. "People could donate one pair or 10."

Meredith said the whole company got behind the initiative with the Bal family promising to match the donations their employees

raised. But, in the end, the Bal family went even further.

"They double-matched the donations," noted Meredith. "It's a real combination," he said. "Mostly all adult socks, some ladies', some men's, but mostly men's socks."

"A lot of our seniors love warm socks, so it will be great for all," added Courtney van den Boogaard, manager of communications for CCK.

The Bal family owns Lotus Terminals and they do a number of charitable things in the community. But the idea of donating socks was something new.

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## Annual Christmas Hamper Program Underway

Volunteers pack Christmas food hampers for needy families Dec. 14 in the Alice McKay Building. Last year the Cloverdale Community Kitchen's annual hamper program served around 500 families and this year organizers expect that number to climb higher. (Photo: Malin Jordan)

## Class in self-isolation

Lauren Collins  
Black Press Media

A class at Adams Road Elementary in Cloverdale is currently in self-isolation.

In a letter dated Dec. 10, Superintendent Jordan Tinney said that based on Fraser Health's contact tracing, they reached out with "additional information for one class, including instructions for that class to stay at home and self-isolate."

The Surrey school district shared the letter with *Black Press Media*.

The district tweeted out a COVID-19 exposure notice on Dec. 10, stating that an

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# Vancouver Giants defenceman Bowen Byram will play for Team Canada, again

## Player with Langley-based team rode out a two-week COVID-19 shutdown at training camp

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Vancouver Giants defenceman Bowen Byram will play for Canada at the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Juniors for a second straight season.

Vancouver Giants, in conjunction with Hockey Canada, announced Friday, Dec. 11 that Byram is among 25 players and nine current WHL players named to Canada's roster.

It came after a 26-day selection camp in Red Deer that was interrupted by a mandatory two-week quarantine that saw several players sent home as a precaution against the

coronavirus.

Byram, the two-time reigning MVP of the Langley-based Giants, now playing in the NHL, was one of six returnees invited to the camp who helped Canada capture gold at the 2020 World Juniors.

With him is Giants head coach Michael Dyck who will be serving as an assistant coach with Canada at the World Juniors which will operate under the same bubble concept that was successfully deployed by the NHL and the NBA.

In seven games last season at the World Juniors, Byram notched two assists en route to a Gold Medal victory.

In 188 career regular season games with the Giants, Byram



Vancouver Giants defenceman Bowen Byram has been named to Team Canada, the second year the star player with the Langley-based WHL team has made the roster. (File photo by Rik Fedych)

posted 46 goals and 104 assists for 150 points which ranks him third all-time in franchise scoring for defencemen. Ad-

ditionally he's suited up in 29 playoff games, where he added 11 goals and 22 assists for 33 points. He was drafted by the

G-Men third overall back in 2016. During the 2018-19 season, Byram set a new single season team record for goals

by a defencemen with 26, as he set a new single season WHL record with six overtime winning goals.

Internationally, Byram also donned the Maple Leaf at the 2017 World Under-18 Hockey Challenge and 2018 Hlinka Gretzky Cup.

Team Canada spokesperson Alan Millar said it was an "unconventional" call from the outset with the number of players invited and length of camp, along with the schedule adjustment due to our two-week shutdown "but we feel we have selected a group that will give us the best chance to defend our gold medal on home ice."

The 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship begins on Christmas Day with three games before Canada kicks off its tournament schedule on Dec. 26 against Germany at 6 p.m.

Canada has captured 18 gold medals at the IIHF World Junior Championship.

## Business thankful they can give back



Dressed as Santa, Lotus Terminals' Bob Meredith and (left to right) Ricky Bal, Prab Bal, and Saran Bal deliver more than 500 pairs of socks to the Cloverdale Community Kitchen Dec. 11. (Photo: Malin Jordan)

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Prab got the idea after reading an article that noted socks were a much-needed and very practical item to donate to charity.

The Bal family also repaired the CCK's delivery truck, when that truck was first donated to the Kitchen. And they plan on doing repairs on a refrigerator truck that was just donated. They've also sponsored meals.

"We have a BBQ trailer and the

last time we brought it down we fed about a hundred people," said Prab. "We are doing the same thing again (Dec. 18)."

"Every year we try to do more to help the community," added Ricky. "We've been lucky that we've been able to connect with the (Cloverdale Community Kitchen). Our business is just down the road, so we can give back to the community we are in."

Ricky said they've done char-

itable works in Vancouver and other parts of the Lower Mainland, but now, after connecting with the CCK, the family is proud to be able to give back to the Cloverdale community.

"We're always looking for ways to help," added Prab. "Yes, it's cool that we can work here and run our business, but it's also important that we can take some of that success and be able to give back to the community. That's what keeps us going."

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