

# and first place goes to . . . Manitoba!

Manitoba has shown itself to be a leader in Canada in recent years. Here are just some of the 'firsts' that our government has chalked up.

- Legislation that would make information about a doctor's education and professional record available to the public
- A cyber-tip line so that people can report instances of child pornography and internet luring
- A bilingual service centre offering federal, provincial and municipal services to the public – a 'no-wrong-door' centre
- "Presumptive benefits" for firefighters which acknowledge the link between the hazards they are exposed to on the job and certain diseases
- The Pan Am clinic that offers examinations, imaging, surgery and physiotherapy all under one roof
- Toughest penalties for impaired drivers and auto thieves
- Authorization of on-the-spot tests to screen drunk drivers
- Cabinet-level responsibility for disabilities issues
- A detailed strategy for hydrogen development
- TEAM, a program to encourage business start-ups in remote northern communities
- A gamma knife, which removes inoperable brain tumours in a matter of minutes in a bloodless, painless procedure
- A comprehensive profile of workplace fatalities
- Action Plan on Climate Change
- Healthy Baby, a pre-natal benefit and nutrition program
- Toughest anti-gang legislation

## Block Parents For Assiniboia

The Block Parent program provides immediate assistance to those in distress, particularly children, through its safety network of police-screened homes. Become a Block Parent and help make your community safer. Contact your local police or call 284-7562 for more information.

## Read & Win

The Read & Win program is a great way to get students K to 8 to read and experience all the fun of the 2004 Red River Fair and Exhibition for free. All the necessary forms are available on the website at [www.redriverex.com](http://www.redriverex.com). If you have any questions phone Sandy at 888-6990.


## Tax filing assistance for low income individuals:

**St. James Senior Centre** is holding an Income tax clinic on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. There is no charge for this service but donations are gratefully accepted. For appointment call 956-6440

**The Manitoba Tax Assistance Office** will help complete the provincial portion of the tax return. Manitoba Tax Assistance Office 309-401 York Ave Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P8 Phone 948-2115 Or check their website: [www.gov.mb.ca/finance/tao](http://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/tao)

**Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's** Taxation Volunteer Program will help complete the federal portion of the tax return. For the program nearest you phone 983-6978.

In winter: dress for the weather, never play in snowbanks by the road, don't walk across or skate on ice until it has been checked by an adult.



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