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Whistler kicks off ski season

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Whistler's ski and snowboard season kicked off this weekend with bluebird skies after an 80-centimetre dump of snow, and local mountains will soon follow.

Grouse Mountain spent the weekend making snow, and is expected to be open by early December at the latest, along with Cypress and Seymour.

According to the World Meteorological Organization, this season will be a La Nina year, which means higher-than-average snowfalls.

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In Brief



- » **ACTIVIST** American anti-war activist Alison Bodine, 22, was given a send-off by about 70 supporters on Saturday night, cknw.com reports. Bodine was kicked out of Canada after being told by the Immigration and Refugee Board that she misrepresented herself when she came into Canada.
- » **POLITICS** B.C. NDP MLAs have approved a plan to ensure more minorities run for the party in the next election, CBC News Online reports. Thirty per cent of riding nominations will be designated for women and 10 per cent for visible minorities.
- » **CRIME** An escaped convict police describe as a high-ranking member of a Lower Mainland Persian gang is at large, but RCMP said they believe he's not a threat to the public, CBC News Online reports. Omid Tahvilli, 37, has only committed violent acts against others involved in gang activity.