

# Ventures News



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## PLAY REVIEW by Peter Ilic

The Christmas play was excellent. The cast had a great time. The costumes looked very professional. We all thank Edith for all her hard work on the costumes and sets. Peter made an excellent story teller which helped the audience follow the story line. The cast did a wonderful job remembering their lines.

The audience seemed quite pleased with the play as they gave lots of applause. We sang a carol and Rosemarie thanked everyone who helped put the play on.

Everyone stayed and enjoyed refreshments and socialized with the cast.

Before leaving, CVS Day Program, CISS and Ridge Meadows helped clean up after everything was done.

Thanks to Lady of Fatima Church for allowing us to put on our production of Snow White and the Dwarfs.

See page two for more information of plays/productions to be put on and who to see to attend or even help out.

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## PLACE MAILLARDVILLE... *Rita Baghamian*

Rita Baghamian, Program Assistant from Place Maillard wrote the following letter to Community Ventures Society.

"On November morning, I was visiting with Edith Toldy, one of your Community Support Workers, during your Aerobics drop-in program here. I was telling her about our upcoming Christmas Advent Calendar workshop for children, when her client at the time, Youlanda Hennessy, made a fantastic suggestion of making some of these calendars & giving them to the children who are unfortunate enough to be spending their month of December in the Hospital.

Youlanda spoke with such care and affection about this good cause that it really touched my heart!

I immediately came upstairs and told my Executive Director of Youlanda's great idea. We decided to donate the materials required to make about 25 calendars and asked our Boys' & Girls' Club members (youth from our after-school program) to make up these special gifts for the children at Eagle Ridge Hospital in Port Moody.

The end result was that all who were involved benefited in some way from this very special idea that Youlanda had. I'm enclosing a Thank You letter that we received from the Hospital in regards to this.

We would like to extend our heartfelt Thanks to Youlanda for her thoughtful suggestion. We really enjoy interacting with all the clients that come and use our facility here at Place Maillardville!

Hope our relationship will be everlasting."

The "enclosed" letter from Diane Miller thanked everyone "for taking the time to make the wonderful advent calendars. They were distributed to the children who have come in to Eagle Ridge Hospital for minor surgeries"...

## SPORTS & SUCH UPDATE...by Sean Craig

### VANCOUVER CANUCKS

The Vancouver Canucks have been on a hot streak and they have won seven straight games on the road trip. Trevor Linden has scored 263 goals as a Canuck and we honor him. Nasland is the Captain of the Canucks and Trevor Linden is the Assistant Captain. They are both great players and we hope they will celebrate many victories.

### GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

Here is a list of the winners of the Golden Globes:

**Chicago**—Richard Gere and Renee Zellweger—best actor and actress (Best Motion Picture—Musical/Comedy)

**The Hours**—Nicole Kidman—best actress (Best Motion Picture—Drama)

**About Schmidt**—Jack Nicholson—Best Actor (Best Screenplay)

**Gangs of New York**—Best Director Martin Scorsese (Best Original Song “The Hands that Built America” (U2))

**Adaptation**—Chris Cooper & Meryl Streep—Best Actor and Actress in a Supporting Role

The Golden Globe awards were great and a blast to watch. See you next year Golden Globes!!!!

## CLASSES...by Sean Craig/Melanie Murray

### SAFETY CLASS

Some fun things we want to do:

- ⇒ Check and learn to use a fire hydrant.
- ⇒ What happens if there is an earthquake—maybe hide under a table or in a door frame.
- ⇒ Practice a fire drill.
- ⇒ Where to stay if there is fire or electrical problems outside.
- ⇒ How to check minor injury and get

- the first aid kit.
- ⇒ We'll talk about traffic safety—looking all around before crossing the street.
- ⇒ Rules about not talking to strangers and being safe in the community.
- ⇒ Also, if you need help, safe people to ask—maybe safety coordinator.
- Please come Tuesday, March 4,

2003 to 1020 Ridgeway for a Safety Class from 10:00am—11:30am. There is no cost and this class will run for eight to ten weeks.

**SHAKE IT BABY, YOU WON'T BREAK IT**  
Come join us for exercise. Class starts on January 17, 2003. It will be held for eight weeks at Place Maillardville. The cost is \$2.00 and the class runs from 10:30am until 11:30am on every Friday.

## ATTENTION: ACTORS/ACTRESSES...Rosemarie Mailloux

We are looking for those interested in performing. See Rosemarie if you are interested in acting or helping with props. Bring ideas for what you'd like to perform. Suggestions: elves and shoemaker for spring production and Scrooge for Christmas

production. Currently, we are working on the production of Grease! If you are interested in helping with this, again, see Rosemarie for a list of things you may be interested in.

Costs and permanent location will be determined by the interest.



## BIRTHDAY'S A BOOMIN'...by Sean Craig

We celebrated seven people having birthdays in November. On Friday, several of us had a birthday bash at Pizza Hut. There was much food and gifts and fun for us. Gary Feenie celebrated his at Spaghetti Factory while Cliff and I celebrated at Pizza Hut. Birthday greetings also go to Edith, Jacob, Ziggy and Dell. Happy birthday to you all!

## EXTRA, EXTRA

### DISNEYLAND...By Faye Headridge

In October, I went to Disneyland with my mom, dad and sister. I had a good time. I went on lots of rides. My favourite was Star Wars. I saw Snow White and my parents got me a beautiful Snow White outfit. I saw Jurassic Park and went to Knott's Berry Farm.

My family went out for dinner and we had a good time, but I missed all my friends here.

### CINDY'S CORNER...by Cindy Monssen

I'm back again folks with the news from Surrey side. Wow, MaryAnne Cooper is planning a trip to Las Vegas. Look what I started! She's excited about going and hopes to go either late February or early March. Here's an update on Sue Peck's new lift. She's had it for three months now and its tracking system is both in her bedroom and in the bathroom. The new sling on the lift helps Sue feel safe and both her and MaryAnne use the lift in the bathroom.

At Christmas, Jenny Taylor, displayed her painted rocks and ceramics at the Guildford Library. However, she sold some of her painted rocks at that time and is now painting new designs on the rocks. She got a new Spanish program for her computer at Christmas and would like to go for a holiday in a Spanish speaking country sometime in the future.

My roommates and I are happy to tell all of you that Howe Sound, in March 2003, will be buying a lot to build our new home on. They are going to build it in 2004 and are asking us to make a wish list regarding what we want in our new home. Also, each of us here in this house are going to be getting a piece of new equipment. Fiona Brown is getting a new shower chair, Jack Jansen is getting a new lift and I'm getting a new

walker. We are all looking forward to our new equipment coming. Jack is also looking forward to going to his Mom and Dad's for a holiday in the spring. I on the other hand, am looking forward to selling my ceramics through showing people the portfolio that I'm making and displaying the pieces in new places. That's it for the news from this side, so long for now Folks.

### MY FILM...by Youlanda Hennessey

On January 25, 2003, I went to Vancouver to be filmed for the production on the Developmentally Disabled. I took the bus to Vancouver with Rosemarie. It took place in the Vancouver Courts. The court is three blocks long. They filmed me with the actors and actresses. I played the part of Cathy. They filmed part two first and then part one second. They had food and drinks as well before and afterwards. My part was about Cathy going to the courts to file to sue her boss for not paying her because she was developmentally disabled and the process she had to go through. It was also about how people react to people with developmental disabilities. They said I was a natural and good at it too! It was an interesting experience.



## BOOK OF THE MONTH...by Rochelle Paquin

### The Grinch That Stole Christmas...by Dr. Suess

My pick of the month is "The Grinch That Stole Christmas". The story is about a Grinch who was very angry about Christmas time. He decided that Christmas had to stop coming to Whoville. A little girl met the Grinch while he was stealing her family's

Christmas tree. He patted Cindy Lou on the head and she went to bed. Her name was Cindy Lou Who. Cindy loved Christmas and so did everyone in her village. Cindy Lou talked to the Grinch. The Grinch saw everyone dancing around the big Christmas tree and singing. This story has a great ending.

This book is a lot of fun to read.



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**FUNNY SECTION...(THIS CAN BE FOUND ON INTERNET)**

**Worries about  
mad cow disease**

There were these two cows, chatting over the fence between their fields.

The first cow said, "I tell you, this mad-cow-disease is really pretty scary. They say it is spreading fast; I heard it hit some cows down on the Johnson Farm."

The other cow replies, "I ain't worried, it don't affect us ducks."



**Three very tough  
mice**

Three rats are sitting at the bar talking bragging about their bravery and toughness.

The first says, "I'm so tough, once I ate a whole bagful of rat poison!"

The second says, "Well I'm so tough, once I was caught in a rat trap and I bit it apart!"

Then the third rat gets up and says, "Later guys, I'm off home to harass the cat."



**Do you mind? I am  
taking a shower!!!**



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