



Leisurely stroll

Above, the morning sun shines on Suzan Graham as she walks her dogs, Rocket and Star — a sheepadoodle and sharpie cross respectively — at Mill Pond Saturday. Inset, a squirrel looks for food at the Mill Pond. Justin Greaves / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)

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A&L3 short *Print Under Pressure* about the unique craft of letterpress printing. The film was inspired by her father, Simon Preston, who has been a printer for more than 30 years.

The festival's selection committee, which includes Milton author and former *Toronto Star* film critic Ron Base, reviewed 13 short films submitted by professional, amateur and student filmmakers from across the GTA and as far away as Vancouver and Regina.

"We decided to open things up a little this year and accept films from outside Ontario as well," said Jennifer Smith, the festival's director and committee chair. "One submission, *Running By*, about a farmer's son trying to live out his passion for running, was created by the nephew of one of our volunteers. Bryce Gamache is from Manitoba and lives in Saskatchewan, but we were so impressed with his work that we couldn't say no."

The other selections are:

Bamboozled, directed by Mike Martins
A group of students decide to pull a con game at school. But who's conning whom? This film was made by and with the students

in the Grade 8 Film Club at Divine Mercy School in Mississauga. The students comprised both the cast and crew of the production.

Religatio, directed by Jaime Giraldo
Beings who live in a world hanging from ropes are all engaged in a struggle to avoid falling into the void below. Produced at the Vancouver Film School, *Religatio* is Jaime's most recent animation. He's currently living in Newfoundland.

A Mile In These Hooves, directed by James Brylowski

Mark and Tom walk from Toronto to L.A. in a two-person donkey costume, competing for the title of 'longest distance travelled in a two-person costume'. It's a "mockumentary" about love, friendship and a burlap donkey.

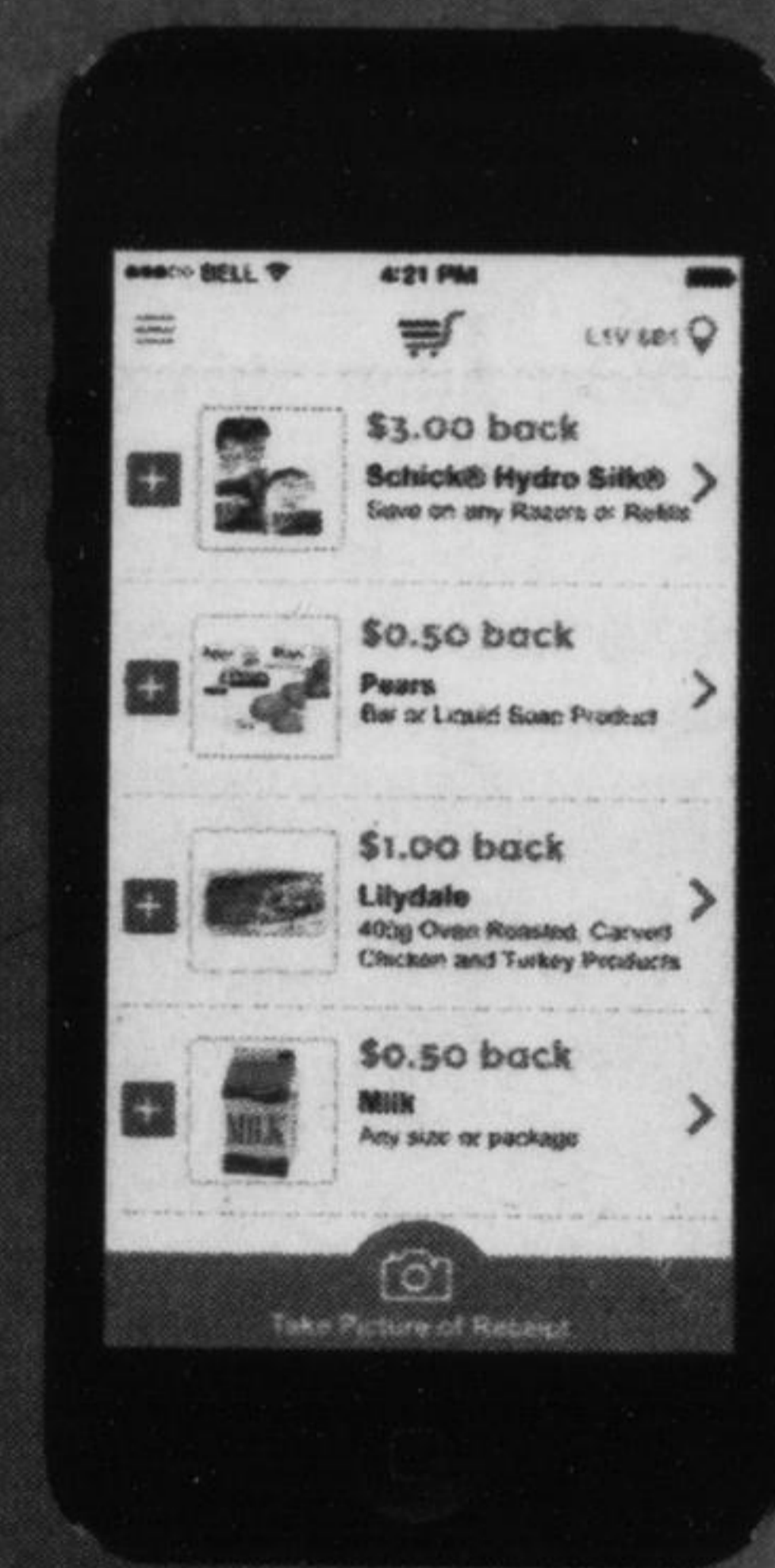
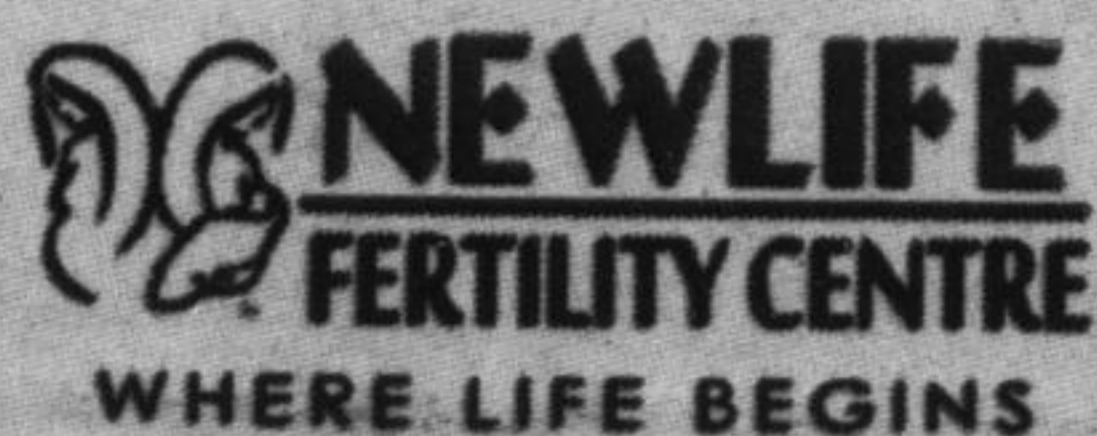
Each short will be screened before one of the main feature films in the program, which include *Boyhood*, *Wadjda*, *Ernest & Celestine* and *The Grand Seduction*. If possible, the short films will be introduced by the filmmakers. To learn more go to www.miltonfilmfest.com.

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