



Robbie Burns

Harry Donaldson inserts the knife into the Haggis following his address to it as Terry Hobson and Neil Craig stand by ready to carry the Haggis back to the kitchen. The occasion was the sixth

annual Robbie Burns Supper held at the Midland Legion on Saturday evening. Alderman Jim Malcolm was the master of ceremonies for the evening. Staff photo

## 'The Fonz' has new role in movie Heroes

by Terry Dupuis  
Coming soon to the Odeon Theatre in Midland is *Heroes*, a comedy drama starring Henry Winkler. Winkler is best known to his millions of T.V. fans as "The Fonz" on the *Happy Days* series.

*Heroes* is Winkler's first starring movie role. He had a role four years ago in a film called *The Lords of Flatbush*, but that was before he gained television popularity.

In *Heroes* Winkler stars as a disturbed Vietnam war veteran. Four years earlier he developed a guilt complex when a friend died in action saving his life. After returning home, he developed fantasies to help him shut out the memories of the war.

Winkler escapes from the Veterans' hospital and sets out for California, where he plans to start a farm with some ex-army friends. Along the way he meets a runaway bride (Sally Fields) who is also trying to escape from her past. The two team up and encounter various adventures and misadventures as they travel across the country to California.

Many episodes are hilarious, others are poignant. Winkler and Fields make an engaging and offbeat team. In the supporting cast, two performers who also stand out are Olivia Cole as the wife of one of Winkler's war buddies, and Harrison Ford as a race car driver. (Ford gained movie prominence last summer as the cynical space pilot Han Solo in *Star Wars*.)

*Heroes* bears some

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similarities to another winning movie of several years back called *The Crazy World of Julius Vrooder*. That one starred Timothy Bottoms as a Vietnam veteran who lived in his own fantasy world. But *Vrooder* was a box-office flop, whereas *Heroes* has become a box-office hit.

Another recent hit is the basketball drama *One On One*, which opens tonight at the Pen Theatre in Penetang. Robbie Benson stars as a high school graduate who is sent to college on a basketball scholarship. He finds

college life to be not at all the ideal he had expected, but his experiences there mature him.

Robbie Benson is a new talent who on the basis of *One On One* seems destined to go far in movies. He not only offers a fine performance in this movie; he also wrote the original script himself in collaboration with his writer father.

Annette O'Toole is another newcomer who gives a memorable performance in *One On One* as a college senior who at first looks down on Benson, but who

gradually comes to love him. *One On One* skillfully combines sports, romance, drama and humour in much the same way as Sylvester Stallone's film *Rocky* did. *One On One* is able to stand up quite well in comparison to *Rocky*, and both films ended up on my 10 Best Movies of the Year list back in December.

Playing with *One On One* at the Pen on the same program is the suspenseful science-fiction thriller *Starship Invasions*. It stars Christopher Lee and Robert Vaughan in a tale about man's first encounter with aliens.

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## The Island of Nose beautifully illustrated book

The *Island of Nose* is one of the most beautifully illustrated books to come out this year. In fact the full page illustrations (reminiscent of Morris Sendak) quite overshadow the printed pages they face.

The story by Annie G.M. Schmidt has been translated into English from the Dutch original, and concerns a little boy with outsized ears who saves the *Island of Nose* by bringing back the four seasons.

The original imaginative ideas belong to the writer—the car shaped like a dragon, (with a rock band inside it), the mechanical frog ferry, the order of the Golden Nose, but these ideas have been so superbly interpreted by artist Jan Marinus Verburg that each huge

picture (the book is ten by fourteen inches) is a work of art.

Here's an example of the wit and crazy realism in this splendid art work—On the cover Tom stares benignly at the reader, big ears and all. And on the back cover, he's painted in the same position, from the rear, and there's the artist, palette in hand, painting the cover portrait.

It's a gorgeous book, and the illustrations with their mass of wide-eyed detail, will be pored over long after the story has been read.

The *Visual Encyclopedia of Science Fiction* tells me more than I ever thought I wanted to know about the subject, but a SF fan would spend many happy hours browsing through the 352 illustrated pages of minutiae.

The book contains comments by Isaac Asimov, Lester Del Rey, A.E. van Vogt and others, and covers everything from Mary Shelley to *Clockwork Orange*. Oddly enough I could find no references to 2001, *A Space Odyssey*, but maybe publication dates had something to do with this. *Star Wars* is mentioned only as "nearing

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completion".

The table of contents is set in the form of a space mission program. "Countdown" covers the nineteenth century, "Lift Off" begins with the first novel of HG Wells, and "Trans Galactic Insertion" brings the reader from 1926-1976.

For those with more earthly reading tastes, R. L. Gordon (*The Jesus Boy*, *The River Gets Wider*) has written *The Lady Who Loved New York*. Alice Barrington, forced to flee her comfortable (and venerable) New York apartment because it's being torn down, reflects on her life as a member of a wealthy New York family at the turn of the century. Relationships between master and servant, between the rich and poor, between those

hidebound by tradition and free thinkers are all lovingly explored in a series of flashbacks.

"Alice felt occasionally that she spent as disproportionate amount of her leisure time reflecting on the past. But what else was there to do? Approaching her mid-nineties, there wasn't much point in speculating on what the future might hold."

From her new home in British Columbia, she tells us what it was like to be living in the world of the Vanderbilts, the Rockefeller's and the Whiteneys and of her occasional (and futile) attempts to rebel against such a life.

R.L. Gordon now writes for the *Winnipeg Free Press*, and contributes fiction to the *New Yorker*. A former headmaster of

St. John's Ravenscourt School in Winnipeg, he now lives in British Columbia.

His *The Lady Who Loved New York* is an absorbing and entertaining story.

The *Island of Nose*, by Annie M.G. Schmidt, Methuen Pub. 46 pp. \$8.95.

The *Visual Encyclopedia of Science Fiction* edited by Brian Ash. General Pub. \$9.95

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