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in the States

and we're doing a little culinary salute to our good friends south of the border. It's hard to have a neighbour as big as they are, and not have a considerable influence on what we do, and food isn't an exception to that. A great deal of fresh produce, and a lot of other items and recipes come from the 'States', and we'll be giving them a nod on the occasion of their biggest holiday of the year.

AT'S FOR LUN

and Red Onion Slivers, lots of mixed greens and Chipotle Mayo on a San Francisco-style Sour Dough Bun.

Also — a heads-up that we'll have fresh gluten-free bread available Friday!

For Sunday Brunch, we'll be starting with New England Clam Chowder followed by either New Orleans Chicken and Penne Pasta, or El Paso Fajitas, with

either mashed potatoes or rice, tea or coffee and a token dessert (or two). Served from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. All for ...

to slice them at home.

SIRLOIN STEAK -

'top sirloin roasts', but we use our own names so that we don't get confused. These are cut from the same meat that we cut the steaks from, and then we lean it out to make sure you don't have waste and unusable bits. They are good oven roasts, and especially good if you prefer leaner cuts of beef. Sizes range

from 2lb to a max of about 7lb, which is more than enough to feed a dozen. Reg. \$9.95/lb

- DEL MONTE -

ANTELOUPES

stiff pricing. Country of origin here is Guatemala, and they are quite sweet and nice — and size 9's, so you'll find them worthwhile to cut and

THIS WEEK

are super-sweet pines from Costa Rica. We bought the largest size this week — 5's — and they are too big to fit in our coring machine, so you'll have

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I was surprised to learn that 'potato chips' as we know them originated in Saratoga Springs, New York, and spread from there around the world. We'll have a feature on 'Kettle Chips' this week. All flavours. 220g bag. Regular \$3.99

smoking meat is a long-time American tradition, we'll start with Smoked Turkey, then add some North-ofthe-Border Brie, our Brandied Cranberries and some Cippolini onions. Eat-up . . . it's delicious!

1/3 OFF THIS WEEK ROGERS'

We do have some of their great Advent Calendars yet, as well as a very large assortment of their famous chocolate, in all shapes and flavours. If you have ever been to the original store out in Victoria, you'll know that it's the epicentre of chocolate in Canada.

WHAT'S COOKING THE

HOCOLAT

We'll start with salad, and in this case it's the KENTUCKY COLE SLAW. If I recall correctly, this recipe is from an old 'gourmet' magazine (we've got a few at home) and its main feature is red cabbage with the feature is red cabbage with the green, in a vinaigrette. It's light and refreshing.

Next, we'll be making NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER. This is the creamier version, with onions, carrots, celery, potatoes, cream — and the clams, of course! Featured at

Regular \$1.49/100g

Following that will be EL PASO CHICKEN FAJITAS. We use our chicken breasts, sweet onions, poblano peppers, tomatoes, shredded cheese, lemon, and sour cream on 795 tortillas.

Featured at

Next up, we'll have MAC AND CHEESE. This is the frozen version made in 8"x5" foils, which I find to be just enough for one if you're watching the hockey game from your easy chair. You'll need 25% WEEK ketchup, and possibly a beer, to make the meal complete. Regular \$11.95 each.

And lastly, we'll have a soup, from the frozen zone as well, and this week it's Chicken Vegetable. We use lots of chicken and lots of veggies to make this. It's quite **-** % hardy. 900ml size. THIS WEEK Regular \$7.95.

- CAJUN -**SAUSAGES**

To make these we use a Paul Prudhomme Seasoning; that's the guy who brought you blackened food, although most anyone who cooks has blackened something anyway. It's a fairly unique seasoning with a bit of heat, just so 1% vou know.

. Regular \$4.99 lb. OFF

BELLAVITANO

This is one of my fave cheeses, and I like any and all of the flavours of this fairly firm and crumbly cheese. Available in raspberry, balsamic, merlot. And as usual, samples abound.

Regular \$6.29/100 g OFF OR LESS

ELEGANT -

We've got lots now and they can be tailored to your particular needs both for individuals and corporate clients. See either Robert or me in the store and we'll look after your needs.

WHAT'S

We are making traditional American Desserts this week! Interesting thing is that all of these were invented in the late 1800's and early 1900's, mostly by hotel chefs, and they are still going strong today and holding their place as most popular desserts in the USA, and around the world.

KEY LIME PIES - One of Florida's best gifts to the world. Folks who have had our Key Lime Pie say that it is even better than the ones from the Kevs! Graham

crust filled with a mix of egg yolks, fresh lime juice and rind and condensed milk. Topped with whipped cream and fresh lime slices. We bake ours, however the original is not even baked but the interaction between condensed milk and lime juice thickens the mix. \$14.95 each.

CHICAGO TRIPLE CHOCOLATE BROWNIES - Brownies were invented by the chef of Chicago's Palmer Hotel at the end of 19th century, when Mrs. Palmer requested a dessert that would be smaller than a slice of cake and easy to pack in a lunch box. Voilà....the ever-popular brownie! We make ours with unsweetened chocolate - melted with butter, add a bit of flour, sugar, chocolate chunks, and cocoa powder. After baking they are glazed with ganache. Best when eaten at room temperature. \$2.99 each.

CHOCOLATE CHUNK COOKIES - Originally made by the owner of Toll House Inn, Massachusetts, since then they've spread like wildfire all around United States. It really took off when the American soldiers stationed overseas requested "Toll House Cookies" in their care packages from home. Everybody has their own version. We make ours with the large semi-sweet chocolate pellets, lots of butter, and both white and brown sugar (just like the original). Available both in our octagonal packages and the large individual size. \$7.95/container or \$2.29 per large single cookie.

NEW YORK RED VELVET CAKE - Red Velvet Cake is commonly considered a Southern cake, but it was originally invented by the chef of the famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. The beautiful texture, flavor and color come from the reaction between buttermilk, baking powder and cocoa powder. We add a bit of red food color, sour cream and apple cider vinegar to 1% enhance the process. Our version has a layer

All of these items are . . .

icing. \$15.95 and \$24.95

of ganache inside along with cream cheese

While quantities last!

HOCKEY WITH HEART -

We begin our Christmas Street Walks this weekend. We will visit on Saturday with a Bag and a note, and return Sunday in force to pick it up. To find out if we'll be on your street, visit: www.thevillagegrocer.com. Also, our Twitter and Facebook accounts are now active, with a website to come shortly.

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