

SHOPPING



Stocking Stuffers

It's easy-peasy to find thoughtful presents for everyone on your "nice" list. **Body & Handwash** from Dr Roebuck's, a natural skincare line out of Australia, smells wonderful while cleansing and soothing even the most sensitive skin (at Shoppers Drug Mart, page 21). **Santa Baby lip tint** uses softening butters and nourishing carrot oils to create perfectly plump pouts (at Lush, page 16). **Cozy socks** crafted by Japan's CHUP let a pop of colour peek out from otherwise-sombre suits (at J.Crew, page 23). Featuring a cute design such as pop art, zebra stripes or an old-fashioned pin-up girl, a **Vitamin Pod** from www.mytagalongs.com is most definitely not your grandmother's pill case. **Pocketknives** from Victorinox Swiss Army always come in handy, and the ones in the Canadiana series make great souvenirs of destinations such as Vancouver, Toronto and Niagara Falls (for a local retailer, call 1-800-665-4095 or visit www.swissarmy.com). With gifts like these spilling out of stockings come Christmas morning, even Scrooge will feel as jolly as Santa.—*Sheri Radford*

PENS & STATIONERY

THE ORIGINAL PAPER-YA Granville Island's paper palace is home to stationery, photo albums, journals, cards, as well as hundreds of different sheets of handmade and decorative paper

from around the world. 1666 Johnston St. 604-684-2531. www.paper-ya.com & Map 6: B2

THE VANCOUVER PEN SHOP LTD. Claims the largest selection in the

West. Calligraphy supplies, inks, refills, cartridges and Clairefontaine paper. Many pen lines, including Caran d'Ache, Cross, Faber-Castell, Lamy, Montblanc, Parker, Pelikan, Sheaffer, Kaweco and Waterman. 512 W. Hastings St., opposite Harbour Centre. 604-681-1612. & Map 1: C6

PET PAMPERING

BARKING BABIES If Princess needs a personal shopper, this is your one-stop shop. Find high-end clothing, toys, accessories and spa products to spoil your pooch, including brands such as PETote, as well as lines from Tokyo. Also available: grooming, day care and dog walking. 1188 Homer St. 604-647-BARK (2275). www.barkingbabies.com & Map 1: D5

THREEDOG BAKERY Treats for dogs include Pooch Pretzels, Pup Tarts, cookies, birthday cakes and accessories such as collars and leashes. 4548 W. 10th Ave. 604-737-3647. & Map 1: E111-201 Morrissey Rd., Port Moody. 604-469-3647. www.threedogvancouver.com & Map 2: C5

SPAS

BARE ESSENTIALS SKIN BAR Choose from various 30-minute target treatments to keep skin looking radiant. Includes complimentary skin analysis. 790 Richards St. 604-428-0091. www.bareessentialsskinbar.com & Map 1: C5

CHI, THE SPA Offers private or couples massages, facials, body wraps, manicures and pedicures. Services also include traditional Chinese massages. The Shangri-La Hotel, 1128 West Georgia St. 604-689-2447. www.shangri-la.com & Map 1: B5

PROJECT SKIN MD A holistic approach to your skin's health includes laser, dermatology and aesthetic medicine. Anti-aging preventative medicine, too. SkinCeuticals Flagship Boutique is unique in North America. 1495 W 11th Ave. 604-732-0800. www.projectskinmd.com & Map 1: F3

SKOAH Ultramodern, co-ed spa specializes in skin treatments, as well as carrying a full range of the popular line's sleekly packaged creams and concoctions. 2258 W. 4th Ave.



CHRISTKINDLMARKT Quaff some *glühwein* and nibble on schnitzel or a salted German pretzel while shopping for unusual gifts at the Vancouver Christmas Market (to Dec. 24; page 13).