

GRAPE VINE

and Corin Raymond, otherwise known as The Undesirables, bring their bluesy sound to C'est What in Toronto, starting at 9 pm tonight.

Both graduates of Georgetown District High School, the duo are planning to release a new record of original music, rooted in the country-rock-blues sound.

For further information on tonight's showcase, phone Sean Cotton at (416)533-1141.

Winnie the Pooh at JET

Winnie the Pooh will be making two appearances at the John Elliott Theatre as the Optimist Club of Georgetown presents the Children's Theatre production of *Winnie The Pooh* on March 23.

Shows are scheduled at 2 and 4 pm. Tickets are available for \$5.50 each, at the JET box office, 877-3700.

Tickets will also be on sale at the Georgetown Marketplace Feb. 13 to 15, and March 10 to 15. Discounts are available the Marketplace.

V.O.C. meets

Dick Field, National Chair of the Voice of Canadians, will be speaking at a free public meeting at the Georgetown Optimist Club Hall, Feb. 19 at 8 pm.

The Voice of Canadians are holding this meeting in order to inform and educate the public as to the abuses by the government. Not a political party, VOC's mission is to uphold the fundamental freedoms of all Canadians.

The Optimist Hall is located on Hwy. 7, west of 22 Sideroad.

Undesirables tonight

Georgetown natives Sean Cotton

Cemetery Club at JET

Georgetown Little Theatre's production of *The Cemetery Club* is slated to take off Feb. 21 to 23 at John Elliott Theatre.

This is the second production of the year for the GLT.

For ticket information and show times, call the JET box-office at 877-3700.

Open House tonight

Georgetown's Palette and Pencil Guild is hosting an open house tonight at the Gallery of the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre.

The open house features the works of local artisans and is scheduled to begin at 7 pm.

Book-lovers unite

February is *I Love Books month* at both branches of the Halton Hills Public Libraries, and the staff is celebrating!

Each week the staff will hand special surprises to children who visit the library - a different surprise each week! Don't forget to ask for yours at the Information Desk of the Georgetown Branch.

Only In Georgetown

With Bill Ellis



Members of the Downtown 'Brain Trust' gathered recently to discuss various newsworthy items and some not so newsworthy items, which were part of the news never-the-less.

One member made what he hoped would be the last mention of Brian Mulrooney. He quoted a comment made on a recent airing of *The Royal Canadian Air Farce*, where they said that Brian Mulrooney suing Canada was like Jack the Ripper suing one of his victims for his own medical expenses.

Another member, who keeps up with the computer world, observed that at first glance, there seems to be many computer 'experts' out there. A second glance shows there are not nearly as many 'experts' as we thought, and a third look proves there are very few computer experts indeed. His comment of the month: He doesn't mind if his computer and his fax "interface" so long as they continue to work together!

There have been some shocking events on televised sports these days! One member noted that during a Florida Seminoles college football game, thousands of college students dressed like Indians. One student, dressed like an Indian brave, rode a pony around the field waving a feathered spear. Over 100,000 fans at the game, and not one placard

or demonstrator decrying these acts of discrimination against native Americans. The same is true when the Atlanta Braves play, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Washington Red Skins - no demonstrators. Our member could not believe the Americans would put up with this blatant discrimination. Had the Aboriginal-monickered athletic teams tried to play in Canada, the game would have been cancelled and the participants made to apologize and change their team names - immediately!

The committee appointed to study the demise of Hwy. 7 between Georgetown and Acton questioned the Chair as to whether they should continue their work, since most locals were now using the Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad to avoid the pot holes and cervices of Hwy. 7 already. The Chair urged the committee to continue their work in discovering why Hwy. 7 could not receive even basic repairs, even though two workers were spotted recently filling a few pot holes near Georgetown.

As reported to me, the Chair was heard to say, "Hope springs eternal."

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Time to clean my files again



The Way I See It

With Mike O'Leary

My annual malady has struck with a vengeance. I hab a code in ma heb! My brain cells refuse to concentrate on a topic for this week. They prefer to focus on keeping my sinuses producing gallons of nasal goop. Seems like a good time to clean out the old file of unused column topics.

Serial killer Clifford Olson has been granted a preliminary hearing date in his bid for early parole. He is taking advantage of Section 745 of the Criminal Code, which allows for early release for prisoners serving life sentences.

We are supposed to be mollified with assurances that he won't be successful. The parents of his victims will have to relive their trip to hell, but who cares? The rights of the criminal are paramount to the federal government.

The Liberals had an opportunity to repeal Section 745 last year and refused to do so. Memo to J. Reed: Thanks for nothing!

I found it hard to believe that a parent would be so callous as to endanger the life of a child by refusing to honour a ban on peanut butter. But that's what happened a few weeks ago in Toronto. A mother, on benefits, claims she can't afford to buy expensive luncheon meats or spreads for her kids. Her children are also picky eaters, but they like peanut butter. The fact there are several children highly allergic to peanuts at school is of a lesser concern.

First, I don't buy her claim of financial hardship. But since she brought it up, I'd be interested in learning if she smokes or drinks or has cable TV. Had she approached the school privately, I have no doubt the teachers would have helped her purchase suitable luncheon supplies.

Others have suggested that children with allergies should be segregated. Why? What have they done wrong? Is it such a big sacrifice to give up peanut butter when exposure to it could kill a child?

I have some pretty severe allergies which I can, thankfully, control with medication. I know, though, the panic that strikes when you bite into something and almost instantaneously feel hives rising on your body. In my case my lips and eyes also swell. And my allergies are nothing compared to kids who can die from exposure to a minute piece of a nut.

Political correctness has finally become too ridiculous for words. I was listening to the 6 pm news on CFRB about the ice fishermen stranded on Lake Simcoe. I couldn't believe my ears when the announcer referred to them as "ice fishers." Can't say fisherman you know.

I also saw the 11:00 TV news reports and can confirm that the vast majority of stranded fishermen were - well - men. I could tell by the five o'clock shadows on most of them. That, and the fact that most women I know have more brains than to sit in an oversized outhouse on a moving island of ice so they can drink beer.

The only "fissure" in this story is between the ears of the news writer who coined the phrase "ice fishers."

Have we seen the first chink in Teflon Jean's armour? A sitting M.P. from the Chatham area has announced he will not run again. His reason was the usual "spend more time with the family" stuff. But he also said he would probably run again if Paul Martin was PM instead of Chretien.

The papers have been reporting rumours of unrest in the Liberal caucus. I wonder: Are things getting rough for the Teflon Man?

Maurice Strong has been appointed by the U.N. to reform that organization. You may remember him as the chairman (chair thingie if you prefer) of Petro Canada and more recently, Ontario Hydro. While at Hydro he tried to control its escalating debt by buying South American rainforests and foreign power producers. Spend more to save appeared to be his strategy.

The Yanks are way behind in payments to the U.N. They are insisting on serious reforms to what they see as a bloated and wasteful bureaucracy before they come across with any more moolah.

Like many Ontarians I'm concerned about the massive changes to funding social services the Tories are rushing through. In the words of President Lincoln: "We must not accept as wisdom things which are only knowledge, nor embrace ideas as progress when they are only change."

Memo to Ted Chudleigh: Tread softly!

Mike O'Leary is a columnist for The Georgetown Gemini.

HEY!

Should the Maple Leafs trade Doug Gilmour or Felix Potvin?



"They should trade Gilmour but definitely not Tie Domi."
Brianna Gabet,
Daniela Court



"No, because Gilmour and Potvin are good."
Jesse Bellinger,
Daniela Court



"Yes, they need better players."
Brandon Gabet,
Daniela Court



"Uh-uh, (Gilmour) is the best on the team."
Zachary Young,
Georgetown