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You've been framed And David Vance did it cheerfully

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Staff Writer

You'll never catch David Vance in the wrong frame of mind. He's the amiable painter-framer who runs Four Winds' Galleries in Norval where his

talents have not only been put to picture framing and painting, but to tasteful renovation of the old bank which now houses his business. In a small amount of space 2,000 ready-made frames await wedding

portraits, diplomas, favorite oil paintings and first-earned dollar bills. But Mr. Vance is also a craftsman and custom framing is a specialty. "Everyone comes in with a different idea of what he wants", Mr. Vance said. "We also carry about 875 different sample corners." From the samples, he can order enough material to make frames of many unusual sizes.

FIRST SHOP
Moving from Scarborough, Mr. Vance and his wife, floral painter Caroline Vance, first set up their store in the Georgetown Marketplace in 1973.

Two years later, they bought an old bank at the corner of Guelph Street and Winston Churchill Boulevard in Norval. He restyled the outside with white siding and black window shutters.

In 10 years, he said, as he pointed to his invoice book, Four Winds has done over 8,000 frame jobs. In a Canada-wide competition among fellow tradesmen, Four Winds' Galleries placed fourth in quality and craftsmanship.

When he arrived in Georgetown, he was dividing his time between artwork and framing, travelling to 25-30 exhibitions a year around the globe.

PRIZED
He has been commissioned for paintings by large firms like Simpsons, and his studies of old landmarks in Halton Hills are highly prized. One of the most popular, he says, is his painting of the old Norval School. He has also done study of two barns once standing at the present site of the Georgetown Motor Inn.

Demands for his framing services have increased and cut into the time he can spend behind the easel. While people still frame photographs and paintings, they are also framing such three-dimensional objects as old baby boots and family heirlooms.



David Vance shows off one of the round frames which he has in stock at his gallery in Norval. The former Scarborough resident has been a native of this area for over 10 years and in that time has completed more than 6,000 framing projects for his customers. In addition to his framing work David is a competent and well-recognized artist.



Carol Wiebe is a newcomer to the Heritage Weavers but is already handling a table loom with considerable dexterity. The Heritage Weavers, associated with the Credit Valley Artisans, are among the many community organizations the

public is welcomed to meet at a special community open house this Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The event is being held at Holy Cross School.

(Herald photo)

Timely topics

Monte Carlo night

ACTON - The Georgetown Jaycettes are holding a Monte Carlo night March 2 in the Royal Legion Hall in Acton starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available from members or from Penniesworth in Georgetown and their cost includes gambling chips, chance on a \$300 elimination draw, buffet, door prizes. Music is by a disc jockey.

Spring concert

GEORGETOWN - The Choral Society is preparing for its spring concert April 13 and 15, when members will present three choral masterpieces with guest artists and a full orchestra.

Members recently enjoyed their Wine and Roses evening at which over 200 people heard Broadway music and solo performances by Paul Schwartz.

Mrs. Sidney Heller won the raffle. Paulette Thibault, next president for the group, was in charge of the evening.

Want to help?

GEORGETOWN - If you have some spare time and want to put it to good use the North Halton Volunteer Centre is looking for you.

The Heart Foundation needs letters typed, an annual campaign needs fund-raisers and the Acton Red Cross needs volunteers for clinics and as board members.

To find out how to help call the Centre at 877-3219.

Sex and porn

OAKVILLE - Sex education in schools and pornography will be the topics Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. for members of the Women of Halton Action Movement (WHAM) in the White Oaks Library on McCraney Street.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Red Cross kick-off

GEORGETOWN - The kick-off for the Red Cross's March campaign for funds has been set for Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in St. George's Anglican Church Hall.

Local talent will entertain, there will be door prizes and refreshments and all are welcome.

The campaign starts the next day, March 1, the start of Red Cross Month in Canada.

They'll visit Holy Land

As the chilly weather returns to Halton Hills at least 13 residents will be enjoying the warmer temperatures of the Holy Land.

Rev. David Cote of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in Georgetown and 12 other residents left Monday for nine days in the land of the Bible.

It's his first visit to the land where Jesus was born and died and he was excited and perhaps a trifle apprehensive at the same time.

"I'm hoping we won't be involved in any skirmishes", he said, referring to the political unrest that has plagued the Middle East for so



REV. DAVID COTE

many years. The group plans to visit Nazareth, Bethlehem, the River Jordan, Jerusalem and other holy sites from the Bible stories.

They will be returning to Georgetown March 5.

Magic show finds scouts unprepared

Despite their motto Be Prepared members of the Second Georgetown Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers were certainly not prepared for what happened to them at their parent and son banquet last Friday.

Mr. Magic, Danny Hamill of Oakville, was guest artist and his sleight-of-hand tricks

had the boys all baffled, especially Cub Erik Arnesen, who volunteered for the steel hoop trick.

The banquet was held to celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the scouting movement, and members met in St. George's Anglican Church Hall for the event.

Leah's trip to Ottawa perfect timing for her

Leah Smeaton couldn't be happier that Ottawa is hosting the World Figure Skating Championships in March.

The bubbly grade 11 student at Georgetown District High School is going to the nation's capital March 17-24.

Leah, 16, was selected along with 400 other young Canadians to tour Ottawa as part of an educational exchange offered by the federal government.



LEAH SMEATON

Leah is a Georgetown club figure-skater who was chosen from 18 students nominated by teachers at Georgetown District High School.

The program, called Forum For Young Canadians, offers students a chance to visit the House of Commons, the Senate and the Supreme Court of Canada. Leah will be taking part in a mock discussion and debate on the issue of immigration. She is hoping to meet

with Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid while in Ottawa.

SECRET HOPE
She is secretly hoping she'll have the opportunity to watch some figure-skating at the World Championships while she's in Ottawa.

Leah is a Georgetown club and inter-club champion for dance and she will be competing at the Central Ontario Sectionals in March one week before she travels to Ottawa.

Here's looking at you

Background: Aubrey (Sandy) Booth's involvement in Scouting stretches back 30 years and is marked by such achievements as being awarded Sea Scouting's Medal of Merit by Canada's Governor General in 1981.

Mr. Booth, 71, and his wife moved to Georgetown three years ago and he is now the North Halton District Scout Commissioner. Before retiring and moving to Ontario from Quebec, Mr. Booth was a 41-year employee with Canadian Marconi.

Hobbies: "My main hobby is kids—they keep you young," Mr. Booth said. But he is also an avid woodworker and his basement shop turns out furniture and "toys for the grand-children".

Good times: Camping anywhere. The

Booths have camped throughout Canada. Favorite Television Show: Football and hockey.

Favorite Author: Ellory Queen. "I like mysteries and the stories of Baden Powell". Weaknesses: "My pipe. I get kidded about it all the time."

Best About Life in Halton Hills: "It's not so hectic. You don't have to drive miles through a city to get out into the country."

Favorite Magazines: McLean's, Canadian Woodshop and Reader's Digest.

Favorite Music: "I like just about all kinds of music. I can be in the mood for classics right down to punk rock."



AUBREY BOOTH

ANI'S SONG

Three musketeers make my workdays more bearable

By ANI PEDERIAN
Staff Writer

So, what's it like working with three young men? Let me tell you.

Ever since I was hired by a former editor I've had to be on my toes.

At least twice I've innocently popped out of the darkroom to find them outside its door, hunched over and tiptoeing stealthily with a tape recorder. They claimed they were setting it up for an interview, but I'm not that dumb. I can read a guilty look when I see one. They were really trying to tape my humming in the darkroom. Tsk tsk.

There's a lot about these guys you'd never know unless you worked with them for as long as I have. Did you know for example, that sports editor Gerry Timbers is actually a "sensitive and caring individual"? He told me so

the first week I met him. Maybe he's already told you too. Sometimes I'm tempted to almost agree with him. I guess, after you've heard it as often as I have, you start to believe it. Isn't that what they call brainwashing in Communist countries?

And Chris, yes, Chris Aagaard our council beat reporter. Did you know he's not only a handyman with a welding torch and screwdriver, but also handy with a skinny silver sewing needle? Yes, Chris, the man of many hats, actually sews on his own fallen buttons and hems pant legs. Impressed? So was I. I'd always thought he was trying to show off how slim his ankles were or his new white socks.

Walking around our corner of The Herald office, I have to be careful everytime I'm closer than



Staff Comment

By
ANI PEDERIAN

two feet to Chris. No, he isn't a lecher. It's just that he's always tripping over the broccoli-colored office rug, and I'm afraid he'll sprawl into me on one of his short jogs. He doesn't do the long jogs any more, now that he's wearing suits and ties to the office and looking paternal.

Chris managed to trip me once in two and a half years, and the rug wasn't even there. We'd all gone for a noon-hour skate at the Gordon Alcott Arena and he deftly managed to fall, arms and legs askew, in front of me. Naturally, he gave me no time to aim my wobbly skates in another direc-

tion. Take my warning and keep a good body-length from Chris, unless you're good at martial arts and can flip him upright as he's heading in your direction.

As for Dave Rowney, well, how much can I reveal about this Steve Podborski look-alike? Not much, considering he's editor and this copy is going right under his Roman nose.

Dave's the guy who's always sending me out for interviews with the hard-of-hearing. I'm learning how to yell, but unfortunately none of my family appreciates my new talent. Oh well.

He's the broomball fanatic who makes his wife Wok suppers whenever he gets home before she does; which are rare occasions considering his workaholic drive.

Actually, Dave is the

trend-setter in our newsroom. The first of the boys to get hitched, he gave Chris the example and courage to do likewise the next year. Now that Dave's a homeowner, I keep hoping to catch Chris thumbing through the real estate section. No luck so far.

Be cautious when Dave offers you a ride. I'd heard it said Japanese cars are lightweight, but I'd never realized how true it was until I saw Dave picking out two handfuls of rust and bending open his passenger door for me. I never knew metal bent so easily. By summer the passenger side of his yellow Toyota should be fully air-conditioned, I'm willing to bet.

Of course, it doesn't hurt to have three kind-hearted guys around, with muscles you'd never guess

they had in their 26-year old frames—especially when your four-door Pontiac Parisienne is spinning its wheels at the bottom of The Herald parking lot and there's a foul-mouthed man yelling at you to move your XXXI car out of his path. I can't complain then.

It's not just my vehicle that's had the benefit of their service; all the "Starfleet Command", as Chris puts it, and visitors besides, have been pushed off The Herald lot, sometimes before they'd completed their business.

So, as long as I agree with Gerry that he's a "sensitive and caring individual", watch out whenever Chris looks prone to trip, and don't accept rides with Dave, we get along fine.