



Polka-roo!

Polkaroo and Gayle Richardson of T.V. Ontario's Polka Dot Door visited Georgetown Saturday to delight youngsters of all ages. The approximately \$800 raised by two 50-minute shows will be used by the Georgetown Figure Skating Club Precision Teams for competitions and skating outfits. (Herald photo)

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Throw Momma From The Train

By DIAHANN NADEAU
Herald Special

I hate to say it, but the best thing about *Throw Momma From The Train* is the title. The movie never lives up to its promise, and all the funny bits are in the previews we've been seeing in the last two months. This is a meandering plot with very uneven direction. It was a great idea, but somewhere along the road somebody screwed up.

The idea of this movie appealed to me the first time I heard about it. It is a comedic rewrite of the classic Hitchcock movie (based on Josephine Tey's novel), *Strangers on a Train*. This is one of my favorite Hitchcock films. The idea that two strangers meet and exchange murders so that the murderer has no motive and the suspect has an alibi is simply perfect. *Throw Momma From The Train* actually shows a scene from the film, committing the fatal error of drawing a comparison to a film classic and looking incredibly inept in contrast.

Owen Lift is a desperate son who lives with his mother, a woman who makes Godzilla look sweet-tempered and charming. Owen is taking a creative-writing class with Larry Donner, a blocked writer whose only resource is teaching. Larry hates his ex-wife. Owen hates his mother. Owen keeps writing murder stories that don't work.

Larry tells him to watch Hitchcock to find out how murder stories should work. Owen goes off to see - you guessed it - *Strangers on a Train*. Thus a brilliant murder plot is born. Except that Owen doesn't tell Larry when he is murdering his

wife and Larry has no chance to set up an alibi.

It sounds good on paper, but in this film the story drags dreadfully. Billy Crystal's Larry is a tedious bore, and Owen is a tad too sentimental to be a really great character. The simple plot outline I have just described takes up half of the movie. This is just too long and too silly. By the time the murdering starts the audience is ready to leave. After the murdering starts the movie manages to meander even more. (How, I asked myself, how could it get worse?) What a waste of time and talent.

This is the kind of movie that seems to go on forever, despite numerous false endings. It just goes on and on and on. And the pay-off is not worth the wait. I really didn't give a damn about Larry Donner and his endless self-pity and whining. I'm sure the film would have improved considerably if Mrs. Lift had more screen time and Larry had less. Mrs. Lift was a lot more fun.

Billy Crystal is Larry. It's hard to judge his performance when his character was such a wimp and running in all directions at once. Let's just say I've had my fill of Crystal for the year. Danny DeVito is Owen, the rotund maniac with murder on his mind. DeVito is funny, and Owen is a much more interesting character than Larry. But the best thing about the movie is Anne Ramsey's Momma.

She is divinely hideous, delightfully nasty and astonishingly ugly. She also has one of the greatest voices I have ever heard in films. Her voice is full of venom and contempt. No wonder Owen wants to murder his Momma. So would any other child of this beast in mother's clothing.

Danny DeVito directed this, his first effort I believe. He has a lot to learn about direction. The script is a jumbled mess and the movie falls apart after the first few minutes. It is unfortunate that so little has been made out of such promising material. I should have just watched *Strangers on a Train* again. It would be a lot more satisfying. But I would have missed Momma.

Family trouble in thriller Pack of Lies

By MELANIE NIXON
Herald Special

What would you do if your dearest friends were suspected of criminal behavior, and you were pressured into participating in the detection of their guilt? The ensuing emotional and ethical trauma is what the Jackson family must face in the exciting espionage thriller, *Pack of Lies*, performed by Georgetown Little Theatre Feb. 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27. There will also be a benefit performance on Feb. 18 for the Hospice Association.

Pack of Lies, written by Hugh Whitmore, is based on actual events which took place in a London, England suburb in 1960-61. The case was a sensational and absorbing one in itself, but what Mr. Whitmore found even more intriguing was the psychological aspects and emotional impact of the personal side of the ordeal.

The question is one of loyalty vs. betrayal, of honesty vs. deceit. It is also a question of one's power of choice. Could the Jacksons have refused to co-operate with their government in order to maintain their personal friendship? *Pack of Lies* is a fascinating exploration of human conscience, and a real treat for connoisseurs of theatrical thrillers.

The cast, in order of appearance, are: Bob Jackson (played by David Clifton), Barbara Jackson (Joyce Holland), Julie Jackson (Jill Windsor), Helen Kroger (Joan Andrews), Peter Kroger (Michael Hall), Stewart (Ashley Windsor), Thelma (Lori Kenner) and Sally (Cathy Harris).

Producer Dorothy Hunt and director Neville Worsnop have worked together on numerous productions in the past, and have come to be affectionately dubbed the "dynamic duo". They will be lending their expertise again to ensure that this excellent docu-thriller receives the distinction it deserves.

If you like to be thrilled, GLT would like to oblige you! For tickets to see *Pack of Lies*, contact the box office at 877-3700.

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Art exhibit

The artists of Halton Hills will be preparing a special exhibit for art lovers. The Palette and Pencil Club is holding its annual Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre display Jan. 26 - Feb. 21. The official opening is Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. The exhibit will be open to the public during regular gallery hours.

Trip winners

Ron and Marguerite Hulme are the lucky winners of a trip voucher worth \$1,500 in the Optimist Club of Georgetown monthly draw. With the winning ticket number 150 the Hulme family can travel to any area available through TWG Travel Inc. of Georgetown. Another Georgetown resident, Marg Appleyard, won the consolation prize which is \$120 in the draw. She held ticket number 103. All proceeds from the draw are returned to the community through Optimist projects. The next draw will be held Feb. 9. For more information call 877-0287.

Singles dance

A singles club dance is being planned for every Sunday at the Milton Optimist Centre, 311 Commercial Street in Milton from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets cost \$7.50 per person and include dinner and dancing. There is a dress code and all singles are welcome.

Support bowler

The Town of Halton Hills and the town council passed a resolution proclaiming the week Feb. 13-20 as Bowl for Millions Week in the town of Halton Hills.

The annual Bowl for Millions helps raise the necessary funds to maintain the Big Brothers of Halton, a non-profit organization, throughout the year.

Citizens of the Halton Hills communities are urged to show their support for this fundraiser by either bowling in the Bowl for Millions or by sponsoring a bowler.

For further information regarding the Bowl for Millions, contact Big Brothers of Halton at 876-4756 or 845-6456.

Legion ladies

By MID BRUNSKI
Herald Special

Your meeting this Thursday should be a highly entertaining affair as our zone commander, Muriel Peck, will be visiting with us and she is always a delight.

District bowling on Jan. 9 saw the team of Marion Carney, Nikki Carney, Jean Foster, Leanne Hall, Hazel Dumper and Anne Nicholson come in third. Well done ladies. This team will now go on to district. This past Saturday saw zone crib in Georgetown with the following teams from town placing as follows:

First, Rita Rudiger and Ruby Baillie; Second, Mary Russell and Ray McAusland; Fourth, Leona Postlethwaite and Bernadene Kavanagh. Congratulations to all our players. Remember to keep Jan. 30 open for zone darts in Cooksville.

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Jazz show fundraiser helps school music trip

The popular Dixieland band, The Toronto Jazzmakers, will be lending their support to the GDHS Stage Band and Jazz Choir with a benefit concert at the John Elliott Theatre Feb. 4.

clarinet, Brian Towers on trombone, Jack King on banjo, Dennis Elder on drums and Janet Shaw on piano.

There are still good reserved seats available at Neil's Music Centre, Oxbow Books or by phoning 877-0666 (days), and 877-0331 (evenings).

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Legion Lines
By JIM HAYES

CAR CLUB: Jan. 14 winners - 003 Bill Kirk, 485 Gerald Williams, 335 Dan Peggle, 454 Bob Burns, 253 Bruce Greenwood, 267 Sue Lloyd.

FRIDAY NIGHT EUCIURE: Jan. 15 - Another good turnout, the following had the right cards at the right time. 1st ladies, Marjorie Tutty, 2nd Trudy Paul, Marlene Haskins, Most Lone Hands. Men, first Oliver Scragg, 2nd Doug Amber, Ross West, Most Lone Hands.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW: Winners - Bruce Collins, Harry Allen, Joe Martin, John Thibault, Dennis McCartney, David Bell, Hank Russell, Peg Lewis, Lieth McHugh, Terry Langford, Bob McBean. Cliff Glaude won the roast.

ENTERTAINMENT: Jan. 23 Sonic, Feb. 6 Ken and Hazel, Jan. 30 Mini-Bingo in the clubroom, Bob and Corey.

SPORTS: Zone B7 Five-Pin Bowling, at Branch 114 Oakville, on Saturday Jan. 30, see sports notice board in the clubroom.

1,683 charged

Ontario Provincial Police officers have checked 369,403 drivers in the Christmas/New Year anti-impaired driving campaign and charged a total of 1,683 motorists with alcohol-related Criminal Code of Canada driving offences in R.I.D.E. checks and general patrols.

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