

# Lounging around - Texas style



Candi bopped her way across the stage at Club 2000 on Wednesday for her final dress rehearsal preceding a year-long tour set to kick off at Ontario Place. Candi sang most of her hits from her hit album in the hour and a half long set. (Herald photo)

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Once Ballinacres resident Joe Pinto walked on to the stage of the OV club in Toronto and hit that first bluey note on his harmonica, the audience knew they were in the presence of a lounge lizard... Texas style that is.

In true Texas fashion, Pinto, who was dressed in black and wore dark shades and a pair of tan skin cowboy boots, took to the stage with the three other members of the "Texas Lounge Lizards" on a hot muggy night last Thursday.

The band opened with a scorching rendition of the famous rockin' blues favorite, "Messing with the Kid." And the three set show didn't end until the band rocked and swooned through a number of selections including covers of tunes made famous by the likes of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Lynard Skynard and the Downchild Blues Band. The band also played several of their own compositions.

Some of the tunes played included Ain't that a pity, Love to Burn and I'll take you back.

The show was evenly paced with a good mixture of boogie and slower bluesy tunes.

Thankfully, the musicians avoided drowning the audience with an onslaught of self-indulgent solos. But when fitting, the musicians showed why the harmonica,

guitar, base guitar and drums are what rock 'n roll and the blues are all about.

The Lounge Lizards are sched-



Joe Pinto of the Texas Lounge Lizards sings the blues at OV's in Mississauga last Thursday night. Georgetown will get a chance to see the Ballinacres resident and the rest of the group perform Texas-style rock 'n roll this Saturday night at Kasper's Classic Cafe on the corner of Mountainview Road and Guelph Street. (Herald photo)

ed to perform at Kasper's Classic Cafe in Georgetown this Saturday night. The Lizards will be the first live act ever to perform at the cafe.

In an interview between sets at OV's, Pinto explained that the two-year old band plays mainly blues-based rock and roll.

"You don't have to be a scientist to like it," he said.

Pinto said the musicians in the band are all past the stage where they feel compelled "to go nuts."

All are either in their late 20s or 30s, Pinto said.

The band's mature playing trademark style is what it will bring to Kasper's Saturday night, he said. Pinto said Georgetown lacks a professional setting where professional live acts appealing to an older crowd can play.

Pinto is hopeful the Kasper show will encourage the continued booking of live music at the cafe because "it is a nice place to play and watch live entertainment." But this depends on the show's success. The owners want to see if the town will support live music, Pinto said.

The band brings with it not only the accumulated experience gained from years performing with other bands but also that gained from touring extensively as a band throughout southern Ontario. The band is also in the midst of lining up a major recording deal, Pinto said.

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