

EDITORIAL

The loss of two

Two of the art world's great performers died Wednesday. Rudolf Nureyev — a legend of ballet — and Dizzy Gillespie — a legend of the jazz world.

In headlines throughout daily newspapers both men were called giants in their respective fields.

Both men are credited with several firsts in their fields -- Nureyev, the first male superstar of ballet; Gillespie, the inventor of bebop.

Both were known for their unique style and flair and most of all love of their art form.

Some have said that Nureyev may not have been as technically precise a dancer as contemporary Mikhail Baryshnikov, but during the 60s and 70s his antics off stage -- a series of arrests for things like dancing up Toronto's Yonge Street and taking a swing at a police officer -- kept ballet in the limelight.

Dizzy's goatee, puffed cheeks and bent horn were as unforgettable as his innovative style and amazing solos. He also wrote an incredible string of tunes that continue to be jazz mainstream.

It seems almost ironic that the world lost these two men to the two plagues of our time. One died as a result of complications from AIDS, the other was taken by cancer.

Both men continued to be very active almost until the time of their deaths. Nureyev made his last appearance last year in Paris. He died at the age of 54.

Gillespie toured the world last year giving 200 performances and travelling an estimated 300,000 miles. He died in his sleep at 75.

Both were known for their inspiration of up-and-coming performers.

But they were known not only within the realm of their fields but to the common public. Ask someone who they know as a ballet dancer or jazz musician and the names Rudolf Nureyev and Dizzy Gillespie will likely come up.

It was that high public profile and love of their art form that made both men greats.

Lake Cedarvale?



Recent heavy rains left Cedarvale Park looking more like Cedarvale Lake. With the high-water levels, local streams and rivers are more dangerous than usual, for area children. Photo by Laura Salverda

Road overhaul causes concerns

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your report on the proposed overhaul of Mountainview Road through Hungry Hollow, which raises major concerns.

Can the Town of Halton Hills/Georgetown seriously consider spending a minimum of \$10-million (in reality, probably an amount much closer to the \$29-million mentioned as high estimate) for the sake of reducing the grade through a short stretch of Mountainview Road? Isn't this a hidden cost of developing the area south of the Hungry Hollow, which should have been considered prior to the approval of any development plans for that area?

To put things in perspective: council turned down the proposal to purchase the old CN-rail property between Georgetown and Terra Cotta, which was offered to the town for \$5,000 and constituted a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a walking and cross country ski trail for this and future generations. The minimum price tag for the Mountainview Road project would have bought that property 2,000 (two thousand) times over, not even counting the long term debt service cost.

Hungry Hollow would certainly

live up to its name. It would have to be fed with tax dollars for many years.

By the way, these concerns would not be addressed through an

assurance that federal or provincial subsidies would be available for the project. It would still be our tax money or rather our future tax liability.

Sincerely yours,
Eckart Scheuing

Blood donors generous

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Georgetown & District Red Cross, I would like to wish everyone in Halton Hills a prosperous New Year, especially all of the kind and generous blood donors who showed up at our Christmas clinic in Acton on December 17/92. 1993 has the possibility of being a much healthier and happier year for a few unknown people because of the generosity 151 Acton area residents who gave the gift of life.

The clinic was a great success! 151 people showed up and 146 units of blood were collected. We had many first time donors this time. Congratulations to Bobby Andrews Jr., Billie Wainwright, Roger Roach, Jennifer Leonard, Christina Trotter, Matthew Gerhard, Anna Marie Hillier, David Forbes and LeAnne Taylor. They all gave the gift of life for the first time. (We hope to see all of you back again this year.)

Of course, the clinic could not

have been the success it was without all of the volunteers who took part and the sponsor, Walker Masonic Lodge. A special thank you goes to the 1st Acton Pathfinders: Shannon Inglis, Katie Tuitman, Suzy Neary, Leah Linton and Rachelle Taylor, who provided the babysitting for the younger kids. Everyone wanted to help out at this clinic. Even Santa Claus took time out from his preparations to say hello to the donors. Thanks, Santa!

If you missed the opportunity to give blood at the December clinic, please consider yourself invited to our next clinic on March 25/93. We'd love to see you there.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Sandra L. Moon
Acton Red Cross Blood
Donor Committee

Thanks from Army cadets

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the Georgetown Marketplace and the local merchants who allowed #676 Army Cadets to hold a tag weekend in and on their premises the weekend of 10/11/12 December 1992. Without their community spirit and cooperation events like this would be most difficult to achieve.

Also a big thank-you to the people of Georgetown for their generosity. We are able to take more recruits on our Spring Training Program. Young people, male/female over the age of 12 and looking to put some adventure in your life! Get fit, meet new friends, it's fun ... it's free. Come to the Georgetown Armory, #1 Park Street on any Wednesday night at 7 p.m. or phone 877-3311 Wednesdays between 7 and 9:30 p.m. Daytime call 877-4215.

Sincerely,
Captain John H. Harrison, CD
Commanding Officer

Letters Welcomed

Halton Hills This Week welcomes your letters. Letters must be signed and include your full name and address. Names will be withheld on request.

Halton Hills This Week reserves the right to edit, revise, or reject any letters on the basis of factual

errors, punctuation, spelling errors or as a result of space limitations.

Send your letter to:

The Editor
Halton Hills This Week
232 Guelph St., Unit 9
Georgetown, ON
L7G 4B1

Halton Hills THIS WEEK

Halton Hills This Week, Weekend Edition, is published every Saturday at 232 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4B1, and is printed in Oakville by Q.E. Web Printing.

In the event of typographical error advertising goods or services at wrong price, goods or services may not be sold. Advertising is merely an offer to sell which may be withdrawn at any time.

PUBLISHER: Ken Bellamy
REAL ESTATE MANAGER: Kathy Toth
EDITOR: Scott Kline
CIRCULATION MANAGER: Marie Shadbolt
PRODUCTION MANAGER: Kathleen Topolsek
HALTON HILLS THIS WEEK IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED.
PHONE: 873-2254 FAX: 873-3918

For Pete's Sake



by Roe