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YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN HALTON

Killing Kind:

The new Jack Peterson Murder Mystery

By ANN KORNUKA

Lieutenant Jack Peterson once more finds evil in his small rural community- a *Killing Kind* is another saga in the spine-chilling world of homicide investigation. Through his eyes, Peterson unravels the darker side of the human mind- the madness of the serial killer. What drives this kind of killer? How do they rationalize their actions? A day at the office for Jack is another day of intrigue, lies and danger.

A *Killing Kind* is the third installment in David Wickes' series focusing around the life and crimes inside a tight knit rural community in Minnesota - not unlike the small town of Moffat where the author now lives. It's a chilling story of serial murder that asks startling questions. What drives people to commit such frightening crimes? This Halton author drags the reader behind the eyes of Detective Jack Peterson, playing out every tantalizing detail. Each character is given a moment in the spot light placing the reader close to the action as it unfolds into a plot of precision and cutthroat suspense.

How does David Wickes have insight into the minds of the men and women investigating these crimes and the killers especially when he lives in the real world of Halton not the diabolical world Jack Peterson lives in Minnesota? It all started on frequent business travels back and forth from Ontario and Minnesota over the span of 9 years and becoming captivated by his own imagination and love for mysteries. It was only six years ago that David decided to sit down and begin his work on writing tales of suspense. Three books later there is no end in sight. Working with both local and USA law officials, Wickes relies heavily on his contacts from both worlds to formulate the research needed for each story as accurately as possible.

Currently David Wickes is signing copies of his new book, *Killing Kind* in numerous locations around Halton- next upcoming signing is to be held Friday October 1st at the Milton Mall 4pm to 7pm.

David Wickes' entertaining style is to be found in his other two books *Killing Time* and *Killing Cold*. This third

installment of crime and thrilling murder deserves investigation.

Excerpt

She carefully unlocked the door and quietly eased it open a crack to peer out. All was quiet. Not a sound. There was no sign of Richard. She opened the door a little further to be able to look back down the hall to her bedroom. Nothing. She slowly opened the door fully, took one step out, and looked up and down the hall. Still no Richard. Wendy decided to back down the hall to her bedroom so she could keep an eye on the front of the apartment. He had to be in the living room or kitchen and she didn't want any surprise attack catching her off guard.

Step by step, she slowly moved down the hall, hands on the wall for guidance and balance. The only sound was the stereo, which she could now make out. It was soft and muted. Where the hell was he? She could talk to him, stall him until she made the call.

Something rubbed against her back leg, startling her but she realized it was just the small table set halfway down the hall. Luckily the flower vase hadn't fallen. She let out a sigh and took a deep breath before moving around the table.

"Hey Richard. Sorry I left like that, be out in a sec." She tried to sound calm but it came out a little too loud.

No response. She resumed her backward trek, one step at a time. Deliberate and slow.

"Richard, you okay?"

Silence.

She felt the doorframe, began backing into her room. The phone was on a table beside the bed. Only a few more steps.

The pain was unbearable. The knife plunged into the back of her neck. She reached up to grab it. Strong arms wrapped around her in a strangle hold. Wendy felt warm blood trickling down her back. She started to fall forward but regained her balance. Throw him, it's an easy move. Why wasn't this working?

He was strangling her but she knew how to get out of the hold. She tried to make the move. Something was stopping her. Her legs were getting weaker. Her strength was waning. Gradually she lost consciousness.

The Girl Next Door:

Rated 18A for strong sexual content, language and some drug/alcohol use. Starring: Emile Hirsch, Elisha Cuthbert, Nicholas Downs

"Matthew and his neighbour quickly fall head over heels in love. Their relationship is put to the test when he discovers that she used to be a porn star."

What's On in Oakville

Three Generations, One Show

J. Estall, K. Estall, L. Estall
Until September 4
Sovereign House,
7 West River St., Bronte
(905) 845-2157

A group show featuring internationally distributed artist Lyn Estall, her son and granddaughter, who while still pre-school-aged is already following in the family footsteps.

Oakville's Black History Exhibit

until September 6
Learn all about Oakville's role in the Underground Railroad. For many escaped slaves, the Oakville Harbour represented their first view of Canada and realized dream of new found freedom.

Cost: Regular admission.
Oakville Museum is open during the summer Tuesdays to Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Fridays 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., and weekends 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oakville Museum is located in downtown Oakville at 8 Navy St., just south of Lakeshore Road.
Call (905) 338-4400; or visit www.oakvillemuseum.com.

Top 10 Rentals

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES

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1. Taking Lives
2. The Girl Next Door
3. Kill Bill Vol. II
4. The Laws of Attraction
5. Ella Enchanted
6. Godsend
7. Hidalgo
8. 13 Going on 30
9. The Prince & Me
10. Starsky & Hutch

Ella Enchanted:

Rated PG for some crude humour and language. Starring: Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy, Cary Elwes, Minnie Driver

"Ella cannot refuse any commands- which gets her into trouble. To regain control of her life, Ella must outwit a kingdom of ogres and giants, and if she's lucky, she might find love along the way."

film review

By LAURA COOK

Little Black Book

Cast - Cathy Bates, Brittany Murphy, Holly Hunter, Ron Livingston and a cameo appearance by Carly Simon.
Directed by: Nick Hurran

Released on August 6th, this seemingly romantic comedy didn't exactly win me over with the flashback technique that begins the film. Brittany Murphy opens the story sitting in her old Beetle belly aching to the audience about her life gone wrong. With the entire movie operating on the premise of a flashback, Stacey (Brittany) begins telling the tale of landing her new job at the Kippie Kann Do show as associate producer. Just as Stacey gains one step closer to achieving her dream of working with Diane Sawyer, Murphy's Law kicks in and she begins to question her relationship with her boyfriend.

Though initially sure that her beau Derek is "the one", his commitment-phobic attitude starts to throw off Stacey's certainty. A pitch at work for a show on electronic organizers heaves Stacey into spy mode when she finds out that Derek has been keeping past relationships from her. With the help of another producer, Barb (Holly Hunter), Stacey digs up all the dirt she can find on her zipped lip boyfriend. His palm pilot becomes Stacey's new best friend in hunting down Derek's ex-girlfriends and understanding his hidden past. Derek's life slowly unravels in front of Stacey's eyes, revealing more than she expects. Eventually all of Derek's past and present girlfriends end up together at a Jerry Springer type showdown that finishes the story. The result is a hilarious comedy that is enough to scare the pants off any man who dares to carry a little black book!

The film is rated PG-13, for sexual content/humor and language so it is not recommended for small children. The story deals with adult content such as bulimia and sexuality however the narrative is presented in a tasteful manner. With intermittent scores of music from Carly Simon, the film finishes happily with a guest appearance from the singer/songwriter herself.

Also, Beginning August 24 pre-order Star Wars Trilogy and get a limited edition retro style theatrical release poster, exclusive to Rogers Video. \$5 deposit required. Trilogy available September 21, 2004 while supplies last.

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