

The Long Weekend

Burloak Theatre's new comedy of manners

The Burloak Theatre Group will present their forthcoming production, *The Long Weekend*, at the Centre for the Performing Arts, Navy Street, Oakville from October 8-17. This comedy is by well-known Canadian author, Norm Foster.

Two couples are about to spend a weekend in a luxurious lakefront residence in the Muskokas. Max, a successful lawyer, and his wife, Wynn, a therapist and writer of self-help books, have invited long-time friends of fifteen years, Abby and Roger to their country retreat. Roger, who has given up his job as a teacher to pursue writing, has so far managed half a screenplay. Abby manages a successful ladies-wear business.

The poster and programme suggest a cheerful, idyllic weekend in luxurious surroundings, an impression furthered by our first sight of the stage set. However, our vision of a serene country idyll among friends is shattered by Max's opening line - a sentiment echoed later by Roger. And events spiral off from there.

Max thinks Roger is jealous of his success; Roger is still annoyed at being stiffed for drinks a year ago. The ladies, expressing undying friendship, nevertheless manage to make a few sweet but cutting comments.

The truth and lies of a friendship come to the surface in this fast-moving, witty comedy of manners.

The play is produced and directed by husband and wife team, Micki and Jim Clemens who have worked together since the late 60's. In the past six years, Jim has produced several shows with Burloak, while Micki has worked mainly backstage. She recently produced her first show for the Burloak Theatre Group, the highly successful *I Remember Mama*.

Tickets can be obtained by calling the Box Office at 905-815-2021, toll free 1-888-489-7784, or online at www.oc4pa.com. There is a discount for seniors and students on Wednesday October 14.

Mary displays 'Dairy Days' gone by



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Mary Campbell, who has been a member of the Nelson Women's Institute for about 50 years, also helps up at the Milton Fall Fair. This year she is in charge of setting up a dairy display at the Fair that will feature items associated with dairy farming. Here Mary is holding up a milk scale. Other items that will be part of the display include a milk can, a Silverwood's milk bottle, a basket used for making cottage cheese, a butter press, a butter churn, and a skimmer for skimming butter. "Dairy Days" is the theme of this year's fair.

Oakville Roundup

BY ALLISON DEMPSEY

No-build bylaw in core areas North of Highway 5

A plan to put a freeze on construction for a one-year period in mixed use areas in North Oakville implements an "interim control bylaw" for one year from Monday to prevent landowners in defined areas from constructing a building on their property or an addition to an existing building. The purpose of the bylaw is to allow time for a study to be conducted of the Urban Mixed Use Areas as shown in the Preliminary Draft North Oakville East and West Secondary Plans.

New name for OTMH foundation

The Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) Charitable Corporation has a new look and a new name - Oakville Hospital Foundation. The name change is meant to facilitate the public's recognition of the hospital's fundraising organization and to increase community awareness of it.

Places to Grow

About 200 people attended a meeting that looked at the Province's recently released growth management strategy discussion paper, *Place to Grow: Better Choices, Brighter Future*, a document aimed at stopping urban sprawl and focusing compact development on 11 priority urban centres and 15 emerging urban centres. Downtown Oakville has been listed as a priority urban centre.

Olympians get heroes welcome

The Town of Oakville hosted a reception to congratulate Oakville's

Olympians on their achievements at the Olympic Games in Athens. A motorcade carrying the athletes Oakville natives Adam van Koeverden (Gold and Bronze medallist), Oskar Johansson and Andrew Hurd travelled to downtown Oakville's Centennial Square for the official reception.

Helping Hurricane Ivan victims

Two Oakville shops are now taking donations to help assist with the relief effort being mounted for the people of the Caribbean in the wake of Hurricane Ivan. The Oakville Island Food Mart at 117 North Service Rd. E., is taking donations of dried and canned food, clothing, water and candles. Also accepting donations is Creative Plus Hair Salon next door to the food mart. Donation boxes will be available at the Oct. 2 Carousel of Nations multicultural event to be held at Oakville Town Hall at 1225 Trafalgar Rd., from 11 am. to 11 pm.

Lottery offers three \$100,000 prizes

The Great Dream Lottery, now in its 10th year, has raised more than \$7.1 million for the community. This year's proceeds will support the purchase of diagnostic equipment for Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH), cardio rehabilitation equipment for the Oakville YMCA, scholarships and bursaries at Sheridan College, and the Community Foundation of Oakville (CFO) Youth and Recreation Fund. The three cash prizes of \$100,000 each

replace the dream homes that were given away in past years. Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-877-883-3300, or (416) 883-3300.

Resident artist to explore Oakville's open space

Vancouver-based Kirsten Forkert will take up residence on the second floor of the Gairloch House above the Oakville Galleries in Gairloch Gardens as she completes her project about public spaces and how we use it. Forkert is the third artist to take part in the OG's Sitescope residency program.

More West Nile mosquitoes in Oakville

The Halton Region Health Department received confirmation Monday of another southeast Oakville mosquito trap testing positive for West Nile virus (WNV). It was the third positive result from a mosquito trap in southeast Oakville in the past month. The finding suggests there may be increased WNV activity in the area bounded approximately by Sixteen Mile Creek, the QEW, Winston Churchill Boulevard and Lake Ontario. To protect yourself from the virus: wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made of densely woven material including long sleeves, pants, socks and a hat; use a mosquito repellent containing DEET; ensure window and door screens are in good condition. To report dead birds or for information about WNV, call the health department at (905) 825-6000; toll

free 1866-4HALTON; or visit the website at www.region.halton.on.ca/health

Upcoming Events

The Oakville and District Humane Society's 4th annual walk-a-thon takes place on Saturday, September 25. Walkers can choose from one of three routes, all beginning at the Town of Oakville Municipal Buildings located at 1225 Trafalgar Rd. For more information about Paws for the Cause, or to make a donation, call (905) 845-1551, visit the Society at 445 Cornwall Rd., or go online at www.oakvillehumane.ca

On Saturday, October 23, Jon Simon, one of North America's foremost contemporary Jewish musical artists, will perform at the Shaarei-Beth El Congregation, 186 Morrison Rd., in a benefit concert for the synagogue at 8 p.m. Patron Tickets are \$36. Senior and Student Tickets are \$25. VIP Tickets are \$75. For further information contact (905) 849-3929.

Kory Livingstone, a 2000 Juno Nominee for Best Jazz Performer, will be featured September 25 at the Hearthside Dinner and Music Series at the Halton Region Museum. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call (905) 875-2200 ext. 21 for more information.