

## Where's the justice in our justice system?

**D**o you remember the name ViVi Leimonis? You're forgiven if you don't, since it's been more than five years since the 23-year-old Toronto woman was thrust into the headlines.

On April 5, 1994 Leimonis was enjoying a late night snack at the Just Desserts Cafe in downtown Toronto when a group of young gun-toting thugs burst through the doors and turned the cozy cafe into a living hell.

In the few minutes of madness that followed, Leimonis was brutally shot and left to die in a pool of blood.

The bandits were arrested shortly after but it is only this week— more than five years after Leimonis was shot— that the jurors are being selected for the trials of the accused— Lawrence Brown, O'Neil Grant and Gary George Francis. A fourth accused, Emile Mark Jones, was arrested five months after the slaying and won bail more than three years later. Manslaughter and robbery charges against him were stayed in January of last year after a lengthy legal battle.

Brown, now 32, is facing a first-degree murder charge along with 12 counts of robbery. Grant and Francis, both 27, face one count of manslaughter each and 12 robbery charges.

Legal wrangling is the kind way to describe why it has taken so long to bring these accused men before a judge and jury. I prefer to call it something else... something that is not fit for a family newspaper.

To put it in perspective, when Leimonis was killed Bob Rae was premier of Ontario, Bill Clinton was in the middle of his first term as U.S. president and Forest Gump had just won the Oscar for best movie.

For five years Leimonis' family and friends have been unable to put this tragedy behind them. They have not been able to see justice done. They have not been able to see

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anyone convicted and sentenced for the murder of their daughter.

Yes, justice is blind, but in this country it is sometimes painstakingly slow and cruel to the victims' families.

I understand an accused has rights that must not be trampled on and defence lawyers must work in the best interest of their clients. But, I wonder how "just" is our system when a young woman is killed and five years elapses before her accused killers are brought before a court?

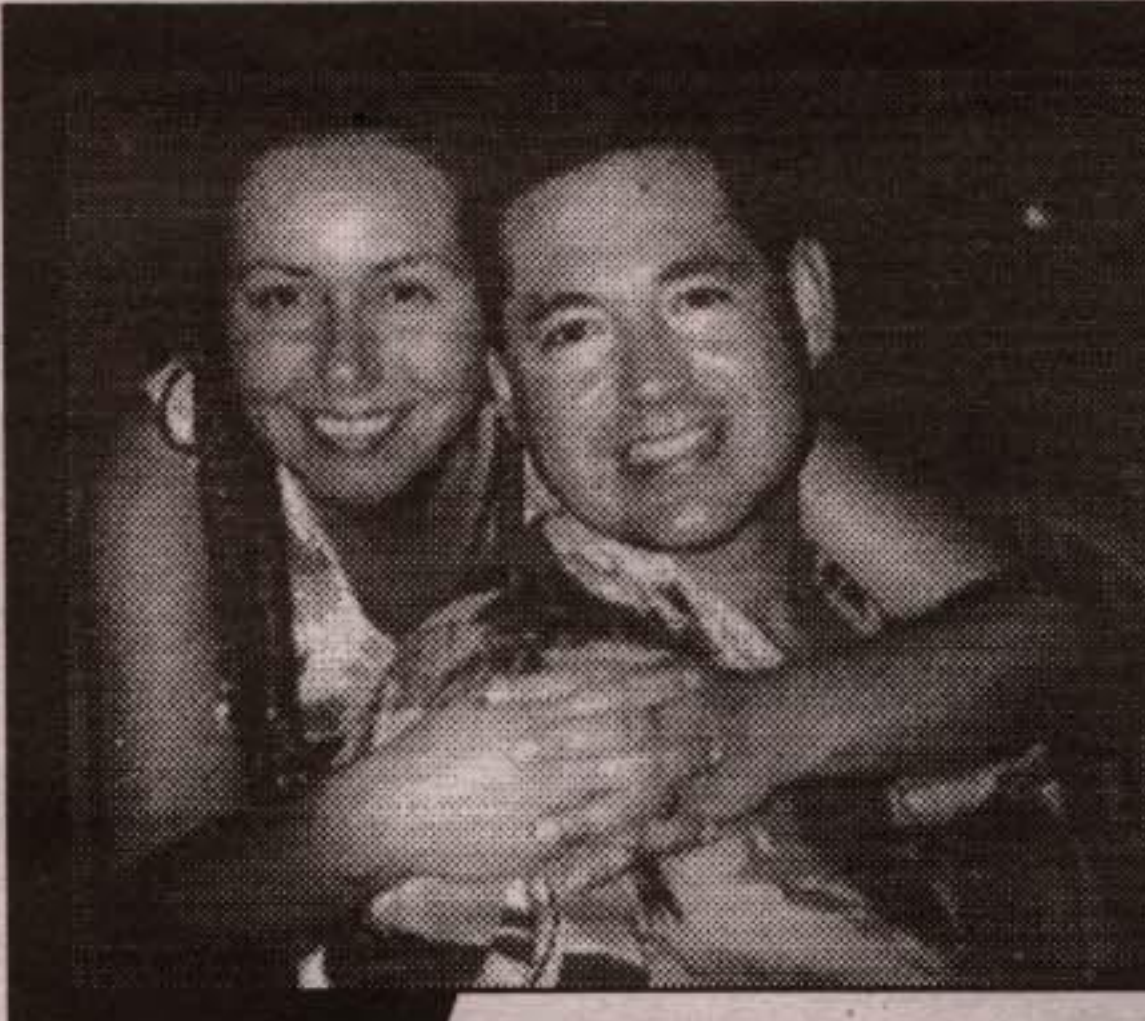
If these men are guilty, I hope the time they've spent in jail awaiting trial has been as unpleasant as possible. I hope they've suffered both mentally and physically. And, if found guilty, I hope they suffer even more.

Lord knows, the Leimonis family has.

### Dis 'n Data

I don't know about you, but I think that if a garbage bag rips open when the trash collectors pick it up from your curb, the onus is on them to clean up the mess... This is the best time of year for two reasons: the NHL play-offs are just around the corner and golf courses are open... With apologies to food writers Lori and Gerry Kentner, the hottest recipe in our house is the one for "Nana cookies". It's a dog cookie made with wheat germ, powdered milk and baby food, among other things, that wifey and her mom have been making for our "kids" who go nuts for them.

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## Guide to the Outdoors

Julie Pomeroy

From now until mid-May is the best opportunity for canoeists and kayakers to paddle the Credit River. After that time, the Credit becomes shallow and the canoeing season is virtually over except for certain sections. Keep in mind that the water is still icy cold and precautions should be taken. Minimum Required Safety Equipment to be carried in your boat includes a buoyant heaving line of not less than 15 m in length in addition to the other necessities. Checkout the Canadian Coast Guard Web Site at [www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca](http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca) or the Boating Safety Info Line at 1-800-267-6687 for new rules & regulations.



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