

Arts & Entertainment



Lots of laughs expected at Chalet next Friday

Local comic to entertain hometown crowd

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The Champion

Everybody has heard that laughter is the best medicine. Miltonian Mo Ozdemir is inviting fellow residents to put that saying to the test next week.

Next Friday from 7 to 9:30 p.m., the Grand Chalet restaurant at 324 Steeles Ave. will host a comedy night starring Mr. Ozdemir and his comedy troupe.

The night will begin with a three-course dinner and will follow with tons of laughs, Mr. Ozdemir said. Anyone who has seen the popular TV show 'Whose Line is it Anyway?' will understand the format of the night.

For those who haven't, the night will be composed of Mr. Ozdemir and his four-person troupe doing improvisation comedy in a number of games and sketches.

Audience interaction will be the key to a fun-filled evening, Mr. Ozdemir said.

"It's them that makes it all work," he said. "We just put the glue on to hold it all together."

The comedy team — called Laughter Birth — has trained at the famous Toronto Second City comedy club, where funny men John Candy and Martin Short cut their comedic teeth.

Laughter Birth has performed in various venues in Toronto like Yuk Yuk's in front of enthusiastic crowds, Mr. Ozdemir said. They're also featured on FM 89.5 every Saturday from 11 a.m. until noon.

Excited about local show

As a Milton resident for 23 years, Mr. Ozdemir said he knows this is a different type of show to bring to Milton. And he's excited about that.

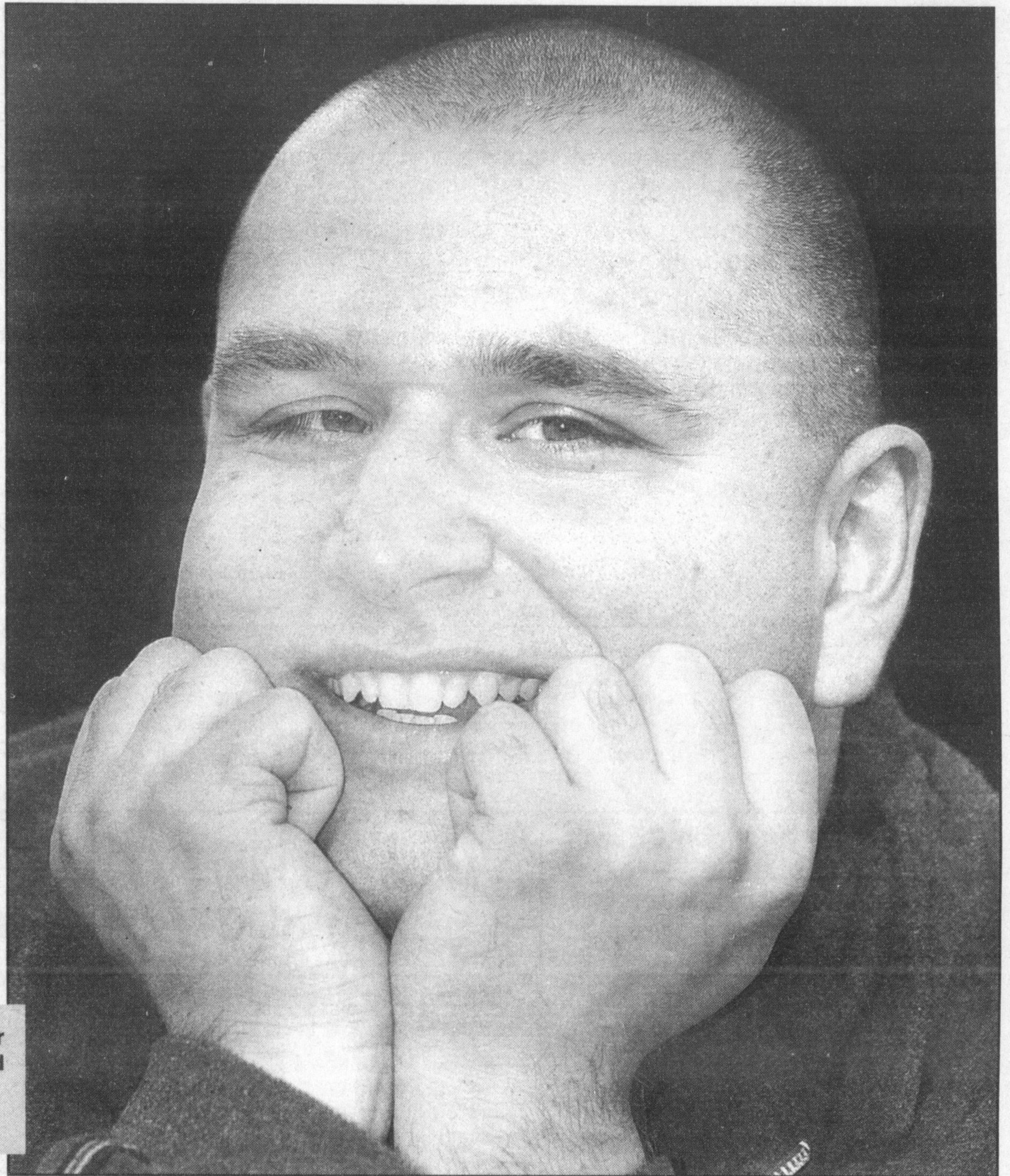
"I wanted to bring something like this to Milton because there's never any comedy around here," he said.

Mr. Ozdemir said many people won't recognize him by his name — which has changed — but once they see him perform, they'll know it's him.

"I've always been interested in entertaining," he said, adding it wouldn't surprise any of his old school teachers to see him doing comedy.

Tickets for the dinner and comedy night cost \$40 and can be purchased at the Grand Chalet or by credit card by calling (905) 878-7934 or (905) 693-8011.

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Milton's Mo Ozdemir is set to offer his comedy stylings at the Grand Chalet next Friday night.
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