

Taylor and Redding big influences for Khalel

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Rosie, and eight-month-old son, Justice. The birth of his son has given his songs an added depth, he said.

"He's been my inspiration as of recently. It's made me focus on the true things rather than platinum, gold and cars."

Mr. Sewitt's musical influences have included everyone from James Taylor to Otis Redding to Cold Play.

"A lot of people say they're fresh," he said of his songs, adding they're not all about the usual topics - money, girls and power.

Despite the intensity of the music busi-

ness, Mr. Sewitt said he's not letting his success go to his head.

"Some artists are conceited, but I pride myself on being humble and not letting my head get too big," he said.

accomplishments.

"It's a God-given talent. All that's been given to me, I personally believe is from God. I have a message to give, and sometimes it doesn't even seem like it's coming

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He added he can't take credit for his Marauders in dire need of help from me — it's like someone else is controlling my pen." for national trip

"Well, Tom, here we are in Edmonton broadcasting the Canadian Senior Football Championship on TSN."

"That's right, Bill, the Milton Marauders are representing Eastern Canada, after they beat out the Oakville Longhorns, a team that has played in this game for 11 years in a row."

"Wow, Tom, that's amazing, and I never even heard of Milton. They must be very proud to come this far for such a small place."

"From what I hear, Bill, they do pretty well for a small town. They've produced an astronaut, a famous actor in JAG, and plenty of NHL players and officials. And that's just what I can think of off hand. Plus, they hold the world record for most Tim Horton's per capita.'

"Oh, you're so crazy, Tom. But, seriously, how did such a small town team make it this far?"

"Glad you asked that, Bill. They were put together by coach Barry Emo, who picked up key players from the Oakville Longhorns and the Mississauga Wolverines, who folded this year. Basically, they're just good.'

"They're good? What a great insight, Tom. How'd you get this job, anyway?"

"Well, Bill, if you want more information, it's just their third year in existence, and two years ago they didn't even win a game."

"Amazing. And here come the Milton Marauders out onto the field. Hold on, Tom. Something is wrong. Where are the rest of their players?"

"You didn't hear, Bill? Only about half of the team could afford to come. They had to spend a lot of money out of their own pockets, and some of them, including all-stars, couldn't afford it."

"You've got to be kidding me, Tom. Milton being such a great place and all, didn't the town, or local businesses, or the general public chip in to support them?"

"Nope, not a cent. And here they are on a national stage, and instead of proudly representing their town to the whole country, they're, well... a national laughingstock."

"Now, tell me Tom, is this a vision of things that must happen, or is a vision of things that might happen?"

"Look, Bill, these aren't even our real names, so you figure it out. This is just the future as it looks now. The Marauders are still waiting to hear if they have some money from the Town's Community Fund that they get from the slots. But, they have all kinds of rules and regulations and red tape, and it's only a couple weeks away."

"You mean, Tom, that they'd rather be embarrassed nationally than come through with some money even if it doesn't quite fit their regulations?"

"I doubt that, Bill. We'll see. In the meantime, the team is hoping some businesses might step up to help and they have some fundraisers, including a booth with a dunk tank at the Milton Fall Fair."

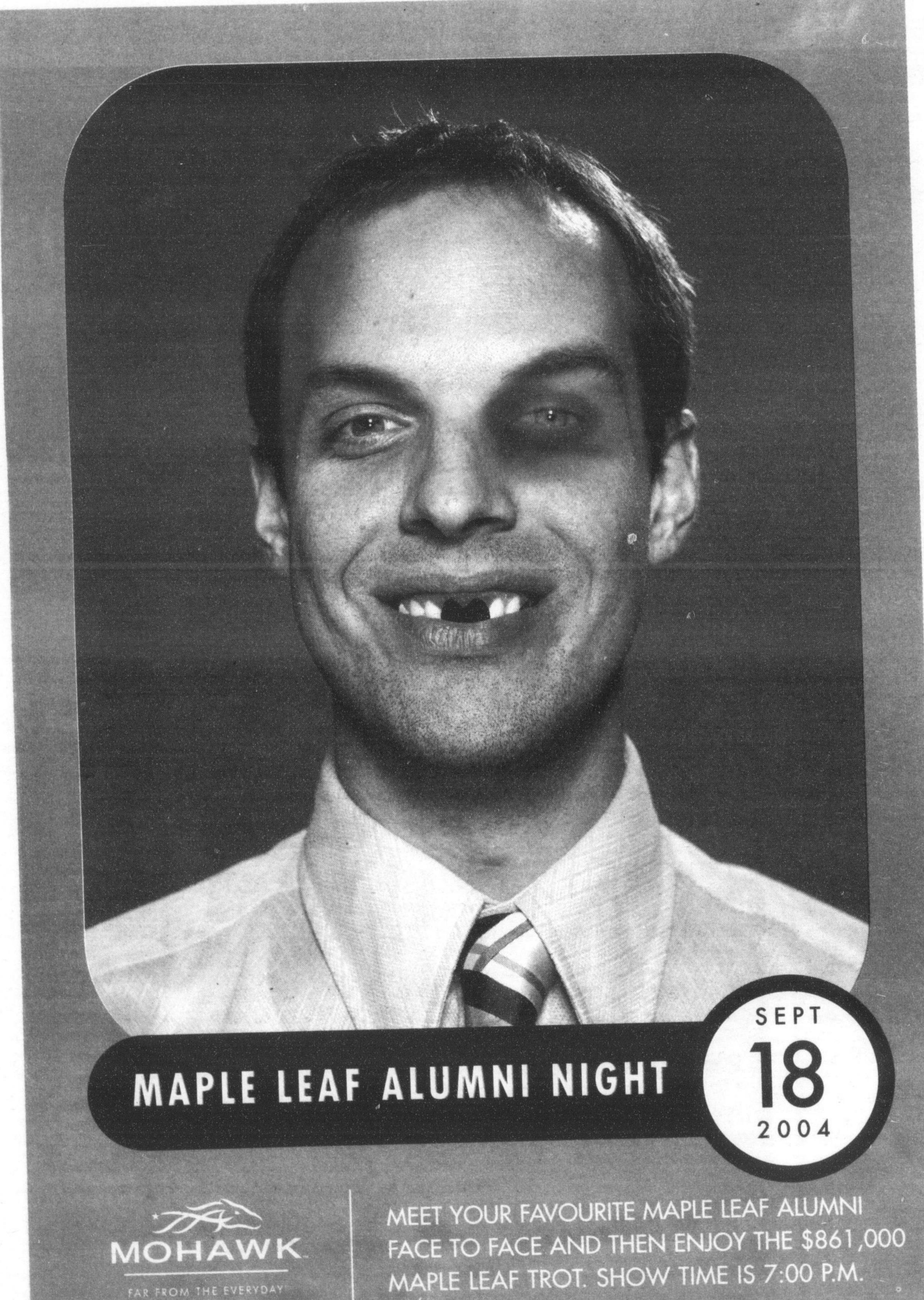
"I wish you were in the dunk tank, Tom. I'd spend some money to see you go into the drink. But people don't have to dunk a quarterback or offensive lineman, they can just donate five bucks or ten bucks or a loonie, or whatever they want. They're going to have a donation box there because they desperately need the money."

"Why would people want to donate money to help this team,

Bill?" "Duh, you idiot, haven't you been following along? Plus, they want the town of Milton to be national champs and they can be part of it by making sure they can send all their players. And the game really is going to be on TSN."

"Yeah Bill, but I'm a little confused since we've been switching back and forth from possible reality to actual reality."

"Don't worry about it, Tom. You don't even exist, I don't think."



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