

The trials of eating out served up by Milton Players

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

A woman desperately tries to eat snails to please her fiancée. Two lovers are so infatuated with one another, they can't order dinner, and a timid man has a hard time getting a waiter.



Susan Cranford

These and other hilarious restaurant encounters will be staged in the Milton Players Theatre Group's production of *Eat Your Heart Out*.

The play, set in Manhattan, opens Thursday, Feb. 10 at the St. Clair Masonic Temple, Highway 25, south of Derry Road.

The production will make you laugh, but it may also make you snuffle a bit, says director Susan Cranford.

While Ms Cranford has directed three plays with the Players, this is her first comedy. And, considering that four of five actors portray a variety of characters in six different restaurants, the play is a challenge, she says.

However, the director adds, she has enjoyed the "stretch" and hopes to do the play justice.

Ms Cranford was last seen on the Milton stage as Margerie in the 1993 production of *Don't Misunderstand Me*. She also stage managed the Players' fall production of *Lunch Hour*.

sence from the local stage, Andrew Finnigan is returning as Charlie in *Eat Your Heart Out*. He plays an out-of-work actor employed as a waiter, one of his most challenging roles to date.

Mr. Finnigan was last seen with the Players as Edgar Hollistar/Able Howard in *The Murder Room*. He spent the next several years with the group behind the scenes as a set designer and co-directed the comedy *SuiteHearts*.

When Mr. Finnigan isn't working with the Players or another community theatre group, he makes his home on stage at the Caprius Dinner Theatre in Mississauga.

voet, who portrays Boy. His most recent performances have been with Georgetown Little Theatre in productions of *The Foreigner* and *Private Lives*.

Mr. Witvoet is also an active member of Bramalea Little Theatre and the Mississauga Players.

This is Deborah Walter's second season with the Players. Always having had an interest in theatre, she joined the group and made her acting debut last season in *The Last Real Summer*.

Ms Walter, who plays Girl in *Eat Your Heart Out*, also worked backstage in productions of *Mark of Cain* and *Lunch Hour*.

In charge of fundraising, she says she enjoys the friendly and supportive atmosphere of the Players and hopes to be with them for a long time.

In his sixth season with the Players, Steve Prevost portrays Man. In the past, he has performed in *Private Lives*, *The Murder Room*, *Dead Man's Hand* and *Cheaters*.

Most recently, he had his directing debut in *Lunch Hour*. Mr. Prevost is also an active member of Georgetown Little Theatre and Bramalea Little Theatre.

hiatus, Connie Trotter makes her first appearance with the Players in the role of Woman.

Her previous experience includes acting with the Burlington Little Theatre and the Mount Allison University Players in a wide variety of dramatic and comedic roles.

Opening night February 10 and a February 16 presentation will be show-only performances. Tickets cost \$8. Dinner theatres will be presented February 11, 12, 18 and 19 for \$28.

Tickets are available at the Paper Factory, 355 Main St. E. For more information or dinner theatre seating reservations, call 875-0629.

In land severance matter

Lawyer wants town to back off

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Lawyer Dino Mazzorato, representing the Trento family in their land severance application, asked Milton councillors Monday night to withdraw their objections when the matter reaches the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

A mediation meeting was held early in January in an attempt to resolve the matter, or at least determine the issues in dispute. Subsequent to that, a full hearing has been scheduled. That date has not yet been set.

At Monday's meeting Mr. Mazzorato explained that the family lived at 351 Oak Street for 32 years and wanted to sever a lot on which they could construct a smaller house for their retirement.

"It is unfair to the Trentos that they were led down the garden path, because town staff supported their application and now have flip-flopped," said Mr. Mazzorato. "I'm asking that council direct town staff to withdraw their objections."

Mr. Mazzorato cited several similar severances as precedent. He also quoted from a letter dated June, 1991 in which town staff supported the Trento application.

Mr. Mazzorato said he has tried to deal with neighbours who oppose the project but has been stonewalled.

"The Trentos have lived in the neighbourhood for 32 years and want to continue living there," said Mr. Mazzorato, adding that the Trento application takes the neighbourhood into consideration.

Terry Hislop, who lives next door to the Trentos, told councillors the neighbours have no guarantees the Trentos will not sell both properties. He added that the original house is quite large and could easily be converted into several apartments.

"The application was denied because the proposed variances were too many and too large," Mr. Hislop said. "Development like this is haphazard and a definite exception to the town plan."

Councillors remained tight-lipped

on the issue as they had scheduled a closed door session after the public portion of Monday's meeting, to deal with it.

"Council has an obligation to represent the taxpayers," said councillor John Challinor. "It's a legislative responsibility, that's why we're at the OMB."

"What about representing the Trentos?" asked Mr. Mazzorato. "We have a letter in which staff agreed with their application."

Councillor Rick Day was concerned that approving the motion suggested by town staff to receive Mr. Mazzorato's presentation for information would have the same effect as supporting the staff report which, now, is against granting the severance.

No resolution concerning the matter came out of the closed door meeting.

Ring owner sought

Halton Regional Police are looking for the owner of a lady's gold ring recently turned in to the Milton police station.

The owner can claim the piece of jewelry by contacting police with an accurate description. An Ontario Street resident found the ring, which appears to be of some value, and turned it in. Call 878-5511 and ask for 12 Division station.

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Saturday Feb. 5			
Opening Ceremonies - Greetings from the Mayor & others	9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Mill Pond	Dept. of Leisure Services
Family Free Skate	9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Mill Pond	Dept. of Leisure Services
Ice Sculpting	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Mill Pond	Artistic Ice Carvings
Live Owl Display	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Mill Pond	Mountsberg Wildlife Centre
Petting Zoo	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Mill Pond	Halton Junior Farmers
Family Free Skate	1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Memorial Arena	Dept. of Leisure Services
Family Crafts	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Lions Club Hall	Milton Children & Youth Centre
Face Painting & Clown Tricks	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Memorial Arena	Milton Community Information Services
Lego Play Centre	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Memorial Arena	Red Cross Babysitting Service
Crafts Display & Exhibits	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Leisure Centre	2990 Army Cadets & Girl Guides
Volleyball Tournament	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Leisure Centre	Community Groups Performing
Washboard Hank & Fiddlin' John	1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Leisure Centre	Jukebox Charlie's
Carnival Fun Swim	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Lions Club Hall	Milton Public Library
Stunt Kite Flying Demonstration	2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Lions Club Hall	Milton Leisure Centre Staff
Pow-Wow Dance Performance	2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Arena Grounds	Toronto Kite Flyers
Linedancing Demonstration	2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Lions Club Hall	Georgetown Pow-Wow Committee
Figure Skating Show	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Memorial Arena	Milton Seniors Recreation Centre
Magic Show	3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Lions Club Hall	Milton Skating Club
Children's Games & Races	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Memorial Arena	Party California
Broomball Tournament	6 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Memorial Arena	Milton Youth Place
Dance	9 p.m. to 1 a.m.	Lions Club Hall	Milton Optimist Club

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