

Library News

Julius Caesar checked out, but Othello and King Lear available

Beware the Ides of March...
This, of course, is the famous quotation from Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. However, we suspect that the same caution must have been issued recently at Stouffville District Secondary School over the deadline for an English assignment.

Whatever the reason, Shakespeare has gained new vigour in this month of March. The texts of *Julius Caesar*, *Hamlet* and *Othello*, which usually languish in the wings, have been out on the proscenium of the checkout counter.

The library has a massive listing of Shakespearean plays, related reviews, works of criticism and, yes, Coles Notes, these ubiquitous black and yellow booklets that are as familiar to students as the McDonald's arches.

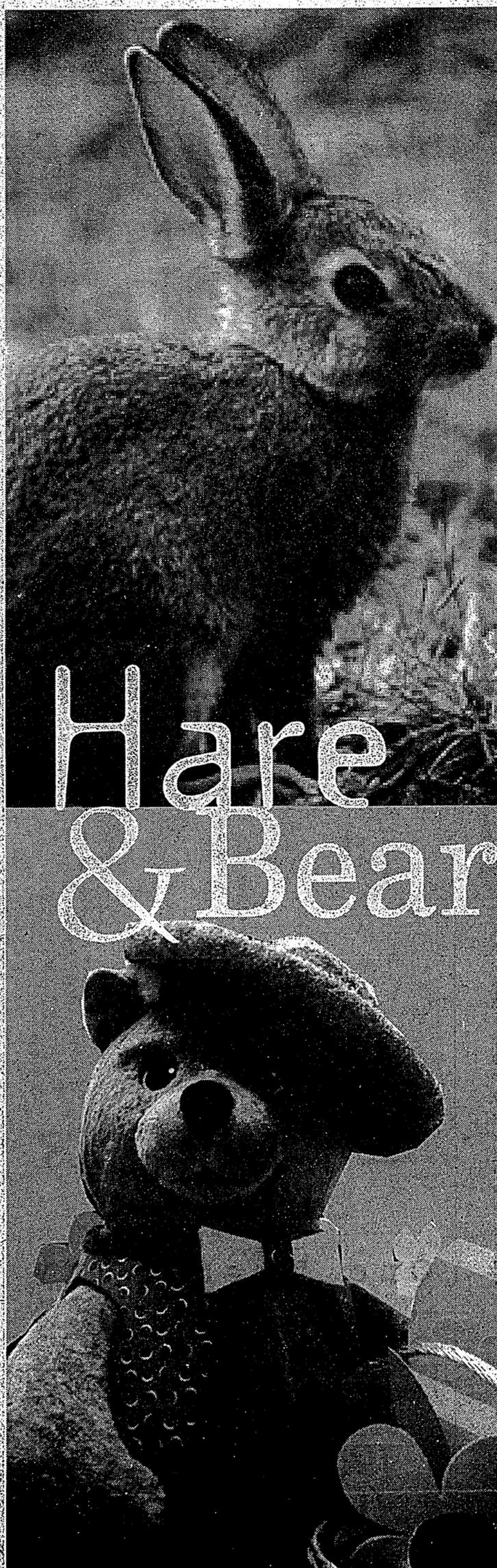
The brochures for the Stratford Festival are on their way to the library and, with productions of *Romeo and Juliet*, *Taming of the Shrew*, *Richard III*, *Coriolanus* being presented this season, it seems like an opportune time to promote our Shakespearean collection.

It's not surprising that students and theatre-goers look for

interpretations of the Bard's dialogue before tackling an assignment or viewing a play. Shakespeare, after all, wrote for Elizabethan audiences and much of the text is dated. The drama, however, is implicit.

The library has several excellent dramatic presentations in its video collection: The Laurence Olivier production of *Hamlet*, and stage productions of *Hamlet*, *MacBeth*, *Othello*, *Merchant of Venice*, *Taming of the Shrew*, *Richard III* and *King Lear*, presented by the British Broadcasting Service. Anyone who wants to read about Shakespeare or impress friends with quotations, sonnets and soliloquies, will find everything that's needed on the library shelves.

After a surfeit of Shakespeare, one can move on to Shaw. We have the 1997 brochures for this festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake and lots of background material on George Bernard and his plays.



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to
Saturday, March 29th

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to
Saturday, March 31st

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