



Ralph Fiennes (left) and Pete Postlewaite co-star in *The Constant Gardener*.

Plot wonderfully inventive

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Tension in the air can be cut with a machete. A short time later, she is found brutally murdered.

The story is told through Justin's eyes.

He is so naïve he cannot imagine dark forces at work, especially through the British government.

He is fed misinformation, lied to and betrayed by his closest friends, eventually discovers the rage inside to hunt for the truth behind Tessa's murder.

As an actor, Mr. Fiennes' character's "arc" must have given him a lot of

satisfaction. This is just for starters.

The action is ramped up as his paranoia and anger mount.

He flees to Germany, London and then returns to Kenya searching for truth and taking on Tessa's causes to give them voice.

John Le Carré's story is wonderfully inventive and Mr. Meirelles' direction is flawless, smooth, well-paced and narrative as he examines the nature of illusion and reality.

Mr. Fiennes is back in action and note perfect as the mild-mannered government worker who finally finds his heart.

Ms Weisz is believable and natural, with an authentic rage

(she was hired when the director said Nicole Kidman was too old) who gives the film its humanity.

Danny Huston (Angelica Huston's brother and John Huston's son) is surprisingly dark as a duplicitous government official whose tawdry fantasies fuel murder and genocide.

This is the latest in a new trend of films focused on Africa, which have included *Hotel Rwanda* and *Sahara*.

Africa is the new story-telling centre, a dark continent that has suffered enormously for hundreds of years and lives to tell its story another day.

First aid vital to avoid infection

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at it. It's better to scrape it off with the edge of a plastic credit card.

"Next, you have to manage the wound, because it is a small puncture. Apply cold water or ice to reduce the pain and inflammation. That also slows the spread of the venom.

"The rule with ice is 15 minutes on and 15 minutes off."

First aid is important

to avoid infection. Mr. Grant recommends the application of calamine lotion or topical ointment to combat itching. An antihistamine will also reduce discomfort.

Medical help should also be sought if you experience hives, rashes, swollen lips or eyes, vomiting, abdominal pains, dizziness, fainting or loss of consciousness.

You should also contact EMS if you have been stung more than 10 times or inside the nose

or mouth which can impair breathing.

Mr. Grant said approximately 1,000 York EMS calls in 2004 were in response to allergic reactions, most to foods or medicines.

"A small percentage were from insect bites," he said. "I've been a paramedic for 17 years and only recall about a half dozen severe bee stings.

"Still, if you have allergies, you can get in trouble within minutes."

IN BRIEF

King gets the blues

Mark Sept. 17 on your calendar and check out the King Gospel and Blues Fest taking place at Country Day School in King City.

A top list of entertainers will perform including Juno award winner Toronto Mass Choir, the popular Forget-Me-Not's family choir and bluegrass sensations Raymond McLain and Mike Stevens from Kentucky.

The event, hosted by Joy 1250 AM's

Drew Marshall, starts at 7:30 p.m. at the school, 13415 Dufferin St. in King City. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door or in advance by calling 416-562-5520. Sing to the King and raise the roof with song for Habitat for Humanity.

Women's group wants members

Canadian Federation of University Women welcomes new members throughout the year for monthly meetings with a variety of speakers. There is also a selection of interest groups for day and evening activities. For fun and friendship, contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

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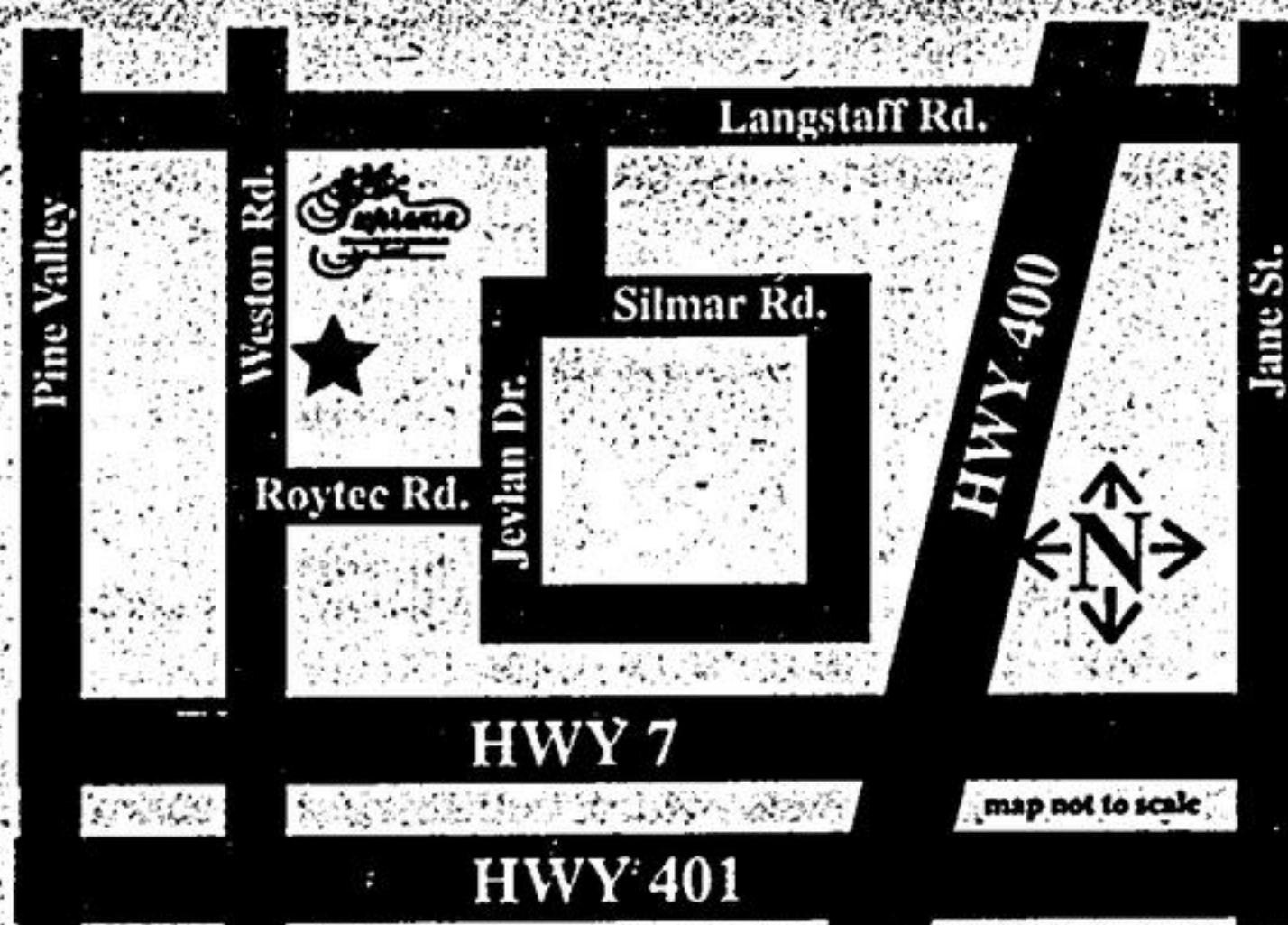
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