



# TAP RAP

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Spring 2005  
(Spring has sprung, the grass is riz..)

## World Famous Speakers coming to TAP

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### This Issue's Words of Wisdom:

"If at first you don't succeed, give up! There's no use making an idiot of yourself!"

**T**hey've helped Oprah get her life back on track. They gave Donald Trump the courage to stand up to his fears without getting "fired". They even taught the kid from that "Napoleon Dynamite" movie to dance. And now they're coming to Aldershot!! TAP is pleased to announce the arrival of world famous motivation speakers, Hal and Cindy Savage for seven sure-to-be sold out shows.

### Ecstatic

"I'm ecstatic!" was the way TAP president Ilene Elkaim described the news. "We're delighted that they agreed to come. To have them here for such an extended run is a real feather in our cap."

### Setting & Selling

In a rare interview, TAPRAP sat down with Hal and Cindy. According to Hal, "It's all about changing your out-



Hal & Cindy Savage

look, setting goals for yourself." "We want you to leave our seminar with a positive noggin" adds Cindy. "And what better way than by buying our books or motivational tapes."

### SELF HELP

In conjunction with the semi-

nars, The Aldershot Players will be presenting the hilarious play "Self Help" by Norm Foster, which traces the story of Hal and Cindy Savage, from their start as dinner theatre actors to the fame and fortune that can only be found on the motivational speaking circuit. The show is directed by Sam Sidawi. Show dates are April 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 for dinner & show and April 14th for the show only. Tickets are available by calling the TAP-line @ (905) 381-1441

### DO IT NOW!!

And as Hal and Cindy would put it, "Don't just sit there waiting for someone else to make the call. You've got to make the call yourself!"

## If this van's-a-rockin'.....



It seems one of our TAP brethren has decided to take to the open road, to seek out new adventures, to boldly go wherever the dogs will let them. To find out who, check out page four!

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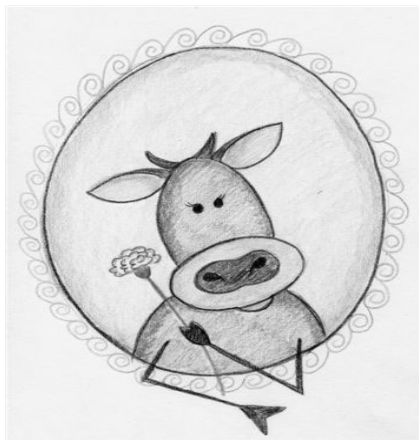
## Bit Parts

**W**ell we've got a ton of announcements about TAP people and their activities so let's get started! (in no particular order....)

Let's all send out a hearty congratulations to the cast and crew of Theatre Burlington's production of "Vigil", featuring our own Chuck Learn and his production crew. They walked off with all the big awards at the Western Ontario Drama League festival in mid-March and now head off to the finals in May. Break a leg guys!!

Laurel Dewar (Moon Over Buffalo) will be appearing in the Player's Guild's production of "Maggie's Getting Married" by Norm Foster (is spring the season of Norm Foster??). The show opens on May 5th and runs for three weekends. Call (905) 529-0284 for tickets.

Hey, did you ever wonder who built the wonderful sets at TAP?? It's none other than our carpenter extraordinaire Vic "Grampy" Lardie. Well, talent is obviously abundant in the Lardie family as Vic's two



daughters, Trish & Leslie, have combined to write a children's book. So keep your eye out for "Jersey the Wanna-Be Cow".

Next up, in a virtual who's who of past TAP performers, Ancaster Community Theatre is presenting It Runs in the Family, opening on April 14th. Diane Cranston (The Odd Couple), Jerry Dell (One Toe in the Grave) and Anne Redish (Moon Over Buffalo) are featured and pie will served at intermission. Hmmmmm....pie (drool). Call (905) 304-3827 for tickets.

And finally, our Madame President, Ilene Elkaim, will be starring (and we mean STARRING) in Burl-Oak Theatre Group's production of Pride's Crossing at the Oakville Centre, starting April 28th and running for two weekends. Tickets can be had by calling the box office at (905) 815-2021.

That's it!!

### "OK, now try it as if you were a pigeon about to lay an egg"

Hey all of you out there in TAP RAP land Have you ever wanted to be in one of TAP's fun and fabulous shows? Have you ever dared to dream about seeing your name in the program, to have your named bantered about at intermission, to have people come up to you after the show and say "You were fan-TAS-tic, dahling." Well here's your chance!!

Auditions for "Perfect Wedding" by Robin Hawdon

Directed by Lisa Hiemstra

Date: May 15th 2:00pm -4:00pm & May 16th 7:00pm — 9:00pm

Location: West Plains United Church 549 Plains Rd. W. Burlington

Characters required: four women, two men

Plot synopsis: See next page!

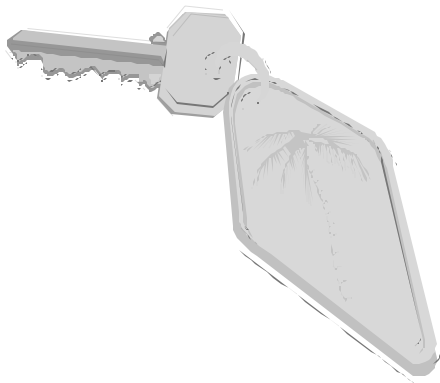
Info: Call (905) 631-5714

What do you need: Bring a willingness to have fun!!

# ***Our Playbill for Next Year!!***

## **Welcome to “Hotel Hilarity”**

### **“Perfect Wedding” By Robin Hawdon**



A bridegroom wakes on his wedding morning in his own bridal suite, with his bride-to-be about to arrive any moment, only to find a naked girl in bed beside him. What's more, she's an extremely attractive naked girl whom, in the depths of his post stag-night hangover, he can't remember even having been introduced to. The ensuing chaos reaches nuclear proportions.

**Production dates: Oct. 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 2005**

### **“Out Of Order” By Ray Cooney**

Conservative Government MP, Richard Willey, is attempting to have an affair with one of the secretaries of the leader of the Opposition in a top London hotel. However, with a conniving waiter, a suspicious hotel manager, an alert private detective, an angry wife, a furious husband, a bungling secretary, an unconscious nurse and a dead body, nothing is going to go as planned.



**Production dates: April 28, 29, May 4, 5,6, 12, 13, 2006**

## "Asides"

Babs! blabs.....

**S**pring is here! I thought you might like a little reassurance on that matter as clearly, it's a tad hard to tell. Bring on the daffodils!

Now that's out of my system, let me bring you up to speed on the doings of our Tappers.

Scott and Lisa have moved into their love-nest right here in Burling-town. Louie, the cockatiel is so happy he's started to "talk" Or is that squawk? "Hi Louie Bird!" Now there's a vocabulary for you! The Hiemstra-Broes are babysitting TimBit the bunny who is fast becoming best buds with Louie and Lisa is happily awaiting the arrival of not one, but two kitties – that's pussycats folks. Complete with kitty litter. Has anyone told them that one dog could have done the trick and much more economically. Still, there's nothing like a pet to create harmony in a home.

Also in an animal frame of mind, the inimitable Susanne Tristani has escorted her beautiful Champion Airedale, Honey to Chicago to be sired by a suitable male. Now Susanne is hoping to be expecting puppies (and we thought that girl could only play soccer). It seems there are no guarantees in the siring business that is

unless you don't want puppies. Scott, Lisa, talk to Susanne – she may have the puppy dog that's right for you.

Not to be outdone, the Woodcocks (remember them), Ralph and Roz, have traded in their dog van for a campervan so that they can take their menagerie (three dogs) on quality family vacations. Avid dog lover Roz has been in a twist over the breed banning legislation and has been firing off letters to Dalton and The Toronto Sun. No Roz, you can't adopt a pitbull. Tsk! When will that girl learn to go with the flow? Ralph has taken up running at the Runner's Room and completed 5km in Tucson Arizona. Did anyone tell him he could have run around the bay for free?

Just about everyone else and I mean everyone, Connie, Derrek, Sandee, Roz, Ilene, Sandra, David and well, everyone, has been hanging out on the set of filmmaker Christine Whitlock's Vampire Dentist. Oh, that Ilene Elkaim, our presidente, with fangs and the shortest little skirt you ever saw. What a vampire. Hot, hot, hot! Which is a good thing, because from what I hear, there is absolutely no heat on the set at all and more than one actor has come close to death from pneumonia.

And...we're most proud of our very own Bev Mattson and her beautiful and talented niece Laura. The Mattson family hosted a fund-raiser for Camp Trillium, in Waterdown last month. 400 people turned up to listen to the country stylings of Larry and Laura. It was like a big family reunion. Seems these folks have been doing this for years. We love you Bevely!

Have to save the rest for next time, Babs is running out of space.

See y'all at "Self Help".

**Babs the Blabber**



Bev Mattson and niece Laura at the fund raiser. Way to go girls!! (Hey! Who's that behind you??)

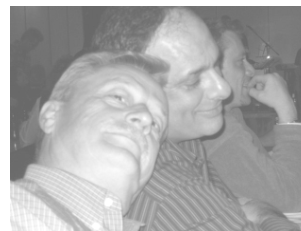
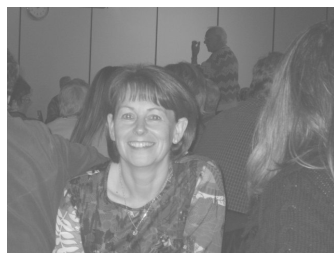
## "Asides" (Part Two)

Well folks, we had some extra pictures left over so if you weren't at the big fundraiser, here's what you missed!



Ladies-man and director Sam Sidawi gets a hug from Linda Hamilton and Bev Matson

Our Scottish lass Louise Reed beams at the thought of finally being away from the law office



Ralph Woodcock & Sam Sidawi share a tender moment of reflection.

A rare photo of master carpenter Vic Lardie holding a beer rather than a cordless drill.



## The President's Corner

Message from the Prez:

Hello everyone! It's *finally* Spring time... and that means a wonderful transition to warmer times. We can all use a little sunshine, right about now, right?

And what better way to feel some joy than by joining us in dining pleasure and laughter with our latest production, 'Self Help' by Norm Foster. It's a hilarious comedy about a couple of actors down on their luck, until they stumble upon the 'self help circuit'. We have cast some very familiar and talented faces, along some equally wonderful fresh talent for TAP. I look forward to laughing with you.

After rave reviews in the fall, our caterer remains as Maitre D'. Based on the menu selection I'm

hearing so far, it sounds like you will enjoy this meal even more. And that's no laughing matter!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to mention those individuals who continue to work diligently to sustain this wonderful group called TAP. To each of you, I extend a personal 'thank-you'. They are:  
 Past President: Scott Broe  
 Vice President: Sondra Learn  
 Treasurer: Sam Sidawi  
 Secretary/Church Liaison: Angie Tracz-Comeau  
 Technical Advisor: Chuck Learn  
 Social Convener: Bev Mattson  
 Member at Large: Lisa Hiemstra  
 Founders: Margaret and Hugh Watson

Remember, we are your theatre group; we are people in your community attempting to make a

difference for you; we just want you to have fun...

Until next time,  
 Ilene

P.S. Mark your calendars! Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. It will be held at The Loft (Drury Lane Theatre), start time is 7:30pm.

(hey Ilene, you've got more space to fill.....Ilene?? Er.....ummm... are you there Ilene?? Ilene??)

## Don't Say We Didn't Warn You!!

(So put these in your calendars)

The Aldershot Players  
 proudly present the Canadian Premiere of

"SLOW DOWN AND LOOK"

a play by Burlington's Award Winning Playwright

Sondra Learn

for three performances:

May 26, 27, 28th

8:00 p.m.

At West Plains United Church

Admission: \$10.00

"It's an intriguing two character story about commitment, doubt, family, fear and ultimately the power of love to enrich or bereave us." Kathleen Kirby-Flint Journal Sept. 2001

Call the TAP-line (905) 381-1441 for information

### It's time for our AGM!!

**I**f you've never been to a TAP Annual General Meeting, you're in for a pleasant surprise. In lieu of boring speeches and dull presentations extolling the year in review, we throw a party! There will be food, drinks, skits, laughs and the ever popular TAP-sters (and their slightly silly counterpart the GAG-sters). And best of all, IT'S FREE! Where do you get anything for free anymore?? Where?? No where, that's where!! So come on out and have fun. Or you can sit at home and watch reruns of "McHale's Navy".

**The info:** June 3rd, 7:30pm at the LOFT or Drury Lane theatre (you know, where they do all the GREAT musicals). See you there!!

# Tristani on the Town

(It seems the lovely and talented Susanne Tristani was once again on the road. This time she found herself and her family in the city of lights, the city of NO CLOCKS, the city that pipe's oxygen into the hotels to keep you awake, the city where dreams are made or crushed in the drop of a card... that's right, I'm talking VEGAS BABY!!)

**W**hen I was in Las Vegas for Greg's hockey tournament, we went to see "Blue Man Group" at the Luxor Hotel. Very nice hotel, good buffet, we tried the veal. The show was very funny and when they came into the audience, the Blue Faced guys had some personal interaction with my 11 year old. They had a guy in the audience toss pieces of chocolate and the Blue Man caught it in his mouth. Three times. Then he went up to Greg, took his hand, and spit it out into Greg's hand. Kinda gross, but for an 11-year-old, he thought it was cool that he was part of the show.

**V**egas Baby!  
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The part that got me was when they started playing percussion and you knew it was "White Rabbit". They had 3 big screens. One of them said to watch that screen if you knew the words. The other one told you to watch the screen if you'd never heard it before. There was another one, but I never got a chance to watch it. So I was singing along (believe it or not!), and the screen that said to watch it if you'd never heard it before started a long essay about how this was a drug anthem of the 60's and that old gal sitting beside you singing it is reliving her teenage years and that while she looks like an old soccer mom now (OUCH!), in her day she was a hot hippie chick getting stoned all the time. I was somewhat embarrassed.

Susanne Tristani  
 (Don't worry Susanne, you're still a hot, hip, chick to us!)

## TapLight on ... Derrek Peels

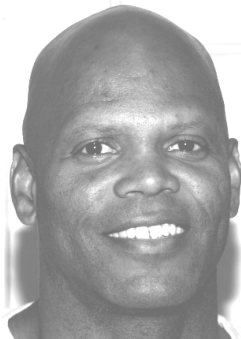
**Y**ou've seen him on stage as a Baptist minister in 'Saving Grace', a member of the "family" in "You Can't Take It With You" and more recently as a faithful friend in "Boeing Boeing" but how much do you really know about Derrek Peels??

Well did you know that he played professional football for eight years, including stints with or own Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the NFL's Washington Redskins? How about the fact that he has a Grey Cup and Super Bowl rings from his career? Pretty cool, huh?? But that's not all....

Derek's father, Leon Peels was a famous song writer in the early fifties,

writing songs that were performed on American Bandstand with Dick Clark. Check eBay and you can still pick up

copies of his 45s. I bet you didn't know that!



Ok how about this... Derrek recently completed a short film that he wrote, directed, produced and

acted in called "Misled". It will be submitted later this summer to the Toronto International Film Festival. It also featured many TAP regulars like Jamie Cortese, Heather Hunter, Stephanie

Lalli and Connie Williams.

He was a stuntman in several Hollywood movies, played a vampire in a recent indie film, rubbed shoulders with Steven Seagal and in an upcoming film called Four Brothers, plays one of the "bad guys" out to kill Mark Wahlberg and rapper Andre 3000. Wanna know how it ends?? You'll have to wait until the movie comes out.....

So, after all this, what is Derrek's proudest achievement? His two beautiful daughters, Olivia and Maleka.