

Tap Rap

*"This group was a lot of fun. I'll be back!"
— "Harvey"
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If At First You

Don't Succeed...

Well one of these

times I'll get it right!!

The sharper-eyed

readers out there may

have noticed that a

few of the articles in

the last TapRaP

seemed to come to an

abrupt end. I'm not

going to tell you which

ones, you can check

back through your

TapRap archives (you

do keep them

archived don't you?)

Harvey has left the building

After seven nights of gracing us with his presence, Harvey the Pooka bid adieu to his friends at TAP at the end of October. He will be missed.

All those who managed to see "Harvey" during the virtually sold out performances can say they were witnesses to greatness. Of course it's hard to miss a six-foot-one-and-a-half inch tall white rabbit.

He made us laugh with that comical smirk he had on his face while sitting next to Elwood in Dr. Sanderson's office. Or the knowing wink

he gave the audience before pursuing Dr. Chumley into his office. And we're quite sure Nurse Kelly never had any idea he was following her around the whole time she was on stage.

Harvey did say that he wanted to thank the talented group of actors on stage who helped make the show a success.

And above all, he was most impressed with the cast parties....all FOUR of them. He said he has never worked with a theatre group that enjoyed themselves as much as those at TAP but then Harvey always seems

to have a fine time where ever he is, whomever he's with.

Special thanks go out to all those that helped with the show especially our friends from Burlington Little Theatre, in particular Chuck Learn for loaning and installing the fabulous period telephone that actually worked!!

But perhaps Harvey said it best as he boarded the train for Akron "

!" I'm sure we'll all remember that. In fact, if you really think about it, deep down, there's probably a little bit of Harvey in all of us.

I Can't Give You a Raise But I Can Give You a Title!

Think of it. Your very own title! You could walk into any theatre group and introduce yourself as the Executive-in-Charge of Continuity at TAP. Or the Chief Member of All Things Edible. Trust me, throw something like you're Vice-President at people, and they listen! And how do you do this? Volunteer to join the TAP board. Believe

me, it ain't brain surgery! It hardly takes any time, the meetings are few and last no more than an hour followed by a trip to the nearest pub! Right now we have about eleven people on the board but we're always looking for more. You could start off slowly, become a "Member-at-Large", take on a few jobs and soon YOU could

be walking around as Vice President! Or if you act fast, maybe even higher (see the President's Report...hint, hint!) So come on out. Try something different. Have some fun. Make it your New Year's resolution. It's all volunteer so what have you got to lose??

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Bit Parts.....

OK first some business....Norma Cowan, our membership chair has asked me to remind all members, new and old, to send in their membership fees as soon as possible. At still only \$12.00, it's a steal of a deal!! All cheques should be addressed to TAP and sent to the box number on the first page.

We're moving?!? Well maybe, you never know... Margaret Watson has attended several meetings for a new drama center in the Burlington area. Word is that it may be completed by 2004 but with the recent elections and

amalgamations, who knows if that date will stick. Call your alderman, call your mailman, call 911 and let them know you're interested!! (If you do call 911, don't tell them where you heard it.....)

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In the middle room at West Plains you may have noticed a new logo for the "Performing Arts Burlington" (P.A.B.) — Burlington On Stage. As TAP is a member of P.A.B., the logo will be displayed at all our shows.

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(Hey, that's all I got for

contributions for Bit Parts this time! Must have something to do with Christmas. Anybody have any stories, anecdotes, jokes, letters, SEND IT IN!! And as always.... keep it clean!

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(This space available for rent)

Now which party was this from.....



..... oh yeah, the second of FOUR cast parties!! (Thanks Bev!) Seated from left to right; Susanne Tristani (aka Betty Chumley), Scott Broe (aka Elwood P. Dowd), Ilene Elkaim (aka Carpenter Girl) and on the chair is Harvey, as himself.

to see the articles in question. Well it seems that during printing, the size of the type got slightly larger! I know, I know...proof read.



proof read, proof read.

Don't worry. It'll grow back....

As some of you know, I recently became the owner of a new house (well maybe not so new but new to me!) And as a new homeowner I would like to impart upon the rest of you a few words of wisdom that I have already discovered:

- 1) Avoid trying to take possession of your new house on opening night of your most recent play.
- 2) Never move in sandals!! (My nephew



has already called "dibs" on my big toenail.....

The House (Part

And now a word from our President

Two....)

Of course now that my big toe has returned to some semblance of normality, I have very nearly completed the moving in process which means...what else? A party!!!! And as promised, I plan on having a video party for "Harvey" very soon. All those in the cast and crew should expect notices of



some sort i.e. email, phone, etc. Yup, that makes cast party #5 if you're keeping score at home.

Oski-Wee-Wee

An interesting little bit of trivia for you... The character of the "Lion" in Binbrook Little

Theatre's upcoming children's show

directed by our own

Roz Woodcock is

former Hamilton Tiger-

Cat Derrek Peels!

Apparently Derrek just



finished shooting a

I'm trying to watch "Alien Resurrection" while I type this. Very distracting. "I'm the monster's mother!!" No, no this isn't what I wanted to say!!

Try again!

Over the past three years with TAP I have participated in six productions and two mini-fests. There have been special projects at West Plains, we have painted and organised, made new friends and welcomed b a c k o l d acquaintances.

Time and again I hear, "you have the most fun at TAP". Some of the our problems with technical and design

crew are being solved. I am impressed and very, very pleased with this group.



I am presently half way through my third term as President with TAP (the term expires in June) and must consider whether it would be good for either me or the group to continue in this c a p a c i t y . My conclusion is that it would not. Contracts for space need to be reviewed and agreed upon, plays selected,

directors and producers solicited and so on.

Don't be shy! We need applicants for my job. And soon. So if you've always wanted to run a theatre company, and this one is great, then let's hear from you.

P.S. I'm not going far. I would like to stay with the group as "past prez" and will assist wherever required.

A very happy and prosperous New Year to you all!

Roz "the Prez" Woodcock

Didn't I see you at TAP???

Always blessed with a wealth of talent, it seems that the members at TAP are being recognized at other theatres around the area as well. Here's a brief list of some upcoming events. Why not get out and support them?
- Ilene Elkaim will be appearing in "Jake's Women" at the Oakville Center, show dates January 18-20, 24-27. Call the Oakville Center @ (905)

815-2021 for more info.
- Roz Woodcock will be directing the children's show "The Lion Who Wouldn't" at Binbrook Little Theatre, with Susanne Tristani as choreographer, show dates February 9-11, 16-18. Call (905) 692-5076 for info.
- Karen Henderson and Scott Broe will be appearing in "Moon Over Buffalo" at the Oakville Center, show dates April 19-21, 25-28. Call the Oakville Center for

info.
- And apparently Chris Ragonetti is well underway with a short film feature that he wrote and is directing. While details are sketchy at present, we hope that Chris remembers all his friends at TAP when it comes time to shoot some film! :-)
(My apologies to those I missed)

Auditions! Auditions! Auditions!

“Squabbles”

by Marshall Karp

Audition Dates & Times: Thursday January 11 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Sunday January 14 from 1:00 to 5:00pm

Cast requirements: Four men, 2 aged 30-45, 2 aged 50 or older (all ages approximate!)
Three Women, 1 aged in 30's, 1 aged 50 or older and 1 who can be any age

Production Dates: April 20,21,26,27,28 May 4,5, 2001

Directed by the lovely and talented Susanne Tristani
Produced by Chuck Learn and Angie Tracz-Comeau

For more info, call Susanne @ (905) 332-0014

Do we need crew?? Of course we do! Call your friends, phone the neighbours, wake the children, come on out for what's sure to be another TAP extravaganza!! (Rumour has it that there will be an abundance of rehearsal snacks and goodies.....)

TapLight on..... Scott Broe

OK I know, pretty cheesy writing about myself but it's Christmas and I can't find anybody else to interview! So here goes.... My first stage appearance was in grade four where I played the scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz, a production highlighted by the disappearance of the TinMan's oil can. Seems that when the cowardly

Lion jumped out at him, the TinMan, in obvious terror, fell to the stage, dislodging the oilcan from his pocket in the process. The oilcan came to rest behind some rather large stage paraphernalia, too large for a cast of eight and nine year olds to move. Quick-thinking as ever, I cautioned the TinMan in perhaps a not-

so-quiet aside, "Whatever you do, don't cry!" (As you can see, my improvisation skills were already developing...) And so for the rest of the play, the TinMan did not cry. It may not have been the greatest production of the Wizard of Oz ever staged but my mom liked it! But enough about me....

movie with Steven Segal in Hamilton! For more info, see this article ----->>>

Speaking of sports...



are the rumours true that Doug Govland (Dr. Chumley in "Harvey") can show you how to take five shots off your handicap?

Oh those tights!!

And finally... I would be remiss in not saying a few words about Burlington Little Theatre's recent production of "Sleeping Beauty" featuring TAPpers Susanne Tristani as "Fairy Rainbow", David Caswell as "Lord Hamburg", future TAPpers Emily and Evan Sidawi as "Longstocking" and "Rocker D" and yours truly as "Prince Greatheart" in a costume that left little to the imagination! An excellent job was done by all.

I'll leave you with my New Year's resolutions:
1) Eat more vegetables
2) Beat the computer at a game of chess
3) Wear a "Dancer's