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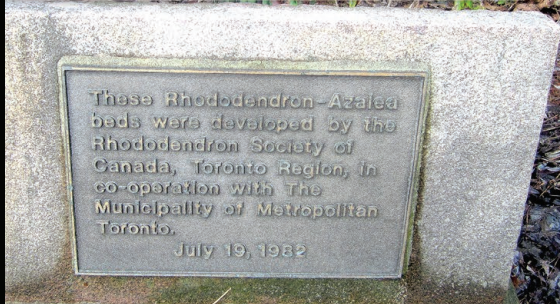
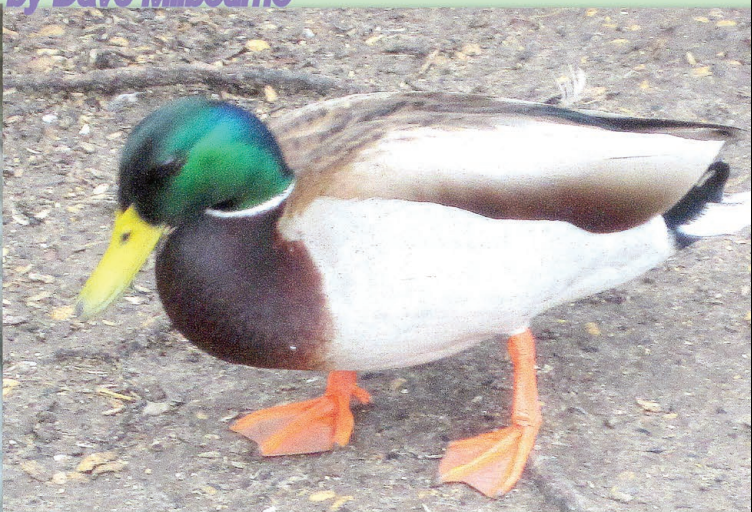
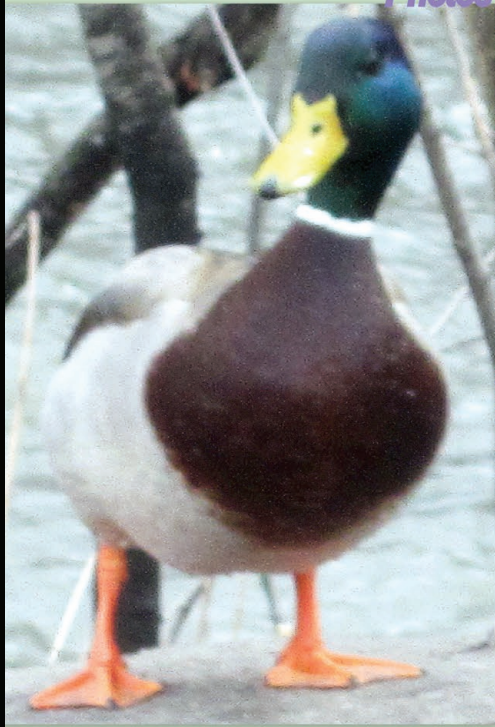


**Clean air in the park, only place you will find it.**

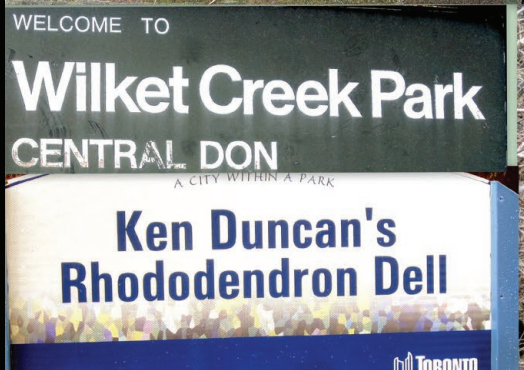
**May / June / July 2026**

# SPRING IN THE PARK

*Photos by Dave Milbourne*



These Rhododendron-Azalea beds were developed by the Rhododendron Society of Canada, Toronto Region, in co-operation with The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto.  
July 19, 1982



WELCOME TO

## Wilket Creek Park

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A CITY WITHIN A PARK

### Ken Duncan's Rhododendron Dell

 TORONTO



**CN TOWER Completed April 2, 1975 - 1815 feet  
Now the 9th tallest free standing structure in the world.**

*Photos by Barry Thomson*



Shouts of concern were heard at the annual White House Correspondents Dinner, "Mein Fuhrer, Mein Fuhrer, when are we going to get our dinner?". It is believed that Premier Doug Ford of Ontario will be sending down Swiss Chalet dinners to cover the next event. Hands Across the Border.

Heir Donald Trump

# University of Toronto - Faculty of Music

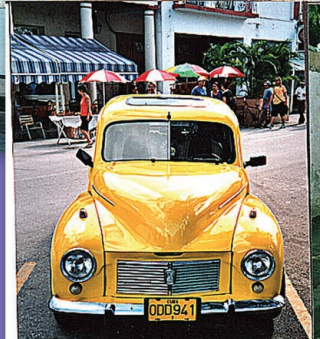
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Noriko Ueda



Just a few of the rare collectors cars that can be found in Cuba. To the Cubans they are a form of transport. Not just to be admired which most tourists do. Often they make their own parts which because of their age are hard to find.

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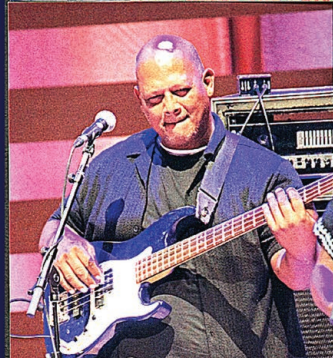


Meanwhile the Cuban people continue to suffer under a 60 year embargo imposed by the U.S.A. The longest cruelest embargo in history. I have an adopted family there, so I know what they are going through. Very similar to what I, and my family suffered in war time England. Except at the moment they are not being bombed. That could change if, Rubio, and, Trump have their way. Land Grab Attempt II

# Mis Blandine Kaniki Band

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# THE GARIFUNA COLLECTIVE

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Margo  
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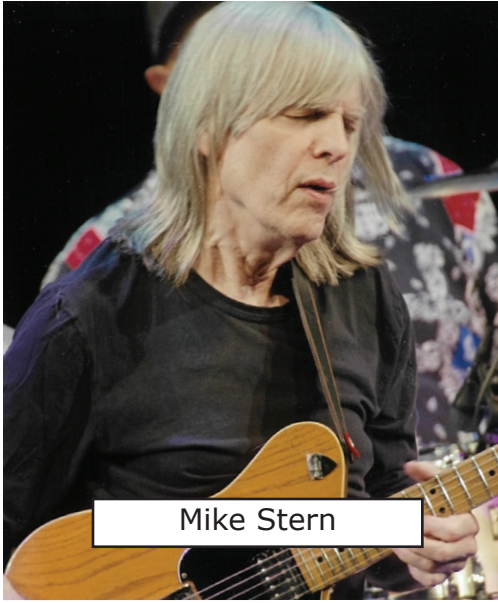
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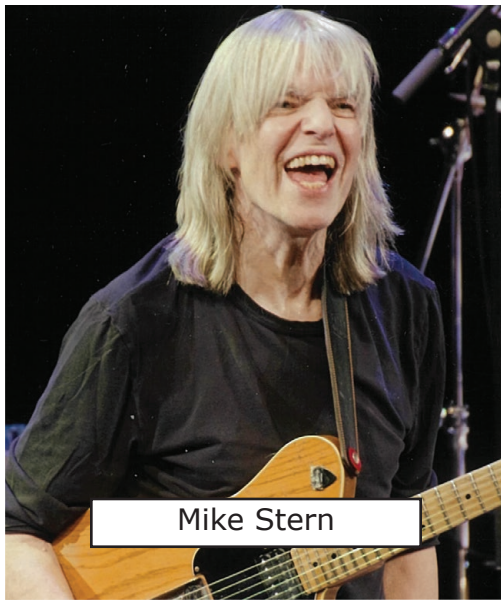
**Peter Timmons & Alan Anton**

# Mike Stern Band

*with photographer, Barry Thomson*



Mike Stern



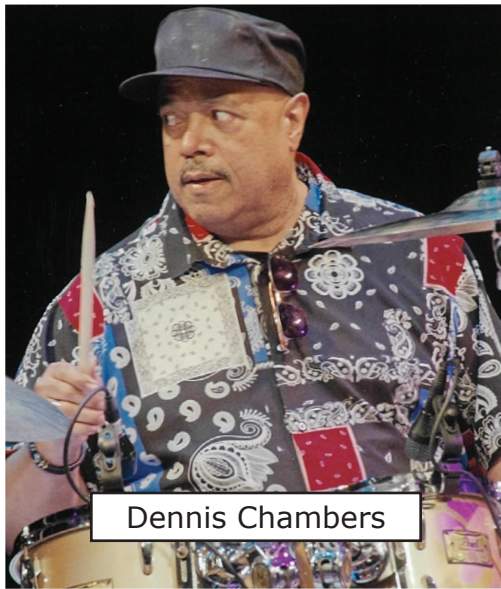
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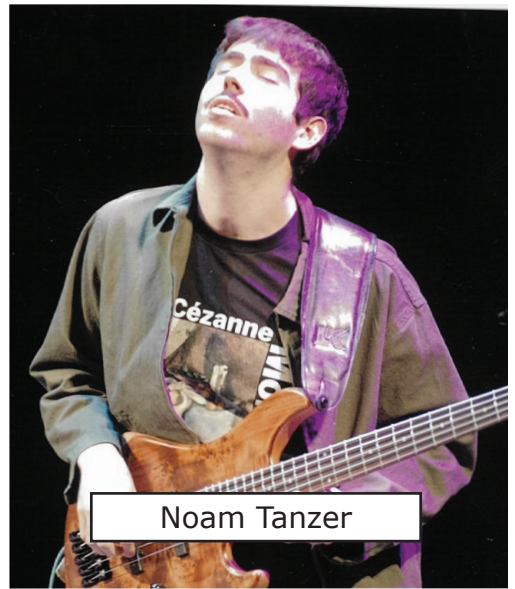
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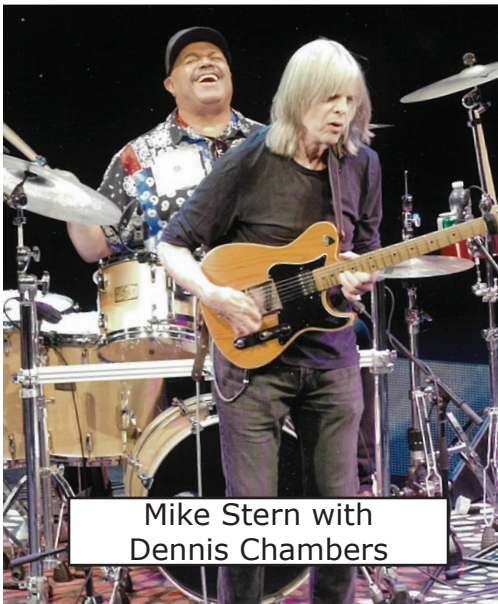
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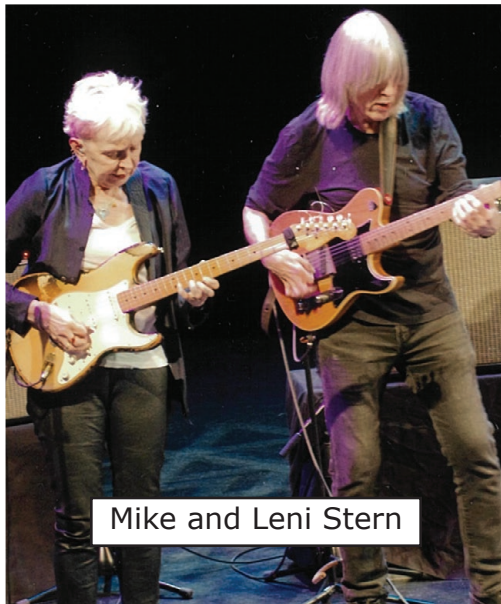
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Mike Stern with  
Dennis Chambers



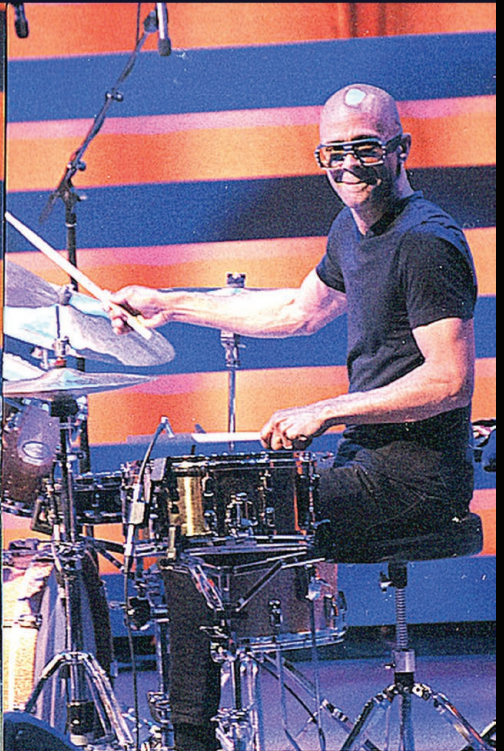
Mike and Leni Stern



Mike Stern Band

# Super Blue - Kurt Elling - Concert.

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Kenny Banks Jr

Charlie Hunter

Marcus Finnie

# Arturo O'Farrill & The Afro Latin Orchestra

## Tribute to Dizzy Gillespie & Charlie Parker



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# Mayor Rob Ford

Both myself & photographer Barry Thomson were treated in a warm and courteous manner by the mayor. It was more like visiting one of the family.

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19th Anniversary of Dave Milbourne's Toronto Jazz

April 1, 2014



CITY OF TORONTO

Mayor Rob Ford  
and Members of Toronto City Council  
extend to

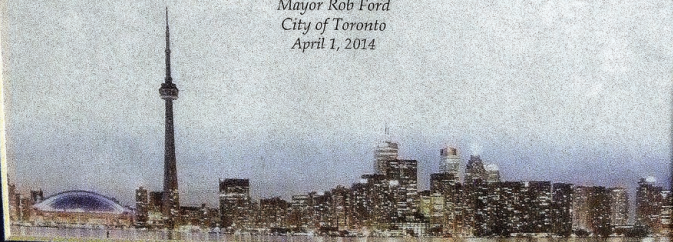
## Dave Milbourne

*Warmest congratulations on the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Toronto Jazz publication, the last of free non profit jazz publications, and for your outstanding 60 years of involvement in the music industry. Toronto is a creative centre because of the innovation of the people and their passion for the arts.*

*You are an exceptional individual who has earned the respect and admiration of all those privileged to know and work with you. We wish you continued success.*

A handwritten signature of Mayor Rob Ford in black ink.

Mayor Rob Ford  
City of Toronto  
April 1, 2014



CITY HALL

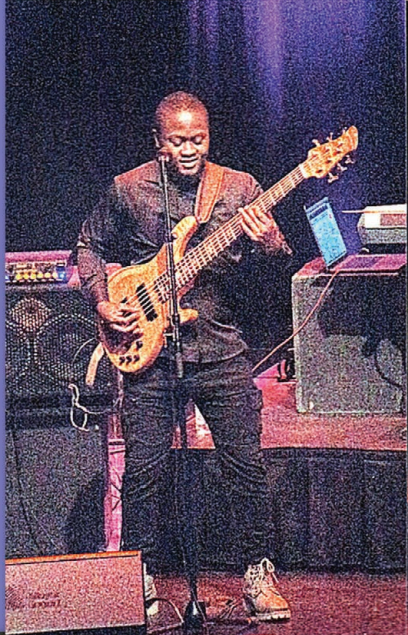
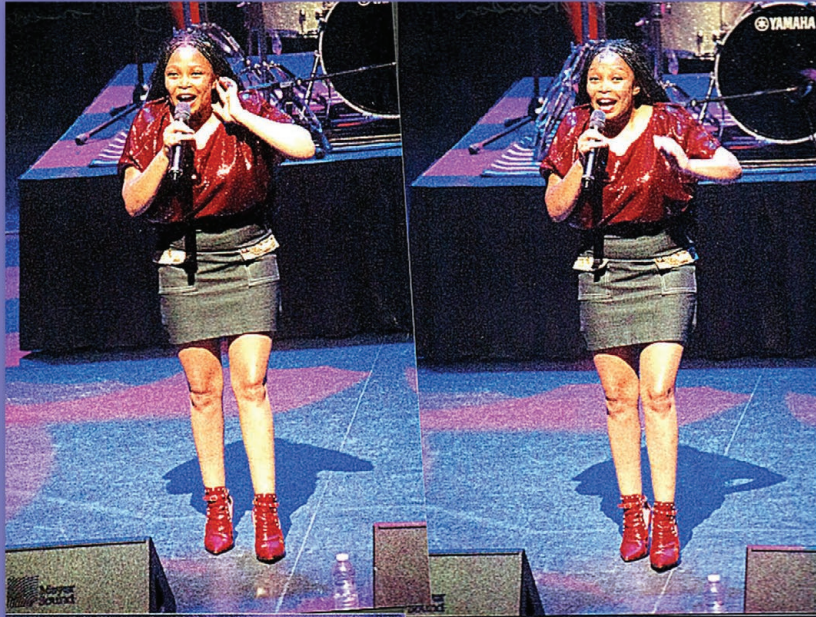


Robert Bruce Ford  
Rob Ford

May 28, 1969 - March 22, 2016

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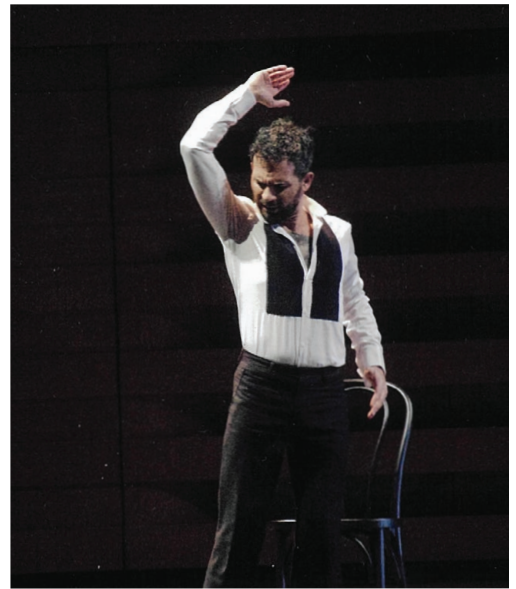
# NOMFUSI BAND



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**SOLEDAD BARRIO & NOCHE FLAMENCO SEARCHING FOR GOYA**

*Photos by Barry Thomson*



# Andy Milne & Unison Band

Photos by Barry Thomson



Andy Milne



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Andy Milne



John Herbert

# Big Band Shots - Walter Hall - Faculty of Music University of Toronto



*Photos by Barry Thomson*

# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Director Christine Duncan

*Photos by Barry Thomson*



Christine Duncan



The University of Toronto 12 TET Director, Jim Lewis  
Walter Hall Faculty of Music  
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# PUBLISHER'S OPINION

After living over 50 years in Toronto I am now not a "happy camper". It seems that our politicians are not listening to the people. All the way from the mayor, councillors, the provincial government to the federal government. They all act as though they are oblivious to the concerns of the every day working men, and women. Toronto is in a real mess, worst pollution, congestion, roads more like cartwheel tracks & subway breakdowns. Hardly a day goes by when someone isn't shot or stabbed, plus hit an run drivers, the scum of the earth that would run someone down, then leave them to die. All the aforementioned crimes receive nothing more than a slap across the wrists. Most of us are concerned that we might get caught up in gun fire or run down by a reckless driver. Criminal justice system is totally outdated, especially as it applies to violent crime. Canada must be a magnet for those with criminal intentions, because of our soft attitude towards crime. Organized crime across our country is flourishing. Canada was recently named "The Organized Crime Capital of the World, not sure by who, but not surprised.

Another startling revelation, is that we have over 125,000 undocumented individuals living in Toronto, and suburb's. Don't we have border security officers, because if we lose control of our border we are in BIG trouble!. Whether it's related, we also have at least 20,000 people driving around without a license.

Another subject which touches us all, our federal government has made an half heart-ed attempt to reign in the large food chains. They continue to gouge with impunity while they make massive profits each year, their executives salaries in the millions. This is all happening while hard working families struggle to put food on the table. The exorbitant cost which they have to bear is shameful.

Now coming back to Ontario where we have a premier acting like, Trump north, the last thing we want. Throwing the tax payers money around at all the wrong things. First we had the Ontario Science Centre located close to the 401 and Don Valley Parkway, plenty of parking. He decided that should come down even though many engineers said it could be renovated, and save millions of dollars. No he wanted a new one to be located at Harbour Front, already dense with other attractions, and poor parking. No sense whatsoever just unnecessary more expense. If that's not enough he wants a New Metro Convention Centre, what's up with the current one, more unnecessary expense. Then the final blow, his own executive luxury jet. Which didn't go far because of the backlash. The millions of dollars he contemplated being spent should go to homeless shelters, and relocate many of our seniors who are languishing in hospital beds, because of no seniors support establishments. My final very serious criticism of Premier Ford, is when he tried to take out an injunction to stop Palestinian's from protesting outside the U.S Embassy. Bearing in mind these people have lost over 85,000. men, women, children and babies on the Gaza Strip. If any group of individuals had the right to protest, they sure did. Thank goodness a prudent judge threw that out. Who was, Ford trying to please, Trump or some other unscrupulous individuals, it's reprehensible. On top of all that he now wants to stifle "The Freedom of Information Act" more, Trump ism.

The Yonge/ Eglinton/Mt Pleasant area continues with unfettered demolition, and construction. With much more slated to come, nice residential houses, and trees being torn down. Even perfectly good commercial buildings. We already have condominiums which have been built, sitting half empty. Certainly no new green space mentioned to cut down on the added pollution. The councillors who represent the constituents of this area have let them down. Plenty of coloured brochures telling you all the things they are doing?. Get your dust masks out, you are going to need them all across Toronto.

While I'm on a bit of a rant there are some expressions that are well past their best before date. Visual Minority, the only real visual minorities in Toronto are our Handicapped People, and Veterans, they should be treated with care and respect. Then we have Political Correctness which is nothing more than the suppression of free speech. Of course Hate Speech must never be tolerated. In fact Political Correctness has become patronizing, especially in T. V. advertising, so much so it's almost laughable. Finally, I would like to express gratitude to the nurses and staff at NORTH CLINIC HOME HEALTH CARE 30 Soudan Ave. Also to the helpful, knowledgeable, staff TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY NORTHERN DISTRICT 40 Orchard View Blvd.

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