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## HOME OF THE WEEK



This luxurious home, once owned by Jeff Healey, can accommodate 150 guests — as it recently did.

## IT HITS HIGH NOTES

South Hill  
320 Spadina Rd. (Spadina Road and Russell Hill Road)  
Asking price: \$3.195-million  
Taxes: \$12,818 (2009)  
MLS# C1685987

BY CONNIE ADAIR

If the walls at 320 Spadina Rd. could talk, they'd have stories to tell, and so will the new occupants of this luxury home, once owned by the late great guitarist Jeff Healey. The legendary musician bought the house in 1992 and converted the garage into a recording studio, where he worked for about a decade.

An internationally successful blues guitarist, Mr. Healey lost his sight as an infant due to a rare form of cancer. Using a unique style that had him playing the guitar horizontally on his lap, Mr. Healey played with numerous musicians, including B.B. King and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

The more than 5,400-square-foot house, which he purchased with his manager Tom Stephens and a silent partner, served as office space as well as living space for Mr. Stephens, says listing agent Saul Merrick of Forest Hill Real Estate. "Tom Stephens occupied the top floor of the home and it was decorated with tons of photos of famous North American stars and musicians, and numerous framed recording awards."

The house was the site of numerous parties for Hollywood celebrities and international recording artists, says co-listing agent Marilyn Merrick. "Rumour has it that actor John Candy was a regular visitor."

The current owners, who renovated and updated the home into a luxury residence with the capacity to entertain more than 150 guests, continue to entertain in Hollywood style.

The homeowners recently hosted a 60th birthday party with a *Julie & Julia* theme, after the recently released movie starring Meryl Streep as chef Julia Child, says Ms. Merrick, who was on the guest list. Sixty women watched the movie, then returned to the house to sample Julia Child-inspired menu items prepared by professional

chefs in the home's gourmet kitchen.

Ms. Merrick says guests picked up a glass of Champagne upon entering the foyer and made their way through the many beautiful rooms of the home. The foyer has crown mouldings, an open-rail staircase and a four-person elevator to the upper levels.

For entertaining purposes, the home has a service kitchen on the ground level, which also has a utility room and a mud room.

A family room, a bedroom/den and a room that could serve as an office or fitness room are on the main level.

The second level, the true entertaining level, has a private L-shaped terrace, floor-to-ceiling window, a butler's pantry, a gourmet kitchen and a library/office. Bevelled glass French doors, a gas fireplace and a walkout to the terrace are features of the formal dining room.

The upper bedroom level has a double entrance to a master suite. The six-piece ensuite bathroom has his and hers marble vanities, a jetted tub and a round window between two mirrors that offers a view of the park, says Ms. Merrick.

The 35x178-foot lot has a courtyard and a garden with a Roman fountain, which provided an elegant backdrop for the 60th birthday party, Ms. Merrick says. "It's wonderful for indoor and outdoor entertaining."

Unfortunately for Healey fans, a bit of music history is no longer. His studio was converted back into a double garage.

The four-bedroom, five-bathroom home would appeal to a professional couple, a family with older kids, empty nesters or a single individual who loves to entertain in a dazzling environment, Mr. Merrick says.

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## SOLD

**PARKDALE**  
78 Elm Grove Ave.  
(Queen Street and Dufferin Street)  
Asking price: \$599,000  
Sold for: \$599,000  
Taxes: \$3,355 (2009)  
Bedrooms: 3  
Bathrooms: 2  
Time on the market: seven days

## OF INTEREST TO ARCHITECTS

This "totally charming house in need of some renovations" was of interest to numerous architects because of its unusual curb appeal, says listing agent Karen Rosenberg. "They are also drawn to the unique Beaconsfield/Parkdale neighbourhoods, which are populated by many artists."

The three-bedroom, two-bathroom brick home has hardwood floors, ex-



cept in the kitchen where there are ceramic floors. A walkout leads from the kitchen to the yard.

The 27x109-foot property has a private one-car parking pad accessible from a laneway.

The house is within walking distance of The Drake, The Gladstone Hotel, galleries and cafés.

Listing Broker: Harvey Kalles Real Estate (Karen Rosenberg)

**BEDFORD PARK**  
298 Woburn Ave.  
(Yonge Street and Lawrence Avenue)  
Asking price: \$1.049-million  
Sold for: \$1.045-million  
Taxes: n/a  
Bedrooms: 5+1  
Bathrooms: 5  
Time on the market: seven days

## LESS THAN A YEAR OLD

In the John Wanless school district, this home enjoys a "fabulous location" within walking distance of Yonge Street, Avenue Road amenities and the subway, says listing agent Andre Kutyan. The five-bedroom, five-bathroom stone-and-stucco custom home is ideal for entertaining, he says.

Crown moulding in the combination living and dining room, granite counters and a breakfast area in the kitchen and a gas fireplace in the



main-floor family room are features. The master bedroom has a gas fireplace, a walk-in closet and a six-piece ensuite bathroom. A walkout from the third floor leads to a deck.

A fifth bedroom and a recreation room are on the lower level. This less than one-year-old home is on a 20x120-foot lot with a detached two-car garage.

Listing Broker: Harvey Kalles Real Estate (Robert Greenberg and Andre Kutyan)

**MISSISSAUGA**  
3376 Eglinton Ave. W. (Eglinton Avenue and Winston Churchill Boulevard)  
Asking price: \$389,900  
Sold for: \$381,000  
Taxes: 3,114 (2009)  
Bedrooms: 3  
Bathrooms: 3  
Time on the market: 11 days

## END-UNIT TOWNHOUSE

This end-unit townhouse, built a few years ago, showed very well and there was an offer within three days of going on the market, says listing agent Kate Young. "The home sold after 11 days on the market for 90% of the list price."

The house is on Eglinton, near Winston Churchill, and is close to shopping and public transit. It has easy highway access, she says. "The homeowners enter the house from the rear, so being on a busy street is not an issue."



The home was originally a three-bedroom home, but converted to two with an open-concept den on the second floor. There are three bathrooms including a master ensuite bathroom.

Twelve-foot ceilings on the main floor, an open-concept kitchen and a gas fireplace in the family room are other features.

The 27x111-foot lot has a single-car garage with access from a private laneway.

Listing Broker: Sutton Group-Assurance Realty (Kate Young and David Young)

## FOR SALE

**ORO-MEDONTE**  
7 Hillside Crt. (Oro-Medonte)  
Asking price: \$1.475-million  
Taxes: \$5,761 (2008)  
MLS# 0904135

## VIEWS AND RECREATION

This home offers "views not normally seen east of the Rockies," says listing agent Anne Chilton. "It's perched above Horseshoe Valley and you can see straight across Georgian Bay to Blue Mountain."

The two-storey wood-and-stone home offers 4,101 square feet of living space on two levels plus a finished lower level with a separate entrance.

The approximately nine-year-old home has four bedrooms, four bathrooms, a separate dining room and cathedral ceilings on both levels.

Ceramic and hardwood floors, ex-



posed beams, an eat-in kitchen, an ensuite bathroom in the master bedroom and nine-foot ceilings are other features. Central air, vacuum and alarm systems, a garage door opener and a water softener are other highlights. The 26x70x87x69 irregular landscaped lot has a deck, an oversized three-car garage with inside entry and a double driveway. It's close to golf and skiing.

Listing Broker: Royal LePage First Contact Realty (Anne Chilton)

**MARKHAM**  
53 Prospector's Dr. (Major Mackenzie Drive and Kennedy Road)  
Asking price: \$519,000  
Taxes: \$4,286 (2009)  
MLS# N1683458

## NEAR THE PARK

This gorgeous home is within walking distance of the new Angus Glen Community Centre, a park and a playground, says listing agent Asher Horowitz.

A combination living and dining room that overlooks the park, a breakfast bar in the eat-in kitchen and a gas fireplace in the main-floor family room are features of the four-bedroom, three-bathroom brick home.

A main-floor powder room, a four-



piece ensuite bathroom in the master suite, a second-floor laundry room and a fireplace and a vaulted ceiling in the third-floor bedroom are other highlights. The more than 2,100-square-foot home is on a 27x108-foot lot with a detached two-car garage with lane access.

Listing Broker: Realty Toronto (Asher Horowitz)