



Dance and song will be featured when Aelita/Viva Las Vegas comes to Markham for two performances.

## Las Vegas revue coming to town

Las Vegas is coming to Markham. The internationally known nightclub show Aelita/Viva Las Vegas will be entertaining audiences with a display of dance and song at Fernando's Hideaway in the Village Shoppes Plaza on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11. The star of the show is Aelita, who encourages audience participation with sing-along numbers. Also the star of the show, Aelita is the producer, director, co-designer and writer.

If your English isn't too good, don't worry. The Soviet-born entertainer sings in 14 different languages. She is backed by a troupe of dancers whose repertoire includes everything from flamenco and tap dancing to modern jazz. Four musicians provide the music for the performance. For tickets, including a full-course dinner and dancing, telephone Fernando's 294-6523 for reservations. Friday night is already sold out. There are still some tickets left for the Saturday, Feb. 11 show.

## Markham Movie Scene

# Fluff film popular

By TOM NEWALL  
Last year you may recollect how unpopular Porky's was with every film critic in the business. Then it went on to make over \$100 million dollars, the most successful Canadian production in movie history. Last week another teen blockbuster, Hot Dog, exploded across North America and it's on display at Markville right now. And it reproduces the proven elements — attractive young people, a simple narrative, jubilant sex, raunchy dialogue and, in addition, ravishing winter scenery set in Squaw Valley, scene of the 1960 Winter Olympics. Only Terms of Endearment is scoring as well at the ticket turnstiles so who can argue with the receipts?

Certainly the central roles feature personable young people, the script makes no demands on anyone and the idea of a winter resort where magnificent skiing by day is complemented by energetic all night elegant parties, saunas, waterbeds and flawless physiques, fulfils every adolescent's ideal winter vacation fantasy. The only recognizable personality is Playmate of the Year Shannon Tweed and, as a party hostess, she is up to the mark. What a gorgeous "presence"! She may never enter the "Best Actress" category anywhere, but she's one of the loveliest of all the graduates of the Hugh Hefner Playboy beauty school. Hot Dog emerges as a two-hour romp, harmless, sheer escapism, much less vulgar than its predecessor and it will be extremely popular with today's youthful audience. In Ontario, it appears as a restricted film which should dent the returns at the box office but, in general, it has success written all over it. So, viewers, if you enjoy ski competitions filmed in glorious colour, physical perfection, and an idyllic winter scene, you'll be pleased with what's on at Markville for the next couple of weeks.

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