

Markham Fair Baby show

MARKHAM — Mine's the most beautiful—by far!
That's every mother's opinion of her baby, unquestionably the loveliest or the handsomest.
But who can rightfully claim this distinction?
This onerous task will rest with three judges at Markham Fair, Sept. 29. The Baby Contest continues to be one of the most popular attractions on the grounds.
Classes extend from three to fifteen months. Parents must reside in the area bounded by Steeles Avenue on the south; Young Street on the west and the Pickering-Markham Townline on the east. The deadline date for registrations is Tues., Sept. 25.



Dining with Cal New theatre credits town

BY CAL AVERY
Theatre-In-The-Park, a 300-seat dinner theatre, is the latest addition to Whitechurch-Stouffville's Deer Park Inn. Cathryn and I have dined here; celebrated special occasions here and even danced the night away here during the early days of this very lovely edifice.

together for many years, but this evening's event is marvellous. Salads galore, in various combinations, start off our trip around the immense smorgasbord. Lobster claws, shrimp with tangy sauce, herbed chicken pieces, all thick and well-cooked, a huge hip of beef and other outstanding foods adorn the tables.

It is gratifying to watch 'the good guys' win once in awhile. Eric and Marg Farrell certainly qualify in this regard. They are attempting, successfully, I'm sure, to fully cater to the many diverse requirements of a demanding dining public. But rather than review all the dining experiences available at the Deer Park, I will concentrate only on the dinner theatre.

White and red wines are placed at each diner's table and constantly replenished. The desserts are rich and eye-pleasing. The English trifle and a piece of key lime pie are all I can handle.

A nice touch is the separate entrance and foyer areas at the north end of the building. This enables patrons in the main dining room to continue enjoying uninterrupted meals while performances are presented in the new wing. One thing that really impressed us was its size. Seating is well placed and the acoustics are superb.

Cathryn enjoys a piece of fluffy chocolate cake with whipped topping and a fresh fruit cocktail.

A big tip of the old fedora to W.J. Austin, (Uncle Bill), for his expert selection of British plays that should keep clientele entertained during their stay. Uncle Bill, with his strong organizing abilities and excellent oratory, turned a gala opening into an extravaganza.

Following this excellent meal, Uncle Bill delivers a very moving and inspirational address, introducing each one of us to this new theatre.

An honor guard of the Kings' Royal Regiment of New York Province, 1776, dressed in period attire, fired three volleys to commemorate the opening. Ribbon-cutting and traditional ceremonies were handled by Town Mayor Eldred King.

While I do not pretend to be a theatre critic, I have attended many plays. This evening's presentation of Rogers' "Last Stand", has us laughing throughout. It is well acted and leaves me wanting to attend more of the same at Deer Park.

Cathryn and I have attended various openings

The regular menu has four varied entrees. These include sirloin steak with mushrooms and cream sauce; loin of pork with mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce; sauteed breast of chicken with white wine and herb sauce and broiled fillet of halibut with dill butter. Soup, salads and tasty desserts are also available.

Dinner theatre is an excellent idea, offering patrons a fine gourmet meal and equally fine entertainment at one reasonable price.

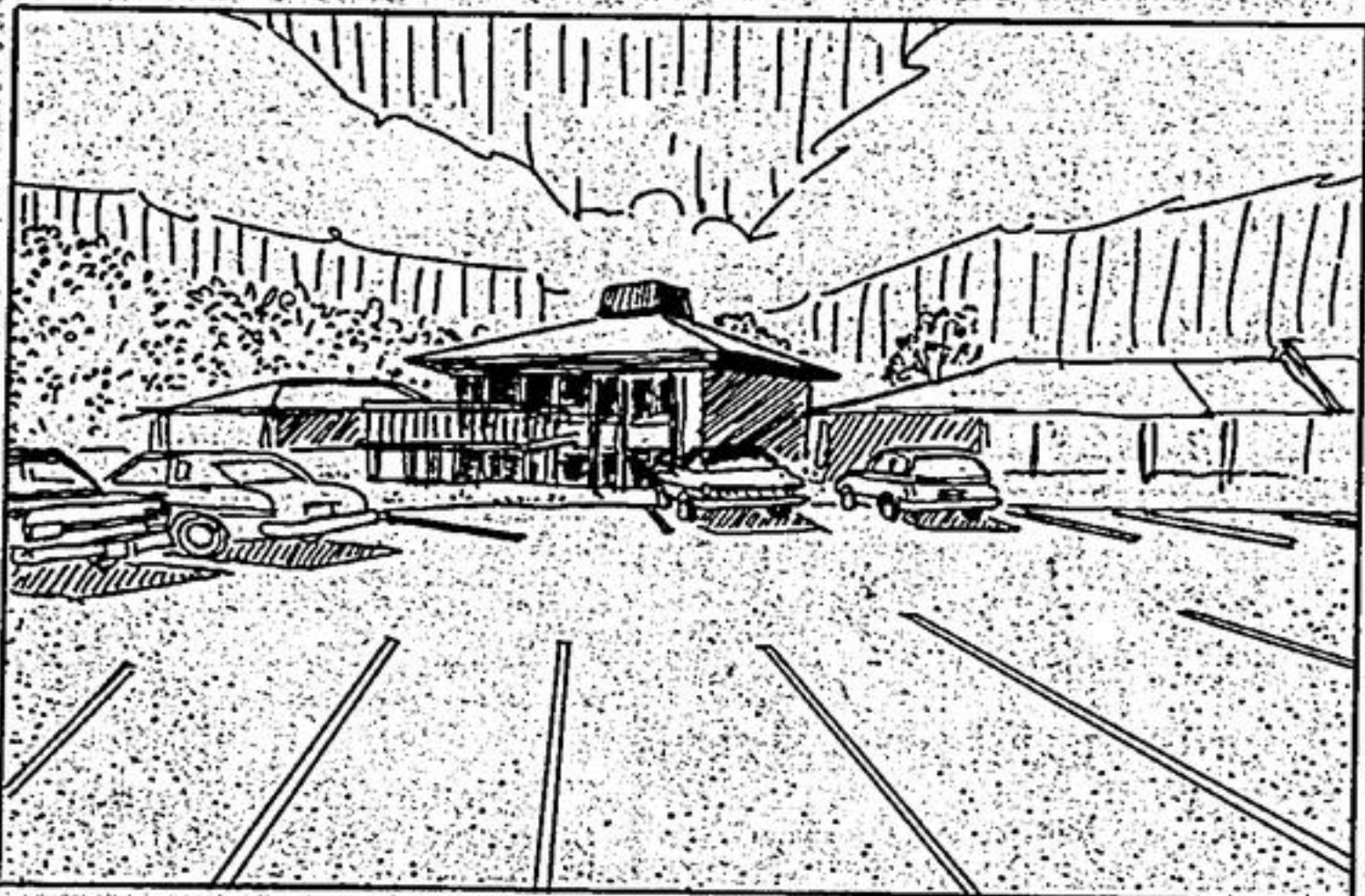
In conclusion, I wish to thank Eric and Marg Farrell, on behalf of future patrons. Their operation is Class with a capital 'C'.

Unveil ambitious project

It's beautiful, both the interior decor and the atmosphere at Whitechurch-Stouffville's new Theatre in the Park. With accommodation for three hundred, the three-level dining area provides intimate privacy yet a good view of the stage. The acoustics are excellent. Live theatre, a first for the Town, is currently presenting "Rogers Last Stand", one of a series of British comedies. Upcoming dates are Sept. 19-23 and Sept. 25-30 at 8 p.m. The price for dinner (6:30 p.m.) and show is \$21.95 per person. The lighting, while soft, allows one to read the menu with ease. The staff are attentive and courteous. The Deer Park Inn and the Theatre in the Park are located on the east side of Hwy. 47 about one mile north of Main Street, Stouffville.

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