

Information Markham Community Calendar

The Economist and Sun invites non-profit groups to publicize their activities free in Community Calendar. To do so, contact Information Markham, at 294-4300 or 731-3145, or direct items to their office in the Markham Community Library basement, weekdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday

Entertainment

Markham Movie Scene

Racism the key focus in a Soldier's Story

By IAN BAILEY
A SOLDIER'S STORY: When Sargeant Waters (Adolph Caesar), a black officer at a Louisiana fort in 1944, is gunned down one night, Captain Richard Davenport (Howard Rollins), a black lawyer from Washington, is called in to find out who killed him.

Director Norman Jewison is on familiar ground here as this film is similar to his 1967 work, *In The Heat of the Night*, which also featured a northern black man trying to solve a mystery under oppressive conditions in the southern USA.

It isn't difficult to see Rollins and his co-star Dennis Lipscomb (who plays a white Captain who reluctantly aids him) as similar to Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, the stars of *In The Heat of the Night*.

The distinction here is that *A Soldier's Story* is less concerned with the mechanics of a mystery and more intent on exploring how victims of racism perceive themselves, with some (i.e. Waters) embracing poisonous elements of racism in a self-destructive way.

Although the performances of the film's ensemble cast are detailed and convincing, its flashback structure, which focuses on Waters' relationships with his men, freezes Rollins out of most of the more engrossing moments. Nonetheless, one performance that stands out long after the film is the raspy voiced Adolph Caesar as the tragic Waters. (AA) Thornhill Square. ***

Wed. Oct. 10
CKFM ESSO COURTESY CRUISER on loan to community groups for parades, openings, festivals, etc. Fully equipped emergency road system, phone, first aid kit, etc. and PA systems: 923-7051 for bookings.

ADULT SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING beginners 7:30 - 9 p.m. Intermediate/Advanced 8:15 - 10:30 p.m. at Royal Orchard School, Thornhill. No entrance fee.

SENECA COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION - "When to Buy, Rent or Sell a Home", at 7 p.m. at Melba's Restaurant, 48 Washington St. Markham. Fee \$25. For complete details, call 491-5050, ext. 314 or 315.

Thurs. Oct. 11
MARKHAM LADIES COFFEE HOUR 9:45 - 11:15 a.m. lower level, Markham Community Library. Free babysitting next door at Markham Arena.

MARKHAVEN BAZAAR, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Markhaven, 54 Parkway Ave., Markham. For further information, call 294-2233.

THE SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF MARKHAM, second in a series of public forums at 7:30 p.m. at the Markham Community Library, lower level. Subject: History of Baha'i women as co-equal administrators of their faith. Call 889-0921.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING 8 to 10 p.m. at Parkview Public School, Fonthill & Fred Varley, Unionville. Registration \$3 evening class \$2. Enjoy expert instruction from Kathleen Kynoch. For further information, call Marion Warner 477-1108 or Kathleen Kynoch 731-3236.

LALECHE LEAGUE meeting at 8 pm at 54 Delmark Blvd. Markham. Topic: Getting started & overcoming difficulties. Pregnancy & nursing. Moms with babies are welcome. Information 294-6923.

NEW LIFE GROUP for widows and widowers, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Anglican Church, (Yonge St. and Major MacKenzie Dr.) Richmond Hill.

Fri. Oct. 12
MARKHAM FAMILY LIFE CENTRE Duty Counsel, 5:30 p.m., Main Street, Markham. No appointment necessary. Free legal advice, clarification of rights, etc. For further information call 294-2371.

Sat. Oct. 13
MARKHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY Changing Places Theatre presents "Kneehigh to a Grasshopper", \$2/person in addition to sponsorship assistance by the Province of Ontario through the Ontario Arts Council.

THORNHILL CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR BRIGHT CHILDREN, registration day for fall programs at the Thornhill Community Centre, upper lounge. Call Gill Hampson at 881-3422.

MARKHAM TOASTMISTRESS CLUB is celebrating its charter, 6 p.m. at Fernando's Restaurant, Main Street, Markham: \$16. for dinner. For further information, Linda Payne: 474-1464.

SKATING PROGRAM FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN offered by the Thornhill Islanders Hockey Club - at 11 a.m. Saturdays at the Clatworthy Arena on John Street. Please call Sylvia Jacobs at 889-4143 if interested in program participation or as a volunteer.

Sun. Oct. 14
VICTORIA SQUARE - HEADFORD UNITED CHURCH, induction of new minister Rev. Douglas Whiddon, 7:30 p.m. at Victoria Square United Church, Rev. Whiddon will be inducted by York Presbytery. Public welcome. Call 887-5348.

Mon. Oct. 15
BINGO at 7:30 p.m. at Unionville Veterans' Hall at Kennedy Rd. and Fred Varley Dr. **MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARIES**, regular meeting of the Library Board 8 p.m. at Unionville Library: 15 Library Lane, Unionville.

MARKHAM ASSOCIATION FOR BRIGHT CHILDREN First meeting of the program, 8 p.m. in the Markham Library. Call Bob MacLean 294-5283.

MARKHAM UNIONVILLE NEWCOMERS, 8 p.m. at Participation House, 5/person (covers 3 glasses of wine, coffee and snacks. Prizes.) Court Whist Night.

LIBRARY SHOWCASE - daily (except Saturday) 9:30 p.m. Classroom Channel 10. This week Pat Butler reveals how your regional library system assists in bringing programs to your community library. Also Trudi from House of Cakes demonstrates construction of gingerbread houses.

MARKHAM CITIZENS FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, Annual General Meeting at 8:30 pm Crosby Arena in Unionville. Speakers: Ken Hancock - War toys; elections, plans for coming year. Call Lesley Hastie 477-1211.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF YORK REGION, education and support meeting at 7:30 pm at the Thornhill Baptist Church, Yonge Street. Public welcome. Call Public Health Office at 884-1133.

Tues. Oct. 16
MARKHAM UNIONVILLE TOASTMASTERS, regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Markham District High School Cafeteria. Call Tom Dewey 294-9340, ext. 270 (bus).

INVENTORY CONTROL, Federal Business Development Bank representative John Coyne will talk to retailers about inventory control. Mr. Coyne will address issues such as maintaining records and preventing theft. At Markham Community Library Program room, lower level. Register in advance.

Wed. Oct. 17
EUCHRE, every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Markham Lawn Bowling Club. Cost \$1. Refreshments & Prizes. Information 294-3142.

THORNHILL SQUARE
ALL OF ME: Steve Martin is brilliant in this smoothly accomplished comedy about a lawyer who has half his body possessed by a neurotic heiress (Lily Tomlin) trying to cheat death through reincarnation. (AA) ***

GHOSTBUSTERS: Two hundred million dollars at the box office and still going strong. To persuade Bill Murray to star in this funny and spectacular supernatural comedy, Columbia Pictures agreed to finance his forthcoming "serious" adaptation of Somerset Maugham's novel, *The Razor's*

EDGE (PG: Coarse Language) ***
MARKVILLE CINEMAS
THE EVIL THAT MEN DO: This violent thriller gets down to business in its first frames with a grim faced Charles Bronson hurling a knife into the camera. It's a vicious hint of things to come as Bronson plays a retired hitman hunting a professional torturer in Latin America. There's little characterization and less sense, but enough bloody gore to make this a movie that shouldn't be seen on a full stomach. (R: Brutal Violence) **

IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES: This touching tale of a child who protests her parent's failed relationship by divorcing them, is deftly poised between comedy and tragedy. Drew Barrymore is the child. Ryan O'Neal and Shelley Long are the parents. (PG) ***

THE JIGSAW MAN: A trite and confusing spy thriller about a defector (Michael Caine), who returns to the West and tries to elude both British Intelligence and the KGB while peddling some explosive microfilm. Lawrence Olivier rants and raves as a blustery Admiral hunting the defector. (PG) **

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What's on this week
Musical tribute at Cullen Barns
 Comradery, a musical that highlights the popular songs of the first and second world wars is being presented at Cullen Country Barns Country Playhouse Theatre. The show runs until Nov. 11, showtimes are Tuesday 10:45 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m. There are no shows on Mondays or Saturdays.
 Admission is \$2 for adults; \$1.50 for students and seniors, with children under 12 admitted for \$1.
Dinner Theatres
 Fernando's Village Restaurant presents Dudley Moore's smash British comedy, *Beyond the Fringe*. The show, which runs until late December, costs \$20 per person. For information call Fernando's at 294-6523.
 Roger's Last Stand, an English comedy which runs every night until October 16, is the dinner theatre performance at Stouffville's Deer Park Inn.
 Another English Comedy is running at Stouffville's Deer Park Inn. Roger's Last Stand runs every night until Oct. 16.
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