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Uxbridge celebrates arts

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
Staff Reporter

Roz Pritchard is hoping audiences will be 'crazy' about Uxbridge's inaugural Celebration of the Arts, Aug. 22-24.

As one of four artistic directors for the township's fledgling cultural festival, she's investing lots of time and energy to help the project become a permanent fixture on the local scene.

One of Ms. Pritchard's major contributions is her direction of a fast-paced look at modern-day life called 'Crazy like the '80s'. The original cabaret production debuts at Uxbridge Music Hall next Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

The show is billed as an evening of theatre, song and dance that "reflects the crazy times that we live in, focusing on the changing roles of men and women, Yuppies, Valley Girls, the computer age, fads, fashions, trends—the list goes on." And songs from the top 100 charts are added for good measure.

Ms. Pritchard said she's confident the celebration will provide a creative shot in the arm for the Uxbridge area.

"I think what it should do is give us some focus in the summer," she explained in an interview. "And I think it should be a focus for all the arts groups in town."

The theatre director wants to see it become an annual happening that'll eventually draw input from surrounding communities such as Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham.

"I really think this will take off," she said of the art fest, which features a pot-pourri of Canadian film, music and art. The other directors are John Richmond (visual arts), Tom Baker (music) and Christopher Chapman (cinema).

Ms. Pritchard's credentials as an actress, teacher and director are impressive to say the least. The Uxbridge resident has performed in and staged two original Music Hall cabarets, 'Hollywood, Here We Come' and 'Coming Out', and has also appeared in a variety of other productions including 'Eat Your Heart Out'.

She views Saturday's staging of 'Crazy like the '80s' as an event highlight largely "because it has been written just for the Celebration... We have done it all ourselves, we've improvised the ideas."

Ms. Pritchard describes it as a "collective" project involving input from cast members Marina Fisher, Colin Paradine, Mark Stokes, Steve Foote, Greg Finnegan, Vivien Lee, Ken Bond, Tish Lefort, Max Daigle and Charlene Daigle.

Tickets, \$7 each, are available at all official UCA outlets: Strawberry Threads, Yellow Brick Road and Hobby Horse Arms, Uxbridge; John Lord's Books, Stouffville; and Port Perry's Irwin Smith Music.

For more information on the Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts, contact 852-7716.

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This week's winner of a Mattel My Child doll is April Yakely of

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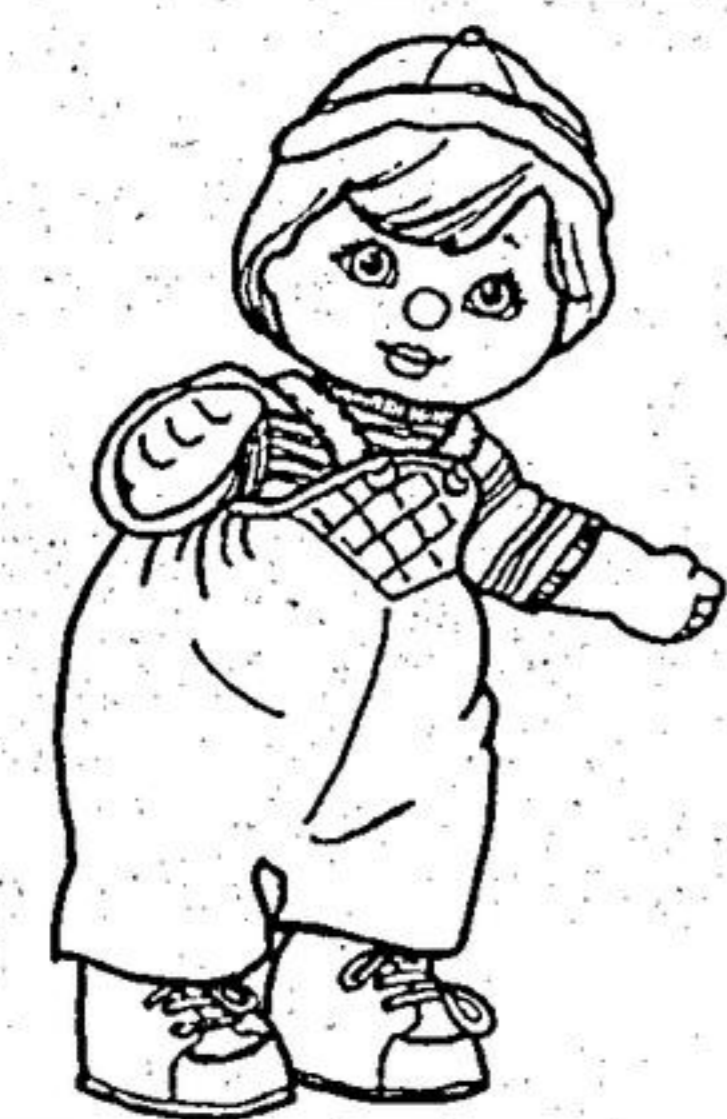
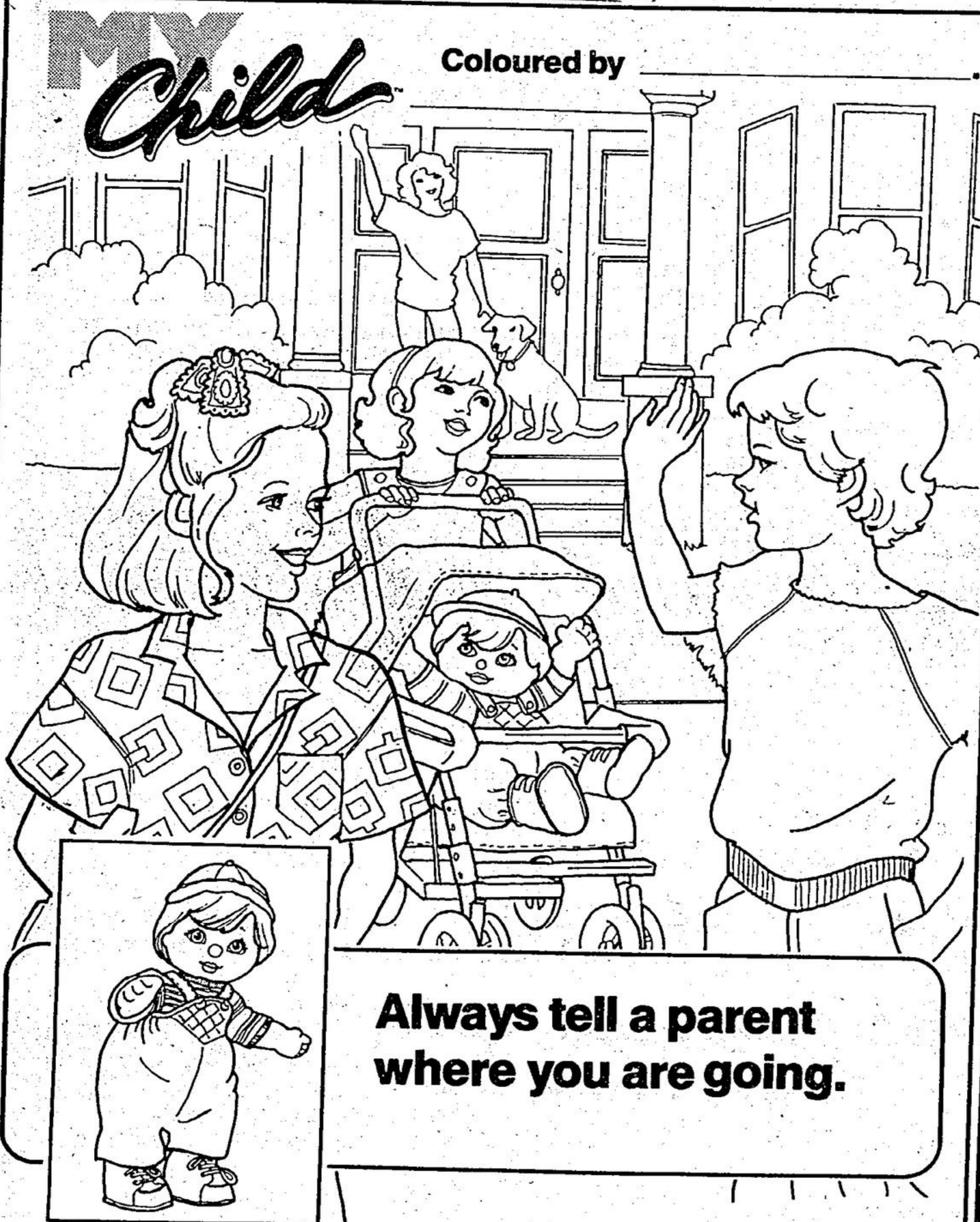
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