

Weekender Entertainment

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Top blues guitarist at Nag's Head North

Nag's Head North

Tonight Colin James, one of the country's top blues guitarists, who recently signed with Virgin Records, takes the stage at Nag's Head North, located on Woodbine Ave.

O'Toole's

Tonight O'Toole's hosts their Blue Hawaiian Beach Party at 8 p.m. There will be contests and prizes, including, bikini, limbo and hula-hoop competitions. O'Toole's supplies the beach, you wear the beach gear.

Dirty Bert's

Located on Main St. N., in Markham, Dirty Bert's presents a double header tonight with Sextion-8 and Rattlesnake Shake. On Sunday Dirty Bert's is open to all ages. Come jam with Harlen May tonight at 7 p.m.

Footloose

Tuesday night is Yuk Yuk's Night at Footloose, with two terrific comedy shows at 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Herongate Barn

Enjoy Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre's production, *Two & Two Make Sex*, about a mid-life crisis with its attendant romantic diversions and fantasies. It is a classic.

Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m., followed by the show at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22, on Saturday, and \$20, on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, which includes

What's On

Nancy Hoskin 294-2200



a five course home-cooked dinner, theatre and sales tax.

A Wednesday evening dinner show has been added for the month of June. For tickets and further info call Dawn or Cheryl at 294-0426.

Hobby Horse Arms

Conrad Kipping entertains crowds tonight at Hobby Horse Arms, in Uxbridge.

C.J.'s Restaurant

Rick Washbrook is featured tonight at C.J.'s Restaurant, located between 16th Ave. and Major MacKenzie Dr. on Hwy 48, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sheraton Parkway

The Parkway's entertainment line-up in Captain Peppertree's Monday through Wednesday, features pianist Catherine Wilson from 5 to 8 p.m. Canadian pianist John Arpin takes the stage Thursday and Friday, from 5 p.m. until 1 a.m., and on Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The Sheraton Parkway is at Hwy 7 and Leslie St.

Fernando's

Enjoy Fernando's musical *Bright City Lights* has been ex-

tended to July 11. This is an upbeat tour across America, hitting with songs and skits, some famous cities and streets. Enjoy your favorite tunes from Motown to Hollywood.

Fernando's Dinner Theatre is located on Main St. Markham.

Dinner is from 7 to 9 p.m. and curtain time is 9:15 p.m. The price is \$22.95 per person for dinner and show. For reservations call 294-6523.

Deer Park Inn

Deer Park's Theatre in the Park, on Hwy 47 in Stouffville, presents the comedy *Boeing Boeing*.

Performances take place Friday and Saturday evenings with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$24.95 per person. Enjoy Deer Park's Wednesday matinee, with lunch served before the show at noon. The cost is \$16.95.

For further information and reservations call 640-6060.

Brodie's

Joe Wood will entertain at Brodie's tonight. Brodie's is located on Hwy 7 in Unionville.

Cullen Barns

Side by Side by Sondheim, a musical review showcasing the work of the great modern American composer Steven Sondheim, is now playing at Cullen Country Barns Dinner Theatre (on the corner of Steeles Ave. and Kennedy Rd. south). Mr. Sondheim is famous for award-winning musicals, including *West Side Story*.

The cost for dinner and show is \$22 per person, with dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

Wanted is being performed at Cullen Barns Matinee Theatre, with performances Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons at 1 or 3 p.m. This musical comedy is about the life story of Canadian detective John Wilson Murray, who lived from 1874 until 1906.

For reservations and further information call 477-4475.

Old Village

Join the fun tonight when Old Village Spaghetti House hosts an Open Jam Night. Local musicians are invited to show their talents, beginning at 10 p.m.

Patio Lantern

The Patio Lantern at 191 Wellington St. E., in Markham, features the piano and acoustic guitar playing of Terry Young, performing Monday through Friday at 8 p.m. Benjamin & Teixeira, a duet performing a variety of soft ballads from the '50's to the upbeat tempo of the '80's takes the stage tonight.

Lindner's

Enjoy your favorite tunes from the '40s to today's rock 'n' roll with vocalist Anne Sequin. Ms. Sequin and her accompaniment will be playing in Whiston's Upstairs Lounge (Markham Village Lanes) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Duchess

Sunday is Jam Nite at the Duchess (Main St., Markham) featuring David Hines. All amateurs are welcome.

Cotton Club

Listen to the sounds of CFNY-FM every Thursday night at the Cotton Club. There is music every night at this Markham nightspot, Monday through Saturday, from 9 p.m. with DJs Meester and Poblette. The Cotton Club (on Hwy 48 south of 14th Ave.) is open for lunch and dinner.

Melba's

Dine to the guitar sounds of Paul Brooks every Thursday through Saturday at Melba's on Washington St., Markham. Reservations are recommended.

Larry and Frankie

Newly opened, this restaurant at Hwys 404 and 7 features family meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner and after 9 p.m. (seven days per week) features professional DJs and dancing.

Herongate sex comedy is good, but slightly flawed

Two and Two Make Sex is a happy choice of play for dinner theatre. A silly, English sex comedy with plenty of visual humor, it is also — unlike so many of the genre — witty and well-written.

The slightly flawed version now running at Herongate Barn still provides a good evening's entertainment.

The story line follows the efforts of middle-aged George Williams to resolve his "virility crisis" in the time-honored way: by having an affair with a young girl.

Jane however, is looking for a father figure to resolve problems of her own — and is out to prove her independence to her live-in lover Nick.

He and George's wife, Clare, find their own methods of dealing with their wayward partners. The complications, as they say, multiply.

The problem with the Herongate production largely lies in Raymond Nash's handling of George. The essence of this kind of comedy is that the characters, no matter how ludicrous their antics, take themselves seriously.

Theatre in Review

294-2200 Liz Wyatt



We must believe George desperately needs reassurance that an affair with Jane can give him what he wants and, when their hang-ups intervene, that his discomfiture is real.

Nash plays him as if it doesn't matter a hoot whether he makes it or not. As if sharing the joke with us, he cheerily bustles about, a fey little smile constantly on his lips.

But to George, it's no joke. As a result, most of his scenes with Jane — particularly in the first act — simply don't work and the comedy is lost.

On the other hand, Helen-Claire Tingling and Eileen O'Leary thoroughly understand what they are about. Tingling makes a delightful and believable Jane.

With poise and fine comic timing, she projects a determined

young woman who is out to get what she wants, without quite knowing why she wants it.

O'Leary's Clare is convincing and funny too, and she shows admirable restraint in her scenes with Richard Bauer (Nick).

But Bauer doesn't appreciate the difference between comedy and farce and overacts shamelessly.

Yet underneath all the eye-popping and jaw-dropping, there appears to lurk a good actor, as his opening scenes intimate.

Alas, he soon lets his mugging gain the upper hand, squelching all the clever nuances of his lines and situations.

Both Jill Milsom as Clare's Ann-Landers-type friend, Ruth, and Larry O'Leary as Jane's father turn in solid perform-

ances in supporting roles.

Herongate is ingenious in squeezing split sets onto its small stage. Clare's elegant drawing room and Jane's messy bedsitter are nicely accommodated without overcrowding.

Unfortunately, no attempt has been made to define the separate areas with lighting. Both are lit throughout, which is at times distracting.

Under Ann E. Ward's smooth direction, the production is appropriately fast paced.

As it was, most of Nash's problems are resolved in the second act, where his few scenes with Jane are sure-fire physical comedy.

The whole act provoked non-stop laughter, culminating in a hilarious parlor game that more than made up for any earlier weaknesses.

Postscript: "My apologies to Al Ward, whom I called 'Art' in my last Herongate review. His affability and deadpan delivery make his pre-show act a highlight of an evening at Herongate."

Local tourney

Women set to hit the links

Time to perfect that swing ladies — the second annual Ladies Golf Tournament is set to tee off June 29 at Buttonville Country Club.

This year the tournament will include a tennis round robin for those not-so-hot golfers.

Tournament organizer Marie Anderson says the golfing roster is almost full, but spots for tennis are still available. The deadline for entry is June 20.

After lunch, participants will be treated to a fashion show by Whiskers in Unionville, Greta's Lingerie in the Markham Village Lanes, and The Maple Tree on Main St. Unionville.

More than 100 people are expected, with an added few for the afternoon show.

The tournament is sponsored by Markham's New Wave Hair and Beauty Fashion. All proceeds will benefit the Unionville Skating Club.