Jannetta at Deer Park Saturday

Young New Year's Eve celebrants at Stouffville's Deer Park Inn will have a special treat this year. From 10 p.m. to midnight, they will be entertained by Jannetta.

Jannetta is a bright young recording artist from Toronto who has appeared in all kinds of shows and has performed at the Canadian National Exhibition and at Toronto's Imperial Room.

She has represented Canada at Europe's oldest song festival, Sopot, which is held annually in Poland, and where she earned the title Favorite of Musicians.

Her album, Breathless, was released earlier this year. This album, which has a strong dance influence, features nine recordings, seven of which were co-written by Jannetta.

Her touring schedule last summer included Summerside, Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

The tour was supported by Adams Brands, manufacturers of Certs breath mints. After hearing the initial tracks from the album Breathless, the Adams people decided to commit an investment of what was described as "an unprecedented amount of money" to a national promotion built around the young singer. Her appeal is targeted at the age 15 to 24 market.

Photo/BRUCE STAPLEY

Earl Crowder (left) was honored last week for 30 years' service to Betz Pools in Stouffville. The local resident accepted a coat and other gifts from Betz Pools founder, Ken Betz (right). The awards were given at Betz Pools Christmas banquet last Thursday at the Deer Park Inn.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

NOTICE

PROPOSED BY-LAW TO CHANGE A STREET NAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 210 (SUBSECTION 105) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham intends to pass a by-law to change the street name "Ryeburn Drive" as dedicated on Registered Plan 65M-2326, south side of Highway No. 7 located between Lots 6 and 7 on Registered Plan 65M-2326 to "East Valhalla Drive."

The proposed by-law and a detailed plan showing the lands to be affected may be seen in my office in the Municipal Building at 8911 Woodbine Avenue, Buttonville, Ontario during normal business hours.

The Council of the corporation of the Town of Markham shall hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and applies to be heard at a hearing to be held on January 24th, 1989 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 8911 Woodbine Avenue, Buttonville at the hour of 7:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Christine Palmer, A.M.C.T.
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MARKHAM

Hawks given a bad name

By ART BRIGGS-JUDE

There's something about a raptor that brings out the worst in most of us.

If it's a fish hawk like the osprey, for example, we're almost mesmerized by the breathtaking plunge as it retrieves a hitherto unseen fish from a nearby lake. On the other hand, our appreciation of these avian predators is soured if it's a sharp-shinned hawk capturing our backyard feathered visitors. I guess in some ways we just refuse to accept reality while in others we simply reject the real facts.

All too often raptors, like reptiles, are the victims of legend and an inherited apprehension.

Because eagles are carrion eaters and were frequently seen feeding on dead livestock and deer, they were immediately branded as these animals' killers.

It mattered little to the rancher or hunter that the animal had died from some other cause. To them the eagle was the culprit to be reckoned with.

The stories of Sinbad the sailor being lofted into the sky in the grasp of a giant bird did not lessen the fears of the early settlers. Even today some people cling to the belief that young children are possible victims of eagles and vultures. To offset such fallacies one only has to look at the true dimensions of these, the largest birds of prey.

While our two North American species of eagle, the bald and the golden, soar around on wings that span close to seven feet, their individual body weight averages less than 13 pounds. It would take a special steroid diet to allow these huge birds to lift and carry away a victim weighing more than their own body weight.

The slightly smaller turkey vulture, or buzzard as they are sometimes called, is even more restricted. With a body weight of only 3½ pounds, these giant black birds have even less of a load-lifting capacity. Add to this handicap a pair of feet that are incapable of carrying anything and you begin to separate the fact from the fantasy.

There's more fancy than fact, too, when we delve into the lifestyles of the soaring hawks or buteos. Often mistakenly called chicken hawks, these raptors in reality are small rodent catchers, destroying countless mice, rats and other such animals each year.

It is interesting to note that, while all of our chickens and ducks are free-ranging, we have never lost a single bird to a red-tailed hawk in over seven years of homesteading. This record is even more meaningful when you know that a pair of red-tailed hawks nest each summer on the nearby ridge only a few hundred yards from our barns.

Of course, there are some hawks tht prey on poultry. Goshawks and Cooper's hawks are some such species, as well as marsh hawks, which are now called harriers. Yet, even the depredations by these accipiters on our chickens and young ducks can be counted on half the fingers on one hand.

As these hawks also nest in our vicinity, it seems safe to say that their attacks on domestic poultry are grossly overstated. The isolated instance of any hawk taking a chicken should not label all hawks as chicken hawks, to be shot on sight.

This fact has long been recognized by an amendment to the Game and Fish Act in 1962 that stated hawks, kingfishers and owls were no longer allowed to be shot in defence or preservation of property.

Yet, if you think old ideas and beliefs die hard, you're right. Witness the charges laid this summer against the Jack Miner Sanctuary near Kingsville and the recent discovery at the Kortright Wildfowl Park in Guelph. Both establishments were caught using leghold traps on poles to catch so-called marauding hawks and owls. Seems the bottom line shows there's a lot of learning to be done by a lot of people about raptors and their ways, even today.

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