

Tribune

# Entertainment

## Santini a hit at Greens

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The Amazing Steve Santini, "the number one name in hypnotic humor" provided a receptive audience with plenty of laughs and a hint of mystery when he entertained them at Greens last Wednesday night.

"I get volunteers from the audience on the stage," explained Santini as he described his act, "then I put them through a number of stages to increase their imagination. Some people call it hypnosis, but I don't really believe in that. They're just in a highly suggestible state. When they've reached that stage, I take them on a journey of the mind."

He claims he can make suitable subjects believe they're on a space shuttle to Mars or hurtling down a mountain in a

toboggan at 500 miles an hour. "The method I use to induce this state only works on certain people. Even the psychologists don't know why some people are prone to it."

Santini read "all the books on clinic psychology I could find to figure out how the mind works," then perfected his own act using the knowledge he had gained. It's been so successful, "now it's a fulltime job. I do an average of 20 shows a month. I've been doing it for 12 years." He travels all over Ontario, performing at locations which range from army bases to community fairs.

It didn't take him long to whip up 11 willing volunteers on Wednesday night; by the time he'd gone through the preliminary stages of inducing them to clench their fists tightly,

stand up, then fall back into their chairs and go to sleep, he'd selected the three most likely lads, whom he proceeded to talk through a mind-boggling adventure.

Those three gave it all they had, going through the motions of crashing over potholes on a bus journey with an obnoxious imaginary companion, staying off heat and cold in a tent on a mountainside, and finally careening down the mountain in their toboggan and landing in a tangled heap on the floor.

The show left the audience in fine humor and the subjects cheerful but confused. And whether you were a cynic or a believer, you had to admit that Santini had provided an excellent evening's entertainment.

## Odd Couple at Herongate

### Herongate Barn

Making its debut at Herongate Barn is the all-time Neil Simon favorite *The Odd Couple*.

For further information call the theatre box office at 294-0426.

### Cullen Country Barns

Having recently made its debut at Cullen Country Barns Dinner Theatre is *Oh Coward*, a musical comedy revue featuring the life of Noel Coward.

For further information and reservations call the Cullen Barns box office at 477-4475.

### Duchess of Markham

Grant Fullerton performs every Saturday evening at the Duchess of Markham located at 53 Main St. Markham North.

### Super Dave Osborne

The Super Dave Osborne Show will tape its third season at Markham Theatre for the Perfor-



## WHAT'S ON

Nancy Hoskin

ming Arts through Sept. 16. For free tickets call 391-5457.

### Deer Park Inn

Deer Park Inn's Theatre in the Park presents *Al Capone's Birthday Party* a production that features a step back into the Roaring '20s. There's a Wednesday matinee and Sunday evening performance.

Humorist and guitarist Adam Timoon is on stage in the Gold Room Thursday through Saturday and during the Sunday brunch. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays The Norm Bernard Jazz Band entertains while

patrons enjoy a buffet meal for \$6.75.

Mark your calendars — Rompin' Ronnie Hawkins will visit Deer Park Inn Sept. 29 and 30.

For further information and reservations call 640-6060.

### Footloose

Born Yesterday performs live on stage at Footloose Roadhouse every Wednesday evening with your favorite rock 'n' roll sounds. Footloose is now open Sundays.

### Brodie's

Jeff Brian performs at Brodie's, located on Hwy. 7 in Unionville.

### Markham Theatre

The Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts will open its 1989-90 season Sept. 27 when *Mail Order Bride* makes its debut.

For further information about the Theatre series or the entire calendar of events at the Markham Theatre, which includes Music Series I and II, Dance Series, Classic Sunday Series, Family Series I and II, call the box office at 479-0201.

### Green's

Every Wednesday is Singers' Night at Green's in Stouffville, located at 220 Main St. E. in the Success Plaza.



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## Artwork cover-up

Lynne McIlvrde Evans (left) shows a painting to Latcham Gallery Director Vanessa Perry at a recent exhibition of artwork. From now until the end of the month the gallery features an exhibition of hand made books.



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