

Picnic scene of networking event

Members and non-members of the area's Chinese business scene will do their networking in a different place tomorrow — a boy

scout camp north of Markham in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The "picnic networking event" at Woodland Trails in

Whitchurch-Stouffville will have a different atmosphere than the regular monthly meetings of the Federation of Chinese Canadians

in Markham, but promoting business is still the goal, said Miranda Mak, manager of the Chinese Cultural Centre in Markham.

"People want something so they can relax and talk and exchange business if possible," she said yesterday.

Families are invited to the potluck picnic on Kennedy Road north of Vondorf Road from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — which is free and includes an expert's demonstrations of "sensuous and healthy massage" for spouses. People are encouraged to bring a dish, but food will be available for sale, "just in case people don't want to do some cooking," Mak said.

The seasonal event is being sponsored by the federation and by the Metro Toronto Filipino-Chinese Association.

Next Tuesday, June 30, the FCCM will have trade delegates from China among its guests at a Markham restaurant banquet celebrating the first anniversary of the return of Hong Kong to Chinese rule.

Hoop Dreams features history of the crinoline

The Markham Museum's newest temporary exhibit, Hoop Dreams: The Rise and Fall of the Crinoline 1848-1875 continues to July 7.

The exhibit was designed and assembled by guest curators, Diane Gallinger and Jonathan Walford, who each have extensive knowledge in costume and have drawn from their private collections for the examples that are featured in this exhibition.

"I hope to address the misconception that some people were fashionable, and others unfashionable in society," said Gallinger.

"Only the very poorest of the poor would have worn clothing that did not reflect the silhouette of the time. For everyone else, being fashionable was merely a question of degree based on wealth and personal taste."

One mannequin will be dressed in the undergarments that were used to create the changing shapes, including a chemise, drawers, corset, and crinoline hoop.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Call the museum at 294-4576 for further information.

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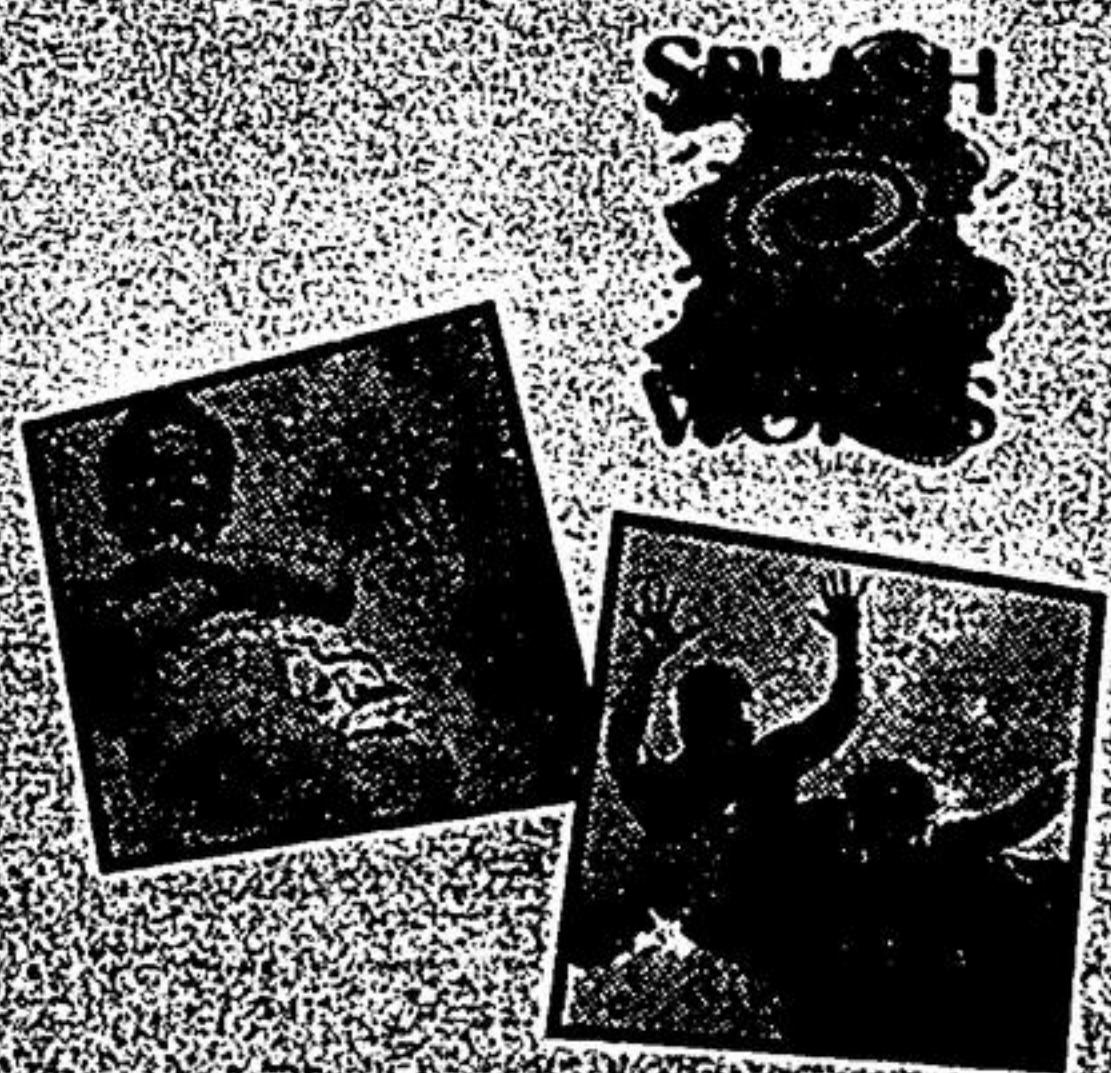
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