

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

A guide to what's happening in the Markham/Stouffville area

THEATRE

■ **TO AUG 1:** Anne of Green Gables at Red Barn Theatre, Jackson's Point. (905) 722-3249

■ **TO AUG 1:** After Marlene at Tottenham Summer Theatre. (905) 936-9836

■ **TO JULY 25:** A Bedfull of Foreigners at Gryphon Theatre, Georgian College in Barrie. (705) 728-4613

■ **TO AUG 2:** Comic Barry Kennedy at Comedywood in Thornhill. 761-0543

CONCERTS

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Live the Life, a presentation of contemporary Christian music and dance vignettes by the Celebration Tour Choir from Ohio, at Unionville Presbyterian Church, 600 Village Pkwy. Seniors needing rides can call 479-6831

■ **FRIDAY:** MuchMusic's Electric Circus Live at Paramount Canada's Wonderland. 832-7000

■ **SATURDAY:** Hot Summer Rush with La Bouche, Love Inc., Jose, Mia Mix and others at Kingswood Theatre, Paramount Canada's Wonderland. 832-7000

■ **SUNDAY:** Tropical Music Festival at Kingswood Music Theatre, Paramount Canada's Wonderland. 832-7000

■ **JULY 29:** The Cavers present Beatlemania at Dufferin District Park in Vaughan. 832-2281

FOR KIDS

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Pirate's Treasure Hunt at Markham Museum & Historic Village. 294-4576

■ **THURSDAY:** Dinner and show with Famous People Players in Toronto. (416) 532-1137

■ **JULY 25, 26:** Kortright offers Go With the Flow, investigate sights and sounds of river currents. 11:30 a.m., Nature Olympics, 1 p.m., Winging It, join a search for the jewels of summer (dragonflies, butterflies and damselflies), 2:30 p.m. Call 832-2289

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Tom Hanks (above) was tired and miserable during the filming of Steven Spielberg's latest picture.

Saving Private Ryan

Opens in theatres this week

STARRING: Tom Hanks, Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Sizemore and Ted Danson. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

MAN O' WAR: Hanks and his co-stars didn't get the big-star treatment. They had to endure a 10-day boot camp, sleeping in tents and running three to five miles a day at dawn under the watchful eye of a former U.S. Marine. "We were playing soldiers who were tired and miserable," says Hanks. "And the trainer made sure that's exactly how we felt."

THE STORY: It's based on an actual event from the D-Day invasion in Normandy. When three

of four soldier brothers were killed within 72 hours of each other, President Roosevelt decided he didn't want a repeat of the deaths of the five Sullivan brothers — a whole family wiped out — so a team was sent to find the last brother, who had parachuted behind enemy lines.

WAR-TIME BUDGETING: The big-name movie avoided a big budget — a relatively paltry \$65 million — because Hanks and Spielberg opted for a percentage of the film's revenue, rather than their usual giant salaries. Hanks said he had another reason to make the film — just to study Spielberg to learn how he makes movies.

— ROY GREEN

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

Some of this week's video releases, along with some capsule comments from professional film reviewers.

U.S. MARSHALS with Tommy Lee Jones and Wesley Snipes. "It is not unpleasant to look at, features a strong cast and generally fills the bill as action movies go. Devoid of tension or suspense, it becomes an exercise in stunts and effects." (Sun)

KISSING A FOOL with Jennifer Aniston and David Schwimmer. "An exception to the barf-bags-required school of love and laughs. A charming time-waster, not to be confused with the waste of time most romantic comedies work out to be." (Sun)

KRIPPENDORF'S TRIBE with Richard Dreyfuss and Jenna Elfman. "Disney's latest vaguely insulting, entirely unfunny comedy about white people making boog-booga noises." (StarWeek)

FOUR DAYS IN SEPTEMBER with Alan Arkin and Pedro Cardoso. "Oscar-nominated for best foreign film, it is an absorbing, fairly profound and un sentimentally poignant film that transcends its docudrama genre." (Star)

GIA with Angelina Jolie and Mercedes Ruehl. "Jolie delivers a stunning performance in this devastating HBO film about doomed 1970s model Gia Carangi." (StarWeek)

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

I'm shopping for a good resale home and it has been suggested a home inspection is a good idea.

What does it involve?

A home inspection is a professional objective visual examination and analysis of the condition of a home, including the physical structure and its systems.

What should an inspection involve?

A complete home inspection will include a visual examination and check of the house from basement to roofline, interior and exterior, the heating system, plumbing system, electrical system, floors, roof, walls and ceilings, visible insulation, windows, doors and siding, and other related aspects of the home.

How do I know I have a qualified inspector?

Many in the industry are responding to the lack of regulation by establishing industry associations. The main body is the Canadian Association of Home Inspectors and its provincial affiliates. Others think that the marketplace, over time, will weed out the inspectors who do not do good jobs.

What you need to know before hiring a home inspector:

Check for qualifications and experience. A good inspection should cost about \$300 to \$500 and should take about four hours. Make sure they have liability insurance and ask if that insurance covers more than the cost of the inspection itself and if there is a time limit to claim it. Be wary of disclaimers, and ask for referrals.

The phone book:

Ontario Association of Home Inspectors: 416-256-0960
1-888-RHI-OAHI

Does government have you confused? I think my child is having problems at school? How do I get Meals on Wheels for my parents? If you're in the dark about an issue, by law or service, send us your query and we'll do our best to provide the information.

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Fri., July 31st - Carpet Frogs
Sat., Aug. 1st - Carpet Frogs
Sun., Aug 2nd - Scarecrow (John Cougar Tribute)

WED., JULY 29th "TROOPER"

Tickets: 10.00 First Come First Serve
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