

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

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

NIGHT OUT

■ **SEPT. 3:** Patio party at Jakes on Main, featuring Mariachi band Acapulco Loco, and a free nacho bar. 202 Main St., Unionville.

■ **SEPT. 4 AND 5:** Grant Fullerton of Lighthouse plays Fullertons, 6211 Main St., Stouffville. Also, on Sept. 6, Danny Marks, Sept. 10, Rita Chiarelli.

CONCERTS

■ **SEPT. 6:** From Broadway to Klezmer II, featuring director Paul Mathew and his nine-piece show band, Leah Poslins Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 at the door.

■ **SEPT. 14 TO 16:** Patti Page with the Guy Lombardo Orchestra at Markham Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets \$64, call the box office at 305-7469.

■ **SEPT. 20:** Hymn sing at Sharon Temple with York Regional Police Male Chorus, \$5 admission. Call 905-478-2389.

THEATRE

■ **SEPT. 18 TO OCT. 3:** *If We Are Women* at Richmond Hill Curtain Club. Call 773-3434.

THE ARTS

■ **SEPT. 11 TO 13:** Frances Craig — An Artist's Journey — at the Kathleen Gormley McKay Art Centre, 197 Main St., Unionville. Call 416-489-9480.

■ **TO OCT. 4:** Joint exhibition of York Region artists at Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery, 216 Main St., Unionville.

FOR CHILDREN

■ **SEPT. 12:** Milliken Children's Festival at Milliken Mills Community Centre, with Eric Nagler, Ontario Science Centre, puppet show, inflatable village, face painters, carnival games, creative craft area, traditional games, food and fireworks. Festival Hotline: 475-4883.

■ **SEPT. 27:** Bananas in Pyjamas at Markham Theatre for three shows: 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$14.99 children, \$15.99 adults, call 305-7469.

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Marcus Ray (Jean-Claude Van Damme) uses a punishing martial arts move to fight off a thug in *Knock Off*.

Knock Off

Opens in theatres this week

STARRING: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Rob Schneider, Lela Rochon, Michael Fitzgerald Wong and Paul Sorvino. Directed by Tsui Hark.

FINALLY MADE IT: Shooting in Hong Kong was somewhat of a homecoming for J-CVD. Van Damme gave up a budding career as a fitness club entrepreneur in Belgium when he was 19 and headed for Hong Kong to break into chop-sockey films. He didn't make it and headed off to Hollywood.

THE STORY: As the drama of the 1997 handover of Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule unfolds, a businessman (Van Damme)

must thwart a deadly conspiracy involving the Russian mafia, microbombs and — worst of all — cheap knock offs of brand-name blue jeans.

ALL WORK, NO PLAY: The Hong Kong shoot was a first for co-star Rob Schneider. "The fast-paced schedule — seven days a week, 20 hours a day — gave me an adrenaline rush I've never felt before. The crew never rests," Van Damme adds, "All the trivial politics that exist on a Hollywood set are thrown out the window."

— ROY GREEN

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

This week's video releases, along with some mini-reviews from professional film reviewers:

Titanic with Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. "It's filmmaking on a grand scale, the kind of movie we haven't seen since the heyday of David Lean and Sam Spiegel. In creating this juggernaut James Cameron spared no expense and pushed himself, his actors, his crew, and even his studios to the limit." (StarWeek)

Homegrown with Billy Bob Thornton and Hank Azaria. "Dope farmers who witness their boss' murder quickly decide to harvest and

sell the crop themselves. That's the story — sweet and simple — but a strong cast turns this one into a worthwhile black comedy." (Sun)

Dream For an Insomniac with Lone Skye and Jennifer Aniston. "Engaging performances make a very pleasant diversion out of writer-director Tiffanie DeBartolo's unassuming little Gen-X romantic comedy." (StarWeek)

3 Ninjas: High Noon at Mega Mountain with Hulk Hogan and Loni Anderson.

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

The first day of school is fast approaching. In light of the current labour negotiations, will schools be open prior to the first day of school?

Elementary

Teachers with York Region's public school board do not hold a strike mandate and were in contract talks yesterday.

All public elementary schools will be open for registration this week. Most school hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., up until and including Friday Sept. 4.

Catholic elementary schools will also be open daily this week for registration and to obtain information.

High School

Although talks are continuing this week, high schools in the Catholic school board will be open for registration.

However, advice from public school board officials is to call individual high schools first to determine if they are open for registration.

The public secondary teachers hold a 90-per-cent strike mandate however, negotiations are continuing Thursday, but a resolution has not been arrived at to date.

It is up to each school administration if they will open this week — until an agreement is reached, final scheduling has not been completed.

The Phone Book

Look for your school in the phone book under York Region board of education for the public board, or York Region Roman Catholic separate school board for the separate board, then the name of your school.

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, bylaw or service, send us your query and we'll do our best to provide the information.

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