

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

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

CONCERTS

■ **OCT. 16:** Contrasts: a Canadian trio of violin, clarinet and piano, at Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre St., call 889-4359.

■ **OCT. 18:** Markham Concert Band presents Union Jack and Stars and Stripes, at Markham Theatre, 305-7469.

THEATRE

■ **OCT. 15 TO 17:** Markham Youth Theatre presents *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, at Markham Theatre, 305-7469.

■ **OCT. 17:** St. Andrew's United Church presents *after the apple...* at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 children, call 294-0351.

THE ARTS

■ **OCT. 7 TO NOV. 29:** Common Ground: An Intercultural Dialogue and Exhibition Project, at the Fredenck Horsman Varley Art Gallery.

■ **TO NOV. 2:** Lemonville Group of Artists show and sale at Markham Theatre. Call 640-3965.

NIGHT OUT

■ **OCT. 7:** Fullerton's Bar presents Dave Watt and The Oysters, Oct. 9 and 10. Grant Fullerton, 6211 Main St., Stouffville.

■ **OCT. 8:** The Mae Cromwell Band gets funky at the Chick 'n Deli North, also Oct. 9 and 10.

■ **OCT. 9:** Tragically Hip tribute with the Wheat Kings at Father's, McCowan Road at Hwy. 7.

EVENTS

■ **OCT.:** Weekend activities at Forsythe Family Farms in Markham: wagon rides, Enchanted Forest, tricycle track and scarecrow making, 10539 Kennedy Rd., 887-1087.

■ **OCT. 10, 11:** Cavalcade of Colour at Kortright Centre for Conservation, Pine Valley Drive in Vaughan. Call 832-2289.

■ **OCT. 17:** Gala fashion show and silent auction, presented by Markham Stouffville Hospital and The Bay Markville. Tickets \$10 at The Bay cosmetics department. Proceeds to the hospital.

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Eddie Murphy, right, is an inspirational guru who helps turn around a failing home shopping network. Jeff Goldblum, centre, stars as an executive, and Kelly Preston is a corporate turn-around specialist hired to revive the ratings.

Holy Man

Opens in theatres this week

STARRING: Eddie Murphy, Jeff Goldblum, Kelly Preston, Robert Loggia and Jon Cryer. Directed by Stephen Herek.

THIS PART IS MADE FOR YOU (OR NOT): Screenwriter Tom Schuman and producer Roger Birnbaum both wanted Eddie Murphy — but for a different part. "We were surprised when he said he wanted to play the holy man," says Birnbaum. "It only took me a moment to imagine Eddie in that part and then I began to get excited."

THE SCRIPT: Murphy plays a prophet for profit — an inspirational televangelist who helps turn around a failing home shopping

network by turning the process into a religious experience.

TYPE A TYPE: Jeff Goldblum took the other male lead, the jaded TV executive, because, he says, the guy is a lot like he used to be. "He's the type of guy who wants to smell the roses really quickly... and then buy them."

CHANGING CHANNELS: Production designer Andrew McAlpine says the set — a home shopping network headquarters and studio — was the most complex he'd ever done. "It was incredibly technical trying to capture all the complexities of a top-end television studio — including taking a video consultant one full month to get 140 fully functional TV monitors up and running."

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

This week's video releases, along with some capsule reviews by professional film reviewers:

Lost In Space with Gary Oldman and William Hurt. "The movie goes beyond the call of duty with special effects that are not just big and loud, but smashingly inventive. The result is a sci-fi world where honest-to-God character motivation gooses the action." (Globe and Mail)

A Perfect Murder with Michael Douglas and Gwyneth Paltrow. "Has little in the way of tension, but endless plot zigs and zags make it

nonetheless capable of keeping you watching." (Sun)

The Eighteenth Angel. "Weird thriller about a sect of evil monks trying to create a genetically perfect body to host the devil. Extremely silly, but not actually bad." (StarWeek).

Other films scheduled for release this week include a special 25th anniversary re-release of *The Exorcist*, Rodney Dangerfield's *The Godson*, and *Top of the World* with Peter Weller and Dennis Hopper.

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

I want to plant a spring flower garden now but have not yet purchased bulbs. What should I be looking for?

First

Bulbs should be planted in the next few weeks before the ground freezes. Try different sources for buying your bulbs, including garden centers and nurseries, mail-order catalogues and supermarkets. Use pictures from catalogues or magazines to get ideas. Note your preferences for colour, blooming period and height.

Do your homework

Read the labels. You don't need to be an expert to have success with bulbs. Pre-packaged Dutch bulbs provide planting instructions and other information on their labels. Bulbs bought in bulk from a garden center usually come with information slips. Mail-order firms list the necessary information in their catalogues and include instructions with the bulbs when shipped.

Consider your climate

There are bulbs suited to most any climate condition. However, not every bulb performs at its peak in every zone. Stores and catalogues can provide information on which bulb varieties are best suited to your area.

Bigger is better

Bigger bulbs produce bigger blossoms. Avoid soft, mushy or moldy bulbs and those that are heavily bruised. Bulbs have an outer papery skin or "tunic" (just like the onion's) which may become loose or torn. This condition does not damage the bulbs and may actually promote faster rooting after the bulb is planted.

The phone book

Call Stokes at 905-688-4300 or check out the Stokes web site at <http://vaxxine.com/seeds/main.ehtml>

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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