

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

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

CONCERTS

- **NOV. 24, 25:** Cléo Laine and John Dankworth at Markham Theatre, 305-7469.
- **NOV. 28:** The Nancy Walker Trio, at St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, 294-0351.
- **NOV. 28:** York Symphony Orchestra presents great classics, at Markham Theatre, 305-7469.

THEATRE

- **DEC. 3 TO 6:** *The Greatest Gift*, written by David Kyle of Aurora, starring Shantelle Przybylo of Markham, 841-0414.
- **TO DEC. 5:** Theatre Aurora's *Oliver!* at Factory Theatre, 727-3669.
- **TO DEC. 5:** *Sylvia* at Curtain Club Theatre in Richmond Hill, 773-3434.
- **THROUGH DEC.:** *Weekend Comedy* at Champagne Dinner Theatre at Howard Johnson Hotel in Markham, 475-8895.

- **TO DEC. 20:** *There Goes The Bride!* at Herongate Dinner Theatre, 472-3085.

FOR CHILDREN

- **DEC. 6:** Judy & David entertain at Markham Theatre, 305-7469.

THE ARTS

- **TO NOV. 29:** *Common Ground*, at the Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery, 477-9511.
- **TO NOV. 30:** Markham Group of Artist Points of View juried show and sale, at Markham Theatre.

ROAD TRIPPING

- **NOV. 25:** Andre Laplante at Ford Centre in North York, (416) 872-2222.
- **NOV. 26, 27:** *Barenaked Ladies* at Massey Hall, (416) 872-4255.
- **NOV. 28:** *The Chieftains* at Massey Hall, (416) 872-4255.

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Bug performers from a flea circus are featured in *A Bug's Life*, the computer-animated adventure from the same people who created *Toy Story* in 1996.

A Bug's Life

Opens in theatres this week

VOICES BY: Dave Foley, Kevin Spacey, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Phyllis Diller, David Hyde Pierce, Roddy McDowell and John Ratzenberger. Directed by John Lasseter and Andrew Stanton.

BACK TO EARTH: Having scored so well with *Toy Story*, the first-ever computer-generated feature film, Disney and Pixar have teamed up for this one, which they're calling "an epic of

miniature proportions."

THE STORY: The ants of Ant Island prepare to fight back against the annual raid by greedy grasshoppers. The ants are led by Yul Brynner and Steve McQueen and the grasshopper gang is led by Eli Wallach ... No, not really, but this does sound a lot like *The Magnificent Seven*, doesn't it?

HEADLINE: Just because the film is set close to the ground and the score was written by Randy Newman, there's no reason to expect the film's theme song will be *Short People*.

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

This week's video releases, along with some capsule reviews from film critics:

Sliding Doors with Gwyneth Paltrow and John Hannah: "Paltrow gives two exhilarating and remarkably different performances in dual roles as one character — not unique, but I have never seen the idea presented so clearly, so cleanly, so provocatively." (Sun)

Dr. Dolittle with Eddie Murphy and Oliver Platt: "Talk to the animals? Eddie Murphy should bow down before them. A dog, a guinea pig, a tiger and two flatulent rats save his bacon in this sloppy and vulgar remake of the 1967 children's movie." (Star)

The Negotiator with Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey: "From the film's bravura opening scene to its cute but bloody conclusion, it plays out as tautly as any crowd-pleasing action flick since *Die Hard*, which it emulates with shameless glee." (Globe and Mail)

Other films scheduled for release this week include *Little Boy Blue* with Nastassja Kinski and Ryan Phillippe, *Soldier of Fortune*, *Silent Cradle*, *The First 9-1/2 Weeks*, *Chapter Perfect*, *Recoil*, *The Lost World* and *The Landlady*.

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

What are the cut-off dates for sending holiday packages overseas?

MAILING DEADLINES:

- In Canada there are no deadlines but it usually takes a maximum of two weeks for a card to arrive once it is mailed.

- Deadline for airmail parcels to Western Europe is Nov. 30 (surface deadline was Nov. 9).

- Greeting cards to Europe must be mailed by Dec. 7 to guarantee delivery on time for Christmas.

During the holidays a special postage price of 73 cents applies (normal price is 90 cents) to cards if you leave the envelope unsealed and there are less than five written words on the card. You must also write "PRINTED AIRMAIL" across the envelope.

- Special delivery is also available but not traceable or guaranteed, however, it is faster than regular airmail.

The cost is regular postage plus \$4.60, or a Skypak is the same as priority courier but more expensive.

WHO TO CALL?

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For Skypak service call 1-800-661-3434.

To look up a postal code call 1-900-565-2633 (charges apply).

Or, go to Canada Post's website at www.canadapost.ca

Here you will find postal codes, mailing rates and information on sending letters to Santa!

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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