

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

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

MUSIC

■ **DEC. 6:** Opera Buffa's *The Greatest Gift* at Aurora United Church. 841-0414.

■ **DEC. 8:** Stouffville District Secondary School winter concert, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Anglican Church, Stouffville.

■ **DEC. 13:** Markham Concert Band presents Holiday Festival at Markham Theatre, 305-7469.

THEATRE

■ **DEC. 5, 6, 12, 13:** *Love at Christmas*, at Markham Missionary Church. (905) 294-5081.

■ **THROUGH DEC.:** Champagne Dinner Theatre presents *Weekend Comedy*, at Howard Johnson, Markham. 475-8895.

CHILDREN

■ **DEC. 5:** *The Magic Sleigh Bell* book signing by W. Peter Elliott at Smithbooks, Markville Shopping Centre, 3 to 5 p.m.

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

ARTS

■ **DEC. 2 TO JAN. 31:** *Before the Land, Beyond the Camera*, at Varley Art Gallery, Unionville. (905) 477-9511.

■ **DEC. 5:** *Masks of the Northwest Coast* exhibition opens at McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinburg. (905) 893-1121.

EVENTS

■ **DEC. 1 to 5:** Hypnotist The Incredible Boris at Comedywood in Vaughan. (905) 761-0543.

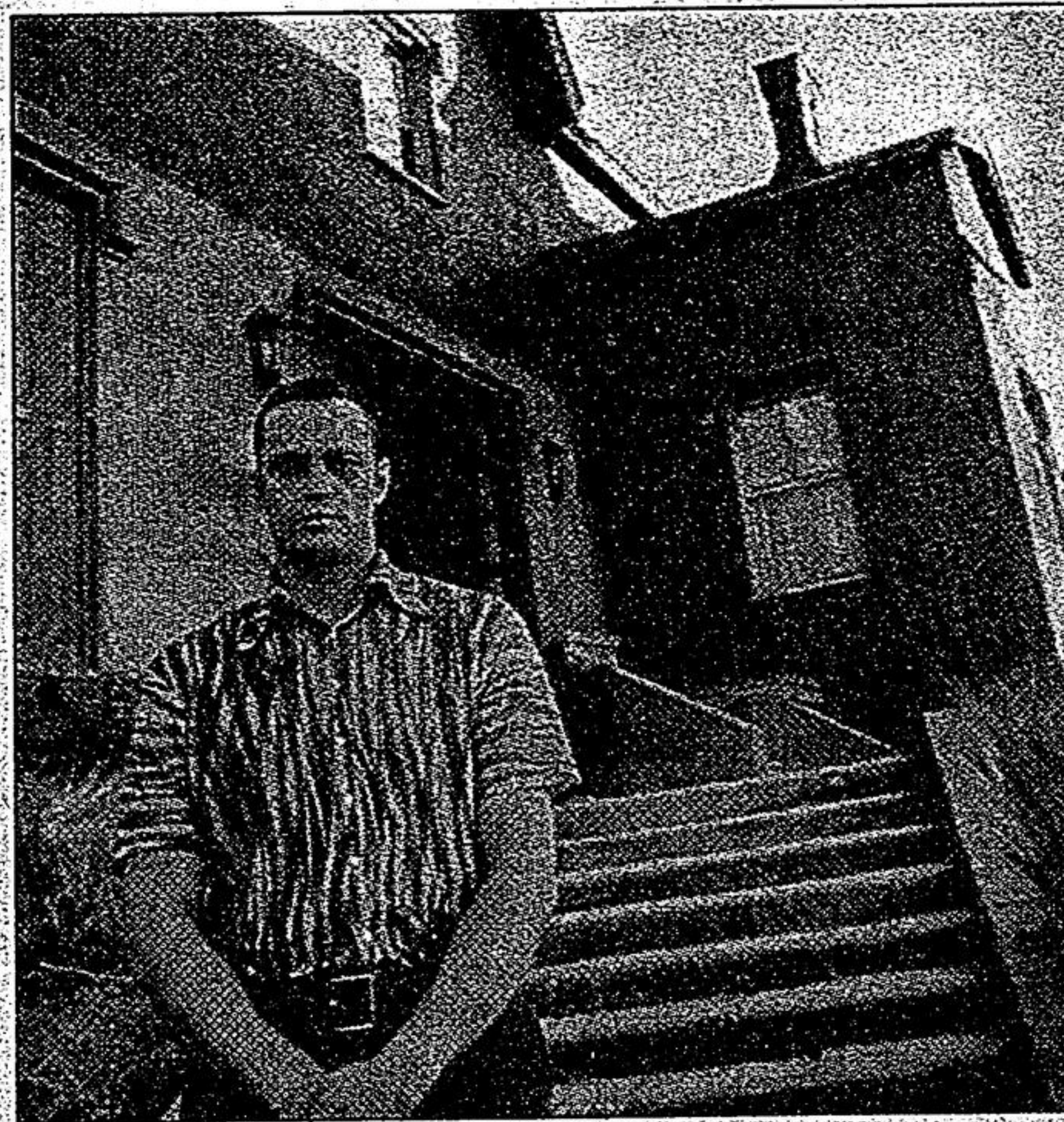
■ **DEC. 6:** Israel's 50th anniversary celebration with art exhibit and movie at City Playhouse Theatre, Thornhill, 7:30 p.m. (905) 886-2625.

■ **TO DEC. 31:** Lamplight Country Christmas at Black Creek Pioneer Village. (416) 736-1733.

■ **TO JAN. 10:** *A Cabin of Curiosities*: collectors and collecting, at Markham Museum, 294-4578.

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Vince Vaughn stars as Norman Bates in *Psycho*, the remake that the studio insists is not a remake of the 1960 movie.

Psycho

Opens in theatres this week

STARRING: Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche, Julianne Moore, Viggo Mortensen and William H. Macy. Directed by Gus Van Sant.

WELL, THIS ONE IS IN COLOUR: It uses the original source, original screenplay, original music, and the same visual scheme of the 1960 original, but the studio says it's not a remake. According to the press kit, "This new version breaks new ground."

THE STORY: Marion Crane, fed up with hav-

ing to sneak away to meet her lover, steals a pile of money from her employer and heads off to California. Along the way, she stops for a shower at a desolate motel in Arizona, run by a peculiar young man named Norman.

THICKER THAN WATER: Alfred Hitchcock filmed the original in black and white because he feared the blood in the famous shower scene wouldn't get past the 1960's censor. Needless to say, censorship — of blood, at least — isn't an issue in 1998. So, be prepared for gallons and gallons of red stuff.

— Roy Green

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

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

The Mask of Zorro with Anthony Hopkins and Antonio Banderas. "It has its flaws. Its final showdown is long and cluttered and its villains are insipid. Yet the movie evokes the agile charm of swashbuckling entertainments of decades past. It also serves as a reminder that when it comes to battling evil oppressors, a sense of style never goes amiss." (Globe and Mail)

Almost Heroes with Chris Farley and Matthew Perry. "Almost Heroes is almost funny. But comedy has to be right on target, and this juvenile movie rarely hits the mark, preferring the scattershot approach with gags about vomit and excrement and the like." (Star)

Other films scheduled for release this week include the animated *The Land Before Time VI*, *Everything That Rises*, *Best of the Best 4*, *Without Warning*, *The Treat* and *The Sender*.

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

Where can I find information about winter road conditions?

Find out by phone

Effective Nov. 30, the Ministry of Transportation will post road condition information on its toll free phone line (see below).

Information will include winter conditions for six regions and nine commuter highways in Ontario.

Localized forecasts

There will also be emergency highway information regarding closures and special advisories. Localized weather forecasts are detailed for specific regions.

Road construction reports for commuter and cottage routes can also be found at the ministry's web site.

Available will be real-time snapshot pictures of traffic conditions on Hwy. 401 in the Metro Toronto area.

And general information on transit systems and a quick way to calculate distances between Ontario municipalities are also on the site.

Access information

To phone the Ministry of Transportation dial 1-800-268-4686, or access the Web site at www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/index.html

Weather news

Winter road reports can also be accessed at the Weather Network's web site featuring GTA, Metro and Ontario roads organized by region: www.theweathernetwork.com

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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Richmond Hill Store
Unit #9, 9030 Leslie St.
(N. of Hwy. 7)
(905) 882-5235

CHRISTMAS PROMOTIONS

- Full Facial (with neck & shoulder massage)..... \$29⁹⁵
- Full Facial & Manicure..... \$39⁹⁵
- Manicure & Pedicure..... \$39⁹⁵
- Kerasilk Shampoo Litre..... \$12⁹⁵
- Kerasilk Conditioner Litre..... \$29⁹⁵
- AG X'MAS Duo..... \$11⁹⁹
- Babylliss Straightener..... \$49⁹⁵
- Avanti Blow Dryer..... \$29⁹⁵
- Windmere Steamy Roller..... \$19⁹⁵

