

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

A guide to what's happening in the York Region area

THEATRE

- **JAN. 21 TO 31:** Neil Simon's *Chapter Two* in City Playhouse in Vaughan. (416) 733-0558.
- **JAN. 22, 23:** Stuart McLean and the Vinyl Cafe at Markham Theatre. (905) 305-7469.
- **JAN. 22 TO FEB. 6:** *Jennie's Story* at Curtain Club Theatre in Richmond Hill. (905) 773-3434.
- **JAN. 23:** Second City Comedy at Newmarket Theatre. (905) 953-5122.
- **JAN. 27:** Amicus Productions' *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* at Fairview Library Theatre. (416) 812-6756.
- **FEB. 3 TO 6:** Markham Little Theatre presents *1949* at Markham Theatre. (905) 305-7469.
- **FEB. 6:** Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club at the Stephen Leacock Theatre in Keswick. (416) 476-0193.

CONCERTS

- **JAN. 19, 20:** The Nylons at Markham Theatre. (905) 305-7469.
- **JAN. 23:** The Good Brothers play Fullerton's in Stouffville. (905) 642-5360.
- **FEB. 8 TO 10:** Tommy Hunter on stage at Markham Theatre. (905) 305-7469.
- **FEB. 11:** Opera York presents *My Funky Valentine*, at Markham Theatre. (905) 305-7469.

ROAD TRIPPING

- **JAN. 21:** Renee Fleming at Roy Thomson Hall. (416) 872-4255.
- **JAN. 24:** James Parker and the Esprit Orchestra at St. Lawrence Centre. (416) 366-7723.
- **JAN. 26:** Mykola Suk at St. Lawrence Centre. (416) 366-7723.

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Sharon Stone and Jean-Luke Figueroa run from mobsters in *Gloria*.

Gloria

Opens in theatres this week

STARRING: Sharon Stone, Jean-Luke Figueroa, Cathy Moriarty, Jeremy Northam, Mike Starr and George C. Scott. Directed by Sidney Lumet.

LARGE HIGH HEELS TO FILL: Stone is following in famous footsteps — Gena Rowlands garnered an Oscar nomination for best actress in the original version of this movie in 1980.

THE STORY: Stone plays a former gangster's moll who is trying to outrun the mob after rescuing a little boy whose entire family has been killed. He has a book they want and they'll kill to get it.

A WOULD-BE JEDI: Movie fame hasn't affected Figueroa. The six-year-old says it's nice to work with Sidney Lumet and Sharon Stone but "the one I really want to work with is Luke Skywalker."

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

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

LOVE AND DEATH ON LONG ISLAND with John Hurt and Jason Priestly. "Its light tone and fine sense of the absurd make it a late-career peak for Hurt and an auspicious debut for director Richard Kwietniowski." (Star)

SMOKE SIGNALS with Adam Beach. "Written, directed and acted by native North Americans, this is a sophisticated, intelligent and poignant film. This is the real deal, free of Hollywood clichés." (Sun)

MAFIA with Lloyd Bridges. "This spoof of the *Godfather* series is so bad, it's a crime." (Star)

RETURN TO PARADISE with Vince Vaughn and Anne Heche. "Without Vaughn, it is more like *Return to Pomposity*. His worthy performance helps us through the moments of boredom and cliché." (Sun)

Other titles scheduled for release this week are *The Stums of Beverly Hills* with Marisa Tomei and Alan Arkin, *Dilemma* with C. Thomas Howell, *Buffalo 66* with Christina Ricci and *Gloria* (1980) with Gena Rowlands.

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

What is the province's Drive Clean test all about?

As of April 1, 1999 a new Ministry of the Environment emission testing program will require cars and light-duty vehicles in the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton-Wentworth area to pass a clean air test every two years.

You will be more likely to pass the 20-minute test, which costs no more than \$30 plus tax, if your vehicle is properly maintained and tuned.

When will my car be called for inspection?

• Owners of even number model cars from 1980 to 1996 and renewal dates of April 1 or later will be sent notices and required to pass the test in 1999. Model years to be tested in 2000 will be those from 1981 to 1997.

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- Make sure your gas tank cap is not broken, missing or faulty.
- Your vehicle cannot be tested if there are holes in the exhaust or catalytic converter or if parts are missing.
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