

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

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

THEATRE

■ **MARCH 16, 17:** Just Off Centre's *Alice in Wonderland* at Newmarket Theatre. 953-5122.

■ **MARCH 18 TO 28:** Encore Entertainment's *Anne of Green Gables* at City Playhouse in Vaughan. 709-4057.

■ **MARCH 19 TO 27:** Queensville Players' *Man of La Mancha* at Leacock Theatre in Keswick. 476-0193.

CONCERTS

■ **MARCH 19:** Catherine Robbin performs at Thornhill Presbyterian Church. 889-4359.

■ **MARCH 26, 27:** Quartetto Gelato at Markham Theatre. (905) 305-7469.

■ **MARCH 27:** Great Romantics by York Symphony Orchestra, at Newmarket Theatre. (905) 953-5122.

■ **MARCH 28:** Great Romantics by York Symphony Orchestra, at Markham Theatre. (905) 305-7469.

ART

■ **TO MARCH 31:** Oils by Gary Jensen Praestgaard at The Manor in Kettleby. (905) 939-2800.

ROAD TRIPPING

■ **MARCH 17 TO 20:** Just For Laughs comedy festival at Opera House. (416) 466-0313.

■ **TO MAY 2:** *The Nutmeg Princess* at Young People's Theatre in Toronto. (416) 862-2222.

■ **MARCH 18:** Martinu Quartet at St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto. (416) 366-7723.

■ **MARCH 19 TO 21:** *Grease* at Hummingbird Centre. (416) 872-2262.

■ **MARCH 20:** Preservation Jazz Band at Massey Hall in Toronto. (416) 872-4255.

■ **MARCH 23:** Shania Twain at Air Canada Centre. (416) 870-8000.

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Ouch. David Arquette is about to get whumped, prior to dinner, by Guy Pearce in *Ravenous*.

Ravenous

Opens in theatres this week

STARRING: Guy Pearce, Robert Carlyle, David Arquette, Jeremy Davies and Jeffrey Jones. Directed by Antonia Bird.

A LAUGH A MINUTE: Though the film has its origins in an actual historical event: the Donner Pass disaster of 1846-47, in which a group of snowbound immigrants survived by eating the corpses of their fallen comrades, director Antonia Bird describes it as a mix of

"adventure story, whodunnit and satire."

THE STORY: During the Mexican-American war, a group of soldiers at a desolate military outpost in California come face-to-face with cannibalism.

JUST ANOTHER COOKBOOK: The movie's press kit carries recipes for cooking humans. It states, "No humans were harmed, tested or tasted in the making of this book. All recipes are fictitious. Twentieth Century Fox does not condone cannibalism."

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

Here are this week's video releases, along with some mini-reviews from professional film critics:

One True Thing with Meryl Streep and Renee Zellweger. "Give it three stars and four hankies — it's a mighty fine weepie. Exquisite performances give life to a fairly mechanical narrative." (Globe and Mail)

Bulworth with Warren Beatty and Halle Berry. "A caustically funny riff on the price of honesty in American politics and a grand combination of Beatty's considerable skills as writer, actor and director." (Star)

Living Out Loud with Holly Hunter and Danny DeVito. "Underpinning the fantasy is a reality rooted in the quiet intelligence of the piece. This is a special and exhilarating movie." (Sun)

The Waterboy with Adam Sandler. "Despite being profoundly stupid, it has its own peculiar charm. This is high-energy silliness." (Sun)

Also scheduled for release this week were *Polish Wedding* with Gabriel Byrne, *No Laughing Matter* with Suzanne Somers, *The Wonderful Ice Cream Suit*, *Perfect Assassins*, *Paranoia*, *I Think I Do*, *Naked*, *Lily Dale* and *Shepherd*.

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

A reader asks: My mother is 94 years old and still owns her own home. I would like to have her move in with me. If her house sells and the funds from it are put in a trust account for her, will she be charged estate tax on those funds at the time of her death?

Also, after what amount is tax payable on an estate?

Check probate fees

Estate and inheritance tax were eliminated in Canada in 1972 and replaced with capital gains and probate fee.

We spoke to a TD Evergreen spokesperson who told us probate fees charged on an estate start at \$5 per \$1,000 for the first \$50,000 in the estate, and \$15 per \$1,000 over and above \$50,000 with no limit.

For example, on \$1 million estate you would pay \$14,000 in probate fees.

No estate tax

There is no estate tax, but what you need to be concerned about is probate fees after death and capital gains on the funds from the sale of the home if it is reinvested into a stock or other investment portfolio.

No capital gain will be triggered until the property is sold.

Get the facts

For more information call TD Evergreen at 1-800-268-7878.

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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