

INFOGUIDE

SPOTLIGHT

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

THEATRE

Sept. 7 to 11 — The Legends of County and Rock and Roll at Red Barn Theatre in Jackson's Point. 722-3249.

Sept. 8 to 14 — Comic Danny Kelly at Comedywood in Thornhill. 761-0543.

Sept. 15 — Markham Little Theatre's Wrong For Each Other at Markham Theatre. 305-7469.

Sept. 17 to Oct. 2 — Murder at the Howard Johnson at Curtain Club Theatre in Richmond Hill. 773-3434.

Sept. 17 to Oct. 2 — Theatre Aurora's Pool's Paradise at Factory Theatre. 727-3669.

Sept. 18 — More The Meets the Eye at Leacock Theatre in Keswick. 476-0193.

CONCERTS

Sept. 19 — The Ballad Project's Hymn Sing at Sharon Temple. 478-2389.

ROAD TRIPPING

Sept. 8 to Oct. 16 — Cabaret at Princess of Wales in Toronto. (416) 872-1212.

Sept. 8 to Oct. 2 — Whole Lotto Love at Theatre on the Grand in Fergus. (519) 787-1981.

Sept. 8 to Oct. 9 — Dames at Sea at Drayton Festival. (519) 638-5555.

Sept. 22 to 26 — Stan Rogers: A Matter of Heart at Theatre Orangeville. (519) 942-3423.

Sept. 23 to Oct. 9 — Stage Centre's Hobson's Choice at Fairview Library Theatre. (416) 299-5557.

FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Patricia Arquette plays a woman who is brutally attacked and suffers wounds that mirror those of Christ in *Stigmata*.

Stigmata
Opening in theatres this week.

STARRING: Patricia Arquette, Gabriel Byrne, Jonathan Pryce, Portia De Rossi, Patrick Muldoon, Nia Long and Rade Sebedzija. Directed by Rupert Wainwright.

VOODOO SOMETHING TO ME: "At first, it scared me and I didn't want to do it," says Arquette. "After meeting with some of the specialists we talked with about exorcisms, voodoo and different cultures, I was very interested."

THE STORY: The Vatican sends a priest (Byrne) to investigate reports that a woman (Arquette) has been brutally attacked and left with wounds mirroring those suffered by Jesus Christ during his crucifixion.

A DAY ON THE SET: "I was flung around a runaway subway car, dragged across the floor by a wire and ran through a rainy street with stunt drivers crashing all around me," says Arquette. "At the end of the day, I was glad I had a good chiropractor."

NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

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

The Other Sister starring Juliette Lewis and Diane Keaton. "There's a phrase for big-hearted, shamelessly sentimental movies — they're called Heimlich movies, which either means they choke you up or, less generously, make you feel like gagging." (Globe and Mail)

Twin Dragons with Jackie Chan. "It's supposed to be cute. It's supposed to be wacky. But mostly it's ridiculous and offensive and, worst of all, boring." (National Post)

Other films scheduled for release this week include **Inferno** with James Remar; **Return of the Musketeers** with Philippe Noiret; **The Last Contract** with Michael Kitchen and **Fashion Party** with Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen.

FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

This week:

How do you keep hardwood looking clean?

Traditional wood floors either have a surface finish (such as polyurethane) or are treated with a penetrating sealer and then waxed. If you don't know what finish is on your wood floor, just rub your finger across it. Generally, if you can make a smudge, the floor has been treated with a penetrating seal and then waxed. If not, it was surface finished. If you have a relatively new floor, you should contact the manufacturer for care recommendations.

Maintaining new wood floors and factory-finishes

Many newer wood floors have factory finishes, because they are easier to install. If your wood floor has V-shaped grooves between the planks, it's probably factory-finished, and you'll need information from the manufacturer about the finish and whether it needs waxing.

Maintaining surface-sealed finishes

Surface-sealed finishes should be cleaned with a dust mop and vacuumed regularly. Periodically, damp mop the floor with a cleaner especially for wood floors, like Murphy's Oil Soap. After mopping, wipe it dry with a clean cloth or mop. Wood flooring experts recommend that surface finishes be reapplied every five years.

Special care hints for surface-sealed finishes

- Only use a well-wrung out mop on these floors, as too much water can cause warping.
- Clean up spilled nail polish by allowing it to dry until tacky, then peel it off.
- Remove chewing gum by putting an ice cube in a small cup and turning the cup upside down over the gum. When the gum is brittle, gently pry it up with a plastic scraper.

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