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## SPLISH, SPLASH

Stouffville Secondary's Caroline Rankin (1125) and Demi Chalkias (1113), Kristen Marchant of Newmarket High (far right), and Heather Simpson from Markville Secondary pass Joanna Chan of Thornhill St. Robert as she takes a spill during the girls steeplechase at York University in the York Region Athletic Association track and field championships Thursday. For Day 1 results from Stouffville competitors, see story on page 12.

FILMED HERE IN 2007, EATING BUCCANEERS TO BE SCREENED AT NINETEEN ON PARK

## Stouffville can see itself as N. Ontario in new movie

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Bill Keenan bit the hand that fed him for 20 years and now audiences all over North America are having the last laugh.

Shot in Whitchurch-Stouffville, in the York Region Forest and Whitchurch Conservation Area, over 18 days in the summer of 2007, Mr. Keenan's feature film debut, *Eating Buccaneers*, is about four self-absorbed advertising executives and their client who crash land their small plane in the Northern Ontario woods and have nothing but Buccaneer bars

to eat and each other to rely on.

"Advertising people are larger-than-life people, but they know how to make fun of themselves," Mr. Keenan said of how he was able to make the film without jeopardizing his career in radio and television commercials.

The cast is made up of a who's who in Canadian comedic talent: Jeff White (*Little Mosque on the Prairie*), Shannon Beckner (*Billable Hours*), Steven McCarthy (*Dead Mary*) and Neil Crone, who is a high school buddy of Mr. Keenan's.

Also starring in the movie is Peter Keleghan

(*Billable Hours*, *Seinfeld* and *The Red Green Show*) whom Mr. Keenan met for the first time a few years ago while the pair were working on a commercial together.

"I took him aside and I pitched him on the idea," Mr. Keenan said. "He loved the script so much ... he called me and said I'm in and by the way, my partner is Leah Pinsent and I think she would make a great Vanessa."

As part of the shoot, the cast and crew had to spend one day in Algonquin Park. Wanting to make a weekend of it, Mr. Keleghan and Ms Pinsent went up a few days earlier and

brought her father — famed Canadian actor Gordon Pinsent, along for the trip.

Mr. Pinsent read the script, saw what was going on and asked if he could be in the movie.

"Gordon Pinsent in my first feature film? Let me think about that. I said yes," Mr. Keenan said, noting he had to quickly create a character for Mr. Pinsent to play that would make sense.

The result is a scene-stealing crazy backwoods trapper.

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