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APEC

Upcoming programs for December being featured at the Alley Pond Environmental Center located at 228-06 Northern Blvd. Douglaston, N.Y. (229-4000) \$1.00 for non-members; 50¢ for members unless otherwise noted:

12/6 - Sat. 1 PM

BOTANY FOR BEACH-COMBERS

12/7 - Sun. 1:30-3:30 PM

Holiday Party for pre-schoolers, Visit by Santa, Fee \$2 members; \$3 non-members

12/13 - Sat. - 1 PM

CANDLE MAKING - 12 to 16 year olds invited. Pre-registration required. Material fee \$1 members; \$2 non-members.

12/14 - Sun. 10 AM

PRE-COUNT BIRD WALK

12/20 - Sa. 1 PM

RAPPING ABOUT REPTILES

12/27 - Sat. 2-4 PM

TULIPS IN WINTER - 6 to 11 year olds invited

12/27 - Sat. 8 PM

HOLIDAY INTERLUDE - Get-together around wood burning stoves for songs & cheer. Members \$5; Non-members \$7.

12/30 - Tues. 2-4 PM

DAY CAMPERS REUNION - Bring sleds if snow. Free.

HOLLYWOOD??

Normally our closest connection to the movies is to go to a big screen showing of the current film features. But recently we were treated to having scenes of a new production directed by Franco Zefferelli, titled "Endless Love" starring Brooke Shields and featuring also Don Murray, shot right in our own neighborhood.

Just within the confines of Creedmoor property, at the corner of Winchester Blvd. and Hillside Ave. sits a very decrepit house which suddenly had a speedy face-lift to prepare it for the filming of a fire. Equipment, spotlights, campers moved onto the "set" with fire engines, police cars and curious onlookers completing the scene. Thanks to special effects men, very little actual damage was sustained, but evidence of the tedium of movie making was obvious in the constant retakes being witnessed. And so another memory is made, as Hollywood comes to Bellerose.

Betty Platania

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THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

DEC. 4, 1980

AT/ 8:30 P.M.

ELECTION NIGHT

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LIBRARY NEWS

The fall season at the Bellerose Library has proved to be a busy one. Our circulation figures for '79-'80 have risen considerably and we thank our public for its patronage and interest in keeping the library active.

On Dec. 10th, at 3:30 PM, a full length feature film for school children, grades 1-6, will be shown. It is called "The 5000 Fingers of Doctor T." Tickets will be distributed at the library. On Jan. 14th, at the same time, the film will be "Go-Kart-Go."

Registration for the new series of ten yoga lessons, to start in January, will be during the month of December. Many have expressed interest in this program, and since classes are limited, early registration is advised. Our successful book discussion group continues to meet monthly, on Thursday mornings, and new members are always welcome.

We have received so many excellent new titles and have on order the best of the recently published. If you are dieting, and are confused by all the new diets, we have the Consumer Guide on rating the diets. The latest non-fiction best seller by Douglas Casey, "Crisis Investing" is also available. James Michener's best seller, "The

Covenant", is on order, so put in your reserves early.

Now that winter weather is upon us, it's fun to curl up with a good book--so we expect to see you soon. Take advantage of one of the few free services still remaining ----your library.

FARM MUSEUM

The Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy. will be presenting its Holiday Bazaar for two days in December. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6th & 7th from 10 AM to 4 PM, with free admission. This is a good opportunity for you to pick up some unusual handmade items. Home grown herbs, etc. are also sometimes available made up as sachets. You will really enjoy your visit to this Colonial landmark museum.

At the time of this writing, final details on the Wreath-making course are not yet available. It is planned for Sat. Dec. 13th and there is generally more than one scheduling of sessions. Realistically we must consider the ever rising cost of supplies and hopefully this year's quotation will not place it beyond our means. If you would be interested, please call 347-3820 for complete details. Reservations for this activity are a must.

CRAFT SHOP

The weekends of Dec. 6 & 7, Dec. 13 & 14, have been reserved for a very special Christmas sale at St. Gregory's. A dedicated group of women meet weekly to prepare items suitable for home decoration or holiday gift giving at this time. It is nice to shop close to home and treat your selves and your friends and family to a different type gift for a change. Decorations to be used year after year are a constant reminder of the giver and make a pleasant change from the commercial, machine-made items we usually buy. Plan to drop in and look for a treat for those special people on your list--starting with you!

WORDS

Ever get confused with the English language? Today we seem to be taking liberties with meanings and a recent newspaper article throws some light on incorrect usage being commonly applied:

Graffito- "words or a drawing scratched or scribbled on a wall". Note: it is incorrect to use graffiti as a singular.

Media - the editors say, "this word is the plural of medium and should have a plural verb: 'the media are (not is) influential. It is incorrect to refer to one of these services, such as television, as a media, or the media, or to several of them as medias."

•MEETING BRIEFS•

-- The Association will keep pressure on the Director of the Queens Boro Public Libraries to have our Bellerose branch reopened on Saturdays. There was some discussion concerning the possibility of having the library opened on alternate Saturdays.

-- Those who attended the 105th Precinct Community Council Breakfast reported they enjoyed the function.

-- The Association received a letter from City Council President Carol Bellamy stating that she received our petitions concerning the elimination of the crossing guard post on Commonwealth Blvd., and that the City Council had already voted not to cancel any of the posts.

-- We hear from Vivian Bailey of the MTA that she has not received any complaints about bus service in this area, while she receives many complaints from other areas of the City.

-- Detective Pecorrelli of the Crime Prevention Unit attached to the 105th Precinct gave an informative talk on securing our homes from burglary.

--- Four Copies of Assemblyman John Esposito's book on reassessment, entitled "The Games They Play", were awarded as door prizes to:

James McCarthy
Donald West
Katherine Keogh
Gertrude Beringer

BUS SERVICE GOOD ???

Anyone who uses the buses in our area knows that the service is far from good. Window latches are broken so that windows cannot be opened -- or closed. The windows are cracked, the bell cords don't work, the flooring of the bus is so badly cracked that the roadway is visible through the space surrounding the wheel cover. The buses are uncomfortable and overcrowded. Even the new buses, put into service just this past summer, have scratched and loose windows, and inoperable rear doors.

Vivian Bailey of the MTA told one of our Board members that she has received no complaints about bus service from our area. Bus riders must contact Mrs. Bailey and let her know just how bad service is. We can't expect better service if we grumble and do nothing.

Mrs. Bailey can be contacted at the MTA, 370 Jay Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

HOW SAFE FROM BURGLARY IS YOUR HOME?

If you attended the November membership meeting, answering this question is easy.

Detective Pecorrelli of the 105th Precinct Crime

Prevention Unit gave us many suggestions for making our homes as burglary-proof as possible.

Bars on your basement windows will discourage a burglar. Three bars should be installed on each window, either vertically or horizontally. To secure your other windows, you can drill a hole through the window sash, and half-way into the sash behind it. Cut off the tip of a nail and insert the nail into the hole. Now the window cannot be raised, even if the burglar opens the latch. The nail is easily removed when you want to open the window.

It is important to keep shrubs trimmed, and to keep your property well lit at night. The longer a burglar has to spend attempting to enter your home, the greater the chance he will be seen.

Of course, a barking dog is a great deterrent.

Placing a piece of plywood over the thinner panels in the interior bottom half of a side or rear door is a good idea. The Detective also suggested placing a sheet of polycarbonated glass over the glass in the door. This sheet of glass should be installed on the interior side of the door. Polycarbonated glass is unbreakable.

Many thanks to Detective Pecorrelli for spending some of his time with us and for sharing his wealth of information.

Noisome - "harmful, noxious, evil smelling" but this word is unrelated to noise."

Simplistic - "tending to simplify something unjustifiably," as in a simplistic solution. Note: "do not confuse simplistic with simple."

Betty Platania

CHAMPS

Coach Geri Klimas of Martin Van Buren HS, Queens Village, has reason to be proud of "her girls". For the second year in a row, the Girls Bowling Team reigns victorious as the borough champs of Queens. Throughout the city-wide playoffs held at Madison Square Garden, the girls distinguished themselves with fine play and sportsmanship, emerging in second place out of an elimination of 90 schools. Mr. Murray I. Ostrin, Principal, was with them as medals were presented to the hard working team members:

Debbie Banco
Marcia Black
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Cindy Orner
Barbara Peponakis
Lorraine Saunders
*Belinda Schenck
Stacie Spiegel
*Karen Wroblewski

*from Bellerose
CONGRATULATIONS!

TIME FOR ME

Do you seem to find yourself completely absorbed in driving your children to endless activities, going to meetings, running around with household chores? How long has it been since you put yourself first and considered setting time aside for mind or body improvement? Registration for the second 8-week term of Adult Education Courses will soon begin at Hawthorne Community Center and Martin Van Buren HS. Isn't it time you thought about being a more interesting, better YOU? Classes will start after the holidays are over-- a good time to turn over a new leaf, and you will be surprised at the variety of courses offered Monday-Thursday evenings at both schools plus Saturday morning classes at Hawthorne.

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