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## SANTA IS COMING TO FANWOOD!

Santa Claus will begin making his rounds in Fanwood at 4:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve. Children should be alerted to listen for Santa's music and have coats and boots ready to dash out and collect their gifts.

A reminder to parents: Anyone interested in having a present delivered by Santa, should make that important delivery to the Fanwood Police Department by Monday, December 22nd.

## TIME IS TICKING AWAY... ENTER THE HOME DECORATION CONTEST TODAY!

It's not too late to enter DECA's 4th annual Holiday Home Decoration contest. All residents are urged to get into the holiday spirit and enter your home and your neighbor's. Many awards will be given to the homes that best convey the spirit of the holiday season. Separate contests will be held for Fanwood and Scotch Plains. In order to enter the contest, call Joyce Carraway at the Fanwood Borough Hall at 322-8236 or Laura Swidersky at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at 322-6700. Judging will take place on Friday through Sunday evenings, December 26-28. Entrants are asked to leave their lights on between the hours of 6 PM and 10 PM on those evenings.

## SPF-ETV SCHEDULE, CHANNEL 34

The following programs will air at 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18 - Terrill Holiday Concert.

Friday, December 19 - Park Holiday Concert.

Monday, December 22 - 34 News: 3rd Edition.

Tuesday, December 23 - Vision Arts I & II.

Wednesday, December 24 thru Sunday, December 28 - High School Holiday Concert.

PLEASE NOTE: Any program broadcast on Friday can also be viewed on Saturday and Sunday at the same times.

## ICE CAPADES BUS TRIP ANNOUNCED

The Recreation Commission will sponsor a bus trip to the Meadowlands to view the Ice Capades. This is a spectacular ice show and promises to be enjoyable for all ages.

The bus will leave the Municipal Building Parking Lot, Scotch Plains, at 6 p.m., January 30, 1987, and participants will view the 7:30 p.m. performance, with return to Scotch Plains by 10:30 p.m.

Registration for this trip may be made at the Recreation Office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting on January 5, 1987. Space is limited and only four tickets per person will be allocated at a cost of \$14.50 each. Ticket sales will be closed when the bus is sold out, therefore, prompt action on the part of interested residents is urged.

## FINAL LUMINARIA SALE DAYS DECEMBER 20 & 21



Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Key Club members, left to right, Tracey Branin, Gisalle Anatol, Jania Geilachs, Jennifer Walsh and Tracey Nahalka lend a helping hand in the annual Kiwanis Luminary Sale at the Fanwood Garage. They'll be back this Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., for the final sale days.

# Local performer makes his mark on the "big screen"

By Bernedette Bishop

James Nugent Vernon, 23, formerly of Fanwood has one of the starring roles in a new film "Class of Nuke 'em High". He plays the comic rebel in a horror film about a high school contaminated by nuclear fallout.

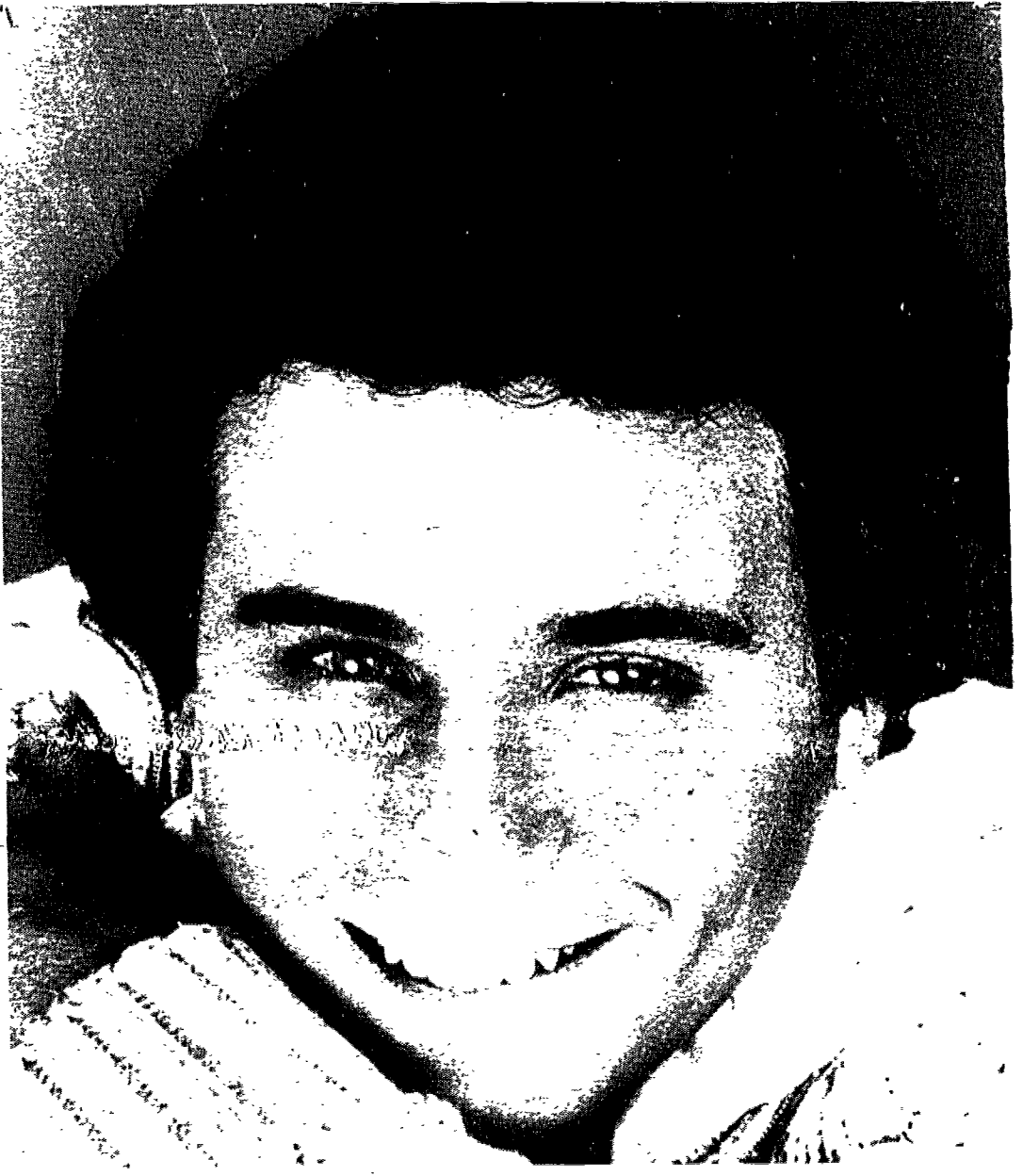
Tromaville High is filled with great special effects, which turn students into nuclear mutants and create a monster of toxic waste which terrorizes this "Smalltown U.S.A." high school. It's an excellent blending of high school "sex, drugs, and toxic waste!"

Vernon likes to act in scary horror films. Besides "The Class of Nuke'em High", he has done background work in that slimy hit "Chudd".

Other film experiences include "Blowout", "The Muppets Take Manhattan" and "The World according to Garp".

This latest film of Nugent's was given a two and a half star rating by one of the movie critics which is most exciting for this potential young star.

James has also done production work; His latest venture being an associate producer for a pre-production movie "Hang Tough" which is a New York street film dealing with everyday life in the "Hell's Kitchen" area of N.Y.C. He has gained experience working



JAMES NUGENT VERNON

behind the scenes on eight different productions.

A student at Park Middle School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood H.S., he held roles in various stage shows which had a serious influence on his choosing an acting career six years ago; A career that led to

his up-and-coming future in the movie industry.

Not many actors live in New Jersey and Vernon took the plunge by moving to Manhattan. He relishes the idea of a tranquil atmosphere in which to live and has since moved to the slower paced Hudson

County.

But for now, all of you who want to keep up with this performers life, catch him in "The Class of Nuke'em High", when it comes to one of our local theaters, or Alfonso's Pizzeria...his favorite Scotch Plains hang-out.

## Fan. Council brings '86 business to a close

by Sharon Pachler

Fanwood Borough Council brought 1986 business to a close last week by showing support for community projects touching on the past and the future. A \$30,000 bond ordinance was unanimously approved and earmarked for the renovation of the historic Fanwood train station. Portions of this funding will be used to finance structural studies and to engage the architectural services of Short and Ford for a survey of the building. The extensive search for an architectural firm was assisted by

Downtown Redevelopment Committee Chairwoman Linda Stender. Councilman David Pickering raised the question of whether donations toward repairs of the station will continue to be deductible once the 1987 tax laws go into effect. The possibility of organizing as a non-profit corporation, similar to the Carriage House arrangement is being discussed.

The Fanwood Lions also received approval from borough officials for the installation of a lighted sign to be placed at the train station entrance at North and Martine

Avenues.

The high quality of computer education in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system was acknowledged by Council President Thomas Gallo, who is also a participant in the Computer Advisory Council, which serves to "enlighten the computer curriculum". According to Gallo, representatives from the various local schools and from business, industry, and

higher education have formed this independent Council to assess technological trends in programming, hardware, and software as they pertain to educational development. Students in the district recently won the Apple award - a MacIntosh computer - for graphics in social studies, art and business education and the Martin Luther King award for telecommunications in biological research.

### TIMES COPY DEADLINE MOVED UP

Due to the Christmas Day holiday, copy deadline for the December 25th issue of THE TIMES has been moved up to Friday, December 19th at 5:00 p.m.