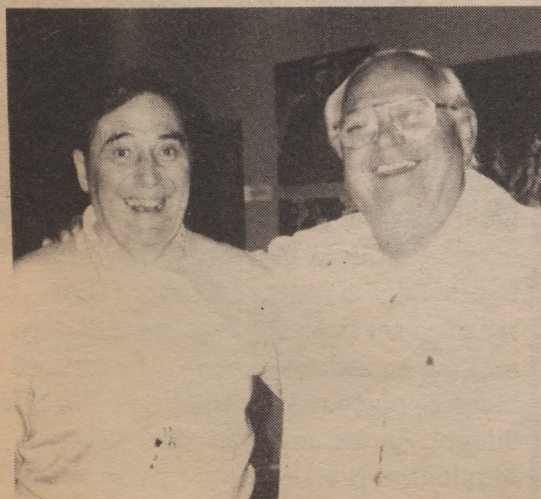




JANE PAULEY, the commencement speaker at Indiana University admitted she did not attend her own graduation ceremony !. Among first-timers at a PN social event, [La Maganette luncheon], CATHERINE DEEB ("it's good seeing old friends"), JOE PANACCIULLI, (likewise), FRANK ZAPPULLA (ditto), IRV MESSING ("my first but not my last"), JERRY and SELMA SAVAGE (he's a new member),... CARL ROHRER, says he's taken up bridge again, "shades of the old lounge between 8H and 8G" ... EDIE CAHILL, ex WNBC News, is press secretary for Westchester County clerk Andy Spano who is Democratic Party candidate for State Comptroller ...BLANCHE CAMPBELL says she does volunteer work, and is happy to wake up each morning ...MARJORIE SHIELDS, who drove up from Boca Raton, Florida for the P N Lunch, later departed for a 2 week trip to Yugoslavia... VINCE and SUSAN GABRIELE enjoyed their reunion with old timers from the big time... MARJORIE and VINNIE [and spouse] have started a deal that may be worth copying. MARGE house guests with them in the North and they house guest with her in the South... RAY and HELEN di PRIMA enjoyed a little brag time telling old cronies about a daughter at Rutgers, a grandson at Duke, another headed for Hobart, and a grand-daughter at Union. Because they winter in Florida they manage to make both Fla. Retirees and Peacock North....



CHARLIE MAGNANO - AL CAMOIN
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Octoberfest

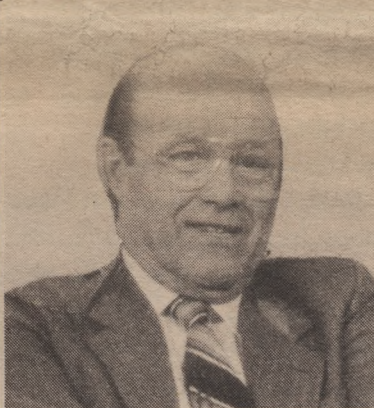
Announcing : On October 21st P N's 4th Annual Brunch "Octoberfest"

The Octoberfest will be held this year at The Ramada Inn in Clifton, N.J. Rte # 3, replacing our usual December Winterfest . The Ramada was the scene of our Bash in 1988. More info inside newsletter.

AT 30 ROCK



It will certainly look like old times on the Net with



JOE GARAGIOLA back on the TODAY Show and silent STEVE FRIEDMAN masterminding the Nightly News. A dramatic slide in "Today's" ratings

required a major shot of something and versatile Joe might just be the answer.



J.FRED MUGGS, surprise... [seen here with DAVE GARROWAY in the 50's] - still alive at 38 and like a lot of retirees, living in Tampa..cont'd pg 3.

RECORD TURNOUT AT AT P.N.'S SPRING LUNCHEON

Retirees and spouses, and even a few veteran employees, still at NBC gathered on Sunday, May 20th at La Maganette restaurant in Manhattan for the springtime get-together and they set another attendance record. Organizer Pete Peterson, who hosted the low-key luncheon social, said that more than 100 people turned out for the pleasant afternoon of conviviality and comestibles. Quite a few new faces were seen there, but your Editor, who spoke briefly, noted that old writers seem to fade away while retirees from engineering, announcing, production and administration continue to turn up. Some notables were :

Ed Newman

our
esteemed
friend



Whitney Baston , engineering role model, responsible for the training of many engineers, but mostly, a great human being.



Walter Miller who has produced, directed and even written many "Award" shows ..
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this photo taken at the Miss Universe Pageant in Los Angeles in April. **Charlie** is Director of Communications; **Al** is still their Ace # 1. cameraman : both enjoying some activity in "The biz"... **RAY** and **HELEN di PRIMA** enjoyed a little brag time telling old cronies about a daughter at Rutgers, a grandson at Duke, another headed for Hobart, and a grand-daughter at Union. They winter in Florida so they manage to make the reunions at both Fla. Retirees and Peacock North... **BETTY JANE REED** [Dir. Program Analysis] says she met **PETER HACKES** in Wash. recently. Pete is a spokesperson for AARP. Betty Jane reports **SVETLANA STARODOMSKAYA**, the Barbara Walters of Russian TV, dropped in on NY NBC and reminded staffers of her recent stint with **JESS MARLOW** out on the west coast... **MARGE McGLYNN** IS enjoying retirement, keeping up with old friends, and looking forward to a fall visit to the Old Sod [Ireland]..McGlynn ?, where else would she go ? .. Budapest, maybe!... **LOIS MARINO** was a welcome face at the PN lunch, formerly Huntley Brinkley staffer, Lois is a Vice Pres. Finance, with Madison Sq. Garden Entertainment group. She appeared thoroughly delighted with the reunion, wishing she had known about PN sooner...



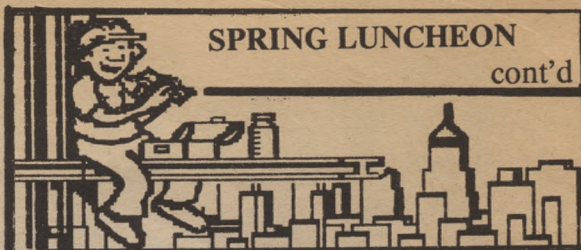
DON MEANY, a news exec from way back since the **Bill McAndrew** days, says he's happy to be back in New Jersey from his Wash. assignments...sitting at the same table was **ED NEWMAN**, everybody's favorite correspondent, who is lecturing, writing and doing lots of travel. Until last year, Ed was also writing a column for the King Features Syndicate... **JOAN GIFFORD** is enjoying life after NBC with a position in the Wall Street area... **RITA STIPO**, who had been out of touch, was delighted to be back in touch with old co-workers... Funny thing about PN - you even smile and have small conversation with people you don't know by name. But after years and years at 30 Rock, you know the faces, and now the one's you just passed in the night are the..... cont'd at right

P.N. PEOPLE -cont'd

one's which you stop and talk to... Hey, we were there for the Golden Days, and they only happen once... **DENNISE** [that's the way she spells it] **ROBINSON** says "it felt like Christmas again, and seeing all the old faces from a memorable past, were my presents!"... **ARTHUR KENT**, that's NABET's, not the other 2 correspondents, continues his whirlwind operations. To wit: Working for NYC Central Labor Council and the Labor News Network. Recently elected to the Board of Governors of TV & Radio Working Press Assn., and was just elected as VP of New York chapter of National Academy of TV Arts & Sciences. Also a trustee of the National Academy. On May 7 he was involved in the production of a satirist Mark Russell live show at Town Hall, responsible for all tech fax. Also produced a "blooper" show for the "Night of Laughs" at the NY Chapter's drop-in dinner on May 21 at the Copa..More? Yes! Taking an advanced degree in labor relations at SUNY, and was recently appointed to a Community Planning Board in Queens. Now in his spare time **MAUREEN POTRATO**, "I feel special that I was able to be a part of the NBC family"... **FRED FAVANT** doing volunteer work for Lawrence Hospital which is sponsoring the Westchester Golf classic. He also covers Bronxville / Eastchester events for the local cable channel and is 1st vice commander of American Legion post # 464... **JACK WINOCUR** is working part time as a projectionist in a Times Square twin theater... **JACK DOLAN**, who lives in Rye, has a son in the merchant marine. Jack did his final show [Letterman] in July 1988, after a loooooong stretch at NBC... **MORT & MILLICENT ARONOFF** are enjoying life on a Continental Airlines Senior Passport. Stops this year included: Denver, Tuscon, Florida in March, London & Paris in April. Hey Morty, you've probably left unclaimed laundry on 2 continents !... Editor **DAN GRABEL'S** wife **PAT**, who often does her own thing, showed up at the PN lunch, and enjoyed a day with the retirees. Oh these younger wives ! ... **WHITNEY BASTON**, famous for his role as director of Technical Training in the early days of TV, had a good time with his former students. And that, he says, included just about all of the P N engineering coterie... **RUDY GEBHART** and **HARRY MUSSELMAN** chatting with all the guys who followed their investment advice. All millionaires today says Rudy and Harry, but we didn't check that report for accuracy... **CLARE & JOE SALVAGGIO** are living in Manhattan. She's with the N Y TIMES, he's with HBO. cont'd page 3

SPRING LUNCHEON

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for the networks as well as HBO Specials for many years. **Walter** always draws a crowd with his funny stories.

Ed Newman by the way, has yet another PBS Special coming up.

Some 15 or so guests indicated that they had gone to Florida for the Sunshine State retirees meeting in March. **Mort Aronoff** pointed out that the rates at Club Med in Port St. Lucie were especially attractive.

Lunching golfers were invited to join **Ed Youngblood** at late May outing at the Rotella course in Thiels, New York.

Gloria Clyne, a forty plus veteran at NBC and long time investigative operator on the Betty Furness consumer relations staff spoke briefly and warned retirees to guard the details of their credit card No. Apparently this is a major problem among graying America as the group is the target of many con men. Gloria invited retirees with a consumer problem or question to phone her at **212: 664-5627**. But limit it to one question, please.

While the news department turnout is usually miniscule, we were happy to see 1st-timers **Don Meany**, who lives at Brill Beach, in Southern New Jersey; also **Jim Holton** who is busy writing a two part history of Penna's Reading R.R., and **Fitzgerald "Jerry" Smith** who is finding wonderful satisfaction in humanitarian activities.

Heino Ripp, our publisher, announced that new computer equipment would hopefully enhance the look for future PN Newsletters. We hope you notice some improvement in the current edition.. Ripp says, "like TV tech fax, a month after purchase, a new version appears, making yours virtually obsolete. My computer is straining to handle the better graphics programs but am working to change that."

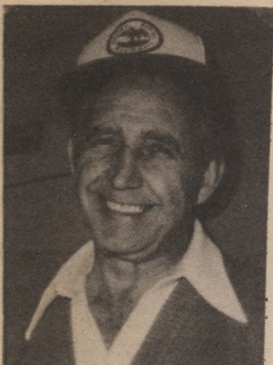
PN President **Gene Martin** delivered a brief greeting to the group and indicated delight in the large turnout and the growth in new membership.

Finally **Pete Peterson** asked the assemblage if it would like to meet again later this year and hands went up for most of the attendees indicating they would like to meet again in late October. That reaction set Pete to work immediately seeking an attractive, centrally located meeting place that would be within our budget. As you may well understand, Manhattan is usually too pricey, so our fall "Octoberfest" meeting will be on **Oct. 21st**, at the **Ramada Inn**, on Rte. 3 in **Clifton, N.J.**...

SCOTTY CONNALL, one of our speakers in December, and spouse **Lil** living in Old Greenwich and just back from a trip to Sorrento, Italy. Scotty is keeping his hand in at sports, surveying for a football game in November...



BOB VAN RY, at u.s. cntr pix, who is still on the payroll at 30 Rock, worked into the wee hours the night before the PN lunch, on the final **Saturday Night Live** show, wrapping up its 15 years. In end of season tradition, a party at the Plaza, this time, followed Of course he went. Others fm left to rite, are **Irene Keegan, Janice Reiter, Van Ry, Bob Fraraccio, & Arlene Fraraccio... PETE PETERSON** working a few days a week on the **Geraldo Rivera Show** with **BOB FRARACCIO** and **BILLY GOETZ**. At a recent taping they chatted with actor **Armand Assante** and they all reminisced about "The Doctors soap". Assante recalled **FRED MANNI** as its stage manager, "One of a kind," he said...



GENE MARTIN back from Florida and a reunion with **DOM SAVIOLA, JOE BASCIETO, LEE CARLTON** and **NICK BRUNO**,

and all send their regards...



-- Ron Bruno & dad Nick Bruno -cont'd--

IRENE and **JACK KEEGAN** have been doing a great deal of travelling. Recent stops make it sound like they work for an airline; England, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Holland. Jack says he didn't run into one solitary NBC'er in all those places. Hey Jack, try Manhattan... **DICK DUDLEY**, up from the farm, looked around La Maganette and said, "All these wonderful people. Memories are good things. I remember when I was in the same war as Hitler and Stalin". [Yeah, but not in the same armies, Dick]. And he wraps up, "Showing up at brunch, it's like signing on at 4 in the morning !... It was the first P N event for announcer **VIC ROBY**. I plan to attend for the next 30 years ! [Hey, we'd all like to do that. Who's your guarantee-er ?]...

DOROTHY BRODINE says she often dreams she's still working at NBC. Seeing all the happy faces of PN People, she says, is the next best thing... **BILL McCONNELL** was quite surprised he could have such a good time with all these A.K.s. (French for "retirees") I'll be back ! [Hey you can't beat the price.]... **ALAN SMILER** is spreading the word. He brought along 2 ex-NBCers who now toil at HBO... **ROSE DeRENZIS**, finally made it to a PN event. Met Pat Grabel again after many years, and all those familiar faces... **MARIAN EISKAMP** up from Tennessee says that everybody down there wants to hear about her years at 30 Rock, and she has many speaking engagements. Sez Marian, "I finally found my vocation. Talking ! - As if you didn't know." ...Speaking about Marian, she reports that **MARVIN** and **ANNIE EINHORN** have just returned from Stockholm, Sweden where Marvin performed in Sam Sheppards play "Fool for Love". They were there for five weeks with their own apartment and loved every minute of it. Marvin is back in New York mulling over some more acting offers. His 2nd career is moving right along.. "inom en kort tid ar jag saker pa att du kommer at bli en stor stjärna, Marvin ! as they would say in Swedish... **HERB** and **MARY POLAK**, he of Broadcast System Engineering, plan a trip to the Netherlands in September for his 50th high school reunion... **LARRY JOHNSON** travels between his homes in Denver and Cape Cod. After retirement he took up the viola again, went to julliard for a year and has joined the Cape Cod Symphony ! He plays a classical concert season in the fall, a pops concert season in summer. This is Larry's fourth season with the ork. When he isn't in Denver, or the Cape, he's at his apartment in Riverdale ! [Those viola gigs must pay off well!] ... cont'd page 14

said [through handler **Buddy Menella**] " They need me desperately !" Yeah and next, maybe they ought to put the show back in the RCA Exhibition Hall on 49th Street and bring back **MAJOR** to pour that horrible coffee !

At " Nightly ", **Friedman** told the staff that he plans to loosen the present tight segmented broadcast and return to the idea of regular, once a week reports on specific topics [drugs, housing, elderly]. With Exec prod **BILL WHEATLY** exiting, we can presume **Steve** will be bringing in some old "Today" cadre who may have left the network.

Veteran **TOM PETTIT**, once a VP, is back as a correspondent, recently seen reporting from Moscow.

Back too for a one shot, former Wash. correspondent **Ray Scherer**, who will do a special on the first 40 years of TV news. Ray went from correspondent to RCA VP before retirement.

Les Crystal, who produced **Nightly** and then went on to become Pres. of NBC News before moving on to Exec. Prod of "MacNeil/Lehrer," is this year's recipient of the John Peter Zenger Award of the Westchester Civil Liberties Union. It is in recognition for Les' influential career.

Winding up appointments as Residential Fellows at Columbia University's Gannett Center for Media Studies, **Larry Grossman** and **Liz Trotta**.

RUSS TORNEBENE, who lives in Evanston, Illinois, writes of a recent visit to **Pauline Fredrick**. She was "feisty and outspoken as ever. Her mind was amazingly agile," despite 5 months in residence at a nursing home. Russ also said that she did not like the "show biz" presentation of current news shows.[See "Silent Microphones" for an obit.]

Bret Marcus is the News Director at WNBC-TV, replacing **Terry Baker**. Also on staff there is one **Robert Dembo**. He's the son of **Joe Dembo** who worked the Radio Net eons ago and then went to CBS where he earned a VP stripe.

William Moll, a WNBC exec, recently did a review of the local's talent and ratings situation and we quote briefly from his catalog of comments:

Jane Pauley departure... Disruptive.

Donahue ratings down ... Negative effect on Live at Five.

Jack Cafferty departure... Disruptive, but staff changes should perk up Live at Five.

News 4 N Y ..doing very well
more on page

-- AT 30 ROCK cont'd

One of NBC's better ideas for employee benefits, is the income savings plan. We're happy to see it's still going strong. Recently income was averaging 8.6 % for the trio of funds, and 10.6 % for fixed income.

Trying times again for NABET personnel at NBC. At this writing the union had rejected the company's final offer and a war of words has continued as both management and the union mail out broadsides to the employees.

To sweeten the appeal of the contract offer, NBC had offered a ratification bonus of 7.5 % for early approval in May. With each monthly delay the percentage would drop a point.

In more than 3 decades at 30 Rock, we've never seen so many detailed reports from management. NBC seems to stress parity with its competition, NABET in rejecting the proposal, calls it "revolutionary", NBC calls it "evolutionary", NABET pointing out loss of jurisdiction, loss of seniority, and loss of jobs.

Some of the interesting proposals :

- a four day work week in some engineering areas.
- a switch from RCA Health plan to GE's.
- continuation of a right to lump sum payout at retirement.
- Newswriter fees would be rolled into base pay for overtime calculations and writers would be classified by groups, comparable to the engineering structure: newswriters group 2 or 3, assignment editors gr 5, show producers - group 6,7, or 7A. [The newswriters have been fighting for such classification for 30 years.]....

NABET's John Clark and Tom Kennedy, said the union will not go on strike. NABET HOTLINE 212: 307-6528...

NBC has entered into a partnership with 3 major media companies [Cablevision, The News Corp, and Hughes Communications] to launch a direct broadcast satellite in 1993 that will bring signals to rural and urban viewers. It will be called "Sky Cable". Delivers 108 new channels, provide reception via a flat, napkin-size dish and cost just \$ 300. Present day backyard dishes are 10 ft. or more, and cost up to \$ 3,000.

In the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, NBC with cablevision will offer 600 hrs of tv for \$150. via a 24 hr. live and tape channel. 2 week coverage.

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FLORIDA



CLUB MED INSPIRES ODE

PN's Frank O'Keefe is fast earning himself the title Poet Laureate of the group with his rhyming reports of retirees activities. He and his spouse attended the Florida Retirees get-together at Club Med in March and the following is the way he recalls it

Club Med Meeting By Frank O'Keefe

Old friends, we meet again this year
By the shores of Sandpiper Bay

All bound by a common interest
To renew our yesterday.

To re-live again those working years
And perhaps with embellishment

To tell tall tales however old
We will tell with good intent

To say those years were "Golden"
When we worked for NBC

And that gold had been reflected
In the faces that I see.

From pioneers of Radio
Who are represented here

To folks from Maine to Mexico
All friends whom I hold dear

All little veins of gold are they
All members of the team

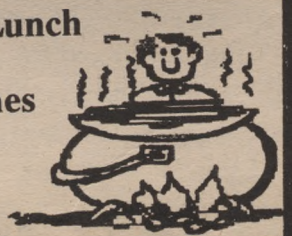
That gave the "Golden Age"
All its glitter and its gleam.

Mini Lunch

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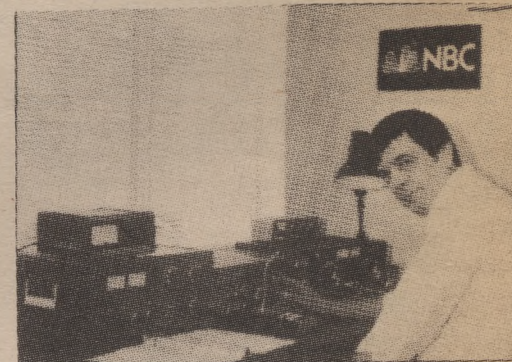


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NBCers Get Into Ham Habit

[In a recent edition of NBC's "Take One," Ivor Clark reported on ham radio operations in New York and Burbank]

" CQ, CQ, This is WA2NDV," that's a call you may hear if you look into the 3rd floor office at 30 Rock where the radio club is in operation.



Garry Scott,
Technical maintenance engineer
at Burbank's " Ham " station

It's similar to the one started last December in Burbank, which provides current employees with comraderie and a chance to learn a new hobby. Additionally both stations can be important in an emergency when commercial communication lines are out of service. In last year's catastrophic Armenian earthquake, Hams came through with the first reports of the extent of the disaster. About 7 years ago when Mexico City was hit, ham radio kept the News Desks in touch with staffers on assignment there. The News Dept. and O&TS supply the funding for the top of the line equipment on both coasts.

Each club has about 25 members and this spring in New York, Tech Manager **FRANK GARAFALO** and Technical Director **RUSS ROSS** began teaching a free course in radio theory and code that will provide the students with Novice FCC licenses after a test this summer.

N B C Ham Net 14.240 Hz.

10am Mon-Fri

The every-other month informal luncheons at Piccolissimo restaurant in Fort Lee, N.J., **1/2 mile** south of the GW Bridge, will resume on Tues July 10th at 1:00 pm. All are welcome at the feed, which is a Dutch treat event moderately priced. No speeches just conversations with people you knew, and faces you recall but maybe never spoke to. **YOU ALL COME, YOU HEAH !** -as as they say in Waxahachie, Texas.

Last month 4. PN members sent in the correct answers to our PN trivia question matching Network Announcers first and last names. Thanks to **DICK DUDLEY**, who certainly has not lost his memory, here is a bit tougher assignment..

Match the radio or TV characters with the performer who portrayed them.

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| A. Rochester | 1. Minerva Pious |
| B. Senator Claghorn | 2. Jay Jostyn |
| C. The Shadow | 3. Charles Correll |
| D. Mr. Pepper | 4. Gene Hamilton |
| E. Mr. Weskit | 5. Julius Marx |
| F. Percy Dovetonsils | 6. Kenny Delmar |
| G. Hawkeye | 7. Gertrude Berg |
| H. Marty (Philco Playhouse) | 8. Shirley Booth |
| I. Grouch | 9. Ernie Anderson |
| J. Mrs Nussbaum | 10. Charles O'Connor |
| K. Mr. District Attorney | 11. Tony Randall |
| L. Mr. Magoo | 12. Jim Backus |
| M. Andy | 13. Ernie Kovacs |
| N. Archie Bunker | 14. Wally Cox |
| O. Mrs. Goldberg | 15. Rod Steiger |
| P. Dr. Gino | 16. Alan Alda |
| Q. Hazel | 17. Orson Welles |

Last issue's Quiz solvers: **Joe Sturniolo, Elsie Ciotti, Joel Spector, George Peters**

What Ever Happened To ?

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| Bill Hanrahan | Jim Fox |
| Walt Garrity | Ken Donohue |
| Al Robbins | Hank Miles |
| John Rogers | Shad Northshield |
| Julian Goodman | Gordon Duff |
| Jack Coffey | Frank Burns |
| Bill States | Bob Johnson |
| Andy Hammerschmidt | Frank Somers |
| Beulah Jarvis | Rich Phillips |

Sick Call

Director **JIM GAINES**, long time TODAY Show Director, seriously ill with cancer at Sloan Kettering...News editor [retired] **TOM FUREY** (spouse of **MARILYN JACOBSS** is ailing. When last heard, Tom, who worked for eons, was at his Manhattan residence...

AWARDS

GUY LeBOW, who is a PN member, and **GABE PRESSMAN**, who is not yet, possibly because he's still at WNBC, were the joint winners of this year's TRISCCORT Award given by the Tri-State Committee on Radio and Television.

The award is given annually to broadcasters committed to program excellence and also to the highest humanitarian standards. It is presented on behalf of the 6 million Catholics living in the tri-state area.

Gabe is part of the franchise at NBC local news, has been for 35 years, and GUY, who did radio sports for NBC and narrations for NPS sports, has a daily commentary and interview program, "LeBow At Large," on **WNWK-FM**.

Previous winners include Jim Jensen, Hugh Downs, Mary Ann Williams, Chris Borgen and Dr. Russell Barber....

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N B C retirees all over the nation are in touch with each other each morning, or can be, if they have ham radio licenses and rigs. The gathering is just before 10 am and lasts for about half an hour, or until the gabbers run out of gab, at 14.242 on the 20 meter band. In case there is a pile-up at that frequency we go down to 14.225.

TONY ROKOZ in Rio Rancho, in New Mexico is net control, and out there in the boonies, with a tower atop his 5,000 ft. high residence in the mountains [do we call every dwelling out there a "ranch", Tony ? Tony's voice usually comes booming in like a land line. all are invited to join.

Hank Folkerts, a Florida retiree, has prepared a nationwide roster of NBC hams and it is available for one buck [1942 SE Erwin Road, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34952]

Westchester-ites interested in becoming hams can contact Dan Grabel at 914-723-8625, President of the Westchester Amateur Radio Assn. about taking a novice course this fall.....

NEMO

[This item is excerpted from Florida Retirees, by **Robert Morris**]

There are a number of terms used in broadcasting which do not seem to have any close relationship to the actual operation. "Hilda", for that private NBC telephone line, for ex, such also is **NEMO**, for a remote broadcast. Bob explains one of the several stories we've heard.

In the early days, 1922, remote broadcasts were fed into the studio and transmitter by telephone company wire facilities and each remote had to be logged. Telco's formal description of the service was "wire telephony as an adjunct to radio broadcasting. "And that's how it was entered into the program log, until one day **George Stewart**, a WEAf [one of NBCs several call letters over the years] engineer got tires of such a long log note and said "Ah, hell ! Let's call it Nemo." The name stuck, and still is used. Possibly the name came from "Captain Nemo", a popular newspaper cartoon of the 1920's.

WANTED : Letters !

Your PN newsletter needs news, gossip, scuttlebut, tidings, intelligence, chit chat, tittle and prattle to fill these columns with reports of interest to the readers. What kind of stuff ? Your latest trip, your hole in one, your own reunion with other NBCers, maybe even a new job, volunteer work, or your life in a new town, or an anecdote. Or how about an idea for our Network Trivia ?

The grapevine and the bush telegraph are our main source of news, not the AP, UPI, Reuter, or Tass. Send it to :

Dan Grabel
31 Cohawney Road
Scarsdale, New York, 10583

Silent Microphones

We note with sadness the deaths of these former colleagues

MORT WERNER, head of NBC's programming in the halycon days of 1962-72 died of kidney failure on Maui in the Hawaiian Islands where he lived. He was 73.

Mort began his career as an announcer, worked for Armed Forces Radio in WW II, and owned a station in Ventura, Calif.

He joined the net in 1952 as a producer of TODAY, and later also produced HOME. and TONIGHT with Jack Paar. While programming chief, NBC introduced BONANZA, STAR TREK and LAUGH IN. In the early 60's Mort was president of the Academy of TV Arts & Sciences.

PAULINE FREDRICK died of a heart attack at 84 at a nursing home in Lake Forrest, Illinois. In her final years she had lived in Sarasota.

Pauline was literally the first woman in radio and TV. She began her writing career in High school, feeding items to Harrisburg, Pa. papers. She had her own radio news programs the 3 nets, but worked as NBC's UN correspondent for 21 years before retiring in 1974. She then went on to comment of foreign affairs for National Public Radio.

Pauline made her first network radio broadcast in 1939, first overseas broadcast from China in 1945, and first TV from the Philadelphia political conventions in 1948.

Other firsts: First woman presidential debate moderator [Ford vs Carter 1976], first woman to be president of U.N. Correspondents Assn. In uniform in WW II, she was first to fly over "the hump," from India to China. Winner of the Paul White and Peabody Awards, she had honorary degrees from 23 colleagues and universities. Nice lady too. Her late spouse, Charles Robbins had been managing editor of the Wall Street Journal.

DAVID TEITLEBAUM, a news writer, and producer died of Cancer in mid-March. He was 69. Dave joined NBC News in 1954 and worked the overnight on TODAY, moved on to "Huntley Brinkley," was a producer with WNBC-TV, director of network news ops in the Mediterranean with headquarters in Rome, and finally came to News Progam Service, a syndication operation later called "A News"

Dave won two Emmys in the 1970's, for documentaries on Bangladesh and on the welfare system.

In Englewood, he is survived by

Silent Mikes cont'd

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wife Bonnie and 3 sons, Ned, Henry and Richard who are in news and film work.

Dave was an unstoppable story teller and had a vivid recall of the war years and his pleasant days in la dolce Roma.

Paul Manni informed Pete of the passing of his dad, **FRED MANNI**, from a heart attack as well as diabetic complications. He had worked as a stage manager at NBC. The last time we saw him, he came to the mini lunch at Picco Lissimo. He then was a double amputee in a wheel chair, still rattling off those Bah Rump Bump jokes. He will always be remembered as an exuberant, happy man with a jovial attitude. He would always have a humorous anecdote to share, making all of us at ease and happier. He was 72 years old. All his PN friends will miss him.

JOHN GELLER, music director for "The Doctors", and other NBC programs, died in late April. He had suffered a stroke and died of cancer. He is survived by his mother and a sister.

RAY BARRETT, at 71, a T.D., and with NBC for 35 years. Ray TD'd the "Johnny Carson" show for a long time, and in his earlier years he did video on "The Show of Shows" at the old International Theater at Columbus Circle. (He's not to be confused with the announcer of the same name).

ALAN HANDLEY, at 77, in Los Angeles. of a heart attack. He was producer/director and another true pioneer in the industry. If you remember the studios at 106th Street, he produced a musical hour with Johnny Andrews and Francie Lane with no budget,[circa 1949] but came up every day with very inventive ideas. Early in his 3 decades, Handley produced programs starring Dinah Shore and Danny Thomas, staged Academy Award shows [1957-59], Ringling Bros. broadcasts, and won an Emmy for directing a 1965 Julie Andrews special. Two sons survive Alan in California

HENRY LEVINE [announcers]

JOANN WHICKER MANERA

ANDREW [TOMMY] R. THOMSON who was the radio engineer on the scene when the zeppelin Hindenburg exploded while mooring at Lakehurst, N.J. in 1937, died June 11 at his home in Auburn, California, in the northern part of the state.

Thomson, who joined the fledgling NBC in 1932, retired in 1967 after 35 years of service. In 1921, Tommy had been a

Silent Mikes cont'd

wireless operator on the west coast and received the S O S from the troubled steamship Alaska, and assisted in its rescue. After working in NBC radio, he worked in film and TV and ended his career as a management supervisor. Everyone that knew Tommy will be saddened by his passing, for he was truly "a nice guy". Thomson and his wife Edna moved to California three years ago to be near their family. They marked their 50th wedding anniversary last September. He would have been 88 next month.

ANSWERS To NETWORK TRIVIA

Here are the answers to Dick Dudley's nostalgia Quiz, testing your memory to match the stars in famous roles. How many did you get correct ?

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|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| A. Rochester | - | Eddie Anderson |
| B. Sen. Klaghorn | - | Kenny Delmar |
| C. The Shadow | - | Orson Welles |
| D. Mr Peepers | - | Wally Cox |
| E. Mr Weskit | - | Tony Randall |
| F. Percy Dovetonsils | - | Ernie Kovacs |
| G. Hawkeye | - | Alan Alda |
| H. Marty | - | Rod Steiger |
| I. Groucho | - | Julius Marx |
| J. Mrs Nussbaum | - | Minerva Pious |
| K. Mr. District Attorney | - | Jay Jostyn |
| L. Mr. Magoo | - | Jim Bacckus |
| M. Andy [& Amos] | - | Chas. Correll |
| N. Archie Bunker | - | Carroll O'Connor |
| O. Mrs. Goldberg | - | Gertrude Berg |
| P. Dr. Gino | - | Gene Hamilton |
| Q. Hazel | - | Shirley Booth |

Silent Mikes [just rec'd]

A lovely note from Gloria Settle: A sad addition to Silent Mikes. **HERB ANDREWS** died on June 21, 1990 in Florida after a short illness. Herb started in the Golden Years of NBC working as Art Dir. on the Martha Raye Show, Your Show of Shows, Mitch Miller, Today Show, Jr. Miss America, then for 15 years, Miss America.

He was an enthusiast about every aspect of theat re and inveterate world traveller. Herb's Joi de vivre was contagious.

A slice of happiness was taken from the lives of us all who worked with him and loved him. [Thank you Gloria]

"We Survived Without Them"

[excerpted from Fla. Retirees newsletter]

If you were born before 1940, consider the changes:

- Closet were for clothes, not for "coming our of..
- Bunnies were small rabbits, not club waitresses..
- Rabbits were Easter pets, not Volkswagons..
- Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean or Jeane.
- Fact is we didn't wear jeans, we wore dungarees.....
- Fast food was what you ate during Lent...
- Grass was something you mowed...
- Coke was something you drank...

-And a nickel bought any of the following:

- An ice cream cone,
- a bus or subway ride,
- a phone call,
- a CocaCola,
- and enough stamps for a letter and 2 post cards!

Those were the days.

[Of course, salaries matched the cost of living] ...

a bit more 30 ROCK

One current NBCer told of the first **Steve Friedman** anecdote of the loquacious producer's second life at 30 Rock. After leaving the Today Show, Steve joined **Grant Tinker** for that well publicized USA Today show which has been less than an earth shaker. Now, Steve is replacing **Bill Wheatley** as Executive Producer of Nightly News. Friedman called together the staff of the show after the announcement in mid-May and announced, "There are two ways to run this show. The wrong way, and the Steve Friedman way !" Nuff said. We can be sure that the TV commentary columns will not lack for spicy reports on how the Californian is going to resuscitate Nightly and return it to the Number ONE spot.

Send in your reservation for the OCTOBERFEST On October 21, 1990 At the RAMADA INN

RETIREEES HEALTH PLANS FACE CUTBACKS OF INCREASES

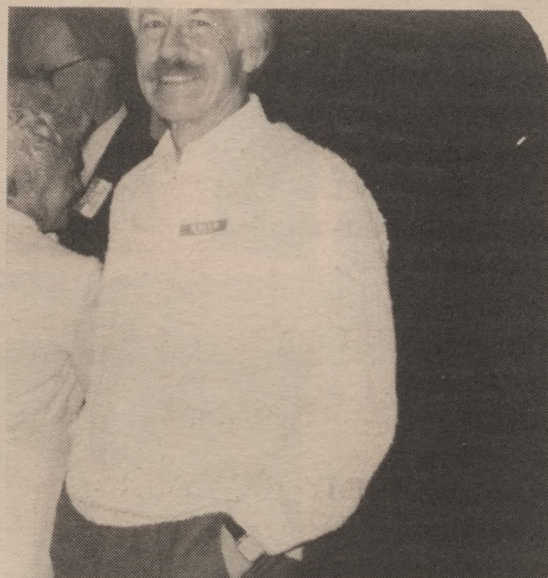
{Editors note;

Recent stories in the media reflect the concern retirees have about the creeping cost of Health care plans and what may happen to the GE plan an RCA plan for health. Here are excerpts of recent news stories in the NY Times and Wall St. Journal}

The WSJ reports that a survey of Fortune 500 companies shows 69% say they have asked Medicare retirees to pay more for coverage, or plan to send bigger contributions in the next 2 years. Several major corporations in (Primerica, GM, etc) are facing class action suits by retire because their former employers are cutting or eliminating health benefits they believe were a lifetime situation.

John Mackin of the employee benefits consulting firm of Martin Segal Co., says "retiree health care doesn't enjoy the legal protections accorded benefits provided active employees". Company-financed pensions are an ever-shrinking portion of money retirees receive. They make up about one-fifth of a retiree's income for 6-million people getting such pension checks.

While Social Security recipients get cost of living boosts, only one in four companies adjusted pension / payments upwards during the 1980s. Of the 22-million who receive Social Security checks, 62% say SS provides half their income....



After seeing the headroom and the framing on this foto of Heino, an ace ex-NBC cameraman remarked " I can see that it really is time to retire ". As each year passes, I bet he's not the only one to say that.

The New Look NBC's Own HEALTH CLUB

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The NBC Health Club ..The what? ...Yes, management found space on the 8th floor at 30 Rock, for a magnificent health club and we visited it recently for a personal inspection. It has just observed its first birthday.

The formal monicker is NBC Health and Fitness Center and its a place all retirees can only envy if you're the type that keeps in shape, or even dreams of it. It is chock-a-block with fine nautilus exercise equipment, trainers to make sure you use it correctly, and regular programs to keep employes fit.

More than 900 People belong to the club and the tab is less than most health clubs, about \$5.00 a week. A staff of 6 keeps it running, and its hard to make an excuse you don't have the time, since it opens at 7am..

Among the special interest programs: a running team seminar, occupressure for relaxation, skin cancer seminar, a Tae-Kwon-Do demonstration, weight training, aerobics and a shape-up fitness program.

There's a great view of Rockefeller Center as you pump the iron and work up a sweat.....

Health Plans

When NBC retirees had the choice of switching from the RCA Health Plan to the GE Plan we could only wonder how they would compare and whether we were leaving a good plan for one that was inferior.

Here's yet another experience:

Malady: Retina eye surgery

Medical care: Provided one hospital and 5. count 'em 5 Doctors, including opthamolgist for the surgery, second one to concur on diagnosis, third one to assist at the operating table, internist to give physical prior to operation as required by hospital, and finally, the anesthetist. All for one little hole in the retina.

How they billed:

Hospital : never got a bill, so presume it went straight to Medicare on assignment.

Doctors: Total billing -\$ 2,801.00

Medicare paid : \$ 2,018.00

GE paid: \$ 527.00

Patient paid:

\$ 257.00

Percentage paid by the patient: 9.25%

SPREAD THE WORD!

Tell a friend about Peacock North. Have them join the group.

Photos from La Maganette Luncheon



Ruth Stone Gloria Clyne Rita Stipo



Ed Newman

Lovely Lady Arthur Gary

Dorothy Brodine

Vic Roby Dick Dudley



John Rice

Frank Di Rienzo Ethel/Phil Berge Kathy Greene



Jim Sunder

P.Peterson Geo Peters F.Di Rienzo Dan Grabel



Mrs. Savitch Dolly Messing Jerry Savitch Irv Messing



Ida & Al Masone

Helen & Ray di Prima



Scotty Connal Til Connal Clare & Joe Salvaggio



Fred Favant

Ruth Stone

Rita Stipo

Maureen Potrato

Dennise Robinson

Photos from Florida Retirees March Bash

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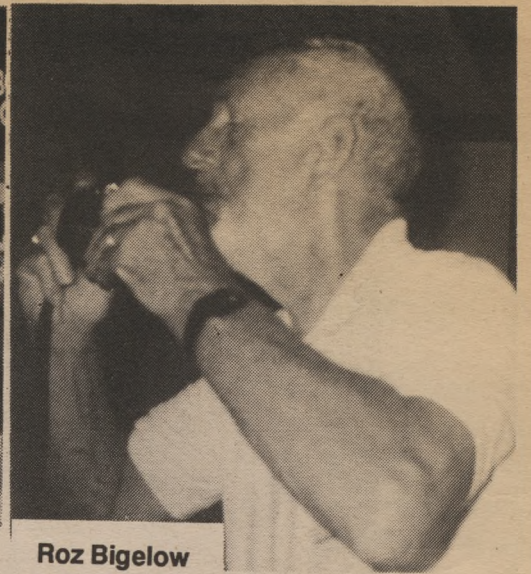
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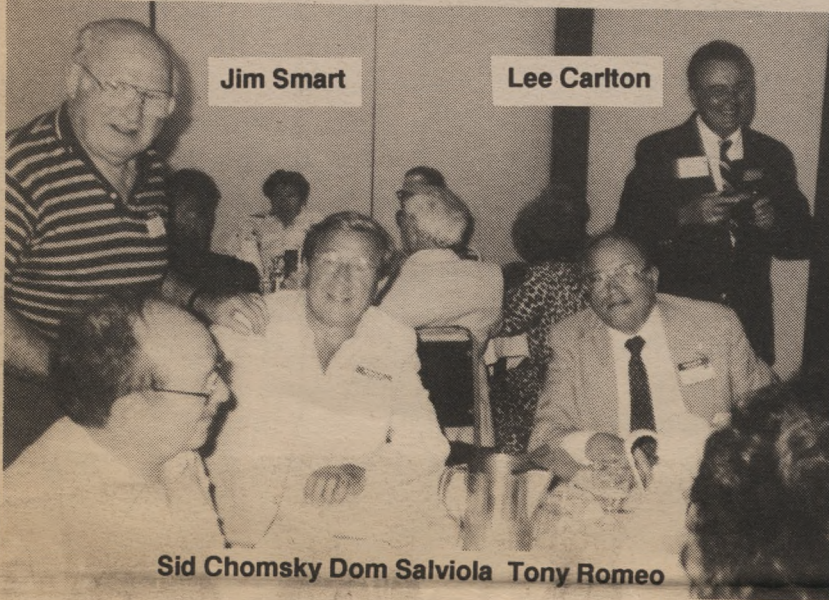
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Pat & Bill Flood



Roz Bigelow



Jim Smart

Lee Carlton

Sid Chomsky Dom Salviola Tony Romeo



Larry Glacy Jerry & Nancy Cudlipp

PHOTOS from La MAGANETTE SUNDAY LUNCH



Jane Garnes

Bob Van Ry Vic Roby Gene Garnes

Carl Rohrer



Jos & Dot Panaciulli

Louise & Frank Zappulla



Bob Higgins Whit Baston
Rudy Gebhart Harry Musselman



Arthur Kent
Marjorie Shields Vinnie & Susan Gabrielle
[sans beard] Allison Rice



MAILBAG cont'd

NEW MEMBERS

Clay Ackerson
Paul Adams
Aleida Artze
John Corbett
Rosemary Dubois
Lauren Grant
Gene Hamilton
Gigi Harold
Jerrold Hochman
Wayman Hutchison
William Kidd
Joan Kraus
Lois Marino
William McConnal
William McCord
Virginia McLaughlin
Don Meaney
Joseph Mehan
Joseph Panacciulli
John Rea
Betty Reed
Rod Rodamista
Joseph Salvaggio
Lou Sanducci Jr.
Marcia Schneider
Frank Schneider
Calvin Siemer
Ruth Stone
Russell Tornabene
Marilyn Vickery
Randy Wands
Sumner Weener
Frank Zappulla
Wayne Howell Chapele

add **La Maganette**

At **La Maganette**, several retirees were comparing ages, and after one was congratulated for looking so well after 71 years, **HOWARD ATLAS** joined the group. He was asked to make an estimate of the birthday boy's age and replied, "Is it in 3 digits?"

One table for four looked like it was a day at the Health Office. A couple of our nurses, out of their starched whites, were looking very well.

HAVE ANY GREAT PHOTOS ?

SEND THEM IN TO P.N.

We get ther nicest letters from the nicest people, and we like to share them with you.

ROSEMARY DuBOIS [NY,NY] writes " I've just learned that I have been missing out on some very pleasant get togethers. I'd love to be able tp participate in PN. [She was with Eng. and Sales before retiring in 1982]

VIRGINIA McLAUGHLIN writes she'd enjoy hearing from old cronies who know her as **Ginny Bianchi** during her 25 years at NBC. She now lives in Hendersonville, in the Blue Ridge Mts., and loves it. With **ROGER TUTTLE** and **ROY NEAL** also settled in the Carolinas, hey, them mite statt uh Peacock Mid-South !

JOAN KRAUS [nee Sherry] writes from [we apologize, lost the address] - it was so good to read about my former colleagues in radio in the PN Newsletter. Let's widen the PN circle. Send a copy next time to **MARY GIBBONS** [nee cooper] who is now living in North Scituate, Mass.

PS Why doesn't each member call a retiree and ask them to Join PN ??

JOYCE HURLEY [Director, still at the GE Bldg !] writes in answer to "Where are they Now?" that **BOBO BARTINIK** was in charge of some tech ops at Burbank in April. Joyce also writes that **JOANN MANERA [WHICKER]** who used to do promos from WNBC, died recently in California. Me ?, I'm still doing Donahue in NYC.

[PN now hears that Bobo has taken a buy out, says it wasn't fun anymore. He has a detached retina. Last daughter got married in May, wants to say hello to all his co-workers. Maybe we'll get a note soon about his current where-about. Stay Tuned.] **BILL McCONNELL**, who worked in On Air Promos from 1959 to 1979 is now a writer / producer for HBO in a similar capacity.



HERB OXMAN enjoying flying and retirement.

HERB OXMAN [see foto - TV tech Ops Eng] of Mt Holly, N.J. has no trouble filling his retirement days. He belongs to a flying club, skis, runs a project management consulting business and as import export business from his home. He's also taking a CadCam course and especially enjoyed seeing old friends at La Maganette.

RICK CARO, who was in financial planning and corporate finance during his 25 years with NBC/RCA, continues in that line as a financial planner in Pleasantville, NY.

CHARLIE MAGNANO and **AL CAMOIN** [see foto pge 1] worked the Miss Universe pageant in April. Chas as Director of Communications, and Al as No. 1 Cameraman. They also are very involved with other Miss-- events around the globe. Al Camoin lives now in Spring Hill, Florida; Charlie in Tuckahoe, NY and as you can see, they seem to enjoy being "retired".

JOHN CORBETT writes " I think PN is a great idea and I'd like to become a member !" **LOUISE MALCOLM** sent me her copy of the Spring newsletter and it was good to browse through it. I worked in the Radio Division [audio recording] from 1944 to '50 and then from 1965 to '85 when I took a buyout short of my 70th birthday.

Announcer **DICK DUDLEY** writes from down on the farm in Willow Station, Pa. that he may be retired but his voice will be back on the airways. **DELBERT MANN** sent him a Hollywood Reported item saying HBO's Comedy channel will broadcast the 1950s **Bob & Ray** shows. **Dick** and **Bob Denton** were the announcers. I'll bet some engineers recall the fun we had doing those shows.

Dick sent along another nostalgic missile from **GENE HAMILTON** [announcer] who lives out there in Apache Junction, Arizona, and we'll quote from it because it is the kind of stuff we all want to read.. Gino had only returned East 3 times since retirement 15 years ago and what he remembers most is that he returned home with pneumonia, flu, and a flare up of emphysema ! **HARRY FLEETWOOD**, he of the wee hours broadcasting classical music for Am Airlines, visited, twice, while travelling between the coasts and asked, "Migod ! what do you do out here - the high spot of the day seems to be feeding the coyotes."

Gene also recalled a comment made by **Dr. Norman Vincent Peale** when he turned 90, "I'm sure Heaven is a wonderful place, and I'm reasonably certain I will be welcome there... but I assure you I'm not in a hurry to go !"

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CAPITOL HILL

The following notes are from reports on Congressional activity affecting seniors....

The Congress is working on legislation to outlaw age discrimination in employee benefits, but George Bush has said he would veto it. Coverage ranges from disability retirement to severance pay. Opponents want employers to be able to deduct any benefits from workers' pensions.

The Supreme Court will review a Missouri claim that the state has an obligation to preserve life even if a patient is in a vegetative state.

Forty states and Washington, D.C. have living-will laws that permit people to designate treatment or indicate when they would prefer to die. Missouri, however, only allows withdrawal of life-support means when death is imminent. [In the case under review, the patient has been in a vegetative state for 7 years.] ...

Some members of Congress want the Social Security Administration to put phone numbers of its local offices back in phone directories because of alleged poor service, delays, and errors.

SSA claims a 1989 survey showed 82 percent of those who dialed an 800 phone number said the service was "good or very good." But another SSA study showed that on one February day 1.9 million calls were placed to the 800 number and only 262,000 were answered.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski [Illinois, Dem.] wants a one year freeze on cost of living increases in Social Security to handle the federal deficit.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS



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When GE came on the scene in August of 1986 to replace RCA as our employer, there was much concern over how this business giant was going to deal with its new employees. "Lean and mean," was a phrase that was used, and "lean" it certainly was when 25 % of the RCA/NBC staff departed in the next few years.

As retirees, I think most of us believe we are the lucky ones. The golden years as memories and cash buy-outs as the departing parachutes. Of course, all of us were not ready for retirement so the economic picture varied from individual to individual. Starting over again at 50 or 55 is not easy. But those who were, and are part of graying America seem to be happy to view the GE building from the outside. The luncheon atmosphere at La Maganette appeared to reflect healthy attitudes and lifestyles. Comraderie - it was divine.

It's not all beer and skittles inside the GE building, from what I hear. But CEO Bob Wright has instituted some worthwhile ideas. The health club. Plans to refurbish / renovate the premises. And his "shop talk" get togethers.

Wright is now soliciting employees, asking them to join in informal chats, with about 20 people in attendance. He wants first-hand views and concerns, and what better way to get them, if employees truly speak their minds. Wright seems anxious for more of these "spirited discussions of business, of goals, personnel policies, plans for the future".

Some call it window dressing. Another said Fred Silverman also hosted little chats, but they paid no dividends for the rank and file. One informed staffer we spoke with said they never met anyone who has attended previous meetings. Well, let us say the jury is still out. If it is an honest effort, we applaud it. If it's not, eventually the chickens will come home to roost.

December Brunch Replaced by Octoberfest

Members of PN voted overwhelmingly, in fact nearly everyone raised a hand, when Pete Peterson asked the luncheon crowd at La Maganette if they want to meet again in 1990.

So in answer to popular demand, Pete began his search and found that the most appropriate date and place would be on Sunday October 21, at The Ramada Inn, on Rte 3. in Clifton, N.J.

After some searching and negotiating, Peter found that he could get the hall at The Ramada, with the management decorating the place in an Octoberfest atmosphere. We have been there before, so many of you know where it is, and it is not that far from Manhattan, and the price will be just 25. dollars with a 11:30 am start.

In the back pages of the newsletter you'll find a cutout form to send in for your reservation. Please make out the check to Peacock North.

Moving up the fall event from December to October means that there will be more separation between PN's gala and the annual NBC 25 year club reunion at the Plaza, which usually occurs around Dec 10th.

Please ask your PN friends to participate, if they're not members ask them to join up.

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MEMORIES

Memories... we don't mean the hit tune out of the Broadway show "Cats", we mean the one that goes with forgetting.

The AARP BULLETIN had some comments and suggestions we thought worth repeating.

- Its normal for certain types of memory ability to decline with age, but the loss is generally not serious. And the kind of memory loss 95 percent of us suffer does not matter much.
- We get bombarded with tons of new information each day. Be selective since most of it is not worth remembering.
- How do you fight memory loss ? Pay close attention to what people say or what you read. Make lists of things you want to remember, such as chores, each day. Place things in your wallet, check book and glasses in the same place. Finally, do things that make your memory work, including cross word puzzles, playing cards, taking classes.

Hey Heino, where did I put that newsletter material ?

WHO INVENTED T.V. ? HE DID !

[Editor's note: We're grateful to Dick Dudley, who has passed along a NYTimes Letter to the Editor from Jack M. Davis of the Antique Wireless Assn. We've excerpted it.]

Fifty one years ago WNBT, now WNBC, started our country's first scheduled TV service at the opening of the NY World's Fair. But no "one" person invented tv.

John Logie Baird gave a demonstration in Britain in 1927 of a mechanical system that was subsequently abandoned. Others followed with developments and then Philo Farnsworth and Vladimir Zworykin invented the cathode ray tube to get the industry into the position it enjoys today in the life of everyone 'round the globe.

David's letter concludes with a quote from Isaac Shoenberg of E.M.I., the British Electronics giant, at an early demonstration, " Well, gentlemen, you have now invented the biggest time waster of all time. Use it well".



Consumer Watch

PN member Gloria Clyne is an investigator for WNBC's Betty Furness, Consumer affairs reporter. Here are some of her tips to the unwary.

- * Dialing a 900 number can be costly. Unless the price of the call is noted in the ad, stay away from it. It can cost up to \$ 50. "900" phone calls are not regulated, so Caveat Emptor, Buyer **BEWARE !**
- * Don't give your credit card numbers to telemarketers unless you actually want to purchase an item. Then check your monthly billing statement.
- * Avoid the give aways when someone phones to tell you that you won a prize. Along the way you'll discover you may have to buy unwanted merchandise to get the free gift.
- * Avoid schemes to buy bank-financed precious metals. Usually the buyer just puts down 20 % on the purchase price for gold / silver, only to discover that there are commissions, finance charges, storage fees etc. It's estimated the unwary will be bilked out of one billion dollars this year.
- * "Blind Pool" penny stocks will cost consumers an estimated 2 billion in 1990. This is on one cent to \$3. unlisted securities.
- * Look alike Envelope Promotions: Private firms attempt to duplicate the look of envelopes of major federal agencies, especially the IRS and make it look like some refund as you spot a check through the window in the envelope. It may be stamped "Official Business" or "Important Notice". Some Westchester auto dealers use this.
- * Time Share resales: A con artist will tell you the market is hot for your holiday time-share in Zamboanga. The catch: A fee of \$ 300 to place the listing, and sell it.
- * Some universal admonitions: **Don't believe offers that sound too good to be true.. Know the organization selling the product and check them out.**



KEN'S KORNER

by Ken Arber

I HAVE NOTICED - -

Everything is farther away than it used to be. It is even twice as far to the corner, and they've added a hill.

I have given up running for the bus, it leaves earlier than it used to.

It seems they're making stairs steeper than in the old days

And have you noticed the smaller print in the newspapers ?.

No sense asking anyone to read out loud, they speak so low you can't hear them.

Dress material is so skimpy, it's almost impossible to reach ones shoelaces.

Sizes don't run the way they used to. The 12's and 14's are so much smaller.

Even younger people are changing. They are so much younger than when I was their age.

On the other hand, people my age are much older than I.

Ran into an old classmate, and she aged so much she didn't recognize me.

And this morning, while combing my hair, I studied my own reflection. Really now, they don't even make good mirrors the way they used to !

If You're On Social Security, Is It Worth Working ? ?

If you're under 65 on social security and take a job, you must give up 50 cents of every dollar you earn over \$ 6,840. So - all earnings over \$ 6,840 are taxed at 50 % . You must also pay social sec. tax of about 7.65 % , state tax at 2.5 % , and if you have a pension and investments, you're taxed at 28 % . When all these are added up, **it comes to a tax rate of 88 % !** You're left with twelve cents left on every dollar earned. After 65 you get to keep a few more rubles. Anyone want a job ? ? ?

Hendersonville, North Carolina was the setting for this event.

Out of a strange craft in his back yard, Arnie Proner had visitors. They walked toward Arnie Saturday morning, they put out a hand which Arnie returned with a handshake. The visitors spoke to each other and to Arnie in a strange language, yet everyone understood.

During these conversations, it was learned that they were from the solar system's 12th planet. The civilization was called "NEFILIM", mentioned in the Bible as the "sons of the deities", who were "cast down" onto this planet before the great flood. It was learned that they spoke Sumerian, whose ancient culture is known to have created a great impact on the earth's culture.

Their planet was called "MARDUKE", and it passes between Mars and Jupiter on its orbit around the sun every 3,600 years. The MARDUK symbol was a winged globe, well known to the ancients. Their visitations every 3600 years aided the evolution of mankind. Their visits were about 11,000 BC [Mesolithic period], the pottery phase of 7,600 BC and the emerging of the Sumerians in 3,600 BC. As you may have noticed, each of the periods were separated by 3,600 years, coinciding with the NEFILIM visits. [The last visit was in the year zero BC !]

Nefilim came to be known to humans as "Shem". A Shem being a rocket - or space craft. Constructions consisting of seven stages sloping upwards into a pyramid type form, about 300 ft high were designed as a launching tower. [Were the pyramids a copy of these launching platforms as the aborigines built their bamboo copy of the sighted airplane in WW II ?

Nefilim [or Sumerians] served as a link connecting God and earthly mortals. The Biblical Tower of Babel was the mortal copy trying to reach the heavens.

Suddenly the Proners German shephard barked loudly, and Arnie woke up !

As revealed to Heino by telepathy.

HAVE ANY GREAT PHOTOS ?

SEND THEM IN TO P.N.

VITAMIN CHEMOTHERAPY HOLDS PROMISE WITHOUT USUAL CHEMO SIDE EFFECTS

Synthetic versions of Vitamin A and D seem to hold promise in the treatment of myeloid leukemia, a cancer of the white blood cells. Both are currently being tested in preliminary trials.

The main problem in leukemia is that immature white blood cells proliferate in the blood stream, crowding out normal red and white cells. This causes severe anemia and compromises the immune system. But through a hormonal interaction, Vitamins A and D seem to make the immature cells grow up. Mature cells appear to stop their rapid reproduction and are able to carry out their functions. The synthetic version of Vitamin D has a more powerful maturing influence on leukemia cells -and a much lowered calcium loading mechanism, unlike the active form, which causes unfortunate side effects in heavy doses causing the body to retain calcium. This could cause complications, including hardening of the vital organs and death.

Synthetic Vitamin A also is being tested and some Chinese lab tests indicate a 75 % remission rate.

In next Newsletter: what foods you should absolutely cut out and which ones you should eat. Do you know what organ in the body that, if detoxified, would cure virtually all other ills ?

The Liver !
Good Health to you all ...



Many of you have no doubt been to the Caribbean at some time, or soon will since you are retired, and probably have heard if its praises -rivaling Hawaii or Tahiti.

This story is a suggestion from one who has been there many times, enjoyed it immens-ly due to its quietness, clear blue water warm breezes, love-ly people lazy or active, good food etc -- **only** I did it in a different way ! And **no doubt** you-all can do this as I did -gone to all the ritzy spots, secluded places, busy places -Yes you too can charter a sailboat from 30 feet to 44 feet plus -- **And YOU, be the Captain !**

There are two outfits that are located in the British Virgin Islands, both out of Tortola, which I would recommend. The Moorings, and Caribbean Sailing Yachts. It's quite easy. I have to preface this with a warning that sailing a vessel is not childs play. You all are older and wiser and surely know it's prudent to be quite safety concious and go about this in an intelligent and careful safe way.

Navigation is rather easy for it is almost always perfect visibility except maybe is a heavy rain storm. Then you just go slowly and wait a short while and the storm soon disappears. The water is very clear, and you can see obstructions down to 40 feet plus.

It is a bit difficult to recognize some landmarks, but as one gets closer to a given point, things become obvious. There also are great color aerial fotos of each of the islands available in a book you can buy here or there. One of the nicest things is Once you unpack your not too many clothes, [for all you need is a bathing suit and few clothes for going ashore to swankier places.

In teh British Virgin Islands area, Tortola, Virgin Gorda, there are quite a few islands. None of them are very far apart, yet far enough for some great relaxing sailing. If you'r tired of the sailing work, then just start up the diesel engine and aim leisurely for the next stop over.

If you don't like where you are, -just pull up anchor and go somewhere else. You're never chased out of any "Ritzy" place, for they are all anxious to take your money, and welcome you.

So bring along your American Express Card ! If anyone is interested in that sort of a vacation, write me a **note**, and I'll try to steer you to the right places. **Heino**

**HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE ?
WRITE US ABOUT IT**

More of Hamilton: **DOUG BROWNING** calls, as does **CHARLES WOODS** and **GEORGE VOUTSAS**. **VIC ROBY** is a grandfather [and still lives in Scarsdale, not too far fm the GE Bldg], **RAD HALL** and **DEL SHARBUT** appear to be OK. **BOB WILSON** likes Havasu Lake, but is restless.

[Editor's note: Gene kindly sent along a huge spread from the magazine section of the Arizona Tribune with a wonderful cover story on him and his career, the result of his wife's proud comments about hubby. Gino, a crusty devil, suggests we keep it on file for an obit! Nothing doing. We'll celebrate you here and now!]

The article shows Gene in color, in authentic Arizona attire... a bolo tie with an Indian decoration. Dean of announcers, his mellow voice was heard for 44 years 'til 1975. Shows and personalities he worked with: Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street, The First Nighter, Edison Symphony, Studebaker Champions, The Armour Hour, Lum and Abner, The Voice of Firestone with conductor Alfred Wallenstein, The NBC Symphony with Arturo Toscaninni, Carnegie Hall [he worked as director] when Margret Truman made her one and only public performance, The Eddie Cantor Show, Monitor Radio, etc etc.

One anecdote, just one. While doing the commentary for the **Toscaninni Show** the crew instructions were not to disturb the maestro if he took a nap during intermission. Well, he did, and they didn't. Gene ad-libbed for 13 minutes, and they finally woke up the old conductor to bring him back to the podium!

A note from **CLAY ACKERSON** [Tech management] from Aberdeen, North Carolina. Thanks for the newsletter, am still enjoying retirement after 12 yrs. Staying busy doing volunteer work, golf, gardening, bridge, woodworking and some travel. Had some health problems in '84 but seem to be doing fine now.

BILL McCORD [announcer] writes that he just had to join the PN folks to learn more about their "doings". Bill left NY Oct 1979, settled in San Diego [America's finest city he says]. He found the Lawn Bowling Greens in Balboa Park, and "that's my life for 4 or 5 days a week." Has travelled a bit - hasn't everyone, asks Bill. He's proud

of his son, who goes under the name of "Billy Vera", who has a No.1 hit record, has recorded / produced many albums, has appeared in dozens of Theater and TV movies, and Bill also is proud of his grandson. Bill wants to send his best wishes to you all and yhanks everyone for having been a warm and happy part of his life. **Bill McCord** ends with "Always glad to see or hear from anyone who's in our city. He's in the phone book."

LARRY ELIKANN, formerly a TD in NY. We listed Larry in the "where are they now" column, and got an invitation from the TV Academy in LA, to a screening of a NBC TV Special film that Larry had directed. He has been directing mini series, TV films mostly for quite a while, and we're proud that he once was here with us in the golden years.

FRED McKINNON, [Lighting Director] called Pete the other day, while he was in New York, to tell Pete that he had read the Newsletter. He just glowed at reading about the group he used to work with while at NBC. The newsletter made him rather homesick for he's been working out of LA with **Bill Klages** Group for a long time. "RED" had just been in Chicago lighting Oprah Winfred's new set. He has quite a fantastic repertoire, if it all were listed, there wouldn't be much room for anything else. Ripp worked with him in Seoul at the Olympics, also they go back to the 1st Max Liebman color Spectaculars, done in Brooklyn in 1952's. He wants to be remembered to all of you, for you were some great part of his life. The best RED.



Bill McCord in San Diego

...and finally, **JOE McSHANE** reports he is still retired. Ditto, **SUSAN DRURY** and director **KATHY GREENE** but luncheon attendee **JOYCE HURLEY** is still toiling in the vineyards at the GE Bldg. It is the GE Building, you know... **FITZGERALD "JERRY" SMITH** keeps busy in South-hampton destroying pesticide-ridden lawns by planting wild flowers in their place. He'll resume construction of houses when the real estate market bottoms out. Jerry says ex VP - News **JO MORING** is also in the house construction biz at the eastern tip of Long Island... Radio newsman **JIM HOLTON** says he's in PA, and a neighbor of **CHET HAGAN** -they often rag chew about NBC days when he visits Chet at Galen Hall, Pa.... **GENE** and **JANE GARNES** have been traveling since January 1988; Egypt, England, Italy, Yugoslavia, even USA! Jane's hobby is golfing, Gene's is flying radio controlled model air-craft when the weather is good. When the weather is bad he plays with his video equipment... **TERRY BELLOW**, a retired RCA receptionist, is in charge of the RCA retirees group. They meet the third Wednesday of the month, also at La Maganette, and invite one and all to join them at 12 noon..... and **JACK VAN BUSKIRK** drives a Jersey car with the license plate CBS 93R. Jack was with network public relations, so why is he promoting the opposition? Newleywed, **BILL GOETZ** camera-man, took **DELORES BEDFORD** of Dearborn, Mich., as his bride ... And on the move, from Westchester County to Machias, Maine, near Bar Harbor, **JOE WAAG**, TD.. Moving too, **RUDY WEISENBACH**, from Long Island to London, Ontar-io, Canada... **GEORGE MOYANTCHEFF**, former EJ news tape editor, is another member who belongs to the Fla retirees group. He and spouse **VERA** like the Fla. panhandle and west coast areas. They recently moved from Pleasantville, N.Y. to Killingworth, Ct. and would like to hear from old chums. 203: 663-3547]. His next goal a ham radio license ... _ _

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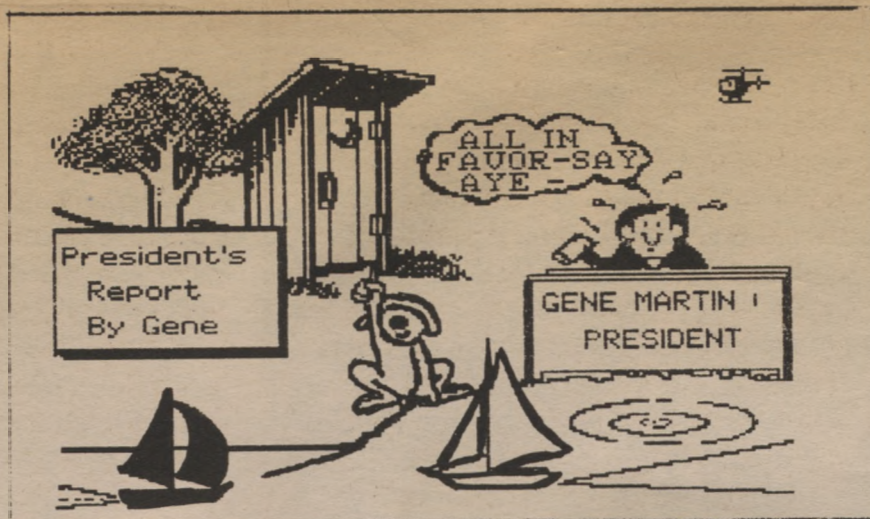
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

This is our 2nd newsletter of 1990 and as Ed Koch, ex New York Mayor would shout, "How am I doin'?". We all hope you enjoy the new look of our newsletter. It took a great deal of patience, time and many hours at the keyboard to acheive this. **Heino Ripp** certainly deserves a huge round of applause.

We are happy about the turnout for the La Maganette luncheon in New York City. Peacock members from all areas of NBC joined together that day and made it a very interesting affair, just like old home week. Another round of applause to **Pete Peterson** for his efforts to make this luncheon a success.

Our next get-together will be at our "Octoberfest" and I am looking forward to seeing you all at that time.

Please keep those cards and letters coming in so we can tell the PN members about your summer fun. [Please, no home videos.] **Gene**

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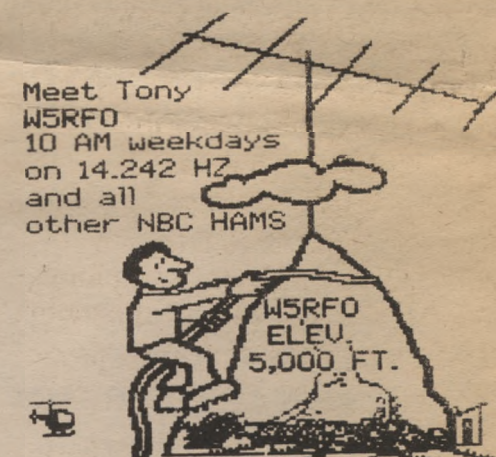
V.P. Pete Peterson's MESSAGE 15

Once again we are happy to announce an increase in membership. August 12, 1987, at a meeting in Fort Lee, N.J. "Peacock North" was started by 30 people at a retirement luncheon for yours truly. It was the start of **something BIG**. Today, three years later, we have passed the **400 member mark !!!** Many new old faces have joined in to make it a real pleasure for our get-togethers and to continue past friendships. At our mini and MAXI lunches, and our annual big brunch bashes, no one is in a rush to leave. Stories [bigger than the truth sometimes] about the past are often funnier than life !

As the exuberance of this group increases, we are aware this rite has come to occupy an emotional space in inverse ratio to its possible shrinking geometry. We urge all who can and are able, to make every effort to join in the fun. Tell any "lost persons" to get in touch. We look forward to our next event to see **everyone** there. So keep those cards and letters coming to let us know you'll **BE THERE**. 73's and 88's,

Pete

[As an old "Morse" shipboard radio operator. 73's & 88's = Best regards; and 88's = Love and kisses.]



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PICTURES FROM OUR ALBUMS

Everybody has old photos taken at NBC ! The parties, remote assignments, those special events when someone brought along a camera. We'd like to see 'em and publish 'em, so please mail them in to Heino.

To start off, your editor dug out a splashed press dept. shot of the "Today" Show's 4th Birthday party - January 1956. From left to right its:

Jack Lescoulie, Frank Blair, Lee Ann Merriwether, Dave Garroway cutting the cake, **Dan Grabel**, your editor, who was a newswriter on the show, and Newswriter **Joe Meehan**. That's **J. Fred Muggs'** sneaker in the left corner.

Location: The RCA Exhibition Hall, that window on 49th street, just across the street from the RCA .. G E Bldg. PS We will return your photos.

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