

**“Tremendous  
educational  
impact...”**

*E. E. Brickell,  
District Superintendent of Schools,  
Virginia Beach City Schools,  
Virginia*

**Spitz  
Planetarium**



PLAZA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, OLIVER AND SMITH, ARCHITECTS

Opened and dedicated within days of man's first steps on the moon, the Plaza Junior High School planetarium has become the "interest generator" for the school's entire science program. "Of course, we have created substantial impetus to space study," says Superintendent Brickell, "but we have occasioned a good deal more interest in related subjects . . . physics, chemistry, geology. There is total approbation for our program on the part of the students, the faculty and the community. We feel its educational impact has been tremendous!"

A key man in generating this educational impact, Herb Teusher, the planetarium director, reports,

"We get them to *like* science from the earliest grades . . . and, for the first time, we compete successfully with color T.V.'s and stereos at home. The results are immediate . . . we see comprehension dawning on the students' faces."

With results like these, it is not surprising that growing numbers of school administrators throughout the country are planning and installing such facilities. Send for complete information. You'll find it easy to understand why Superintendent Brickell told us, "If for any reason we could not continue our planetarium program . . . we would have a sense of real loss."

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The barium referred to in the recipe for chocolate barium fudge ("Speech therapy: Looking into swallowing problems," SN: 6/20, p. 601) is of course, *barium sulfate*. This is the only barium compound suitable for X-ray contrast enhancement. Other barium compounds are *poisonous*. Any professional seeking to employ the technique should, of course, consult the doctors who developed it. □

## to the editor

### Objective statement

I am grateful for your accurate two-paragraph accounting of our study ("Checking the Connecticut River;" SN: 5/30, p. 532). It is especially comforting to have an objective statement in a field of study in which emotionalism all too often drowns out reasoned endeavor! I know, believe me.

*Daniel Merriman  
New Haven, Conn.*

### Communication

Professor Coughlin and I thank you for the article on our membrane process (SN: 6/6, p. 554). The article has already provoked interest in our procedure from other members of the chemical industry.

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