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Hendrix, Live at the Rainbow Bridge" are made available by a group of Thornlea Secondary School students hoping to raise money for a class trip.

Tickets will be sold at the commun-

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## Markham Movie Scene

# Natalie deserved better

By TOM NEWALL

Natalie Wood, listed as the star of Brainstorm (Markville Cinema One), has created an impression in film circles in large part due to the circumstances surrounding the beginning and the end of her lengthy career.

Cast as a child actress in 1943, she continued as a child star in films like Tomorrow Is Forever (1946) and Miracle On 42nd Street (1949), and graduated into a beautiful and popular leading lady with three Oscar nominations in the early Sixties as well.

Many critics, however, have found her emotional range a limited one, and the Harvard Lampoon even created 'The Natalie Wood Award' for the worst annual performance by an actress.

Then, two years ago, in a tragic California boating accident, she drowned. At the time she was wrapping up the final reels of Brainstorm and the release of the movie was thrown into question.

The producers did complete the filming, and the results now are on display at theatres across North America. The film stars Christopher Walkin, Louise Fletcher and Cliff Robertson as well but, unfortunately, it is Miss Wood who has received the publicity.

### SMALL PART

Her part is, in fact, quite small, with the focus of the movie being, rather, the story of a scientist (Walkin) who develops elec-

tronic "earphones" which can reproduce events into the future with terrifying results. His powers are pre-empted by an insidious industrial military organization which threatens us all.

Now that you know the story let me assure you that its film treatment is a mixed blessing at best.

It is good to see Cliff Robertson back at work after the mess his career has become recently, a story of its own which is now in paperback called Indecent Exposure, the most gripping inside look at Hollywood in years.

Miss Fletcher, too, is an arresting presence. Walkin, another Oscar winner, is fine in the lead. Some of the technical effects are dazzling. The final product, however, suggests, for whatever reasons, that the director had trouble putting together the pieces, and the completed puzzle doesn't fit.

Is this a love story? Is it an adventure thriller? And are the loose ends ever tied up? Certainly the script is too confused to sustain our interest and the visual effects, like the work in Tron and Firefox, aren't enough.

The circumstances surrounding Miss Wood's last appearance may satisfy the ghoulish appetites of some in the audience. They don't make Brainstorm a better movie, however; in fact just the opposite has materialized.

She is a lovely leading lady with the proper material; like "Love With The Proper Stranger" (1963) and she deserves a better epitaph than she receives here.

### NOW SHOWING

Markville Cinema One - A Night in Heaven; Markville Cinema Two - A Christmas Story; Markville Cinema Three - Nate and Hayes - pirate adventure with Tommy Lee Jones and Michael O'Keefe; Markville Cinema Four - Never Say Never Again - the latest James Bond film starring Sean Connery; Thornhill Cinema One - The Golden Seal; Thornhill Cinema Two - Rear Window - a re-release of the Alfred Hitchcock thriller; Thornhill Cinema Three - Mr. Mom - one of the year's most successful comedies about changing roles in the American family.

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