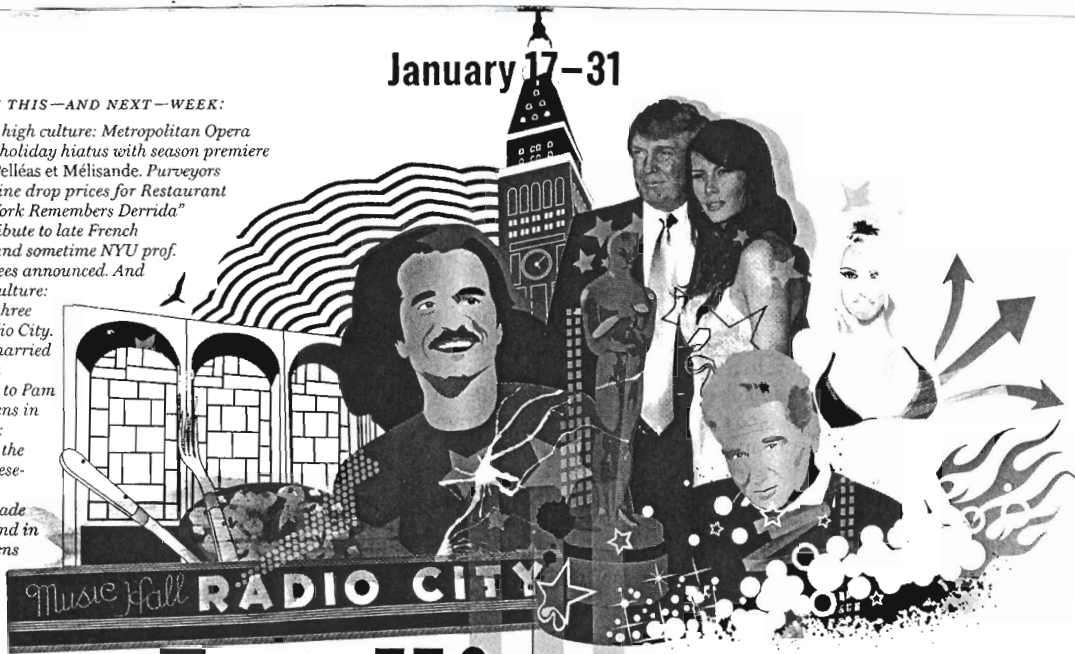


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IT HAPPENS THIS—AND NEXT—WEEK:

Goings-on in high culture: Metropolitan Opera returns from holiday hiatus with season premiere of Debussy's Pelléas et Mélisande. Purveyors of haute cuisine drop prices for Restaurant Week. "New York Remembers Derrida" event pays tribute to late French philosopher and sometime NYU prof. Oscar nominees announced. And not-so-high culture: Yanni plays three shows at Radio City. Trump gets married again. An art show devoted to Pam Anderson opens in Chelsea. Plus: Chinabrand, the largest "Chinese-government-sanctioned trade show of its kind in America," opens at the Javits Center.

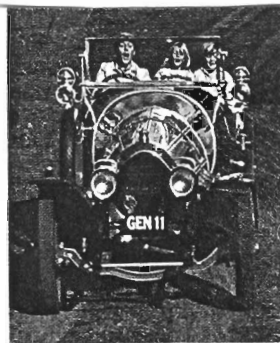


Intelligencer

Hamptons Garage-Spa

Lap of luxury for the motor-oil set.

THE HAMPTONS SEA air may do wonders for New Yorkers, but it's hell on their vintage Mercedeses. And with zoning laws often limiting them to a three-car garage, many auto enthusiasts are faced with the heartbreaking choice of which sedan to stable. Until now. The



new Bridgehampton Motoring Club kennels cars at a constant 68 degrees, with 50 percent humidity. They're started every two weeks, and e-mails go out with data on tire pressure and engine temperature (members can also monitor their vehicles via Webcam). "It's kind of like a resort for cars," says a spokesperson, and "you don't have to have a Ferrari. We have a member with a 1969 Ford Bronco he took really good care of." There are Ferraris, as well as the original Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (which is being parked until the show opens on Broadway in April). **Jerry Seinfeld** inquired if he could store his harem of Porsches, but a source at the club says it couldn't accommodate them, adding, "When it becomes just a garage, it loses its fun."

—Kate Pickert