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BURGLARY EPIDEMIC?

Palisades is experiencing an unusually high amount of robberies. For example, from October 25, 1980 thru December 5, 1980 (a period of 6 weeks) at least 12 robberies were reported. Four robberies occurred over one weekend. Reported robberies began last spring and have escalated to two to three per week. Some families have been robbed twice.

Gold, silver and cash are the items most taken. If you have any gold or silver that you cherish we urge you to find a safe hiding spot. These items are

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE -- A COMMUNITY CENTER

A recent article in *Our Town* lamented the sad neglect of a building that once served an important function and was an asset to the community. That article hit home.

Unfortunately, we in Palisades are faced with a similar situation. And, we, this Palisades community, must make an urgent decision about how we intend to handle our Old School House, our Community Center. Is it going to be used as a center with activities for the community in the true sense of the word or is it going to be a real estate endeavor barely eking out expenses? Is it going to be kept alive only by a handful of people who have a sense of loyalty and/or great sentimentality about this venerable old building? (Cont. pg. 2)

THE PALISADES, NEW YORK SENIOR CITIZENS

wish everyone a most Happy, Healthy and prosperous 1981. The year 1980 was pretty good to most of us. We regret that our group has lost some of our loved members the past year. All of us hope that somehow we enriched their lives while they were with us. We won't forget them for we know they brought an extra measure of LOVE into our lives.

Unless notified we meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month; there are no meetings in July and August. One meeting in the months of November and December. We manage to crowd a lot of happiness and laughter into our brief meetings. The meetings usually last for two hours, from (Cont. pg. 2)

CALENDAR

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| Jan | 1 | HAPPY NEW YEAR! ☆☆☆ |
| | 2 | "Fiberworks" -- exhibit of works by members of Palisades Guild of Spinners and Weavers: last day, Jan. 4th (at Thorpe Intermedia Gallery, Sparkill) |
| | 5 | Jackie Drechsler (flutist) performing with Philharmonica Players of Rockland (Rockland Center for the Arts, 4:30) |
| | 6 | GAME NIGHT (Bridge, Backgammon, Scrabble, etc.). Learn and/or Play (Palisades Community Center, 7:30-10:00 pm) |
| | 7 | AEROBIC DANCING (7-8:00 pm). FOLK DANCING (8-10:00 pm) at the Palisades Community Center |
| | 14 | WRITER'S ROUNDTABLE at Rockland Center for the Arts (27 S. Greenbush Rd., W. Nyack, 8 pm) |
| | 20 | Family Home Care Program begins -- 1st of 4 sessions. (Palisades Presbyterian Church, 8-10:00 pm) |
| | 25 | OPEN HOUSE at the Palisades Free Library. Speaker, voting, refreshments available (2-4:00 pm) |
| | 27 | Family Home Care program, 2nd of 4 sessions (Palisades Presbyterian Church, 8-10:00 pm) |

(Community Center)

Both of the above mentioned reasons are valid enough in themselves for keeping the center open, but hardly sufficient for paying the heating and maintenance costs.

If anyone could feel sentimental about this quaint, 100 year old building it could certainly be me. It was here that I had my first Rockland County teaching assignment. But, it isn't out of sentimentality that I write this appeal. It is through a sense of need and hard reality. I want this Community Center to serve the adult community. It is a fine resource staring us in the face, begging to be used. It reaches out and pleads to us not to allow it to go to waste, "I'm here, use me."

Thank God for the Senior Citizens who know how wonderful it is to have a meeting place every two weeks. A warm building with a kitchen to help with refreshments and with chairs, tables, sofas all available.

An appeal was made in the 10964 November issue. There was only 1, *one*, response. Perhaps the article was not explicit enough! It is difficult for one to believe that our community is gripped with such ennui. Palisades is loaded with talented people -- alive, active sharing people. We asked what activities the community wants sponsored, GAMES, POETRY READING AND RECITALS, A DRAMA CLUB, DANCE (AEROBIC, FOLK, MODERN), COOKING CLASSES? No responses!

Thus, the board members of the Community Center have taken the bull by the horns. We have set up a specific date, our target date for the community to respond so we can be sure about your feelings and attitudes.

JAN 6 -- GAME NIGHT -- 7:30-10:00
TABLES SET UP FOR BRIDGE, BACKGAMMON, RUMMY, SCRABBLE (You name it and bring it). For BRIDGE we'll have an expert who will teach beginners. The more advanced players will also have help if they wish with the bidding, etc.

If you want to learn Backgammon we'll have an "expert" to help.

Any new pinochle players?

DO COME -- Make it a crowd.

JAN 6 -- GAME NIGHT -- 7:30-10:00

JAN 7 -- AEROBIC DANCING -- 7-8:00

FOLK DANCING 8-10:00

What with the cost of fuel so high, why not use a facility so close to home? We are receptive to ideas. We'd love to start a drama group or a poetry reading group. Just let us hear from you, please.

ESTELLE SOLLISH
PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON
PALISADES COMMUNITY CENTER

AREA RNS PRESENT FAMILY HOME CARE PROGRAM

Having ailing loved ones at home rather than in a hospital can be a blessing or a hardship -- depending on how prepared you are to handle home care. Whether it is bed-rest for a patient with a broken leg or a heart condition, if you suddenly find yourself faced with handling hygienic chores, or feeding, or helping the patient sit up, do you have the skill, the strength, or even the self-confidence to help them?

What will you do if you must give someone a bath? Who will you turn to if the patient has special needs? These are among the issues which will be discussed -- and demonstrated -- by Community health nurses, Virginia Barrett and Myra Richardson. They will present a program of four sessions on Family Home Care at the Palisades Presbyterian Church, starting Tuesday, Jan. 20, 8-10 pm.

Developed as a joint effort between the church and the two RNs who reside locally, the program will prepare participants to handle routine home care chores including: bathing your patient, mouth care, positioning the patient, moving in bed, transfer to chair, use of catheters, washing hair in bed and others. Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Richardson will also discuss the resources available within the community for special help.

The program is open to anyone who wishes to attend since health crises are often unexpected. Registration is limited so that each participant can get maximum individualized instruction. No fee is charged.

If you wish to be part of this program, call the Palisades Presbyterian Church at 3147 or 2140. The church is located on Washington Spring Road, East of Route 9W in Palisades, New York. The four sessions will be held January 20 & 27, and February 10 & 17.



(Senior Citizens)

2 to 4 pm. There are programs and celebrations for special occasions. If you have any talent that you would like to share with us we would be most happy to receive you. You don't have to be an Oscar or an Emmy winner, if you know Arts and Crafts, Book reviews, Medical information that would be of benefit to the Golden Agers, conversational topics, etc., anything you're willing to share with us will make us happy.

Join us sometime won't you? We may be just what you need and you may be that someone who will bring additional joy to us.

LAURA E. EBMEYER
PRESIDENT

OPEN HOUSE AT THE PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

Sunday, January 25, 1981 - 2 pm to 4 pm.
 Guest Speaker: Nash Castro, General Manager of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. Punch and a selection of cheeses will be available.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available and a ballot box will be at the desk for the election of three Trustees. Residents of Palisades, eighteen and over are eligible to vote. (Voting hours: 2 pm to 3:30 pm.)

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Happy Holidays was the December Cub Scout theme, and Palisades Den 1, Pack 57, spent Tuesday afternoons at the Community Center preparing for the holidays and getting ready for the big Pack Christmas Party on Dec. 22nd.

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Den held a *TANSTAAFL* party (ask the boys what it means) to rake the Community Center grounds in preparation for the Community Center Christmas party. Especially to be commended for their hard work on this project are: Kenny Chung, J.T. Farley, David Glanton, Jacob Lawrence, Zach Lynch, Eric Olsen, Kuan Wan Park, and Matthew Semon.

The boys have also been working on various achievements in the Cub Scout program, attempting to advance in rank first to Bobcat, then to Wolf, and finally Bear. Den 1 was proud to have eight members receive their Bobcat rank at the last Pack meeting. Congratulations on achieving Bobcat to: Josh Alison, Kenny Chung, J.T. Farley, Jacob Lawrence, Zach Lynch, Eric Olsen, Matthew Semon and Paul Verdigi.

Finally, Den 1 wants to thank several members of our Palisades Community who have helped with programs for the boys: Dr. Kenneth Schwartz, who arranged a tour of Nyack Hospital; Dr. Elise Rose, who taught them principles of CPR; Mr. Ronnie Olsen, who taught them carpentry skills, and Mrs. Fumiko Chung, who taught principles of keeping healthy. A special word of thanks to Mrs. Marge Guttilla, TZE Physical Education teacher who worked with the boys on their Feats of Skill Achievement.

JOHANNA FARLEY

BOY SCOUT TROOP 54

On December 13th the Scouts hiked the 12 miles of the 1779 Historic Trail in the Palisades Interstate Park. They started at Bear Mountain and hiked north to Fort Montgomery, then west and south ending at Camp Bullowa in Stony Point where they set up camp and spent the night.

Completion of the hike and the writing of an essay on the "Significance of the Battle of Stony Point in relation to the Revolutionary War" fulfills the requirement for the Historic Medal. Glenn Merberg and Richard Fabella fulfilled the requirements last year by hiking the 1777 Trail and received their medals at the Court of Honor.

(Burglary)

usually never recovered. The "instant cash for gold or silver" businesses which have opened in our area recently melt down any item they purchase within 24 hours. German Hummel figurines have now been added to the list that these instant cash businesses will accept.

We urge all residents of Palisades to take extra precautions and offer the following advice: let your neighbor know if you are going to be away for a few days (have them check your doors and windows); watch for strange cars in your neighbors' driveways; be wary of strangers who come to your door asking questions. (A young man of 20 is reported to have been in the area of Oak Tree Rd. and 340 asking if anyone saw his lost dog. Two homes were broken into around the time that he was knocking on doors).

Do not hesitate to call the police. They will come and question any strangers who you feel do not belong in the area. You do *NOT* have to give your name or phone number to the police if you feel uncomfortable. Just tell them you would appreciate their checking out a strange car or person in your area. Call 359-3700.

If you wish to find out places to hide cash, gold, etc. call the police and ask them for advice. We understand it is difficult to obtain safety deposit boxes from our local banks as a result of all the robberies that have hit Orangetown.

Again, we urge you to put away anything you cherish. If burglars realize that people have taken precautions and their breaking in will be in vain, perhaps the rate of break-ins will drop or stop.

If anyone cares to let us know anything about the robberies which happened in their home, please let us know by Jan 10 and we will share this information with the community (without using names).

Remember, the surest way to put an end to this rash of burglaries is to be alert and call the police, relaying anything suspicious to them.

EILEEN LARKIN

Ed. Note from a telephone interview;

Detective Raymund Liberati of the Orangetown Police Dept., who has received special training in burglary prevention, says Palisades is being hard hit and urges residents to do two things: 1) Call 359-3700 for immediate, fast action (if you see a strange car or persons near your neighbors' or your house). A police patrol car will arrive within minutes. DO NOT approach the car or persons yourself. DO NOT let any stranger -- child or adult -- into your home. DO mark your mailbox or house with a name or number so that police can find the house quickly. 2) Call 359-2121 for information about burglary prevention. Detective Liberati strongly recommends that residents of Palisades use the police department's new service called "block meetings." If one family on a street will open their home to neighbors, even a few, Detective Liberati will come and speak about burglary prevention and protection. Call the above number to request this service.

PALISADES AND THE NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY BOUNDARY CONTROVERSY

The first of many negotiations about the boundary between the provinces of New York and New Jersey, supposed to be where the 41st degree of latitude hit the Hudson, took place between their governors at the bottom of the hill here in the 1680's; and Lewis Morris, who was here as a boy, probably with his father, remembered it well. Sixty years later, when he was Lord of the Manor of Morrisania and Governor of New Jersey, he described the meeting:

"They met at a place nigh which stood afterward the house of Col. William Merritt on the west side of Hudson's river, where an observation was made of the latitude and marked with a penknife on a beech tree standing by a small run or spring of water that runs down on the north side of the place. I was told that they did then agree that the mouth of Tappan Creek [now Sparkill] should be the point of partition on Hudson's river between the Province of New York and that of New Jersey."

The New York surveyors, however, without having actually surveyed the line, maintained that it ran a mile and a fraction north of Yonkers -- a difference of about five miles!

This set the pattern for the negotiations, which ranged from New York to Perth Amboy to London, and always used the Merritt-Corbet-Snedden house as a reference. New York hoped to hang on to land which was obviously New Jersey's, and postponed agreement on one flimsy pretext after another. Finally, in 1769, it was settled, and the line marked on a great rock near the river called the "Station Rock." This is now in the Palisades Interstate Park, about a mile south of the Landing Road; and the faint inscription can still be read -- Latitude 41°.

Strangely enough, however, official maps show the state line to be some distance south of the 41st degree. It turns out that the New Jersey state geologist re-surveyed the line in 1874, and found that the Station Rock was at 40°59'51.20", a thousand feet or more south of the proper line. New York was firmly in possession, however, and refused to change. Otherwise, most of Lamont and Closter Road would be in New Jersey.

ALICE MUNRO HAAGENSEN



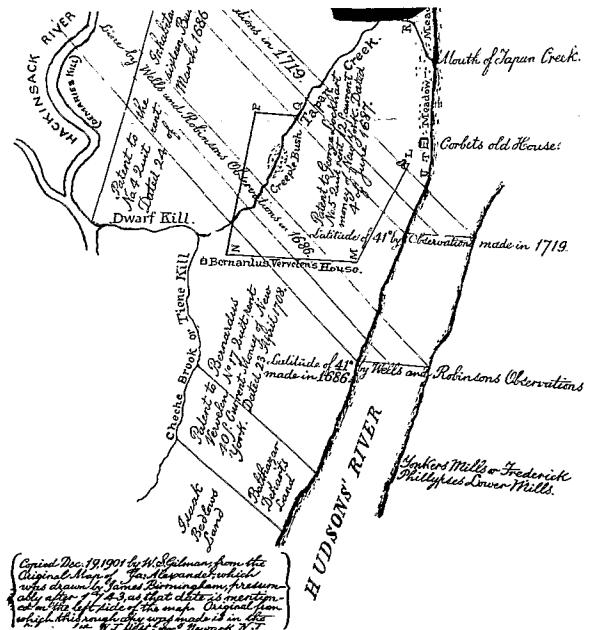
PALISADES ART SHOW COMMITTEE

reminds you that although the Palisades Presbyterian Church art auction has been postponed until spring 1981, the search for items to be shown and auctioned continues. If you want to contribute some of your work or that of friends please call Bob Burcaw, 359-1399; Ernie Quick, 359-2692; or Fred Griffing, 353-0619.

OAKTREE COOPERATIVE PLAYGROUP

We hope that everyone had a very Happy Holiday and wish you all the very best in the New Year.

It has become apparent in working with young children that many of them have little or no contact with older people. The upward mobility of the American family has caused a loss of interaction with the "senior members" of many families, at a great cost to all of us. As a result, many children do not know how to appreciate or relate to older people. Some are even frightened by them. To help alleviate this problem, and to enrich the lives of our children, we would like to appeal to any "foster-grandparents" in the community who would like to volunteer a few hours to bridge the generation gap. If you have some time to share with us, please call 359-6472 and ask for Marianne. We will be happy to arrange transportation, and provide you with juice, cookies, and love. If you have life experience, a simple craft, hobby, pet, or just a lap and hug to share with our children on a regular basis or just from time to time, please let us know. We need YOU, and are sure that your efforts will be most rewarding.



ARTS AND LETTERS

BETWEEN GENERATIONS: *The Six Stages of Parenthood*, a new book by ELLEN GALINSKY, published by Times Books, will be in bookstores late in January. Ellen, who has spent a number of years working with parent groups, was interested by what she perceived to be the limits of existing studies on adult behavior, studies which dealt mainly with only two aspects of adult relationships: either to each other or to a job or career. Her book, which is a mixture of theory and interviews, develops a new area in the study of adult behavior: that of adult growth through parenthood. It follows the Eriksonian concept (dividing the life cycle into stages, as developed by psychoanalyst Erik Erikson) by dividing parenthood into six stages: from the image making time of pregnancy when anything is possible, to the departure stage when the child leaves home. She traveled all over the country, choosing geographically diverse cities, and interviewed all different kinds of parents: single parents, foster parents, homosexual parents, parents of mentally or physically disabled children, older parents and younger parents, working parents, homemaking parents and many more. Out of 228 interviews involving 396 children, children whose ages range from 10 to 44, comes this very positive book on parenting, a book that says to every parent, not only are you not alone but you are growing.

HARRY DAVIS plays "Einstein" for the Christmas season in a Masterminds Games commercial entitled "Sherlock Holmes vs.

Einstein" currently running on television. Mr. Davis describes the game as a "braintwister."

JACKIE DRECHSLER will be playing for the Philharmonica Players of Rockland at the Rockland Center for the Arts, Jan. 5 at 4:30. Jackie recently performed the music for a filmed segment of Sesame Street, delightful and inventive variations on "Hickory Dickory Dock."

FIBERWORKS, an exhibit currently running at THORPE INTERMEDIA GALLERY in Sparkill features creations that are handwoven in traditional or contemporary design; hand-spun work and original designs in basketry, knitting and crochet made by members of the Palisades Guild of Spinners and Weavers. Of special interest are the inventive and exotic creations of Beth Beede whose work appeared recently in the "felting" exhibition at the American Crafts Museum in N.Y.C., and the architectural weavings by "Fiber Sculptor" Dolly Curtis. This is a fascinating exhibit which will run through Jan. 4. Admission is free; telephone: 359-6400, Ext. 256.

"WRITERS ROUNDTABLE" will hold its first discussion, which will focus on contemporary women writers, Jan. 14 at 8 pm at the Rockland Center for the Arts. Janet Sternberg, a writer and T.V. Producer who is also currently director of the Writers in Performance Series at the Manhattan Theatre Club, will read from her new book *The Writer on Her Work*. Admission is \$2 to general public and free to members.

LYNNE AUBREY SEIDLER

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POTTERY LESSONS -- Learn hand-building and wheel techniques in small classes. 10 week sessions beginning Tues. Jan. 13th, 7 pm-9 pm. Contact Jane Herold, Box 153, Palisades. 2686.

VIOLINS (2) - \$2,000, \$3,000. Reputed maker; Bows \$280 and up. Frances Breer. 4367.

STUYVESANT SQUARE THRIFT SHOP (Woman's auxiliary of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital). Let our thrift shop dispose of your no longer needed furniture, jewelry, bric-a-brac, clothing, toys, etc. All tax deductible. For free pick-up call 359-7348.

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