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OPEN LETTER FROM FIRE COMMISSIONERS

To The Residents of Palisades:

On March 16, 1985 the John Paulding Engine Company responded to an alarm of fire at a residence on Woods Road, and upon arrival one side of the home was totally involved. Although the house was saved and no injuries resulted from the fire, certain obstacles were encountered which delayed the arrival of the fire apparatus.

We understand the need for "speed bumps" on certain roads, but the bumps on Woods Rd. seem to be a little high; and even at an extremely slow speed (5 to 7-MPH), both men and equipment were thrown violently about. Liquid-filled containers which contain life saving fireblankets were knocked over, tools were jolted from their brackets, and the firefighters riding on the apparatus were bounced around. These trucks are operated by experienced men who have many hours of driver training, and they are able to operate these vehicles in a prudent and safe manner; but these bumps make it difficult under the best of conditions to get the trucks to the scene of the fire in the shortest possible time.

This particular fire also pointed out another important fact--we must be able to get these large trucks close to the actual fire in order to either effect a rescue or to extinguish the blaze. Overgrown driveways and uncleared brush cause both delays and damage to the equipment. Try to imagine how difficult it is to maneuver a 30-foot ladder truck into a driveway not much wider than a Volkswagen.

Firefighting is a difficult and dangerous task, and we would like to ask your cooperation in correcting conditions that add to the difficulty. Look around and imagine what would happen if your home was on fire, could the fire trucks arrive safely in the shortest time possible, and would they be able to be positioned so as to be used to their full effectiveness. In the event of a fire, time is of the essence; and any delay could mean injury and even death.

Your fire department is here to help you; and if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to come to the firehouse on any Monday evening where someone will be present to help you.

The Board of Fire Commissioners,  
Sparkill/Palisades Fire District

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MORE WILDFLOWERS PLANTED ALONG P.I.P.

Capitalizing on last year's successful wildflower planting experiment, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission has announced that it will increase its planting of wildflower seeds this spring along the entire length of the P.I.P., New Jersey Section.

Last summer's experimental test plots turned out to be such a success that the Commission was inspired to enlarge its plantings this year.

The Commission's Executive Director, Palisadian Nash Castro, said that over fifteen different varieties of wildflower seeds will be planted, starting about mid-April and ending about mid-May.

The planting is being underwritten

by a grant in the amount of \$46,000 from Lila Acheson Wallace, co-founder of the Reader's Digest.

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PALISADES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

At our March 11, 1985 meeting, the Executive Board voted to establish a membership dues fee of \$5 per person. As of this date, any contribution sent to the PCA will constitute membership in the Association. In order to vote at any public meeting of the PCA, a person must be 18 years of age and a member in good standing (dues paid) by April 30, 1985.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, PCA

## THE HUDSON RIVER

by Lida Post

[My mother, Lida Post, was housebound for many years with an invalid daughter, my sister Elaine; but she did not let life pass her by. She served on the Library Board with Miss Margaret Lawrence and Winthrop Gilman, was the church organist and a member of a local Shakespeare club. Later, she joined a literary guild and contributed many fine stories, essays, and book reports. Recently, I found in her desk a story of the Hudson River written October 1, 1945, and thought it might be interesting to readers of 10964.

Mildred Post Rippey]

When I was young I was fortunate enough to hear a lecture on the Hudson River, especially the region of the Palisades of the Hudson. It impressed me so deeply that I have never forgotten it. At that time I found a book on geology dated 1888 which added to my interest. Many students of geology have written books on river-making since then--my old book seems old-fashioned, but there are fundamental truths which never change.

My impression is that ages ago this region was covered by ocean water. Fossils of shells and flowers and coral of tropical climates are found even in the Catskills. Then came a mighty upheaval which threw up the Palisades rock to a height of from 350 to 550 feet--so forming a deep channel for the water to take its course to the ocean. I still like to think of the rock rising, clean, out of the water; and it seemed a tragedy that the frosts of winter and the erosion by water should deface the awesome cliff. The water to the west flowed gently over the land, creating the lovely marshes we used to see when we went to New York on the Northern Railroad. The Hackensack River may be part of that overflow.

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In the course of the ages, the rains, frosts of winter, the settling of the rock caused it to disintegrate; and small plants began to grow and finally great trees split the rock at the top and at the bottom. Some rocks weighing many tons have fallen to the base of the great wall. Carl Carmer in 1939 writes these words: "The west side of the Hudson becomes a sheer columned wall of hard basalt--rising 350 feet in its lower segments, 550 at its full height. This rock poured from the Earth's interior, a molten liquid. (I remember my old geology book said "in a state of igneous fluidity," which I loved.) It inserted itself in a thick hard sill between layers of sandstone, forming a giant sandwich. The sandstone cover has been worn off near the river, leaving the hard brown wall towering above the water in an impressive vertical precipice--the Palisades." I was surprised to find that Carl Carmer in 1939 had copied almost word for word from Allan Benson's

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Story of Geology, published in 1927, without any acknowledgement in his bibliography!

Benson says the Palisades will eventually be destroyed by erosion. The day will come when nothing will be left of the Palisades but a green hillside. We hate to think of it, but it will be a beautiful hillside! The Catskills were not thrown up--they were worn down and chiseled out by water, wind, and changes of temperature. They occupy what was once a plateau.

The source of the river is a little lake near the highest Adirondack peak--Mount Marcy. When the naturalist, Verplanck Colvin in 1872 climbed through the woods of spruce and balsam and white cedar to its bank, the lake had a lovely name. He was so overcome with emotion, proper to his period and the occasion, that he wrote in a sentimental report to the New York State Legislature: "Far above the chilly waters of Lake Avalanche, at an elevation of 4293 feet, is Summit Water, a minute unpretending tear in the clouds, a lovely pool shivering in the breeze of the mountains." The law makers were so overcome by this flowering in the midst of their literary efforts that Summit Water became officially Tear Lake! And so--the Hudson journeyed to the sea, sometimes taking its own course, sometimes flowing through pleasant land, sometimes through old glacial channels, on and on until it flowed past the narrow island of Manhattan into New York Bay.

In all of this we see the wonders of evolution. Small and great things are destroyed by greater powers that greater wonders or beauties may emerge. The hillside that was the Palisades may be more beautiful than the Palisades. The Catskills must be more lovely than the plateaus were before something happened to make the rounded hills. And, as in nature, so it seems to happen to man. Through the chaos of our modern life may emerge, in a future perhaps distant, an abundant, happy, and peaceful life.

The story of the people of the Hudson shores is not a happy one. The first inhabitants were the Indians. No one knows their origin. The stronger tribes from the north periodically came down to harass and plunder the simple Algonquins in the Hudson Valley. Then, 85 years later came our historic hero, Henry Hudson, and the good old Half Moon in 1609. Hudson, hoping for a passage to China, tasted the water at intervals, and finally finding fresh water knew that this was not a way to China. He had sad encounters with Indians and some pleas-

ant experiences. On his second visit to the river, Henry Hudson claimed the high-walled valley for the Dutch since he had been sent out by the Dutch East India Company. Then began the struggle for profit by aggression--the weak against the strong--the rich against the poor. Hudson, persisting in his search for a northwest passage, was finally put in a ship's boat in Hudson Bay and abandoned by his men who no longer had faith in him.

[My mother never finished this report--or perhaps this was the end? MPR]

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PALISADES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES

On Sunday, May 5th, Edmund Betterby will give a concert to benefit the Church Music Fund at 4 p.m.

On Friday, May 17th, there will be an old-fashioned barn dance with a caller at 8 p.m.

All are welcome to both events. More details will be announced at a later date.

PALISADES COMMUNITY CENTER

HELP! The Center is close to bankruptcy. Last month's membership drive through 10964 resulted in only 18 new members. Our balance is now only \$300, and we will not be able to pay our utilities unless you send in a membership/contribution this month.

We rely on memberships to keep the building in good condition so that community activities can be held at the center at no charge. If we do not receive donations, we may have to charge all groups for using the building.

We have a reputation for being very community minded, and we would not like to see this historic building fall into ruin. I'm sure I can count on all of you to respond this time.

We will have a community meeting on April 29th, beginning at 8 p.m. sharp. We will hold election of officers and present the year-end report for 1984.

We hope to have a guest speaker at this meeting. Please watch for a notice posted at the library and the post office. If you are interested in chairing a programs committee, please call me at 359-6589.

EILEEN LARKIN

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to:  
\* New York State Regents Scholarship winners Roger Anderson, Ray T. Douglas, Michael D. Moran, and Karen B. Olson.  
\* Jean Brock who was presented with the New York State PTA Jenkins Memorial Award, given to teachers in recognition of their contributions to the welfare of children and youth.  
\* Principal Larry Glickman, teachers, students, and PTA of the S. O. Middle School which won a place amongst the ten best middle schools in New York State. This places the school as a contender in a nation-wide evaluation of middle schools.  
\* and to Penny Bunyaviroch, who has been named a 1985 United States National Award winner in Foreign Language. This award is a prestigious honor very few students ever attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students. Penny attends The Rockland Country Day School and is the daughter of Dr.'s S. and E. Bunyaviroch of Oak Tree Road.

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The Natural History Museum at the S. O. Middle School is looking for period pieces by decade of the 20th century. They are concentrating on the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s to begin with; but any donations will be welcome. Clothing, tools, magazines, newspapers, etc. that would exemplify a decade in the 20th century (e.g. political buttons, poodle shirts, soda fountain memorabilia) would be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate an item to the Museum may contact Mr. Bob Eberhard at 359-6609.

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Parents - Let us know the names of the colleges your children will be going to in the fall so we can publish it in the May and June issues.

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When children are faced with the unexpected, they need planned resources to draw from. The Helping Hands Program is such a resource. Simply, each block has a designated home, notated by a Helping Hand in the window. When children need help or are hurt, they know they can go to that home and find someone to help them.

Each of us can contribute to the safety and well-being of the children in our community. If you would like to coordinate the creation of a Helping Hands Program for the children of Palisades, please contact Sherryll Kraizer at 365-1175 after May 10th.

Sherryll Kerns Kraizer is the author of The Safe Child Book and will be making regular contributions to 10964.

COMMUNITY HELP

Have no way to get to an important doctor's appointment? Need a babysitter for your visiting cousin's kids? Want to hire someone to cut your grass, but don't know who?

Perhaps 10964 can be of assistance. Through our Community Help Program we want to get those residents of Palisades who have a need in touch with those residents who can provide it. Here's how: 10964--through volunteer coordinators--will give you the names and phone numbers of our readers who can and want to provide a specific service.

Right now, we're looking for volunteers to drive people to doctors or hospitals, to the supermarket or post office. These same volunteers also might be interested in working with the library, shuttling reading material for people who have difficulty getting out of their homes.

We are also compiling, in time for summer vacation, lists of local babysitters, house sitters, and teenagers who want to earn some money doing yard-work.

If you want to be included on one of these lists, please complete the following form and return it by May 5th to 10964, P. O. Box 201, Palisades. There's even a space for your suggestions on how to expand Community Help and what needs you think should be addressed. Please be neighborly and give Community Help some thought.

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INTRODUCING: ROZ AND STAN LAMPERT

What can you say about a couple who goes golfing in the rain? That they are a little nuts? Yes. That they are folks who are fun, energetic, see sunshine on a cloudy day, and love golf? Yes! On the Sunday of my interview it was raining, and they asked for a time change because they were going out to play golf. Roz and Stan love sports, love life, love a good laugh, and love each other. Like crazy, and after only three and a half decades of marriage. I know this because Roz does not stop talking about her 6'4" 250-pound husband who is "all muscle and a genius besides." They have been married for 34 years, but who's counting? The numbers mean nothing to these perpetual youngsters who are also grandparents. If you ask Stan his age, he says 35.

The Lamperts moved into the Tankel house on Century Road, hailing from Haworth. Why, after raising four kids who have all flown the coop, did they want to move to another house in the suburbs? Because, says Roz, they have always loved Palisades; and when their kids were kiddies, they would all pile into the family car on a Sunday and drive around our hamlet seeking adventures. I told you they were a little nuts.

So they live in this big house on Century Road, just the two of them and Stan's big elephant ears. Not Stan's, of course. His plants'. He grows elephant ear plants as a hobby and is very proud of them. In fact, while I was in their home they rushed out their family album filled with pictures of elephant ear plants. One child or another is always in front of them, but we know it is really their elephant ears they are showing off.

The Lampert offspring: Charles, married and living in Tenafly; Shari, living in Manhattan and an assistant producer for the CBS Morning News; Michael, about to pursue a Master's Degree in Ethnic Jazz at the Boston Conservatory of Music. (He plays the electric mandolin.) "You will die when you meet Michael; you will fall in love," exclaims Roz without prejudice of any kind. Then there is Jonathan - "Wait'll you see him, a real heart-throb" - and a junior at Boston U.

Stan is a Brooklyn boy, a graduate of NYU, and an international shot put champion. All-American in high school and world renowned while in college, he has traveled extensively for athletics and was three times a participant in the Maccabean Games of Israel. He writes articles for weight lifting magazines and is a horticulturist. In his spare time he actually works for a living, underwriting

insurance and being a financial planner out of his Fifth Avenue office in mid-Manhattan.

Roz's brother was a three-time national decathlon champ, and Roz herself is a sports enthusiast. Besides golf, she loves to cross-country ski and has been doing so along the trails of the Palisades for years. "You meet lots of people, you bump into them, you ask each other how the trails are, you go in for coffee--it's nice!"

Roz would love to get to know people in Palisades. Not being part of the child rearing school crowd any longer, there is really no format for easily meeting other women; but do go out of your way to meet her. Anybody who golfs in the rain and has a husband with big elephant ears can't be too bad!

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SPANISH PIANIST TO PERFORM

Spanish pianist Jose Ortiga will give a concert Sat., May 11th, at 5 p.m. at the Naurausaun Presbyterian Church, Sickletown Rd., Pearl River. The concert, to benefit Rockland County Association for the Visually Impaired, will be followed by a meet-the-artist supper reception at Images Restaurant, Blue Hill Plaza, Indoor Sculpture Garden, Veterans Memorial Rd., Pearl River.

Señor Ortiga has performed as a concert pianist in Europe and in the majority of Spanish capitals throughout the world. He has appeared as a guest artist with major symphony orchestras. His Rockland performance follows by one week his North American debut at New York's Carnegie Recital Hall; and his program will include works by Chopin, Poulenc, Granados, and Albeniz.

For tickets and further information about the concert and meet-the-artist supper reception, contact Elizabeth Kallen, (914) 354-0200, ext. 2051.

## SPRING PLANT SALE

The Spring Plant Sale for the benefit of the Palisades Free Library will be held at the library (or in the brick school building in case of rain) on Sat., May 11th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Maryann Sahadi is chairman of the sale, with Bea Eberle heading the book table; Karen Jefferies, the food table; Bill Eberle, lunch; and Robert and Andrea Williams, the raffle. Volunteers of all ages willing to work on committees or help for the day should call Mrs. Sahadi or the heads of the categories as listed above.

A new feature of the plant sale this season will be the opportunity to purchase ceramic planters and jardinières made by local potters Sylvia March and Jane Herold.

If you have old garden tools in good condition, clay pots, or baskets that you would like to donate to the library to sell, or if you would like to sell them yourself at the sale and give a 20% commission to the plant sale, please contact Mrs. Sahadi at 359-2058. Used lawn furniture in good condition can also be sold with the same above-mentioned arrangements.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear 10964,

I would like to thank my friends and neighbors in Palisades for their kind thoughts, flowers, cards, and calls which contributed to my speedy recovery during my recent hospital confinement.

I now have a new knee, and I am looking forward to the next library dance to try it out.

Irene Frederick

OPEN HOUSE AT LAMONT

The Lamont-Doherty Geophysical Observatory will have their annual open house on Sat., May 18th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibits, demonstrations, and talks are free to the public. Visitors must enter through the gates on Rte. 9W.

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