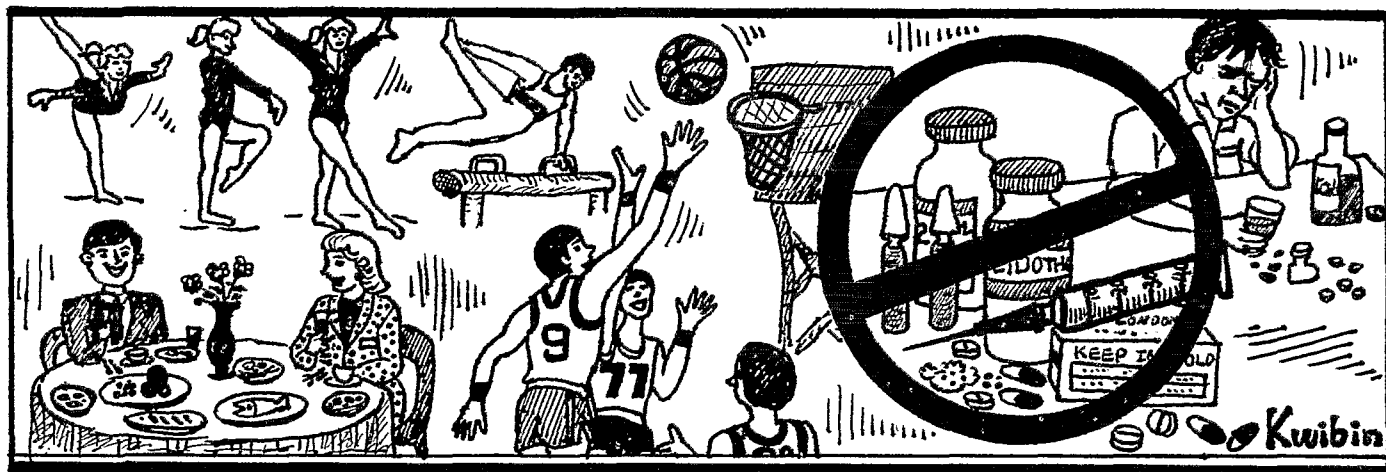


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Community Comes Together To Prevent Substance Abuse Problems In South Orangetown

National figures tell us that 41 percent of our teens regularly abuse alcohol, with most of them starting chemical use between the ages of 11 and 14. There is no reason to believe that the figures are any better in our own community. Many of us moved to this area to escape the problems of the city, and yet we really can't avoid them.

It took only the manhunt of the drug-dealing murderer in Palisades to remind us of our collective vulnerability. Many people were also aware this fall of the "First Day of School 5 a.m. Keg Party" held by Tappan Zee High School students on Clausland Mountain. It reminded us how motivated teens could be for the wrong reasons. And this was just one of the numerous examples of the power of alcohol and drugs over youth in this area.

That's why this past November, the South Orangetown PTA's Child at Risk Committee brought together local educators, community leaders, the police department, substance abuse specialists and student representatives to form a community action group for the purpose of preventing drug and alcohol abuse in South Orangetown. The results were overwhelming! Over 100 people attended this "invitation only" meeting.

As a result, two initiatives were established, one short term and the other long term. For the long term, the group is in the process of developing an independent not-for-profit agency similar to C.A.N.D.L.E. (Clarkstown Awareness Network for a Drug-free Life and Environment). The agency is operating under the name of South Orangetown Family and Youth Ini-

tiative (FYI), with the goals of promoting awareness of the problem, establishing guidelines for parents, providing information and referrals, and creating healthy activities for young people.

While waiting for its not-for-profit status, South Orangetown FYI recently organized a media awareness campaign, with funding from the Orangetown Substance Abuse Committee. The campaign will take place from March 26 through April 8.

The project began with a video contest for students at the South Orangetown Middle School and Tappan Zee High School. A flier went out to all these students, inviting them to "Be A TV Producer" by submitting concepts for public service announcements that would keep kids and teens from

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On the Road Again

*10964 asked our South Orangetown School Board President,
Geraldine Miras, to share insights from her recent travels.*

CONTINUING MY LOVE AFFAIR with Asia, I traveled there last December with a friend. It was a trip full of surprises. What I anticipated liking, I did not like. What I thought I would not enjoy, I did. The country I knew least about proved to be a revelation.

Our first stop was Hong Kong. Most Asian tours include Hong Kong with the promise that if a tourist still has some money left at the end of the trip, she can spend it easily in Hong Kong. But the city is much more than a shopping mart. From the little I saw of the shops, our discount stores here in the States serve just as well. No, for us the real Hong Kong was behind the huge banks, hotels and boutiques. Down the side streets are small neighborhood shops and open food stalls and markets. Crowds of people walk along the narrow sidewalks speaking their sing-song Cantonese. One block may have as many as four restaurants. Eating is the most popular activity in Hong Kong, not shopping, and the food can be delicious. If you get tired walking, double decker buses criss-cross the city passing through neighborhoods tour buses never show you. The fare ranges from 30 to 60 cents. The famous Star Ferry crosses the harbor between Kowloon and Hong Kong island in seven minutes and costs about 10 cents. The harbor views are magnificent. Late into the night the streets are crowded with pedestrians strolling under brightly lit neon signs stretching out from the stores over the street. On Christmas Eve, several large boulevards were closed to traffic and the entire population exploded out into the streets for a holiday stroll. Life pulses through this exciting city. I

loved it.

I had always imagined Bangkok would be exotic, the epitome of Thai culture. I expected traditional Thai architecture everywhere and women wearing brightly colored Thai dresses. Not so. Bangkok is a large sprawling city. Buildings are nondescript, cars too numerous, the pollution dreadful. There is nary a tree in the city except in the few parks. The traditional Thai dress has given way to the now traditional blue jeans. Even though we were in Bangkok in January, the heat and humidity were unbearable. What must summer be like! On our first day we ventured out of our hotel for an exploratory walk. Six blocks later we took refuge in the air-conditioned lobby of a hotel. We decided then and there the best way to see Bangkok would be from an air-conditioned sight-seeing bus. One of the better tours took us outside the city to see life along the canals or "klongs." There vegetation is lush and houses are built on stilts as a precaution against flooding. Boats skim along the water carrying goods and people. Every morning the boats converge at a market area to hawk fruits, vegetables, straw hats, pottery and whatever. This was the traditional Thailand I had come to see.

Although the city of Bangkok disappointed me, the Thai people did not. They are a sweet, kind people and very friendly.

The train from Bangkok to Malaysia takes about twenty-four hours and is very comfortable. Most of the trip is through flat, farm land. The train speeds past small villages, farmers working in the fields, children walking or bicycling home from school and Buddhist temples.

Just a few hours from the border is Butterworth from which we took a ferry to Penang. This lovely little island was our introduction to Malaysia. When one thinks of Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia come to mind; but Malaysia is seldom mentioned. Very little has been written about it. What a pity. The Malays are beautiful people, warm and friendly, with an innocence that has not been damaged by over-exposure to tourists. Since gaining independence from England in 1957, Malaysia has made enormous strides in education and in its economy.

We had been on our own in Hong Kong and Bangkok but were signed up for a tour in Malaysia. One never knows what a tour will bring in terms of the size of the group or the quality of the guide. We were lucky. Our companions were a couple from Germany. Our guide, Yakub, was a delight. Every morning the five of us piled into a van and with Yakub at the wheel we drove over the changing face of Malaysia. From Penang in the north through the flat coastal area up to the mountains of the Cameron Highlands, down to Kuala Lumpur and finally to the old seaport of Malacca--we must have driven about a thousand miles. We made stops at plantations--tea, rubber and pineapple. We went through charming villages and stopped at an occasional mosque or palace. A few times a day we would stop at a road-side stand to eat fresh juicy pineapples or tiny sweet bananas. How delicious and how cheap! Yakub was an excellent guide, charming and informative. Where the brochure had promised free

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Lamont: Past and Future Climates

WHEN MAURICE EWING founded the Lamont Geological Observatory in 1948 (the name Doherty was added later, as a result of a bequest), he believed it should be possible to reconstruct the history of the Earth from the apparently undisturbed evidence lying at the bottom of the ocean. Lamont scientists foraged the sea floor endlessly, and compiled much of the evidence for plate tectonics. In the course of this exploration Ewing developed the piston corer, a device like a heavy drainpipe with fins that is dropped overboard; it hits bottom at great speed, and triggers the further propulsion of a heavy tube into the sediment. The tube cuts a 10 to 12 ft. cylinder of mud, which is retrieved, split in half, and stored in a canister. These are brought back and racked 12 feet high at Lamont's Core Lab. One half is kept untouched for permanent reference, and the other half is at the disposal of researchers from all over the world. Lamont now has an unmatched archive of over 16,000 deep-sea sedimentary cores from all regions of the global ocean.

The mud cores are not very prepossessing; they dry out and crack and crumble. But they play a vital role in the dream of climate prediction. For the mud is composed of debris that has settled down from the surface, including pollen and the skeletons of microscopic fauna and flora. Their chemistry can be related to the specific temperatures and environments in which they originally were alive, and in turn these findings can be correlated with similar evidence found in cores elsewhere. In the late 1960s the piston cores were supple-

mented by drilled corings, which can be as much as 1500 feet deep. Thus it is theoretically possible to piece together the patterns and chronology of climates as far back as 170 million years.

The most spectacular example of such detective work is a map created by Project CLIMAP, led by Lamont and other scientists in the 1970s. Using the evidence from cores they were able to map the sea surface temperature at the height of

"Among the most baffling and complex of any natural phenomena are the workings of the Earth's climate. Through the intensive research of scientists in dozens of specialties, it now appears that the problem may be soluble, and that in fact climate may truly become predictable. If so, it will be one of the most dazzling scientific accomplishments of this century, and one having the most profound impact on our ability to feed the human race."

— Barry Raleigh, former

Director of Lamont-Doherty

the last ice age—in February, 18,000 years ago. At that time sea level had fallen 300 feet, and the edge of the ice sheet extended to Cincinnati and St. Louis. The average sea surface temperature was 2.3 degrees Centigrade cooler than today, and the average landmass temperature was 6.5 degrees colder. If such small temperature differences can signify an ice age, it's easy to see why scientists are concerned at the prospect of a few degrees of global

warming.

Lamont cores also played a major role in establishing the Milankovitch theory, according to which the Earth's climate is forced by the planet's relationship to the sun. The Earth is tilted off axis, and also wobbles slightly as it orbits the sun. These variations have significant long-term effects on our climate in cycles of approximately 21,000, 40,000, and 100,000 years. It is the Milankovitch theory that predicts another ice age is on the way—which complicates the argument for global warming.

The fiendishly complex "general circulation models" that are used to try and simulate and therefore predict climate are constructed by using the most complete set of physical parameters available, in the form of hundreds of interacting equations. The modelers run their simulations on a powerful computer, and then test them against real data. If the simulation is inaccurate, they "tune" the equations to make them fit the real data. But since the real data consists of contemporary climate records, the simulations cannot offer any perspective on climate change, which is essential for prediction purposes. Therefore factors such as Milankovitch cycles and data of past climates are invaluable.

Another weakness of the computer climate models is that they cannot yet take much account of the oceans, which cover almost three-quarters of the planet, and interact with the atmosphere in many ways that affect climate, from directly modifying atmospheric temperature and moisture, to storing and venting carbon dioxide. A perfect ex-

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Welcome to three newly elected trustees: Dale Prusinowski, Deborah Marx Sears and William Walther.

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Lamont...

ample is the El Nino, an apparently random but frequent event in the Pacific Ocean that is the result of a regional ocean-atmosphere interaction that can result in droughts and floods and many millions of dollars' worth of damage round the world. By coupling ocean to atmosphere in a relatively simple physical model (i.e. not based on statistical odds), one Lamont group successfully predicted the 1986 El Nino more than a year ahead. (That same model seems to be predicting another El Nino for the end of this year.)

About a third of Lamont's more than one hundred senior scientists are engaged in virtually every as-

pect of climate research. Working on time scales ranging from months to millions of years, they investigate how the components of climate interact at the extremes of the poles and the equator; they define the ocean sinks and sources for carbon dioxide, they trace the circulation patterns in the ocean, and they look for evidence of climate change in the past, from abrupt swings to 100,000 -year cycles to patterns of drought in this century found in tree rings.

But in light of the "greenhouse effect," it is future climate that we are most interested in. So in 1984 Lamont and NASA's Godard Institute of Space Studies (or GISS, which is based at Columbia University in New York) set up a joint

Center for Climate Research, marrying Lamont's tradition of global observation and understanding of past climates to GISS satellite data and atmospheric modeling expertise.

This synergy is beginning to pay off: GISS and Lamont scientists together recently confirmed that excess carbon dioxide does not appear to be absorbed by the Antarctic Ocean, as had generally been assumed, but must instead be absorbed on the continents at mid-northern latitudes. No one yet knows whether this is threatening or reassuring--just different. But you can be sure that up the mountain they are thinking hard about it.

Roger Jellinek

Update on a Dangerous Left Turn

You may remember that way back in the June, 1989, issue of 10964 I wrote an article reporting that on April 10, 1989, the Orangetown Town Board unanimously voted to prohibit a left-hand turn from Closter Road onto 9-W. The decision was based on the fact that this is a very dangerous turn because vehicles making the turn cannot be seen by Southbound traffic on 9-W due to a curve in 9-W just to the North.

As a result of the decision, Sgt. Hank Johnson of the Orangetown

Traffic Advisory Board submitted a workable plan to the DOT to implement the left turn restriction. DOT approval is required when a change from a local road leading into a state road is made. In the meantime, the Town put up a sign showing an arrow with a slash through it, which has not been effective. Since the sign has been generally ignored, accidents have steadily increased — including a fatality.

During this long period of time, I have written requests to State Senator Gene Levy, Assemblyman

Sam Colman and, more recently, Supervisor Roger Pellegrini to write to the DOT Regional Director urging approval of Sgt. Johnson's plan, which they did. But the DOT works at a mysteriously slow pace.

There is a ray of hope in all this. Two days before this writing, Assemblyman Colman did another follow-up with DOT and learned that a favorable decision is expected in two weeks. He also warned that the installation of the necessary signs after the favorable decision could take time if the DOT is busy plowing roads and repairing pot holes. If this delay takes place, Sgt. Johnson told me the Town might install the signs. Stay tuned.

Dossi Thayer

Treason!

On Saturday, March 10, at 2 p.m. students from the Rockland Project School will perform a play called "Treason!" at the Manse Barn in Tappan. The play, written by Barbara Benary, tells the story of Revolutionary war general Benedict Arnold's treason and Major John Andre's arrest as a spy, focusing on Peggy Shippen, Arnold's wife and Andre's friend. The play will include dances and music from the period. A donation of \$1 for children and \$5 for adults is suggested for the performance which is supported by a grant from the New York State Council for the Arts.

The Project School is also holding an Open House for prospective parents on Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. This will take place at the school on Lake Road inside Rockland Lake State Park. Staff, students, and parents will be present to answer questions about the school and its innovative, individualized program. Call 268-7791 (the school) or 359-4338 (Alice Gerard) for further information about either of these events.

Citizens' Watch

For those interested in attending Town meetings, here is a partial listing for the month of March. Information about other meetings may be obtained by calling 359-5100.

Town Board	Mar. 12 and 26 8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
T. B. Workshops	Mar. 5 and 19 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Planning Board	Mar. 14 and 28 8:00 p.m.	Greenbush School
Zoning Board	Mar. 7 and 21 7:30 p.m.	Greenbush School



Swings stand idle in anticipation of summer days to bring them many happy playmates.

Substance Abuse...

abusing alcohol and drugs.

TKR Cable volunteered to work with the winners of the contest to produce the spots, conducting training sessions on scripting, creating storyboards, the use of visual effects, editing and shooting the spots. The training workshops are being held at TKR during the first week in March and shooting will take place during the middle of the month. Students will be released from school to accompany the TKR crews and see the editing process.

Once completed, the student-produced p.s.a.'s will be run during local breaks on MTV, ESPN and USA cable networks. TKR, under the supervision of Community Relations Manager Sharon Francis, also hosted a media breakfast, after which WRKL Radio, WZFM, *The Journal News*, *Our Town*, *Rockland Review*, and *Rockland County Business Journal* also committed to doing such community-minded reports as substance abuse features, FYI news updates, radio hotlines and public service announcements on the topic of substance abuse.

In the interest of teaching children early that drugs and alcohol are less than desirable, the elementary schools are also participating in the FYI campaign. Students are

being invited to give statements and opinions about substance abuse prevention, and the best ones will be heard on WRKL Radio.

As part of the FYI campaign, the South Orangetown PTA Council will sponsor a presentation by Clay Roberts, an internationally known prevention specialist, to parents in the community. The event is being held at the South Orangetown Middle School at 8 p.m. and participation by families is urged. A Parent Resource Guide with information regarding substance abuse, local referrals and resources is being produced by FYI and will be made available at the start of the media awareness campaign, on March 26. Copies will also be available at the Clay Roberts presentation.

In future issues of 10964, we will be reporting on the results and activities of South Orangetown FYI. By raising the awareness of our own residents, we can all participate in bringing the community together to support our young people with alternative activities, effective counseling programs and educational initiatives to help them make healthy choices. For what could be more important to us than the well-being of our young people?

Judith Umlas

Haagensen to Speak at Wave Hill

Wave Hill in Riverdale is a historic site belonging to the City of New York. It was built by journalist William Lewis Morris in 1843, and has been the home of Mark Twain, Theodore Roosevelt and Arturo Toscanini, among others. It has a manor house, an extraordinary garden and twenty acres of park, and is a center for environmental education, nature walks, lectures, and performing arts programs.

One of the concerns of Uta Gore, of the Department of Education at Wave Hill, is a study of the marsh between Snedens Landing and Piermont; because of her interest in the neighborhood, she has asked Palisadian Alice Munro Haagensen to give a talk on "Anecdotes from the Hudson's West Bank" on Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m. in the Wave Hill House Gallery. There is a \$2 fee to enter the grounds on weekends, but the talk itself is free.

Directions by car from George Washington Bridge: Henry Hudson Parkway to 246-250th Street Exit. Continue north to 252nd Street. Left at over-pass. Left again. Right at 249th Street to Wave Hill Gate.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Kids on the Block

Palisades welcomes Casey Jay, new son of Kim and Bill Miller, born December 28, 1989, and Andrew William, son of Howard and Patti Katz, born February 10, 1990.

Congratulations!

**Mark Your Calendar Now:
March 28, 8:00PM at
South Orangetown Middle School
Clay Roberts Presentation on
Substance Abuse Prevention**

Arts and Entertainment

Rockland Center for the Arts Calendar

March

- 2 Acting Workshop for ages 10-12: 6 Fridays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Note: An Acting Workshop for ages 15 and up began Feb. 26 and will run for 8 weeks, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- 4 Workshop on marbledizing: 2 weeks, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 4 Major exhibit of Contemporary Fiber Art: through April 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.
- 5 Workshop in Paper Jewelry: 4 weeks, 7 to 9 p.m.
- 7 Workshop in Native American Pottery: 4 weeks, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for first session, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. following sessions.
- 7 Papermaking Workshop: 8 weeks, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Papermaking Workshop: 8 weeks, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 10 & 24: Ukrainian Egg Painting Workshop, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 18 "On Camera" Workshop: noon to 5 p.m.
- 18 Workshop in Vessel Decoration: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 18 & 25: "Figures in a Landscape" Workshop: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 25 Workshop in Copperplate Penmanship (Calligraphy): 2 weeks, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 25 Raku Firing Workshop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sculpture, & Paintings at Blue Hill Plaza

William Hochhausen, an artist who lives and works in Rockland County, will show his wood sculpture (tall carved totems) and three recent bronze works. Mr. Hochhausen received his BFA and MFA from Yale University and has taught at Purdue University, Sarah Lawrence College and is currently Assistant Chairman of the Art Department at Pratt Institute. He has exhibited his work in eastern American museums and universities since 1968.

Arthur Coppedge has selected oil paintings and drawings of classical vignettes of Brooklyn urban street scenes for the exhibit. Mr. Coppedge's paintings have been exhibited at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D. C., and the Fogg Museum in Cambridge, Mass., as well as other galleries and universities. His work is part of the collection of the Brooklyn Museum, and he was recently appointed to serve on the Board of the New York State Council of the Humanities.

Jeff Pullen will exhibit large mixed-media painting/constructions shaped with varied mixtures of oil paint, wax, acrylics, wood, metal, plexi-glass, driftwood, tiles, stone and found objects, backed by canvas and wood. Mr. Pullen has an MFA from Pratt Institute and has exhibited his work in museums, universities, and prominent galleries in New York, Chicago, and the eastern United States. He recently held a one-man show in New York City at the Dorsky Gallery.

The exhibition opens March 1 and will remain on view through May 15.

Family Festival of Folklore and Music

The Blue Rock School is hosting its third annual series of events for families in March and April. The series will present folklore from around the world on four Sunday afternoons beginning at 3 p.m.

On March 4, The Fire Plume Ensemble will bring oriental and Mediterranean stories to life on the stage. On March 18, the Trio Chanteclair will sing and perform Medieval and Renaissance music on lute, recorder and hurdy gurdy. These two events will take place at the Congregation Sons of Israel, 300 N. Broadway, in Upper Nyack.

On April 1, a Javanese puppet theatre will perform traditional Indonesian folktales. To close the series on April 22, local folk singer Susan Reed will bring ballads from the Anglo-Irish and American traditions. These two events will be at the Nyack Reformed Church, 18 S. Broadway, Nyack. Tickets for all four events will be available at the door (\$5 for adults and \$2 for children).

The Festival is sponsored by the Blue Rock School, an independent, non-sectarian, coeducational day school for grades kindergarten through six. The Festival is made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered locally by the Arts Council of Rockland. For more information about the school or the performance series for families, please call 365-2644 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Hi ho... Hi ho... It's Off to Camp We Go!"

Just last month we were thinking ski trips, sleigh rides and ice skating outings. But, since the average temperature has been around 50 degrees, and there hasn't been enough snow to make a snow cone, I've decided to turn my attention to summer fun.

We are lucky that there are several terrific day camps in our area. Although my son has announced that he's not going to camp, I thought some of you may enjoy the results of my research into nearby camp facilities.

Town & Country Day Camp in Old Tappan has been in existence for over 40 years and accepts boys and girls from 3 to 15. Its aim is to "give children a happy, healthy and stimulating outdoor experience, to develop campers to live in society and learn the importance of being an integral part of a group, to create, work and play together, to be inspired by their own personal achievements, and to develop a thirst for more progress and growth."

The camp is located on 31 private acres. There is a lake and an olympic-size swimming pool in which campers have two swims daily and are given Red Cross Swim Instruction. Kids also receive gymnastics instruction twice a week, participate in boating, tennis, arts and crafts, music, track and field, horseback riding and more and more and more. Town & Country offers a Pre-School program, Teen Trips, Baseball Training Camp, and Counselor Training. For more information call 359-1188 or (201) 768-4553 or attend an Open House held every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Lindgren Nursery School in Closter also offers an excellent sum-

mer program for kids 3 to 9. The emphasis at Lindgren is on "freedom of choice." The campers are given the opportunity to choose the types of activities in which they want to participate and the amount of time they want to spend. It is not mandatory that they follow a prescribed schedule, but they are introduced and encouraged to enjoy a number of activities. The fun here includes Red Cross Swimming Instruction and Water Orientation for beginners. A Naturalist conducts twice daily explorations to the Closter Nature Center. Campers may participate in volleyball, soccer, books, drama, music, biking, playground activities and more. The arts and crafts program is extensive and includes drawing, ceramics, painting, batik, print-making, plaster casting, papier mache and collage.

Lindgren's camp flyer states that they also offer conversation and lots of T.L.C.--after all, the most important! For more information call (201) 768-3550.

The Nature Place Day Camp is

*Elizabeth
Polk-
Bauman
stares
dreamily
out at the
Hudson
River on
a sunny
February
day which
hints at the
lazy days
of summer
soon to
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located on 80 acres at the Green Meadow Waldorf School in South Spring Valley. One of the camp directors, Ed Bieber, is known already to many of our school children through the work he does at the South Orangetown Schools. The program here is based on three principles: 1. Children have an inherent connection with the natural world. 2. Children must feel good about themselves in order to realize their full potential. 3. Each child has special needs and interests.

There are various camp options for children ages 4 to 13. The whole program is based on nature and the outdoors and includes music and drama, arts and crafts, and non-competitive games and sports. Special features include a full instructional swim program, hikes and trips to Indian rock shelters, swamps with insect-eating plants, archaeological digs and other areas of natural interest. For more information, contact the camp at 356-1234 or attend an open house on March 10, March 31, or April 21.

The YMCA in Nyack also offers a summer program, but details are not yet available. The Oak Tree Playgroup is uncertain of their plans at this time, but perhaps will have information for the April issue of 10964.

Happy Camping!

Judy Zehentner

On the Road...

afternoons, Yakub usually drove us some place he thought we should not miss. He was always right. When he drove us into Singapore, saying good-bye was difficult.

Singapore was just the right city in which to rest up from the trip before the long flight home. It is a modern city with many tall buildings, fancy hotels and, yes, lots of shopping. It is a lovely city to walk in with its wide boulevards and many shade trees.

Some random thoughts:

When reading an Asian newspaper, you may not see an article about the United States until page 18 or so.

We were asked many times what the United States is doing in Panama.

The Malaysians don't know what to do with the palm oil they produce now that the United States is cutting down on its use.

To our surprise, Singapore has no compulsory education law. They don't need one. Every child goes to school.

Southeast Asia looks forward to a brighter economy due to China's retrenchment.

English is spoken everywhere.

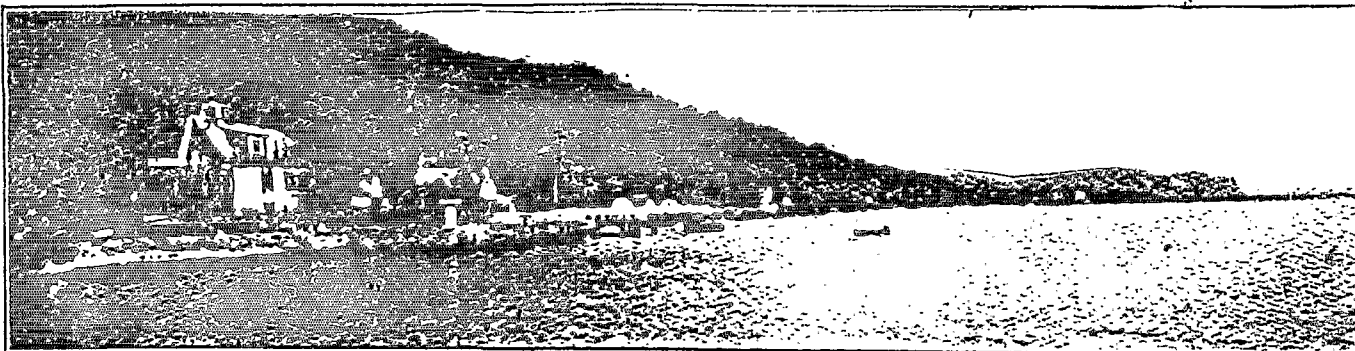
Blue jeans and McDonalds' restaurants are everywhere. Am I wrong to resent these inroads on a country's culture or do they represent progress? I just don't know.

Geraldine Miras



The **Palisades Community Center** is available every evening and every weekend for meetings of Palisades groups and organizations. To reserve the Center for your group, contact Glyn Nixon at 359-5985.

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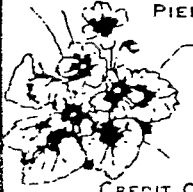
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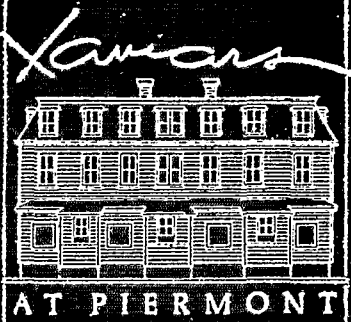


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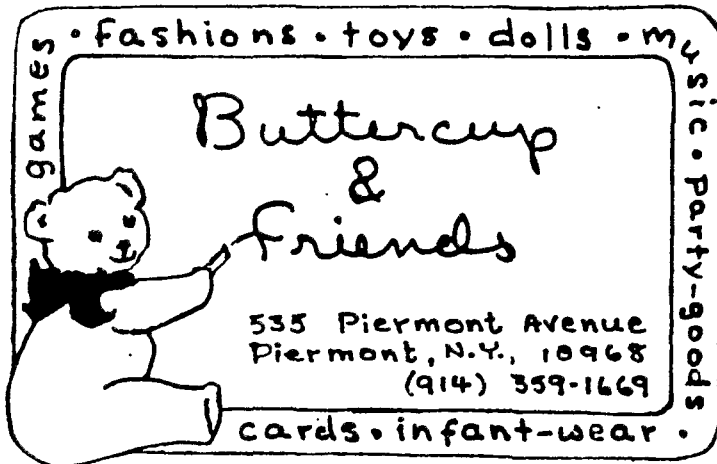
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Special Thanks: We want to thank Karen Jefferies for helping us out again this month in the paste-up department.

The **Deadline** for submission of material for the April issue is **March 15th**. Issues appear in your mail as close to the first of the month as possible.

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A Special Request

A member of the Palisades community requests that residents who own property along Oak Tree Road keep their bushes near the sidewalk trimmed back for the benefit of pedestrians.

About the Staff

We were sorry to lose Diana Reif who resigned to devote herself full-time to her new position as Town Attorney of Orangetown.

Two newcomers to our staff are contributing their considerable talents to make our newsletter more exciting visually. We thought you'd like to know a little about them. Diana Green grew up in Palisades and learned the basics of photography from her mother in their home darkroom. She received her Bachelor's degree in Photojournalism from Boston University and went on to study Advertising Photography at the Portfolio Center in Atlanta, Georgia. She enjoys travel photography and portraiture. Her present base of operations is a studio in the Silk Factory in Piermont where she does unique and artistic portraits of adults and children.

Kwibin Park is from Seoul, Korea. She spent four years at Sook Myung University where her special study was Applied Art in Graphics and Textile Design. Since coming to the United States in 1979 she has done further study in the field of Textile Design and worked as a designer for Nancy Studio and Newco Mills, Inc. At the present time she is teaching art and language in a Korean School.

We feel very fortunate to welcome Diana and Kwibin to our staff.

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