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Looking Toward the Future: An interview with Geraldine Miras

Gerry Miras was elected to the Palisades seat on the South Orangetown School Board in the school vote which took place on May 6. This will be Gerry's fourth term as a school board member (3 years each) and 10964 asked her to answer some questions which she was asked during the election process.

What are the main items on the Board's agenda for next year and the future?

Our district needs a complete curriculum review, greater accountability and higher scholastic achievement, especially in the upper grades. Articulation is a problem also.

We often hear that term "articulation." What does it mean?

Articulation refers to the flow of one segment of the school into another, e.g. movement of 1st grade students from Tappan Zee Elementary into the 2nd grade at William O. Schaeffer, or 8th grade students into high school. Students must be absorbed into new surroundings, matched up with new teachers and assigned classes according to their strengths and weaknesses. Articulation refers also to subject areas which should build sequentially in learnings and skills from grade to grade through the system. Therefore, to improve articulation we must look at our entire program K-12 to make sure there are no cracks students can fall through.

What do you hope that the new superintendent will bring to the district?

The Board of Education, in its search for a new superintendent, looked for a person who can walk on water. We hope we have that person in Dr. Morton Sherman who begins his new position July 1.

With a new superintendent I expect to see the entire district revitalized and energized. We are very proud of our educational system and will probably show off a little for his benefit. Actually, Dr. Sherman would not have chosen to work in our district and send his children to our schools if he had not thought we were a sound system. If he is the leader we think he is, he will surely work on the areas mentioned above.

Do you foresee any immediate plans for reorganization?

Any questions of reorganization will have to be tabled for a while. We have to give Dr. Sherman an opportunity to

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familiarize himself with the district before such a serious change occurs. Also, we have yet to evaluate the reorganization of the elementary schools which took place four years ago. Most important, any reorganization must be done for valid educational reasons, not only for financial purposes.

How can parents get more involved in their children's education?

Parents must stress to their children the importance of education. They should read to them and if possible limit T.V. watching, check homework, and talk about what happens in school.

Meeting their children's teachers and discussing existing problems are also important. I've heard parents say they are afraid to speak to teachers or principals. Actually, the staff welcomes parental interest.

Attending PTA meetings is another way to become involved. Parents will find that others have the same concerns as they do and change can be effected if parents act together. Unfortunately, the parent drop-out rate increases as children get older. The PTAs in the middle and high school need more involvement. While there are other claims on parents time when their children are older, this age group needs our attention.

How can the Board help?

Through the new superintendent, the board can encourage a better flow of

information to parents regarding programs being used in the schools. For example, CAI (Computer Assisted Instruction) is a computer literacy program which begins in the 1st grade and continues through grade 12. This is an important tool which will help educate our children for the future.

The Board should also encourage a flow of information to parents and residents about its decisions and how they will affect children and their education. I would be happy to hear from parents as to the best way to accomplish this, and I encourage parents to become active in their PTA organizations, a good way to begin.

What do you hope to see in the next three years?

The last two years have seen the Board spend a great deal of time on financial matters due to decreased state aid. While it was necessary to do so, I feel we neglected educational issues. Hopefully, we can now get back on course with the presence of a new superintendent coming to us with fresh ideas. The next three years should be very exciting ones. We're good, but we can be even better.



Letter to the Editor:

Palisadians, for shame! Where were you on Cleanup Day? Do you really not care what your community looks like? If the trash is not on your own property do you not see it?

The ten or so who showed up at the Community Center on April 11 split up into three teams. Larry Bucciarelli and Lee Dalto cleaned up Oak Tree Road from the Parkway overpass to Sparkill Creek, Jo and Vincent di Christina picked up around the Oak Tree-9W triangle, and the rest of us, led by Jocelyn DeCrescenzo, started on 9W from the Lamont entrance down. Our efforts cut short by rain, we returned the following Saturday and got almost to the Palisades Swim Club before the rain.

If only 30 or 40 people had showed up, in a convivial hour or two we could have cleaned up both 9W and 340 all the way from the state line to the Rockland Country Club.

I would not like to spend half my life picking up trash from roadsides, but doing it for an hour or two a year with one's neighbors is a very pleasant experience, and noticing the result afterward is most rewarding. And maybe the best part is that you don't have to spend the rest of the year groveling in guilt and shame and low self-esteem -- looking at a landscape disfigured simply because you decided to leave it that way -- and knowing that the people who did act like self-respecting citizens know who you are.

Be there next time!

-Andrew E. Norman

South Orangetown School Vote Results

Proposition 1 (School Budget) passed (1,513 yes, 854 no) as did the proposition on transportation.

Proposition 2, which asked for the elimination of locally designated "seats" (representation), was defeated (1,576 no, 699 yes). Voting by area were: Palisades, Piermont, Sparkill and Grandview (417 no, 103 yes); Blauvelt (401 no, 219 yes); Orangeburg (271 no, 146 yes); Tappan (487 no, 231 yes).

Incumbent Board members Gerry Miras (Palisades) and Sylvia Baumel (Orangeburg) were returned for another three year term to the Board of Education.





Congratulations to our 1992 Graduates !



Twelve High School Seniors from Palisades are graduating this June, and all have exciting plans for future study in the Fall. 10964 interviewed these students and enjoyed hearing about their past accomplishments and future goals.

Jennifer Barba is graduating from Tappan Zee High School, where she was on the varsity tennis team, wrote for the Tapress Newspaper and worked on the Half Moon Yearbook. She also was a part of the Columbia University Science Honors Program. She will be a Math major at Duke University in the fall.

Adria Barreto, also graduating from Tappan Zee, was very busy during her four years there. Some of the activities in which she was involved include the Tapress Newspaper, and Tones, the school literary magazine. She participated in the Concert Choir, was the Vice President of the Treble Chorus and was involved in Quintessence, the International Club, and Asia Society. Adria will attend Dominican College.

Laura Barreto, a Tappan Zee graduate, is looking forward to her future studies at Pace University, where she will be studying Literature and Communications. During high school, Laura was on the varsity tennis and track teams, participated in many musicals, and was a member of the Tappan Zee band, the Concert Choir, the Asia Society, and the International Club.

Valerie Barreto, also from Tappan Zee, was involved in many school sports including varsity tennis and spring track. She was the Assistant Editor-in-Chief of Tones Magazine in her Junior year and worked on the magazine throughout high school. Valerie will also be attending Pace in the fall, where she is majoring in Computer Science.

Katherine Bernick is a graduate of Dwight Englewood High School. During her years there, Katherine was on the varsity tennis team, participated in the model United Nations organization and was a member of D.E.A.D., Dwight Englewood Against Drunk Driving. After working this summer in accounting, Katherine will be attending Colgate in September.

Mike Bester, graduating from Tappan Zee, was involved in "just about every aspect of music" during his high school career. You may have seen him as the lead in "Oklahoma" or in other musicals. Mike participated in Band and Orchestra and was a member of the Madrigal Singers. Mike will be going on to the University of Miami where he will be pursuing a degree in Guitar Performance, Jazz and Contemporary.

Kevin Burke, graduating from Tappan Zee, participated in varsity football and wrestling in high school. After a trip to Ireland this summer he will be attending the State University of New York in Oneonta.

Kim Choi is also graduating from Tappan Zee. During her years there she took many Advanced Placement courses in History, English, Government and Biology. Kim teaches Sunday School and enjoys horseback riding whenever she has a chance. After a summer trip to Korea, she will be attending college.

Emily Englander is graduating Cum Laude from Dwight Englewood High School. During high school, she was on the varsity LaCrosse team and participated in Student's Against Drunk Driving. After a summer working as a counselor at the Nature Place Day Camp, Emily will be attending Washington University in St. Louis.

Angela Fallon is graduating from the Academy of Holy Angels in Demarest. Angela participated in the History Society, Amnesty International, and was an officer in the French Club and on the Honor Roll. She will be studying Liberal Arts at Villanova University in the fall.

Lara Galinsky is graduating from the Fieldston School in Riverdale. While there she belonged to the literary magazine, the volleyball team and the environmental club. She also was responsible for starting the "Food Committee" while at Fieldston. She will be attending Vassar next fall and is looking forward to beginning a major in Art History.

Brian Larkin, a Tappan Zee graduate, participated in varsity track while in high school. After working this summer he will be attending Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

We congratulate each of you and wish you a bright future. If there is anyone we missed, please contact 10964 and we will include you in our first issue next fall.



*Some of the graduating high school seniors
Bottom Row from left - Laura, Brian
Middle - Valerie, Jennifer, Adria
Top - Katherine, Mike, Kevin*

College graduates on page 7



Palisades Library News

A FUN-FILLED SUMMER LIES AHEAD!

Reading games, nature presentations, tales of Revolutionary soldiers, arts and crafts, and parties are all part of the 1992 Palisades Free Library Summer Children's Program. Starting Monday, June 29, and running through September, Palisades parents and their children will have the unique opportunity to participate in a fun-filled and highly educational series of programs and special events. This year's general theme is "New York is Reading Country," and all residents are encouraged to read and save this Summer Program Schedule. All events marked by an asterik (*) require advance registration due to space limitations so be sure to make your reservations early and often!

"New York is Reading Country" Summer Schedule of Events:

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| Monday, June 29 | The program begins with the annual Summer Reading Game. All youngsters are encouraged to sign up at the Library at 3 p.m. |
| Wednesday, July 1 | 1:30 p.m. Kindergarten - Pre School Story Hour for children 3 - 5.

*4 p.m. Apple Stencil Craft Program -- Use your imagination to create items featuring our official state fruit. |
| Tuesday, July 7 | *7:30 p.m. Tales from the Revolutionary War. A most special evening entitled "Pease Porridge" features tales of Revolutionary War soldiers in the Hudson Valley. Told by a guide from Knox's headquarters who will be dressed in period clothing, these wonderful stories will vividly bring to life the Revolutionary Period of our history. Ideal for older children, this very special event will include refreshments that were common in that period. |
| Wednesday, July 8 | 1:30 p.m. Kindergarten - Pre-School Story Hour.

*4 p.m. Apple Wreath Craft Program for children 7 and up. |
| Wednesday, July 15 | 1:30 p.m. Kindergarten-Pre School Story Hour.

*4 p.m. The Return of the Bug Man! Popular Naturalist Andy Turner returns to the library with a new presentation entitled "Bluebirds and Beavers" -- a hands-on experience of the flora and fauna of New York State. |
| Thursday, July 16th | *7:30 p.m. Carole Brill Folk Music. Singer-songwriter Carole Brill will captivate children 3-7 with a variety of sing-along songs celebrating folk traditions and New York. |
| Wednesday, July 23 | 1:30 p.m. Kindergarten-Pre School Story Hour.

*4 p.m. Statue of Liberty Day. Stories and crafts are the highlight of this program which celebrates the history and significance of Miss Liberty. Ideal for children 6 and older. |
| Wednesday, July 30 | 1:30 p.m. Kindergarten-Pre School Story Hour.

*4:00 p.m. Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic! All children ages 3-6 are encouraged to bring their Teddy Bears to this year's picnic which will have a special New York theme. |

In addition to this schedule of July weekly events, the Summer Reading Game continues throughout August into the first week of September. As part of this year's reading program there will be a very special **Pattern For Reading Fun T-shirt Design Contest** ! All through July and August, children between the ages of 8 and 10 can create specially designed T-shirts or pants featuring themes from the books they are reading in the program. For each book read, one shirt or pant pattern (which are available at the library circulation desk) can be illustrated. After designing and cutting out the pattern, entries will be submitted and displayed. At the end of August a special party will be held for all participants.

New Books at the Palisades Library

Non-Fiction

Buckley, *Windfall*
Didion, *After Henry*
Duke, *Brilliant Madness*
Lear, *Second Seduction*
McCullough, *Truman*
Penn, *Passage*
Price, *Inside One Author's Heart*
Spiegelman, *Maus*
Terkel, *Race*
Theroux, *Happy Isles of Oceania*
Walker, *Passionate Quilter*

Fiction

Duncan, *The Brothers K*
Eddings, *The Losers*
King, *Gerald's Game*
Lessing, *Real Thing*
McCorkle, *Crash Diet*
McMillan, *Waiting to Exhale*
Morris, *Motor City*
Oates, *Black Water*
O'Brien, *Time & Tide*
Price, *Clockers*
Siddons, *Colony*

This Year at the Palisades Community Center - Call 359-6692

This Year's Events at the Palisades Community Center

**FUN
RUN
'92
MAY 23**

**RUMMAGE
SALE
JUNE 27**

DONATIONS OF
SALEABLE ITEMS
ARE NEEDED.
PLEASE CALL
MARIA HRYNENKO
AT 359-6692

**HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
HALLOWEEN DAY, OCTOBER 31**

CHRISTMAS PARTY
FEATURING "SANTA CLAUS" - DECEMBER

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PALISADES ARTS FAIR

Blue Hill Cultural Center

This year's 4th Annual Palisades Arts Fair is scheduled for September 19, 1992 - Rain or Shine! Every year the fair gets more successful and draws more creative artists to show their work. The fair is held in and around the Palisades Presbyterian Church on Washington Spring Road. Come early because we start at 10 a.m. and end around 2 p.m.!

Last year the weather was wonderful and the back lawn was brimming with tables filled with hand-crafted work made locally. The Parish House was filled with a maze of temporary walls covered with paintings, illustrations, water-colors, photographs, constructions and drawings. Edgar Jerins' dramatic pastel landscapes mingled with the exotic, spiritual photographs by Milbry Polk. Cristina Biaggi's painted planetary spheres twirled above our heads, Jessica Krause's "dream boxes" lit up one corner and Diana Green's

colorful portraits of Savannah in France filled another. My mosaic mirrors spurred conversations about all the places along the Hudson where ancient pottery can be found. Even if you have never exhibited your work at the fair before, we welcome you to participate this year.

There will be delicious food whipped up in the kitchen. There is plenty of room for children to play outside. If you have any ideas about activities for the kids, please feel free to contact us.

If you have any work that you would like to display or sell, please contact Milbry Polk at 365-0297. All art will be hung on Friday the 18th during the afternoon and evening. Things being sold from tables will be set up early on the 19th. Before the fair begins, breakfast will be served to exhibitors from 8:30 to 9:30.

-Katherine Matheson

Approximately 50 sculptures in stone will be exhibited throughout Blue Hill Plaza by members of the Stone Sculpture Society of New York from June 6 through September 25. The exhibit will extend outdoors to the pond as well as throughout the lobbies, the atrium and concourse of the lower level. The public may view the sculptures Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Blue Hill Cultural Center is located on Orangeburg Road in Pearl River.

Skunk Hollow: The Settlement on "The Mountain"

The 19th century settlement called Skunk Hollow was established just south of Palisades on "the mountain" - as Palisadians called the territory where the Palisades Parkway and Route 9W now intersect. It was first settled by freed slaves and later became a mixed community during the first few decades of the 1900's. Then Route 9W came through and the last residents of Skunk Hollow left the area.

The community was called Skunk Hollow because of the lush stands of skunk cabbage on the site. The first settler was a freed slave named Jack Earnest (so called because he was so serious about purchasing his property) who purchased a plot of land on the mountain in 1806. When he died in a fire in 1841, William Thompson, a prominent member of the by then growing community, bought his property and later established an African Methodist Episcopal Church on that land, of which he became the minister. "Uncle Billy" Thompson and his "Mountain Church" were the pillars of the community for some time until Uncle Billy died in 1886. The church is the only structure noted on old maps of the area.

At its peak in the late 1800's, there were 13 households in the community. The number of families dwindled as other areas of the county began to grow, but there was still activity on the mountain for a few more decades, as Palisades resident John Garrison can attest to.

The following are a few of John Garrison's memories of Skunk Hollow:

The people who lived on the mountain were all hard workers. I remember George Herring, Rollie Herring's brother, who used to live up at the old Heater's Place just west of Skunk Hollow. He was a carpenter, and old timers said all he carried with him was a plumb bob, a saw and a hammer to build a cabin or a house. Since before I can remember, he would always leave for California early in the fall to go prospecting. He wore a leather outfit - cap, jacket, pants, puttees and shoes - always shined to the nines. We were sitting under the apple tree in Palisades one Sunday morning when he said to my father, "I got a horse in California and by God, Charlie, I rode it clean on into Missouri."

I remember the Siscos. Harry Sisco worked for Arthur Fox as a chauffeur. They had cows behind the Fincks, my old homestead. We had no problems getting manure in the fall. The Dows were another family. Dell Dow and Harry Sisco married later on. He still chauffeured Violet Fox, Mrs. Finck's aunt until she died.

Rollie Herring worked for R.C. Hill, under Mr. O'Brien, as a gardener and handyman in what is presently the Norman house. The men would drive their wives to church and then come over and sit with my father. Rollie came down one Sunday morning in his Model T Ford. He came over to our house and said to my father, "My daughter, Gussie, married a red-haired man from York and had twins! That makes me two grandfathers, Charlie!"

When they put in 9W, Rollie's son, Joe, opened a road stand right where the entrance to Lamont is now ("squatter's rights"). He would eat fire and do all kinds of daredevil things. He also sold hamburgers.

Elliot Post, the school custodian, worked on the Corn Borer Program. He was stationed on the Jersey line. He stopped every car coming into New York to see if they had corn. He confiscated all the corn right there by Joe's stand. He wore a Corn Borer uniform, hence his name, Colonel Post.

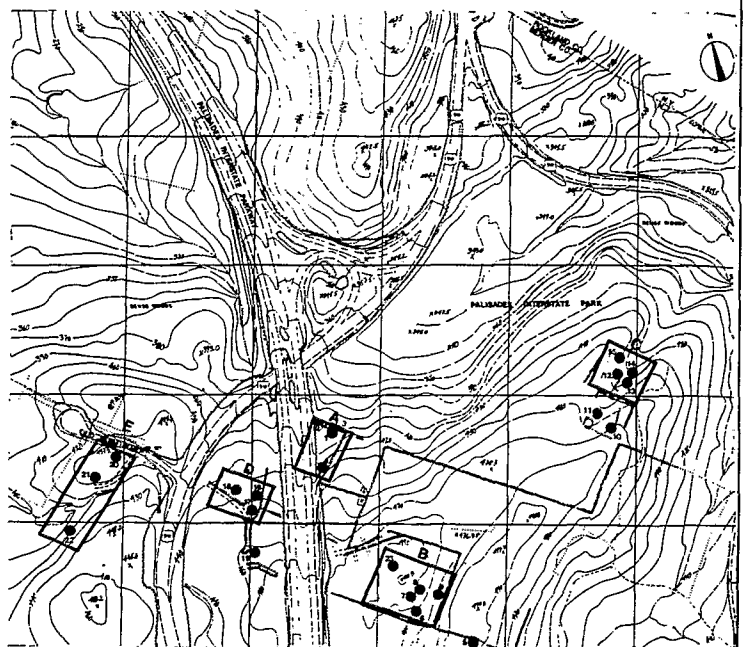
The Yearlings and the Lundstroms were two other families up at Skunk Hollow. Mrs. Lundstrom had one son, Charlie. She married Ed Yearling when Mr. Lundstrom died and they had a son, Nelson. Nelson Yearling was a great mechanic. He could take a car apart and have enough parts left over to start another one. He was killed at the Triangle when he was still only a young man. He ran right into the telephone pole in front of the Post Office. Charlie Lundstrom did odd jobs as a carpenter and painter. He lived to be well up in his 80's in Sparkill.

There was a story going around about Mr. Yearling - "Pidgeon Bill" he was called. They say he killed a man they called "Yaller Joe" with a shovel because he thought he was trying to take away his property without permission. How true it is I don't know.

The cemetery was up at the old Heater Place between 9W and the Lookout. We used to go up there in the fall and pick elderberries. It was an abandoned place. The last time I was up there was in the early 70's when my nephew came from California.

There must be many personal memories of people and events connected with Skunk Hollow. If you don't have any of your own, let your curiosity lead you and talk to some of our long-time residents or take a walk up to "the mountain" and let your imagination take over.

- Diana Green and Milbry Polk



Topographical Map of Skunk Hollow

Walking in Palisades: Discovering Skunk Hollow, a Piece of Local History

Your hike to explore Skunk Hollow should begin at the parking lot by the 9W entrance to Lamont Observatory. Head south on Old 9W for about 1500 feet and take the first trail to the right. Follow the trail in a southwesterly direction and you will begin to see the stone walls that formed the boundaries to individual properties. You can also see depressions that were once the cellars and foundations for as many as 21 structures. Closer investigation might turn up bits of pottery and old bottles, as well as the remains of burial plots dating back to the beginning of the settlement. Unfortunately, the site of the church is across the Palisades Parkway, and I don't recommend that you cross it on foot.

It is best to search for Skunk Hollow in the early spring and late fall when the leaves are off the trees, and it is easier to see the walls. However, if you are curious enough and patient enough, it is a lovely and fascinating walk at any time of year.

- Diana Green

Note: Correction to this feature from the April issue: The bike path is 1 1/2 miles long - not 10 miles long.

Historical Humour from the Turn of the Century

The other day when I received 10964, there was in the same mail a newsletter from Tony's Lobster House. I told my daughter, Carol, a little family story about when it was a tavern run by the Chownes'. This she had, of course, heard before. It then occurred to me that the readers of 10964 might be interested in the story so here it is.

Shortly after the turn of the century what is now the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory was the Agnew Estate. The estate was run by several sisters who were all very temperance minded. Their brother Dr. Agnew, by all accounts, did not hold with their views. On his way up from the Sparkill Station, he would often have the Coachman stop at the Rockland Country Club so he could have a drink or two before going home.

My Grandfather, William Blancken, was at that time the gardener on the estate. My Grandmother, Babetta, was quite friendly with Mrs. Chownes. Often when she and my mother, Anna, went shopping they would stop at the tavern to visit. When they did, they would always put the horse and wagon behind the tavern because if any of the Agnew ladies had driven by and had seen our horse and wagon tied out in front, it could have been the end of my Grandfather's job.

-William Knudson

The "I Can't Wait for Summer" Contest for Kids

We enjoyed receiving the following submissions to our annual writing/drawing contest. Congratulations to these winners, Bobby, Adam and Reece...we hope your summers are everything you are wishing for!

"I CAN'T WAIT FOR SUMMER BECAUSE THERE WILL BE MORE BASEBALL GAMES. AND MY DAD AND MOM SAID THAT THEY WOULD TAKE ME TO SOME. AND I WILL BE GOING TO CAPE COD. I WENT THERE LAST YEAR, TOO. AND ALSO I WILL BE GOING TO WISCONSIN AND I'LL BE GOING DOWN A GIANT WATER SLIDE.

-Bobby Griffin, Age 6

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I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL SUMMER BECAUSE MY FRIENDS ARE COMING TO OUR BEACH HOUSE. I AM GOING TO BRING MY BEACHBALL AND MY CHAIR TOO. I AM GOING TO GET THE GREEN BUGGYBOARD. I AM GOING TO CATCH A SANDCRAB. I AM GOING TO COLLECT SHELLS FROM THE BEACH. IT IS GOING TO BE FUN!

-Adam Krulewitz, Age 7

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I CAN'T WAIT FOR SUMMER BECAUSE I GET TO RIDE MY HORSE NAMED "SPORT." HE IS VERY WELL TRAINED AND VERY HEALTHY. I GET TO RIDE HIM A LOT IN THE SUMMER. CARROTS ARE HIS FAVORITE FOOD. I LOVE TO RIDE "SPORT." WHEN I DON'T RIDE HIM, I KEEP HIM IN THE GATES. HE LIKES STAYING IN THE GATES BECAUSE HE GETS A LOT OF REST. BUT, MOST OF ALL, HE LOVES WHEN I RIDE HIM.

-Reece Solomon, Age 5



Congratulations to our College Graduates !

Ilena Elevitch received her BA from Sarah Lawrence College on May 23. Her concentrations were Theater and French, the highlight her year in Paris. Ilena's immediate plans include pursuing these interests in San Francisco.

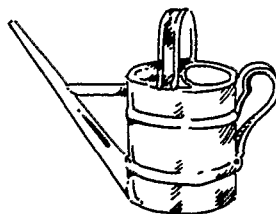
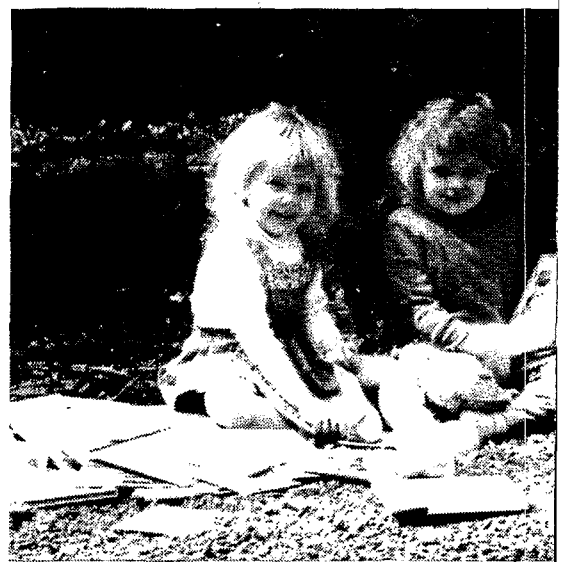
Philip Galinsky graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Music from Columbia University. His plans for the future are to continue his education at the University of Washington in Seattle, pursuing a masters degree in Ethno-Musicology.

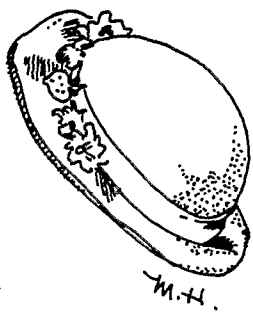
Fiona Lawrence graduated from Bard College on May 23 with a BA in American Studies. Her career interests lie in Journalism and Women's Studies.

Cathy LoGerfo graduated from New York University, majoring in Psychology and receiving a BA degree. She plans to begin work towards a masters degree in Elementary Education at the beginning of next year.

Plant Sale

Photos by Diana Green





Pajama Party

Photos by Jocelyn DeCrescenzo

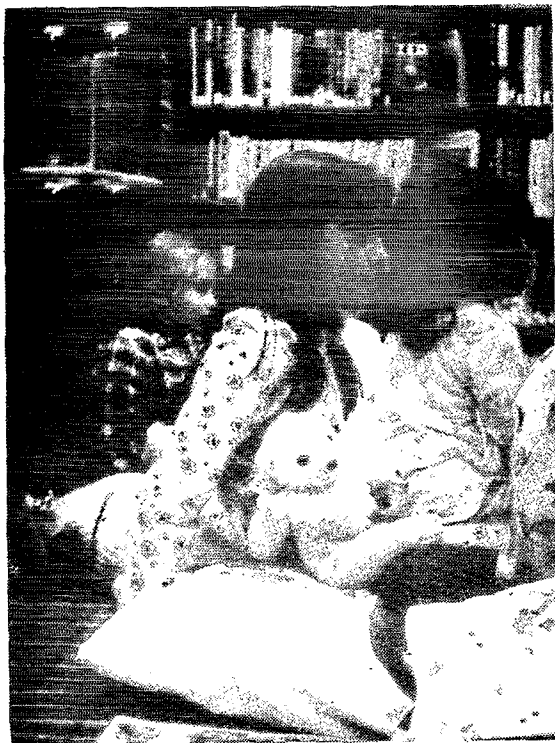


Photo captions

Clockwise from top:

- * Mary, Diane and Carol man the baked goods table
- * Kira and Sarah snuggle in with their teddy bears
- * Pajama clad bunch listen to the stories
- * Mia and Sarah take a ride on a fire engine
- * Marika makes a sale
- * Kerri, Kate and Kira enjoy a quiet moment
- * Savannah and Bree ham it up!



Palisades Democrats Beat the Average in Turnout, Support for Clinton

More than 40 percent of Palisades' enrolled Democrats came out to vote in the April 7 Presidential primary. Governor William Clinton of Arkansas reaped 88 of the 199 preferential ballots, with former Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts and former Governor Edmund Brown, Jr. of California dead even at 52 votes each. Tsongas had announced the suspension of his campaign a few weeks earlier.

Palisades' Democrats outpaced the rest of Orangetown both in turnout and in favoring Clinton, who achieved a narrow 7,529 to 7,160 margin (38.5 to 36.6 percent) over Tsongas in the Rockland County totals but lost Orangetown to the Bay Stater by 1,232 to 1,156 (35.1 to 33 percent). Brown received 28 percent of the vote in Orangetown but only 21 percent countywide, garnering only 15 percent in Ramapo.

Senators Bob Kerrey and Tom Harken, who had previously withdrawn, and Irvine, California, mayor Lawrence Agran and former Minnesota Senator Eugene McCarthy, who have been treated as invisible by the news media, received one, two or three votes in Palisades and less than one percent of the countywide vote.

In New York's current arcane Presidential primary system, one may cast votes for any five candidates for delegate to the Democratic National Convention, regardless of which presidential candidate they are officially "supporting" or which candidate the voter supported. What happens next is that the five delegate seats allocated to the Congressional district are not awarded to the five leading delegate candidates but are divided proportionately among the presidential candidates according to their share of the vote.

Thus Clinton and Tsongas each earned two delegates from the 22nd C.D. and Brown one. Since no Tsongas or Brown delegate candidates had filed nominating petitions, their delegates will be chosen by their campaign organizations. The top votegetters among Clinton supporters (in Palisades,

in Orangetown and in Rockland County) were Assemblyman Sam Coleman and South Nyack resident Cora Wilder, who is chair of the Social Sciences Department at Rockland Community College. Presumably, they will be the Clinton delegates, and Lois Bronz of Greenburgh, also a Clinton backer, will be the district's alternate delegate.

If I may be permitted editorial comment, one of the idiocies of this system is that it invites voters to waste their votes in either of two ways. The 20 or more Palisadians who pulled levers for delegate candidates "supporting" presidential candidates who were sure to receive less than 20 percent of the vote (Kerrey and Harken) fell into one trap. And the 60 or more who voted for all five Clinton candidates fell into the other, since only votes for a presidential candidate determine the number of his or her delegates, and votes for delegates only decide which of the five delegate candidates will actually go to the convention. Thus a vote for all five on one slate has the same effect as voting for none of them.

The primary election for all other nominations will be held in early September as usual.

-Andrew E. Norman

Palisades Swim Club

Are you making plans for this summer? Why not spend June, July and August right here at home with us at the Palisades Swim Club? We are a family-oriented small club of under 200 families from Palisades and its surrounding areas. In addition to our pool and kiddie pool there are swim lessons, a swim team and tennis courts for all to enjoy.

For more information about joining the Palisades Swim Club this summer, call Barbara Lowerree at 359-3935 or write to the Palisades Swim Club, P.O. Box 192, Palisades.

Swim Team Update:

There are still openings for the Swim Team. If your children are 5 and up and would like to join, please contact the Swim Club.

Farewell to the Miller Family

One of the first people I met when I moved to Palisades was Kim Miller. I was sitting at the "Kiddie Pool" at the Palisades Swim Club, about 6 months pregnant, when this bubbly and attractive (and in-shape!) woman smiled and said, "You look great...when are you due?" Well, if you've ever been 6 months pregnant and someone says you look great, especially in a swimsuit, you want to throw your arms around them and give a big hug.

Anyone who knows Kim and her family can relate to this story. Kim always has a smile and a good word for everyone she meets. And now we've heard she is moving from Palisades. Well, the good news is that Kim and her family are not going far...only to Harrington Park, so hopefully we will still see Kim, Bill, Rory, Keri and Casey all around Palisades.

Many people know the Millers because of their commitment to Palisades and involvement in many of our organizations. Kim served for many years on the board of the Community Center where she put in endless hours running both the Halloween Party for the past three years and the Summer Fun Run last June. Both Kim and Bill played integral roles in making these events among the most successful ever held in Palisades.

At last year's Library Centennial function, Kim and a group of her friends organized the children's entertainment teaching "I'm Going Down to the Library," a great song which even I still remember the words to. She also worked many of the Library's Plant Sales and was on the Board of the Palisades Swim Club for a short time. Kim has also helped 10964 by contributing to and writing articles. Many of the kids also know Kim from when she taught gymnastics at Blue Rock.

Along with being Kim's "right hand man" often doing the "dirty work," Bill is a Little League coach in the Palisades/Sparkill league.

Palisades will miss the Miller family. We want you to know, Kim and Bill, that you will always be a part of Palisades and that you will be welcome at any of our functions!

-Judy Zehentner

Lamont News: Global Warming

Scientists have found unusually rapid tree growth since 1965 in Tasmania, evidence that supports the claim of global greenhouse warming, it is reported in the September 13, 1990 issue of *Science*. A research team led by scientists at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory analyzed the climate history for the last thousand years in tree rings on the Australian island. Growth patterns showed that the period from 1965 to 1988 had the warmest temperatures in the last millennium.

"This growth increase...supports claims that a climatic change, perhaps influenced by greenhouse gases, is in progress," the researchers wrote in *Science*. The scientists said they did not yet consider their results proof of a greenhouse effect, because the recent warming "still appears to be within the range of natural low-frequency variability seen in the complete record." Nevertheless, "this temperature increase (since 1965) exceeds any inferred to have occurred during the past 1,089 years at this location," they said.

The greenhouse effect, a subject of much scientific debate, is created primarily by the burning of fossil fuels, which produces a build-up of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere.

The Tasmanian pine tree research has been funded by Lamont-Doherty's Center for Climate Research and is presently funded by the National Science Foundation's Geological Record of Global Change Program. Team members included scientists from various universities and organizations.

Earth's Climate System

Two ships carrying Lamont scientists became the first research vessels to reach the North Pole on September 7. Their voyage is part of the most ambitious expedition ever launched to explore the Arctic Ocean, entitled *International Arctic Ocean Expedition - 1991*. The program's wide-ranging research included studies of the sea ice, the atmosphere above it and the currents and sea floor below it. The ice, an average of 10 feet thick, has impeded understanding of a region that plays a central role in the Earth's climate system.

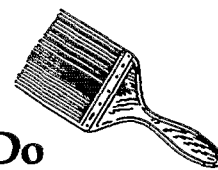
"Climate models indicate that the effects of greenhouse warming might be more pronounced in the Arctic than in lower latitudes," Dr. Peter Schlosser of Lamont said. "Changes in the Arctic would not only have a severe impact on Arctic environments and ecosystems, but could also have a significant feedback on global climate."

"The Arctic Ocean is an important part of the Arctic climate system and its circulation has to be known if we want to understand the reaction of the Arctic to changes in environmental conditions," he continued. "Presently, the Arctic Ocean is poorly understood because its heavy pack ice cover restricts research considerably."



On the voyage to the Pole, Dr. Schlosser, an associate professor of geological sciences at Columbia and a research scientist at Lamont, and Ms. Ekwurzel, a graduate student, have already gathered the largest and most extensive set of samples ever collected of water from various depths across the Arctic Ocean. They were among scientists from several institutions and nations who participated in the program which has the cooperation of the universities of Heidelberg in Germany and Bern in Switzerland. It is funded by the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research.

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People Who Do

If you would like to be included in this column, please drop us a note to Box 201, with your name, address and phone number, and a brief description of the service you offer.

Marjorie Goldstein, M.A. RPT, is a certified childbirth educator who teaches the Bradley Method. According to Marjorie, "Many women in our society become unwilling participants in a dehumanizing birth experience. With the Bradley technique expectant couples are taught how to be smart consumers, shaping all controllable aspects of their birth experience. Classes are given in good nutrition, prenatal exercise, mental imagery, relaxation, and breast feeding. The classes are kept small and begin early in pregnancy, encouraging active participation of the husband as coach. The goal is for a natural humanistic birth still retaining the safety of modern medicine. For information, call Margie at

Traffic Appeal From Residents

Now that the warm weather is finally setting in, all of us will be getting outdoors more: walking, running, pushing baby carriages, walking dogs and generally getting the blood flowing and enjoying our abundant local natural beauty. This is the season for all of us who are motorists to be particularly careful about following speed limits and paying attention to pedestrians. In particular, we need to remember the latest change at the intersection of Closter Road and 9W that not everyone has gotten used to yet. (If you are going east on Closter Road, you may only turn right on 9W, not left.) We who live in Palisades need to set the example for other drivers who are just passing through, otherwise we can hardly complain about them!

Old Friends From Near and Far

We are always glad to hear from former Palisadians and to pass along their news to 10964 readers.

Lucy Battersby writes that although South Nyack is not really "away" from Palisades, it feels that way sometimes because it is hard to find time to see old friends. In February and March, Edmund's orchestral performances included Mozart's *C minor Concerto, K.491*, Beethoven's *Fourth Concerto* and *Rhapsody in Blue* and *I Got Rhythm Variations* of George Gershwin with the Memphis Symphony, Minneapolis Chamber Orchestra, and Virginia Symphony, among others. Concerts in Perigord and Gascony take him to France in June and July, and in August he flies to Chile for orchestral performances in Santiago. His newest record on Koch International Records of Granados' *Goyescas* (complete) and 10 of Joaquin Nin-Cul-mell's *48 Tonadas* is at Tower Records and HMV Stores in New York City, and his Koch Recording of Rachmaninoff *Preludes* and *Etudes-Tableaux* will be issued later this spring.

Lucy works part-time at Lamont-Doherty for oceanographer Mark Cane. She has added a musical second job to the mix as organist at Christ Church on Valentine Avenue in Piermont/Sparkill. Justine, who will be 14 in July, will enter Nyack High School next fall. Not along ago she toddled between the Hyde House on Woods Road and Gabriel Estadella's; today she is taller than her mother, studies violin with Mary Canberg in West Nyack, ballet Saturday mornings with Holly Poundstone at Ballet Arts in Nyack, and plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse for Nyack Middle School. Julian, six last April 28, completes his third year at the Montessori Center of Nyack, and will go to the Liberty School (Nyack's elementary school in Congers) in the fall. He also plays the violin (1/16 size).

We also heard from Donna Tookmanian whose family moved from Palisades to Kent, New York. "We may have moved...but our hearts remain in Palisades. We dearly miss our old friends and neighbors in the hamlet. We miss our Sunday walks with the children through Tallman Park and the beautiful view of the Hudson River along the cliffs.

"Our new neighbors have made us feel very welcome. Kent is a lovely rural town in Putnam County with lots of woods and park lands.

"Dave is still busy providing massage to his many clients in Bergen/Rockland Counties and a few in Putnam County. As for 'yours truly', I'm still doing the White Plains shuffle.

"Deanna (now 5) and Denni (now 3) have adjusted beautifully to the move. They are both attending a Montessori nursery school, and Deanna will be starting kindergarten in the fall. They have fond memories of their neighborhood friends and teachers at Oak Tree Play Group.

"The road of life is a long and winding path and who knows,

*As we travel on through life,
Where ever we may roam
We'll look for signs to Palisades
To find our way back home!"*

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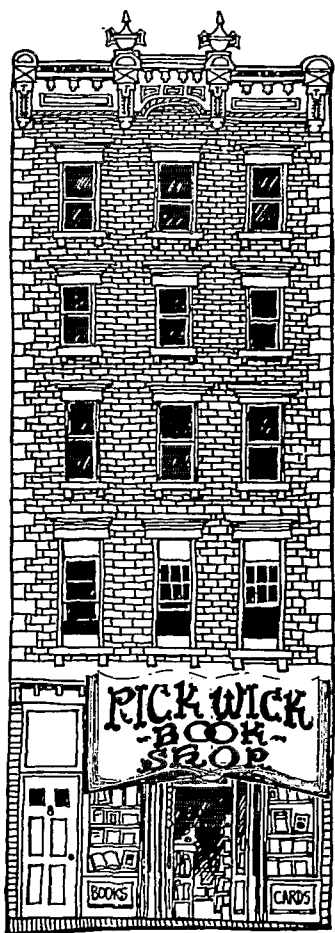
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BIRTH/ADOPTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

10964 staff-member Diana and David and sister Savannah welcome Dakota Griffin Green who arrived on May 14.

We welcome Luke Vermandel who was born April 25 to 10964 staff-member Gina and Hans. He is the brother of Kristin and Jon.

Judy and Bob Umlas have adopted a 5 month old baby boy they have named Jared Lawrence, making eight year old Stefanie a big sister. The baby was 7 lbs. 15 oz. at birth and is a robust 17 lbs. now.

Congratulations to all !

Contributions

We gratefully mention the following Palisadians who contributed to 10964 recently:

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Media Watch

Judith Umlas, President of International Media Consulting Services, Inc. based in Palisades, has received the prestigious Crystal Award from the Cable Television Public Affairs Association for her publicity campaign for the launch of The Monitor Channel, the 24-hour cable news service of The Christian Science Publishing Society. At a time when there was intense competition for channel space, the IMCS publicity campaign persuaded cable systems to include Monitor in their programming line-up. In addition, the campaign positioned the channel as being an unbiased, in-depth news coverage source and an asset to cable systems and the communities they serve. The Monitor Channel has been carried locally on TKR Cable since early this Spring.