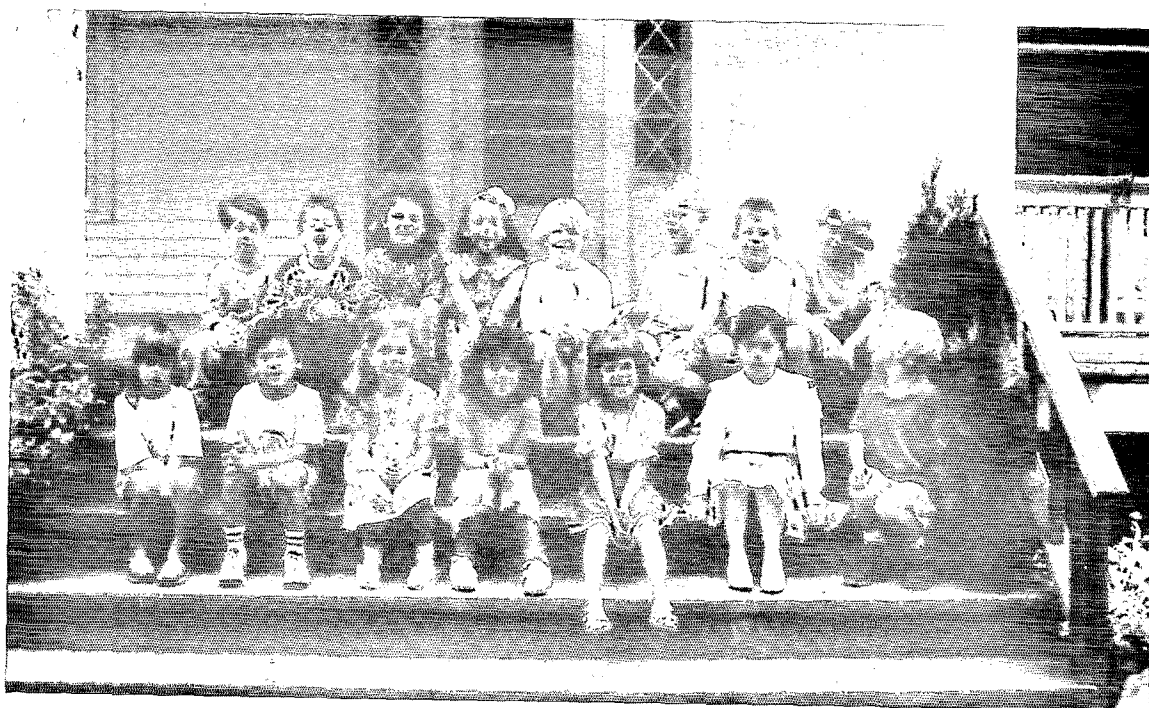


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Kindergarteners on the top row L - R: Aaron Hahn, James Zabreskie, Lauren Kittle, Amelia Kidd, Savannah Green, Peter Baryshnikov, Scott Neuendorf, Zach Boren. Bottom row L - R: Jessica Verdigi, Thomas Portiglia, Rebecca Drago-Goldstein, Samantha Hirsch, Kiriakula Giakoumidis, Ting Cheng and Daniel Griffin. Not pictured are Julie Pacino, Peter Lindgren-Zipparo, Luke Bucciarelli, Sam Seeger, Jane Lee, Nicole Oliveri, Elizabeth Umbrino, and Jason Yi.

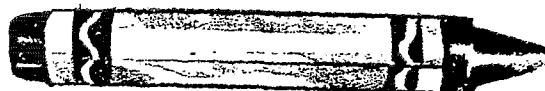
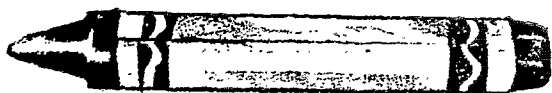
Heading For 2007!

The kindergarten teachers are going to have their hands full this year! Full of bright, eager and curious little Palisadians, that is. What a group we had on this day that we gathered to take a photo that will always remind them of where they started. They were eager to meet each other and full of anticipation of the passage into a new realm which they were about to undertake.

Some of the things they imagine themselves doing in that new world of kindergarten are the following: **Amelia** said she was looking forward to learning about the planets and the earth. **Savannah** said she can't wait to start her journal and to take violin. **Lauren** wants to learn all the numbers. **Scott** was sure he was going to get a lot of time to play with new friends.

Tom said that going on the school bus was going to be really fun. "And we're going to do plays!" said **Sammy**. "We're going to play on the playground, too," **Kula** said with a big grin. Most of them were looking forward to lots of playing. **Ting** said she was going to like to draw, and **Danny** agreed that he was looking forward to art class. **Peter** said he had heard that they got to go on some trips, but **Zach** felt he would like to make a quick trip directly to first grade.

Whatever they were anticipating, they have surely experienced some of it already and so many wonderful things lie in store. We wish this class of 2007 all the best, and may all their hopes be realized.



A Friend Remembered...

Laura E. Ebmeyer of Closter Road, Palisades Postmaster for 33 years, died on July 1 at Nyack Hospital after a long illness. She was 76. The funeral service and a memorial service were held at the Palisades Presbyterian Church, and she was buried in the Palisades Cemetery.

Born in Jersey City, NJ, Laura held several jobs in the NY-NJ area before moving to Palisades in 1946 with her husband, Edward. She was appointed acting Postmaster in 1955, and was officially confirmed in 1957 by an act of Congress. President Eisenhower authorized the appointment.

Ed Ebmeyer left his trucking business in NYC in 1956 and came to join Laura in working for the Palisades Post Office. In the 50's, the Post Office was located in the country store (diagonally across from today's Post Office building). When the country store closed in the 1960's, the Post Office was temporarily located in Laura's living room. Picture the chaos! People tramping in and out in all kinds of weather, children occasionally straying upstairs to explore, telephone calls from folks returning home from vacation at night or on Sunday. This went on for 18 months, until finally, when no suitable quarters could be found to house the Post Office, the Ebmeyers divided their property, built a structure, and rented it to the Post Office.

After Ed's death in 1981, Laura's mother, Helen Schnorf, came to share the house on Closter Road. Now 95, Helen is currently living at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Spring Valley.

Laura was active in community affairs. She was president of the Rockland County Postmasters Association in the 1960's; secretary of the Palisades Community Center Board of Directors and co-chairperson of the Palisades Biennial Celebration in the 1970's. During the 1980's she was a founder of the Palisades Senior Citizens Club and a founder of the Committee to Preserve Palisades. Laura was also an officer of the Historic Committee of the Palisades Library and of the Palisades Cemetery Plot-Owners Committee.



In 1988, Laura was named Outstanding Postmaster of the Fifth District of New York, which includes Rockland, Orange, Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties.

Mrs. Honey Roman, Laura's stepdaughter, has come to live in the house on Closter Road. She is accompanied by her daughter, Miel, who recently graduated from college.

— Nancy Hall



First Historical Marker for Palisades Erected at Skunk Hollow

An Historical Marker was recently installed by the African-American Historical Society of Rockland County at a site leading to the Skunk Hollow area, a community of free Blacks in the early 1800's.

Many descendants of the Skunk Hollow settlers still live in Rockland and Bergen Counties. Among the Rockland residents are Harry Sisco Jr., Pricilla Sisco Swann and Barbara Sisco Peterson - all born in the Skunk Hollow area in the late 20's - James Oliver, and Albert Oliver Washington. Oswald Brown and Arnold Brown live in Bergen County and Mrs. Mattie Oliver, 102 years old, is in a Bergen County nursing home.

By 1930 there were only four houses left in the community; the last houses were taken when the Palisades Parkway came through in the early 1950's.

— Frances Pierson

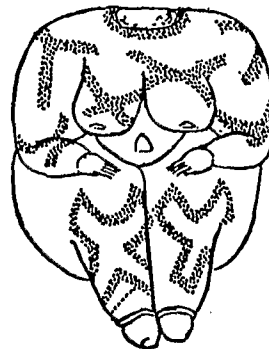
A New Book by Cristina Biaggi

Among the hundreds of other things going on in her life, Cristina Biaggi has been working on her book, *Habitations of the Great Goddess*, for a number of years now and it has finally hit the bookstores. This beautiful book is the culmination of years of research and field exploration. Dr. Biaggi's quest for the Great Goddess, the female earth deity of antiquity, has led her to examine in detail the entire body of work done by archaeologists around the world and then to compare their discoveries and theories with her own.

Dr. Biaggi concentrates on the tombs, temples and artifacts of the ancient cultures of Malta and the Orkney and Shetland Islands of Scotland. In each of these island sites, she traces the beginning, the development, the apex and the decline of these temple builders and the populations of worshippers they served.

The factual histories of these prehistoric communities are shrouded in mystery, but much can be learned by careful study of the clues they left behind in the tombs, the bones and the living rock they shaped to honor the deity. Dr. Biaggi employs the learned theories which are based upon what is known and deduced about similar populations in other parts of the world and applies them to these specific sites.

Although the information is completely documented, referenced, indexed and annotated, this book reads like the best of suspense stories. Pick up a copy today for yourself or a friend!





The Ding Dong House —Second Oldest House in Palisades

This historic house, just above the last bend in the road before reaching the river, was built by John Sneden sometime before the American Revolution. It seems a frivolous name for the second oldest house in the area, but several generations of Palisades residents have known it as the Ding Dong, a title given by its owner, Mary Lawrence Tonetti, in the early 1900's because of a bell that hung in the arched entrance gate. The house is described by Bailey in her book, *Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses* as "... a small white house built of wide clapboards with a gable roof. Built on a hillside, its river front is two stories, the basement walls being of rough stone." This describes the original center structure to which a smaller north wing was added in the early 19th century and a larger, two-story Victorian wing on the south end still later.

The Sneden family for whom this section of Palisades is named ran a ferry at the river landing for five generations over a period of 150 years. John, one of Molly Sneden's eight children, was born in 1738 at a time when his family still lived on the east side of the Hudson at Dobbs Ferry. His father Robert, who ran the ferry, moved the family to the west side of the river sometime before 1745. The earliest map of this area, the Verplanck map of 1745, shows one house on the west shore identified as "Snedings House the ferry". This house was built by William Merritt, the second patent holder, sometime before 1702 and was known as "Cheer Hall." The only other house in Palisades shown on this map is the still existing one on 9W, across from the flagpole, called the "Big House" built by Henry Ludlow after 1735.

Robert Sneden, who may have already been renting the house, purchased Cheer Hall along with 120 acres in 1752. In 1756 Molly Sneden, then a widow, was issued a license to run a tavern in the house for travelers using the ferry which she and her sons operated.

In 1762 John, then age 24, married Ellison Lawrence, who had grown up in the Big House. It was presumably about this time that he built the central portion of the Ding Dong on

family land. With five brothers and a sister living in "Cheer Hall" and a tavern downstairs, it is understandable that John would want a separate residence for his new bride. The foundation rock of the house was no doubt quarried from a ledge of red sandstone just a few hundred feet below on the river shore.

John and his brothers continued to operate the ferry and work as river pilots until the Revolution. No doubt it was the Sneden ferry that took Martha Washington across the Hudson in the winter of 1775 on her trip to join General Washington in Boston.

July 4, 1776, is a famous date in American history but to the people in the lower Hudson Valley the most alarming news at the time was the arrival of the British fleet in New York Harbor and the landing of 30,000 British and Hessian troops on Staten Island on July 2. A week after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, two British warships, the *Phoenix* and the *Rose*, appeared in the Tappan Zee, causing great anxiety among local residents.

The greatest outrage, however, was that John Sneden's brother Robert was the pilot for the British ships. Before the end of July the Revolutionary Committee of Orange County (the former name of Rockland County) had issued an order forbidding the Snedens from operating a ferry and branded them Tories. A year before, five of the Sneden sons had refused to sign a patriotic pact called the Association and all, except John, were "Greatly suspected of carrying on a Treasonable correspondence with ... ships of war belonging to the King of Great Britain." John, whose wife's family supported the continental side, was described as "a warm friend to the common cause."

John continued to live in the house he built throughout the war years and was known thereafter as John "The Patriot". Molly and her son Dennis left for New York, then held by the British. Other members of the family moved to Nova Scotia, where some settled permanently.

The location of John's house is shown on a map made for Washington's army and dated 1780. It also appears on a

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Welcome to the OASIS

by Milbry Polk

The newest addition to Palisades is a very welcome one indeed. The Oasis Restaurant at the Gulf Station on Route 9W is one of the best changes to come to Palisades in a while. Khaled Elkady and Donna Hudson have opened a grill in the former fruit stand. They are not new to Palisades. You may remember them from their blue hot dog truck that was parked at the station.

Now things have changed. They have much more space so the food offering is expanded. Picnic tables encourage families, bicyclists, runners, and locals to stop and eat. The food is truly delicious, all home cooked and natural.

The story behind the Oasis is straight from the *Arabian Nights*. Several years ago, Khaled was a successful cotton import/exporter based in Alexandria, Egypt. He was on a business trip to Greece where, by chance, he met Donna who is originally from Nyack. For years she was one of Rockland's celebrities — an ultra distance runner who broke the women's world record for 100 miles in 1983. She toured the world for her races. In between races, she worked in restaurants and got her teaching degree. As a celebration for finishing her degree she decided to go to Europe. "Next thing I knew, I was in Egypt and married!" she exclaimed. For Donna and Khaled it was love at first sight.

They decided to return to Nyack. "We wanted to find a business we could do together and something to do with food," said Khaled. "The hot dog truck was Donna's idea."

"When I used to live in the City and run out to Nyack to see my family there was no place to stop and get a drink of water," Donna continued. "By the time I got to Palisades I was very hot and thirsty, so I always thought this would be a good place for a food stand. But it was important to me, as a runner, that the food be good and wholesome and delicious. Once we began thinking about a grill, it was important for us that all the food be home cooked. We make everything ourselves, except the hot dogs!"

To celebrate their venture, Donna and Khaled hosted a smashing party at the Oasis featuring a belly dancer! It was amazing that there were no accidents on 9W. Imagine the unsuspecting driver suddenly seeing a filmy spangling dancer weaving around the gas pumps dancing to exotic music! A variety of tasty food was served at the opening giving friends and neighbors a taste of what is in store for them at the Oasis. We were delighted to learn that the Oasis also caters parties and prepares take out. Stop by in the morning to get breakfast, muffin (\$.75), an egg sandwich (\$.99) and coffee. Place your dinner order so you can pick it up on the way home from work.

Highly recommended, besides the usual hot dog, house burger and gyro are the specialties: veggie roll (\$3.00), tabouli (\$2.50), felafel (\$2.50) and chicken kebab (\$3.25). The soups of the day are wonderful and will be welcome to many this fall. Lemonade and mint tea are thirst quenching. The Oasis is open from 7:30 am to 7 pm.

"Life here is harder than in Alexandria," says Khaled. "You must work much harder to make a living, but now I feel very happy to have found Palisades and the people here!" Palisades is surely happy that Khaled and Donna found us too!

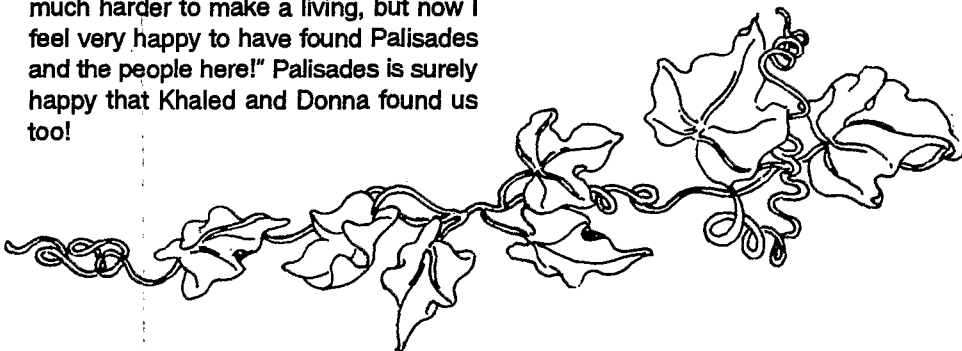
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map made by a French cartographer in 1781 for General Rochambeau. The French map also shows a redoubt or cannon emplacement a few hundred yards north of John Sneden's house, built to protect the ferry landing which Washington considered vital to his communications. Curiously, the original Sneden Ferry house is not shown on either of these detailed maps, leaving historians to wonder whether it may have burned down after 1776 — perhaps with the help of local patriots infuriated by the Snedens' Tory views.

John "The Patriot" Sneden's first house remained in the family until 1859 when it was sold to Mrs. Mary Watson who subsequently added the south wing, complete with Victorian "gingerbread." It was bought by Mrs. Lydia Lawrence in 1891 and served as the Palisades Library for nine years. Then the library was moved to the "Big House". Mrs. Lawrence's daughter Mary and her husband Francois Tonetti lived at the Ding Dong house until World War I. Later, as one of the many Tonetti houses in Snedens Landing (a total of 16 at one time) it had as tenants many celebrated personalities, including composer Aaron Copeland, choreographer Jerome Robbins, documentary film maker Pare Lorentz, writer Thomas Berger and actress Margot Kidder. The Ding Dong is presently being renovated by its new owner, Mrs. Laura Hamilton.

The main source of information for this article is *Palisades and Snedens Landing* by Alice Munro Haagensen. Other sources include W. S. Gilman's *The Story of the Ferry* and *The Tonetti Years at Snedens Landing* by Isabelle K. Savell.

— Robert Gerard



Farewell to Rita Kennell

Rita Kennell, a long time Palisades resident, has moved to Nanuet. In a way, it brings her life full circle. She was born in Manhattan, in 1914. She grew up a city girl, met and married an upstate farmer's son who owned a gas station, and spent the next 57 years helping run a fruit, flower and vegetable farm in Palisades. Now, after a lifetime in the country she is moving to be near shops and people again.

Rita's parents immigrated to this country from Germany. She grew up speaking German. Though her husband was also of German ancestry, he did not speak the language. Lately, she has been speaking German again with her granddaughter Lauren Kennell, who is studying the language. "We even write to each other in German!" Rita's family used to summer in Cottekill, New York. There the family became friendly with a local farm family. Rita came to know the daughters well and eventually met their brother. She was 19 and he was 33. Rita's father did not approve a match with someone so much older. Rita bided her time and eventually love won everyone over and she and Henry Kennell were married in 1936.

They moved to Blauvelt, then to Grandview and finally to Palisades in 1947. They purchased property that the Drab family farmed. They built their house on the site of the Luden estate (which had burned many years before) using the old brick and stone. They also built the gas station across the way on 9W. "We never had a vacation. Henry loved the gas station. Sometimes he would go fishing or hunting. He'd bring the game home to me to cook. But I never went anywhere." In the beginning Rita helped at the concession stand at the station selling food. Later she sold bouquets of the flowers she grew - marigolds, snapdragons, zinnias, oriental poppies, asters - and fruit from their trees - apples and peaches - and eggs from her chickens. They had two children. Sandra is married to Gene Aciri who is retiring

from the New York Police Force this year and they have two children. Allison is a pharmacist specializing in poison control and Elena attends the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science studying to be a medical technologist. They live in Pearl River. It is to be nearer her daughter that prompted Rita's move to Nanuet.

Her son, Henry, many Palisadians know from the gas station. He married Karen, a school teacher in Nyack. They have one daughter, Lauren, who is at Princeton University majoring in mathematics.

"I have loved my life here. I canned a lot, things from the garden: corn, jelly, applesauce. We farmed and were helped tremendously by John Drab who along with my husband and son did the plowing, pruning and spraying. Our tomatoes, apples and peaches were sold at the stand. We had nut trees too. I was born in Manhattan, that is the funny part. I could dress up! But I could also go out and clean out the chicken house! We had a lot of chickens, 30 or 40. We had guinea hens. They are like watch dogs. But, oh, they make so much noise. One day I heard one squawking. I ran outside and a fox had it in its mouth and was running down the road. I got a broom and chased the fox. He dropped the hen and she was OK!"

"I love my squirrels. They come to the back door wanting to be fed everyday. So do the neighbors' dogs. I know just what each one likes to eat. At night I watch the raccoons. When I walk in the woods I see fox. Years ago there were more. We always had lots of animals here: dogs and cats, chickens, rabbits, and quail. I love animals so but I also know how to cook them. I guess it is like Jekyll and Hyde. My husband would bring me back animals from his hunting trips. We never hunted on our land. One of my favorite recipes is squirrel cooked in wine, mushrooms and garlic. It is good lean meat with no fat."

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Don't Forget the Annual Halloween Festival

Sunday
Oct. 30
4 to 6 pm
at the
Center!

Costumes
Nearly Free
Food & Drink
Music
Big
Bonfire
at Dusk!



Palisades Bulletin Board



You may have noticed a change at the Gulf gas station on Route 9W. The new proprietor is Jerry McSpirit. He has a thriving business dealing in old and unusual cars. Many of them are rented to the film business and others are for sale. Stop by for gas and take a look at the classic cars. Then grab a bite to eat at the Oasis Grill!

Katherine Matheson, former Palisadian, has moved to Warwick, NY with her husband, Mitch Kaplan. She has opened a new studio there and continues to crank out beautiful mirrors, tables, sconces and such. They are selling like hotcakes and are also now available through catalogs such as the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog.

Eden, Roger and Everett Peter Jellinek breezed through town in August full of news of plays (Eden), books (Roger), and the beach (Everett).

John Anderson, son of Cristina Biaggi, had a very exciting summer preparing for and executing a challenging mission. He swam the Hellespont - the fast-running stretch of water that flows between Turkey and Greece. He made it in 1 hour and 20 minutes, equaling Byron's time. Good work, John!

Anita McLeish, former Palisades postal worker, has moved to Cape May, NJ with her husband, Bill.

Meg Stillman's son, Whit Stillman, directed the surprise hit film of the summer, *Barcelona*. Well done, Whit, and thank you for inspiring entertainment!

Milbry Polk has started an exciting new business in which she locates, imports and sells gorgeous Provencal furniture at fantastic prices. She has compiled a photographic catalog of all the pieces she has available. If you would like to browse through it, give Milbry a call at 365-0297 or see her ad in the back pages of 10964.

Andy and John Boose have joined forces to start a new music group, *Mommy*, with Andy on vocals and guitar, John on drums and a former Vestrymen band member playing bass. The group often performs in clubs in the Village in NYC. Andy is also performing solo, singing his own songs and playing acoustic guitar.

Stephanie Albin, a June '94 graduate of Tappan Zee High School and valedictorian of her class, began classes in September at MIT and is majoring in Engineering. During her last two years at TZ, Stephanie, as a member of the Honor Society, fulfilled her community service requirement by serving as a volunteer with the South Orangetown Ambulance Corp and earned an Emergency Medical Technician license. She

plans to continue as a volunteer on vacation breaks from college.

Chloe Brooke graduated from Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ this past June. In September, she began pursuing a Liberal Arts degree at Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina. Her summer was spent visiting her older brother in Boulder, Colorado while working for a landscaping firm there. Chloe reports that her classes in Japanese language and Calculus at Davidson, and the beautiful campus, mitigate the shock of entering a southern culture.

Ilena Elevitch worked on an independent feature-length film this past spring as Assistant Casting Director. When the film, *Middle Child*, began its shooting schedule this summer, she became Director of Extras Casting, filling over 100 slots and working many 12 - 14 hour days on location. Ilena is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College with a concentration in Theatre and presently lives in New York City.

In September, Heather Finck, who attends Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ, accepted a full-time position as the Intern Minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Metuchen, NJ. During the coming year, Heather will deliver the Sunday sermon once a month and fill a leadership role at every service. Among other duties, she will also teach two series of classes on Adult Christian Education. As part of her training at Princeton, Heather took a work-study course in clinical-pastoral education, and served as a hospital chaplain under supervision. She will receive her degree in May, 1996.

Philip Gallinsky returned to Wesleyan University in September after spending seven weeks in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador (Bahia), Brazil, doing field work for his master's thesis on Pagode, a type of Samba. He will present some of the material he gathered in a one hour radio program on Pagode for AFROPROP Worldwide, a program on National Public Radio. The program will air in the spring of 1995.

Elizabeth Jeffries graduated from Dwight-Englewood School in Englewood, NJ this past June and reports that she is now happily settled in classes at Hobart William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. Although her interests are Marine Biology and Art History, Lizz enjoyed her last summer before college working at Trautwein Farms. The highlight of her summer, however, was the weeks she spent in France with her family and friends.

Jain Lattes graduated from Dwight Englewood School in Englewood, NJ in June and has now begun classes at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, in preparation for a career in veterinary medicine. During the summer, Jain was

employed as the Assistant Director of the Dwight Englewood Summer School.

Lisa Lattes graduated from Boston University this past June with a law degree. She was awarded a clerkship with a federal judge in Beckley, West Virginia, and passed the West Virginia bar exam. She now lives outside Beckley in Thurmond, West Virginia, a former mining town which currently boasts 18 residents.

Abigail Lattes is living in Baltimore, Maryland, and is engaged in public relations for the Maryland Institute College of Art.

Conrad Lattes received his law degree from Colorado University at Boulder and now lives there with his wife, Loran, and 1 year old daughter, Emma.

The Palisades Schoolhouse, located for a number of years in the Palisades Community Center, moved in August to larger quarters in Blauvelt. They are now located behind the Greenbush Presbyterian Church at 620 Western Highway and welcome visitors. Their programs include Toddlers, from 18 months to 3 years, Pre-School, from 3 - 5 years, and after school care for Kindergarten and 1st Graders. For information call Craig Werner, 365-6705.

Two other young Palisadians who graduated from High School in June and were unfortunately missed are **Denise Warner** and **Gina Adamo**. We hope that their future plans hold many fascinating journeys. Good luck to you both!

James T. Farley III (J.T.) graduated cum laude from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service in May. He also earned an Asian Studies Certificate. J.T. is working as a news writer and editor for Standard News in Washington where he now resides.

Patrick Henry Farley is attending Rockland Community College in lieu of his senior year at Tappan Zee High School. Patrick is enrolled in the Honors Program at RCC. He will swim for Tappan Zee this year and graduate with his class in June 1995, but will take all of his courses at RCC.

Roger Weisberg's one-hour documentary film *Our Families, Our Future*, hosted by Walter Cronkite, will air on Channel 13 on November 25 at 9 pm. The film, written, produced and directed by Roger, explores bold new experiments in education, counseling and family support programs.

If you have done anything that you are proud of or have made any changes in your life that you would like to share with your neighbors in the columns of our Bulletin Board, please drop us a note. We would love to hear from you! (P.O. Box 201)

Rita Kennell cont.

"I love to shop and have lunch out with Elena. So I will be happy when I move. But I will miss the trees. I hope some of them can be kept and this beautiful land does not become a development!. Oh the memories I have here."

Rita stood by the door gazing out around her gardens, not planted this year as she was moving. Her hand rested on an old bell by the front door. She rang it everyday at 10:45 so her husband and son at the gas station could come up for lunch. "We start so early so we eat early. My husband's life, and mine too, was regulated by the gas station. Moving will be a change."

— Milbry Polk

Herschel Halbert Dies at 78

Herschel Halbert, part time resident of Palisades and founder of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, died suddenly on August 2 at his home in Norwood, NJ. He died of natural causes at the age of 78.

Herschel was my neighbor for 6 years and yet I barely knew him. I was shocked to learn that he had passed away because he was so alive and vital, interesting and kind. He always had a friendly smile and a warm hello for me and my children as he passed us on the way into his home. He took pleasure in watching the children grow and even loved to slip Milk Bones to my dog, Max, through the fence that separated our yards. We had many inspiring conversations about gardening over that fence. Herschel loved his garden and on weekends we often saw him out there digging around.

As I tried to piece together these few words about him, I was amazed to learn about his involvement in numerous worthwhile pursuits besides gardening. He was long active in promoting interreligious cooperation for peace, a cause for which he travelled across the country and around the world. He was a Navy chaplain in World War II and served as pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick, MD and Trinity Church in Easton, PA. He ultimately became the director of Christian education in the Diocese of Central New York. He was also a member of the Palisades Presbyterian Church where he often gave guest sermons.

There was a memorial service held for Herschel at the Palisades Church on August 7. His children, Sally, Peter and Stephen Halbert, each read passages, and his son, David, delivered a eulogy.

I have heard such moving testaments about Herschel as I searched for his story. Many people told me that he was a good and generous man and that they were proud to have known him. His passing left me with a great feeling of regret that I had lost the opportunity to get to know him better. It happens all too often to all of us that we let opportunities slip through our fingers, and I hope that I have learned that if I only look just next door I might discover a treasure like Herschel Halbert.

— Diana Green



Palisades Free Library News

New Children's Mysteries Arrive

Palisades children looking for a good scare don't have to wait until Halloween this year! Fans of the very popular *Goosebumps* and *Nancy Drew* series will be pleased to learn that a number of new hair-raising titles have arrived at the library — just in time for the fall book report season. Encourage your children to come in and see what scary new delights await them!

Story Time With Martha Bosch

Martha Bosch's very popular weekly Story Time, for children aged 3 - Kindergarten, is beginning again. Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm, children are warmly invited to share in the fun and excitement of picture books, hand puppets, finger plays, songs, and games. Parents are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early in order to make sure that their children are comfortably settled into the group.

Fall Children's Workshops

For older, school-aged children, the library has created three exciting workshop programs for the fall season. Please be sure to register in advance for each program, as space is limited.

Halloween Decoration Time — October 26, 4:15 pm

Children aged 5 and up should be sure to bring their imaginations with them to this creative workshop. When the workshop is done, they will come home with any number of appropriately scary Halloween masks and decorations!

Dinosaur Days — November 16, 4:15 pm

This afternoon promises to deliver some real old-time fun as children 5 and older learn about the world of dinosaurs. The price of admission to this program is one non-perishable food donation that will go to a local food pantry.

Holiday Decoration Time — December 14th, 4:15 pm

Just in time for the holidays, children aged 5 and up are invited to add to the holiday trimmings by making their own punched tin lanterns. Please sign up early for this popular event and be sure to bring a hammer.



Fall Hours

With the return of Fall and the start of the new school year, the Palisades Free Library is now open 21 hours each week. Please make a note of our new schedule:

Sunday	2:00PM - 4:00 pm
Mon.-Wed.	3:00PM - 9:00 pm
Thursday	10:00AM - 12:00 Noon
	3:00PM - 9:00 pm
Friday	3:00PM - 5:00 pm
Saturday	2:00pm - 5:00 pm

New Books

Benstock
Clark
Cornwell
Demille
Gordimer
Heller
Hill
King
Maalouf
McBain
McPhee
Michener
Munro
Nicholas
Parker
Oates
Phillips
Preston
Sagan
Updike

Edith Wharton
Lottery Winner
Body Farm
Spencerville
None to Accompany Me
Closing Time
Pictures of Perfection
Shawshank Redemption
Rock of Tanios
There Was a Little Girl
Ransom of Russian Art
Recessional
Open Secrets
Rape of Europa
All Our Yesterdays
What I Lived For
Arrogant Capital
Hot Zone
Pale Blue Dot
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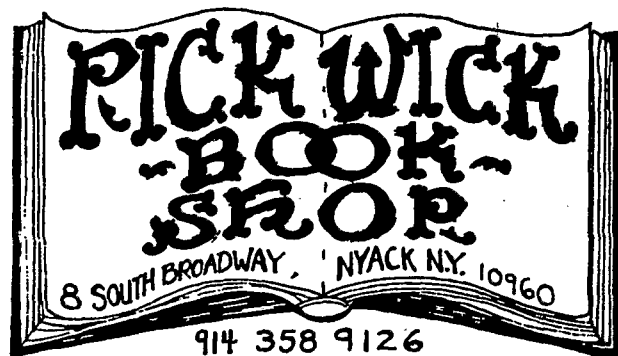
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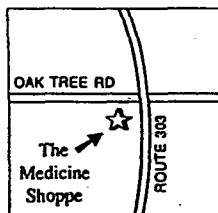
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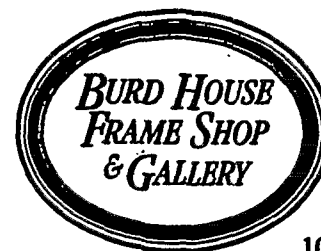


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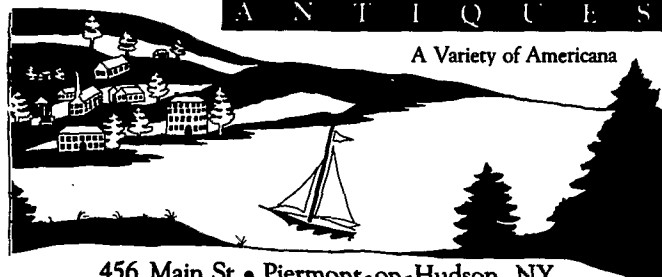
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Holly and David Seeger are thrilled to welcome their daughter, Lily Jeanette, born on July 8th. Her big brothers, Max, Sam, and Ben are going to take very good care of her, we're certain.

Alice Kriz, daughter of Oriel and John Kriz, and her husband, Mitchell Warren, are delighted to announce the birth of Luke Benjamin Warren on July 25th. All three are settling in nicely in their home in South Africa.

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