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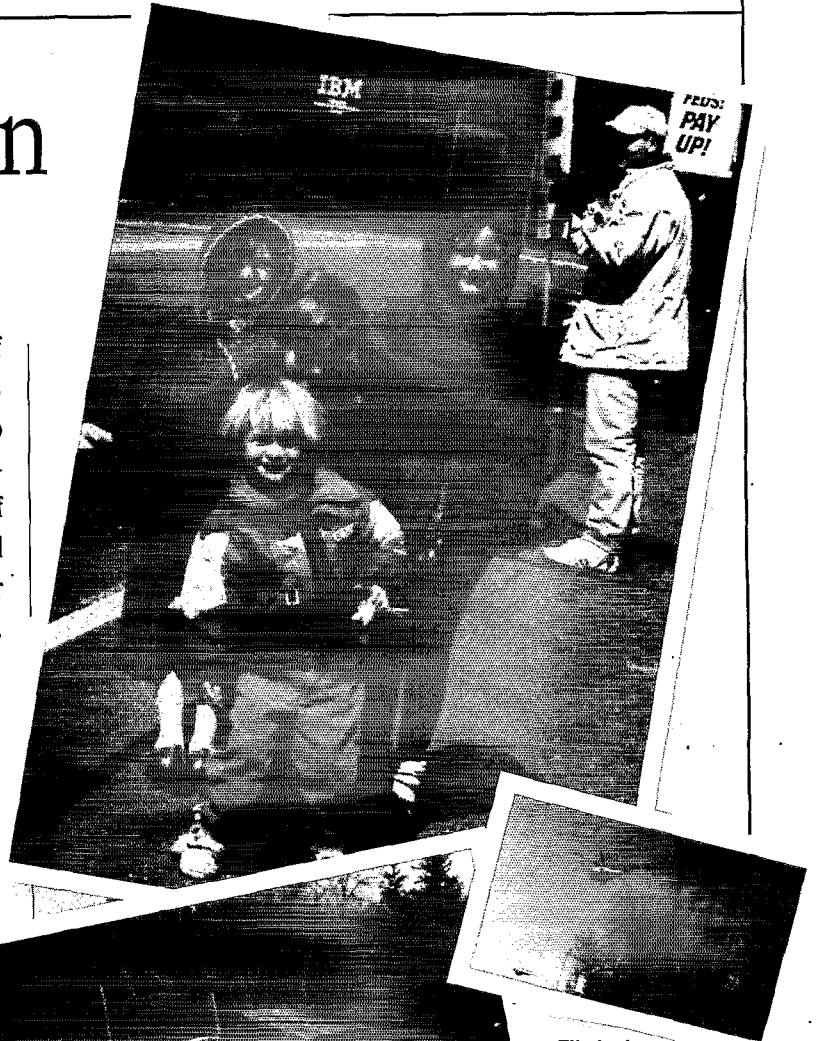
President Clinton  
Visits Palisades

For three days in late March, Palisades was the site of the second National Education Summit at IBM's Palisades Executive Conference Center. In addition to 41 state governors, 49 corporate leaders and 30 well-known education experts, President Clinton made a brief appearance on March 28 to present a speech on educational policy. Local participation was quite limited; even Governor Pataki did not attend, owing to a sudden death in his family. The only students from Rockland county invited to the conference were two ninth-graders from North Rockland High School, who demonstrated a computerized earth sciences project by working on-line with weather experts in Urbana, Ill.

Owing to our lack of official press credentials, 10964 on-site coverage was limited to a gracious tour of the empty meeting room on the day before the conference began, conducted by the center's Program Manager, Elona Collins. In addition, we did some skimming of the gigantic related Internet web page (<http://www.summit96.ibm.com>), had a glimpse of two identical black limousines whisking the President around the corner from 9W into the IBM driveway and watched the President's speech on C-Span

Little evidence of the logistically complex event was to be seen outside of the conference center—no secret service agents were ever observed patrolling the woods behind the center, to the great disappointment of local children, and 9W was closed for only 5 - 10 minutes during President Clinton's drive from the jogging oval at Tallman Park, where his fleet of 5 helicopters had to land, to IBM.

Fortunately for the nation as a whole, the Bergen County Mosquito Abatement Program did not send back their steam



Elizabeth and Bree Bauman and Alexander and Luc Lalire wait anxiously for a glimpse of the President, next to demonstrators from the Highland Falls, NY school district.

shovel to clear more mud out of Sparkill Creek and possibly scrape a few holes in the Tenneco pipeline (which passes 100 yds from the conference center) during the event.

This meeting was a follow-up to the first educational summit held in 1989 in Charlottesville, VA. Like the first meeting, this one sought to emphasize the need for more uniformity of standards, better school accountability and also added more emphasis to the need for technology in education. In the con-

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ference's opening speech, IBM President Lou Gerstner noted that, "It's time to stop making excuses. It's time to set standards and achieve them." This goal appears brave, if not particularly practical in today's political climate, since efforts to develop national standards since 1989 have met with fierce political opposition, mainly from those who oppose any increase in Federal involvement in the education sector.

President Clinton's speech called for six broad goals to be met: end automatic promotion from grade to grade, demand more from teachers, demand more from schools, make schools safer and drug-free, improve educational technology and reinvent the budget process. This last item challenged states to cut regulation and overhead, and to spend more on the classroom rather than administration.

The budgetary angle would seem to be key. Unfortunately, Mr. Pataki was not around to answer questions from reporters about the ways that slashing state education spending will help increase educational quality in New York.

IBM's press office was prepared for an onslaught of 700 reporters during the three days (nearly equivalent to the entire population of Palisades). But with all the flurry, did the summit really get noticed across the country? The New York

Times carried only one short article on page B9 during the whole event, although we were pleased to note that the Rockland Journal News provided excellent coverage.

We also have no way of knowing whether the governors

made any real progress on educational issues during the conference. Did they just trade some "feel-good" clichés about how important public schools are to the future of this country before moving on to their luncheon and animated discussion about which of their number would be picked to run on the ticket with Bob Dole? Were he still alive, a cynical reporter like Ambrose Bierce could be excused for musing rather wickedly on what percentage of the notables in attendance have, in fact, sent all their own children to private schools, but at 10964, we are pointedly not cynical, and wish all the

participants well in their efforts to do something positive about public education in this country.

However, the outcome was entirely unambiguous for local IBM employees who worked so hard to organize the event. "It went phenomenally well," exclaimed Ms. Collins several weeks later, with only a small tinge of relief in her voice, as she reminisced about the extraordinary visit from so many distinguished guests.

*Greta S. Nettleton*

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## THE LATEST IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Though 10964 reporters had only a brief tour of the summit, it was enough to determine that the display of educational firepower set up for the nation's governors and the President presented the very best of what is now available to educate American children. Balconies were a blizzard of cables and electronic equipment as the most exciting teaching organizations in America displayed the full range of their capabilities.

Two rooms were of particular interest. One held about 30 CD-ROM displays, including The Voyager Company's "With Open Eyes," IBM's "Through the Woods/At the Seashore," Davidson's "Multimedia Workshop," Sunburst's "A to Zap" and Tom Snyder's "Great Ocean Resolve." In the second room, a palpable hum of activity swirled around the conference's Web Site displays.

One only hopes that our nation's leaders managed time away from pontificating, eating and politicking to see one of the best demonstrations of educational technology we've ever seen. Sadly, not only did the President have no apparent inclination to make history by lunching at George Washington's table (volunteers stood by ready to whisk it from the library to the summit), he spent so little time at the site that his ability to appreciate the multi-million dollar setup must have been practically nil.

A 10964 reporter suggested hopefully to the overworked IBM staff that they keep the display open an extra day to allow area teachers to visit. Alas, scheduling conflicts called for a swift breakdown of the glorious show.

*Milbry Polk*

# SOUTH ORANGETOWN SCHOOL NEWS

## ELECTION RESULTS

As a result of the election held on May 8, the budget passed, representing a 3.6 percent increase over last year's school budget. The election also reelected School Board incumbents Nancy Russell and Barbara Scheulen for another term.

## SOUTH ORANGETOWN SCHOOLS RATED HIGHLY

The South Orangetown Central School District was selected by School Match as a 1996 Fifth Annual Award-Winning School System. The organization, a nationwide service that helps parents employed by corporations to find good schooling for their children, uses over 33,000 parent questionnaires to identify what parents look for in selecting a school system for their children. Only 10 percent of the nation's more than 15,000 school systems are designated with this honor.

## SCHOOL BUS PASSING

Although the school year is drawing to a close, drivers must pay attention to the presence of stopped school buses on our roads. It is against the law to pass a stopped bus on either side. Yet, on many of the major roads

in Palisades and South Orangetown, people continue to drive past buses, many of which have their red lights flashing and stop signs extended. Please take notice of this potentially very dangerous situation before we have a local tragedy, and please drive safely.

## SCIENCE AND MATH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR GRADES 7-12

The Marie Curie Institute at St. Thomas Aquinas College runs a science and math enrichment program for 7th through 12th graders on 10 Saturdays during the fall. Students from both public and private schools are welcome. Drawing on resources made available by Lamont, IBM, and Lederle Labs, the program ties interested students, particularly girls, to teaching mentors. Although funding from Albany is somewhat uncertain, Sister Teresa O'Connor assures us that the program is going forward; interested students who have not yet applied to this program through their teachers or guidance counselors should contact Sister O'Connor at 398-4162 for more information.

## LINCOLN CENTER INSTITUTE

The Lincoln Center Institute has been providing an excellent arts enrichment program for South Orangetown Schools; during the school year, this outreach program lets children meet the performing artists before each show, and focused teaching gives the children a good idea of what to expect ahead of time as they learn about dance, classical music, ethnic music and many other topics. The institute will hold a parents' day open house in the city at the Julliard School, Room 309, on Wednesday, July 10, from 9:30 - 4:30, which includes a performance of *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*, told by storyteller Celeste Varricchio. Please contact Pik-Kam So, at the Lincoln Center Institute, 212-875-5553, for more details.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

This summer the South Orangetown Central School District is sponsoring several camps and programs.

**Cosmos Soccer Camp** will have two sessions this summer, held at the South Orangetown Middle School. Session I will run from July 15 through July 19; Session II, from July 22 to July 26. Cost per session is \$185. For more information please call 365-1624.

**Summerstage '96**, a series of creative theater and television workshops, offers six programs, all located at Tappan Zee High School. For more information about any of these programs, please call 914-426-1858.

**Summerstage Kindergarten**, for entering kindergarten students. Monday, July 1 to Friday, August 2, twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Early registration fee \$200; regular registration fee \$240.

**Summerstage Junior**, for students entering first grade. Monday, July 1 to Friday, August 2; Five days a week from 9 am to 1 pm. A presentation performance will be held on Wednesday, July 31. Early registration \$450; regular registration \$490.

**Summerstage Players**, for students entering grades 2 through 5. Monday, July 1 to Friday, August 2; five days a week from 9 am to 1 pm. A student performance will be held on Thursday, August 1 at 7 pm. Early registration \$450; regular registration \$490.

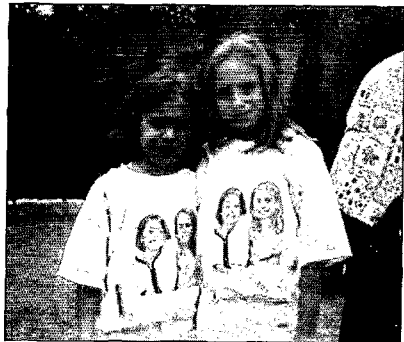
**Summerstage Troupers**, for students entering grades 6 through 12. Monday, July 1 to Friday, August 2; five days a week from 9 am to 1 pm. A student performance will be held on Thursday, August 1 at 7 pm and on Friday, August 2 at 7 pm. Early registration \$450; regular registration \$490.

**Summerstage Showstoppers**, for students entering grades 8 to 12. Session I, from Monday, July 1 to Friday, July 26; Session II, from Monday, August 5 to Friday, August 30; five days a week from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Session I performance will be held on Friday, July 26 at 7 pm; Session II performance will be on Friday, August 30 at 7 pm. Early registration \$400; regular registration, \$440.

**August TV Live**, for students entering grades 2 to 12. Monday, August 5 to Friday, August 30; five days a week. Early registration \$450; regular registration \$490.



*Margaret Anderson and Alice Haagensen trading some gardening secrets.*



*Two best friends with matching t-shirts.*

# Palisades Free Library PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1996



*"Does this one need sun?"*



*Neal Harris and Cellen Wolk pose with some of the plants they organized for the sale.*



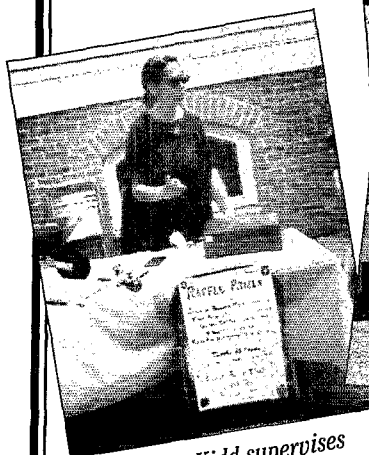
*The Burgermeister, Larry Bucciarelli*



*The arrival of the Griffins (with Hudson Solomon).*



*Matt Lonberg in charge of the cashier's box.*



*Ellen Chaet-Kidd supervises the library raffle.*



*"Want to buy a raffle ticket?"*

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Nine raffle prizes were awarded at the plant sale on May 11. The grand prize, a Japanese maple, was won by Mary Warner. The other winners and their prizes were: Kira Ewig, who won a Radio Flyer children's wheelbarrow; Carol Heinemann, winner of a floral tablecloth; Phil Hirsch, who won a set of garden tools; Roxana Bartolome, Margaret Anderson, John Guzewich and Robin Mooring-Frye, who each won a Marika Hahn tee-shirt; and C. William Knudson, winner of a floral photo album. Congratulations to all!



*Holly Seeger with children Ben and Lily Jean, and Nancy Russell.*



*Margaret Anderson and her daughter, Blythe, chat with a plant sale customer.*

# LIBRARY NEWS

**T**he Palisades Free Library will be holding its formal reopening and dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 15 at 3 pm. The program will include our guest speaker, noted children's author Betty Miles, and will culminate with the dedication of the children's room. Refreshments will be served.

The Library would like to thank the following people for their generous donations of time and resources to the Plant Sale: Alpine Nursery, Margaret Anderson, Bonnie Chapin, Jonathan and Linda Ewig, Marika Hahn, Jacqueline Martin, the Palisades Presbyterian Church, Frances Pellegrini, Nina Prusinowski, Lynne Aubrey Seidler, Caroline Tapley, Mary Tiegreen, and Cellen Wolk.

## NEW BOOKS

### Adult Non-Fiction

Brombert *Edouard Manet: Rebel in a Frock Coat*  
 Eadie *The Awakened Heart*  
 Goldhagen *Hitler's Willing Executioners*  
 Heaney *Redress of Poetry*  
 Levin *Edward Hopper: An Intimate Biography*  
 Ozment *Burghermeister's Daughter*  
 Sweetman *Paul Gauguin: A Life*  
 Trillin *Messages From My Father*  
 Vanderbilt *Mother's Story*  
 Viscott *Emotional Resilience*  
 Wharton *Houseboat on the Seine*  
 Woodward *The Race*

### Adult Fiction

Darnton *Neanderthal*  
 Mayle *Anything Considered*  
 Meade *Snow Wolf*  
 Moore *The Statement*  
 Palmer *Critical Judgement*  
 Plain *Accordion Crimes*  
 Roth *From Bondage*  
 Weldon *Worst Fears*

The Library subscribes to 49 periodicals and 4 newspapers: Rockland Journal News, New York Times, Wall Street Journal and New York Review of Books.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The Palisades Free Library looks forward to welcoming its younger patrons in the beautiful new children's room. Story time for children ages 3 to Kindergarten will be held on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2 pm. Children may look forward to stories with books, flannel board and puppets, as well as songs and fingerplays. Please register at the library to let us know if your child will take part.

After-school programs for elementary school children will resume in the fall. The Summer Reading Program will begin on June 26. We look forward to having all children participate whether they are reading by themselves or are still being read to. FUN FOR ALL!!

### LIBRARY HOURS:

Mon - Wed	3 pm - 9 pm
Thurs	10 am - noon and 3 pm - 9 pm
Fri	3 pm - 5 pm
Sat	11 am - 5 pm
Sun	1 pm - 5 pm (closed in summer)

## Palisades Presbyterian Church News

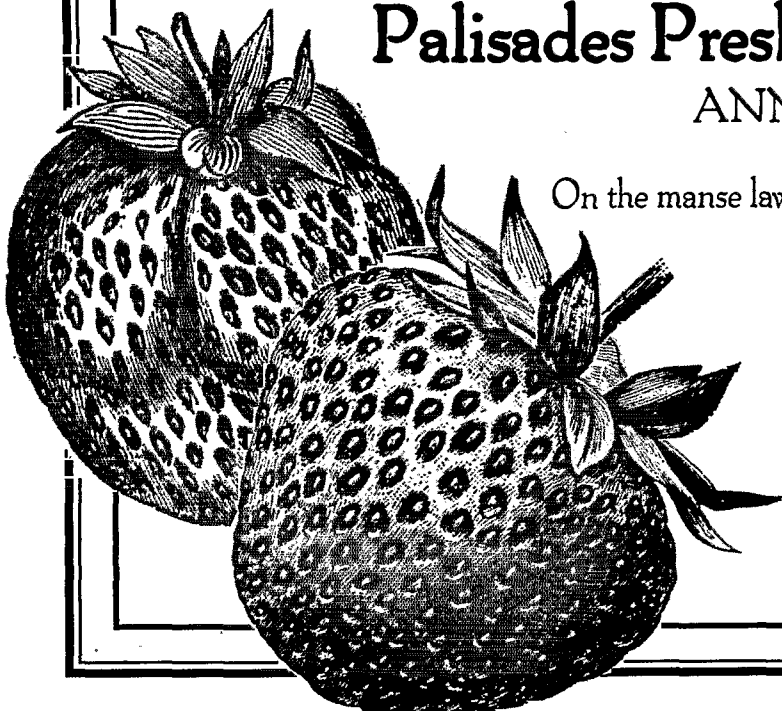
### ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 22, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On the manse lawn, Washington Spring Rd, opposite the church

### PLEASE NOTE:

Sunday services will be at 10 a.m.  
 from June 23 through  
 Labor Day.



Simon Gerard is one of Palisades' self-taught Renaissance men. Art, music, history, food and education are all subjects he has mastered. Simon's most recent professional engagement for his recorder music was at The Awards Luncheon of the English Speaking Union in Manhattan. Simon's event parties are eagerly looked forward to as much for conviviality as for the elegant displays of his cooking skills. Indeed, his professional catering services are in demand from the Hamptons to Palisades. Parents take note: he also designs fantastical birthday parties with themes such as a pirate ship or an English castle. Simon is a skilled carpenter, an ability he makes use of for building cabinets and shelving to house his and others' book collections, as well as for creating his glorious set designs. Currently, Simon is working as a set designer for the Actors Company in Nyack. He also has a detailed knowledge and appreciation of American and European silver and of Oriental Rugs.

Simon grew up in Palisades, attended local schools, then commuted to Manhattan to attend Robert Louis Stevenson High School. He came back to Palisades to graduate from his sister Annie's school, Skunk Hollow. This school was an incredible educational adventure, where, among other things, the students hired their own teachers. (It deserves an article of its own.) Instead of going to college, "I read the Encyclopedia Britannica from cover to cover. I took notes on all that interested me and followed up on those sub-

jects. My education has never stopped. I am always researching and reading." Indeed, Simon has a fine library. He is a book collector specializing in history, art history and especially biography. An interest in history runs in the family. Simon's great-grandfather was a



medieval historian at Princeton and Simon inherited part of that library.

Simon is also a painter. He studied with Lee Savage, who is known both for his realistic acrylics and for his career as a teacher at important art schools in Manhattan. Both Simon and Lee have been strongly influenced by art history. "I went over and painted with him in his studio for several

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years," says Simon. "He advised me not to go the academic route. 'Do not go to art school,' he said, 'find your way intuitively and just paint.' So that is what I did. My painting follows the classic Western painting tradition. I consider myself to be in the direct line from the Greeks through the Renaissance to today. You can learn much from the Old Masters. What they taught is still relevant to this day."

Over the past several years, Simon has shown his paintings throughout the New York area. Last summer he participated in the Matterhorn's benefit. This fall some of his paintings will be shown at a gallery in Soho.

Simon also loves to teach. Over the years, he has acquired a devoted following for his popular after-school art classes. Simon introduces his young students to a variety of media including clay, acrylics, watercolor and paper maché. "I like to use quality material, including special brushes. I think it is important for children to use good materials so they develop an appreciation for quality. I don't want children to be discouraged from art because their materials are poor. I also feel children benefit from a nice dose of art history. My students range in age from 5 to 13. I have taught adults, but for now I am focusing on children. My summer art classes are more relaxed than the winter classes."

Simon's art classes are taught in his studio on Woods Road. If anyone has a budding Picasso living under their roof, they should give Simon a call at 365-6312.

*Milbry Polk*





## PALISADES IS PRETTY ORDINARY

Some of us think that Palisades is pretty special, and it is in many ways. But they aren't the ways that are measured by the *Sourcebook of ZIP Code Demographics*, which is based on the latest available data (1990) from the Census Bureau and other governmental agencies. According to this source, 996 people live in Palisades in 337 households and relative to other communities in Rockland County, Palisades is distinctive in the following ways:

1. **ELDERLY RESIDENTS.** We are one of the three towns with the highest percentage of residents 85 years of age or older (2.0%). This is not surprising, since 130 people live at the Palisades Gardens convalescent home.
2. **HOUSING RENTS.** The highest percentage of monthly rentals over \$750 (63%), and the highest median monthly rental (\$1,000).
3. **GROWTH IN THE 1960s**—The highest percentage of housing units built from 1960-69 (41.2%).

There may be other, more obscure ways in which Palisades is distinctive. But it is *not* distinctive in many of the ways that some believe. Palisades is:

1. **NOT THE WEALTHIEST** — average household income is higher in New City (\$73,436), Orangeburg (\$73,063), and Blauvelt (\$72,578) than in Palisades (\$72,315). Per capita income is higher in West Nyack (\$28,191) and New City (\$26,267) than in Palisades (\$23,985). The percentage of households with incomes over \$150,000 is greater in West Nyack (13.5%), New City (9.7%), Blauvelt (7.1%), Orangeburg (7.1%), Monsey (5.7%), and Tappan (4.9%) than in Palisades (4.8%).
2. **NOT THE MOST EXPENSIVE PLACE TO LIVE** (except for rentals, above) — the median value of owner-occupied housing is higher in Pomona (\$245,747), New City (\$245,474), Piermont (\$240,873), West Nyack (\$237,959), and Monsey (233,182) than in Palisades (\$231,534).
3. **NOT THE BEST EDUCATED** — the percentage of people with graduate or

professional degrees is higher in West Nyack (21.4%), New City (21.0%), Piermont (18.4%), Suffern (18.0%), Nyack (17.9%), and Sparkill (17.2%) than in Palisades (17.1%).

4. **NOT THE MOST PROFESSIONAL** — the percentage of people with managerial or professional occupations is higher in New City (46.2%), Monsey (42.7%), West Nyack (42.6%), Suffern (42.1%), and Sparkill (42.1%) than in Palisades (42.0%).

Submitted by Jim Uleman, who lives in Pearl River (also an average sort of place).

[Editor's Note] All incomes given are forecast from 1980 census income tabulations, and reported in 1989 dollars. Other sources show different data on Palisades' population: the library reports that it serves 1,294 children and adults, the 1990 Census states that 1,459 people live here (but includes Sparkill and Rockland Psychiatric), and the county Board of Elections lists 768 voters over the age of 18. Oh how uncertain is the nature of truth!

## THE OLD COUNTRY STORE

Dear 10964,

I enjoyed Jocelyn DeCrescenzo's reminiscence of the Old Country Store. My husband and I have lived in it since 1983.

Although she felt that the 'expensive' paint doesn't invite strangers and that the steps no longer lure the passer-by, in fact there have been numerous visitors — strangers knocking at our door to ask if we're open. When we tell them it's no longer a store, they ask if they couldn't please just bring in their daughter, or grandchild, to give them a glimpse of their own childhood. The marble-topped counter is still here, as are the pot-bellied stove and all of those dim lights!

The store is presently my husband's office — he produces a small magazine here, so the candies and treasures are only memories; however, one passer-by happened to share my passion for marble collecting the small colored balls — not MARBLE and we sat down and he examined my whole collection. For Jocelyn and her daughter — I still have *my* Lucy dolls that I

purchased and cherished when I grew up in Rockland County. Please do stop and visit sometime — we'd be happy to share the memories with anyone who would like a look at The Old Country Store.

Pat Lindgren Zipparo

## PROTECTING PALISADES

Dear Editor:

For the edification of your readers, I would like to tell you a little about the history of the fire department, the John Paulding Engine Company, which protects the lives and homes of our community.

The fire company is named for the American militiaman and patriot John Paulding, one of the astute captors of Major John Andre during the American Revolution. Since its founding in 1901, the John Paulding Engine Company has provided continual service to the community.

The members of the fire department are *all volunteers*, trained in fighting fires, rescue, extraction of injured parties from vehicular accidents and all of the other skills needed by the modern-day firefighter.

The fire company is governed by its own Board of Directors, while the operational aspects are directed by the Fire Chief and his staff of officers. The equipment used in this district is of the latest design, specifically suited for the area covered. It is kept in peak operational condition by the members of the company.

Currently, the members of the Board are:

William Sullivan, Broad Avenue, Palisades, Chairman  
Thomas Carroll, Horne Tooke Road, Palisades, Commissioner  
Robert Daly, Sparkill, Commissioner  
John Kopac, Sparkill, Commissioner  
Michael Yannazzone, Sparkill, Commissioner  
Dennis Leote, Sparkill, Treasurer

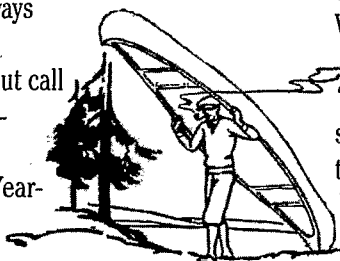
The Sparkill-Palisades Fire District enjoys the lowest fire tax rate in Orangetown while maintaining a first class volunteer fire department.

Sincerely, Thomas Carroll

# BULLETIN BOARD

The **PIERMONT MARSH** is a beautiful natural resource that is a great place to go exploring in the summer. If you hike down the gas pipeline to the edge of the river (start from the Tallman Park entrance next to the Oasis snack bar), you can see two little islands with birch trees on them, in the reeds, that can be reached on foot at low tide. If you want to explore by water, you can rent a canoe from Bill and Kathy Herguth's **PARADISE BOATS** in Piermont, next door to the Kane playground on Sparkill Creek.

They are always open on weekends, but call ahead at 359-0073 during the week. Year-round educational



**PUBLIC FIELD PROGRAMS** in the marsh are offered by the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve (758-5193), based in Annandale.

The William O. Schaefer Elementary School in Tappan is beginning a substantial recycling program, which will involve items used at the school such as cans, paper, Styrofoam lunch trays, and also donation of surplus food from the cafeterias to the hungry. Special thanks to **MARJORIE GOLDSTEIN** and her son **JOSH DRAGO**, who spearheaded this effort.

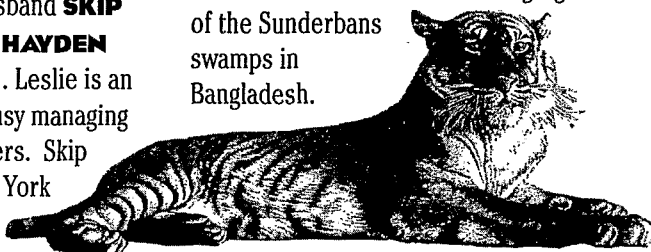
Welcome to new Palisades residents **LESLEY VOGEL**, her husband **SKIP PANETTIERE**, daughter, **HAYDEN** age 6, and son **JANSEN**, 1. Leslie is an acting coach and is very busy managing her children's acting careers. Skip is a Lieutenant in the New York City Fire Department, and

also manages his own business, J&H Wood Flooring. Hayden is currently contracted to the daytime soap, "One Life to Live," and the prime time series, "It Ain't Easy." In her spare time, she attends TZE. Her little brother Jansen models for Wilhelmina when he is not destroying the house.

**ANN BROOKE** will be offering courses again in the fall on "Putting Your Garden to Bed." For information, call her at 358-7333.

**ANNIE GERARD** will offer seminars this summer on "Windows: Tricks and Tips for the Computer." Please call 359-3261 to sign up.

**MILBRY POLK'S** curriculum enrichment project, "Explorations: An Educational Adventure" will be featured on *CBS Sunday Morning* in June. The project highlights the accomplishments of women explorers, and features material on the man-eating tigers of the Sunderbans swamps in Bangladesh.



Please let 10964 know if you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in September, so they can be included in our annual fall photograph which goes on the cover of the October issue!

The Hudson House restaurant in Nyack is showing an exhibition of watercolors by Palisades artist **ROBERT ADZEMA** through the end of June.

**JANE HEROLD** is back in business after having recovered from her broken arm. "I am throwing pots and have lit the wood kiln!" Call her at 359-5421 to see her latest work.

The **PALISADES AIKIDO CLUB** is offering a benefit seminar, August 17 and 18, with Mary Heiny, *Sensei*. Mary is the highest ranked woman in Aikido in North America. Proceeds from the seminar benefit Taklung Kogyu Manuscript Preservation Project in Tibet. For more information, call **FRED LITTLE** at 359-3261.

Golf Writer **HUBERT PEDROLI** & graphic designer **MARY TIEGREEN** have collaborated on a new book,

"A Passion for the Game of Golf," to be published in June by Andrews and McMeel. In addition, Mary worked with author Jana Kolpen on an enchanting book, "The Secrets of Pistoulet," published in May.

Beauty consultant **TRACY GARRISON** has a new home service. No time to pick up your cosmetic products? She will pick them up (*Arden, Clinique, Lancome*, etc.) and bring them to Palisades for you! Call her at 359-5812.





## JUNE GRADUATES

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Angela Fallon** graduated *Cum Laude* from Villanova University with a B.A. in English and Sociology in May.

**Trish O'Prey** graduated *Cum Laude* in May from the University of California at Hastings, College of Law. She will be a clerk for Judge Melvin Brunetti, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit next year.

**Kathrin Elevitch** is graduating from Barnard in May with a B.A. in Women's Studies/Performance Art, with a minor in Music/Voice.

**Margaret A. Umbrino** will receive an M.S. in School Administration and Supervision from Iona College in Rockland.

**Kate Tapley** is graduating from Columbia Law School.

**Kimberly Warner** is graduating from Allentown College in Pennsylvania in May. Kimberly will be among the dancers performing at the Fringe Festival in Atlanta on June 14th and 15th in conjunction with the Summer Olympics.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Seven students from Palisades will be graduating from Tappan Zee High School this June. They are: **Eunice Chung, Reba Eappen, Christina Ortiz, Jessica Ruiz, Alex Santiago, Terence Sheehan and Peter Marino.** Peter plans to attend SUNY New Paltz next year, majoring in computer science. College plans of the other students were not yet available at the time we went to press in April.

In case we missed some names (please let us know next time—we don't have ESP!), congratulations to all the graduates of the class of 1996, and best of luck in the future.

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

### THE TRIANGLE GARDEN BY THE POST OFFICE

**M**any people who stop at the post office during the spring and summer are pleasantly surprised by the garden being carefully tended behind the drive-by mailbox. From time to time, people stop to chat with the lady with the wheelbarrow who seems to have a lot to do with these flowers and she gets a lot of well-deserved compliments. For those who don't already know her, the hard-working gardener is Dossie Thayer, whose original idea it was to create the garden. She gets a lot of help from her husband Reg and from Nan Micheltmore. The late Sandy McAllister was also an enthusiastic contributor of time, effort and plants.

"Some people think that I get paid for this," says Dossie, but in truth, her work is an entirely spontaneous contribution to the betterment of downtown Palisades. About eight years ago, Dossie and Reg were returning from a walk when they realized that they were tired of constantly picking up the trash in the woods by the post office. They figured that if they put in a wildflower garden in the space, the littering might stop. They were right—the litter stopped, but it has hardly reduced the work that they have devoted to the area's maintenance!

Three years ago, the garden achieved its greatest beauty, producing a bank of glorious color based on clumps of semi-wildflowers including bee balm, daisies and coneflowers that came from Dossie's garden and other places. However, in 1994, the Spring Valley Water Company completely destroyed the garden in an afternoon while replacing a valve on Oak Tree Rd., and although they made a stab at restitution, providing \$200 and some help from the Matterhorn Nursery, the garden still has not recovered its former glory. "That was a drop in the bucket compared to how many plants we lost," says Dossie, not to mention the years of work and growing time. Last summer's drought and later, fierce snowstorms also wreaked havoc on the spot, which is where the snowplows pushed tons of salty snow into huge piles during the winter. Dossie notes that carrying water to the garden during the drought was really a chore, and if the water company were to provide an outlet nearby, they might really make up for their earlier destruction. United Water, are you listening? — *Greta Nettleton*



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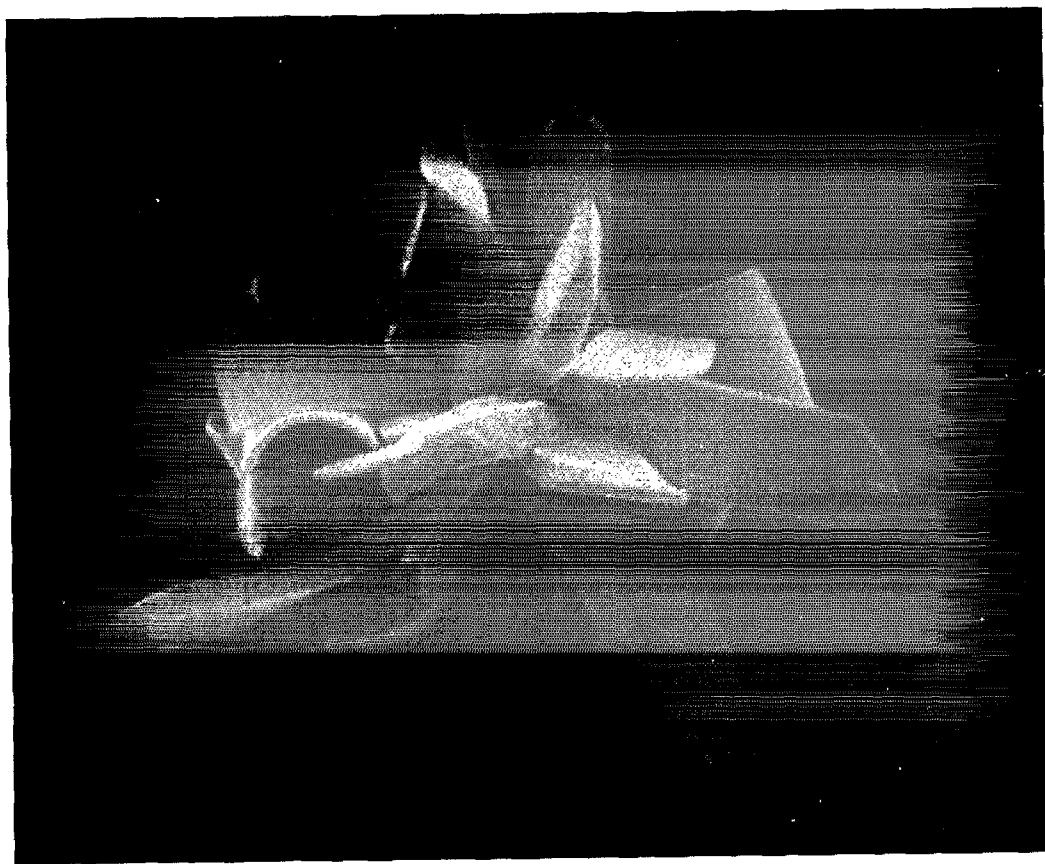
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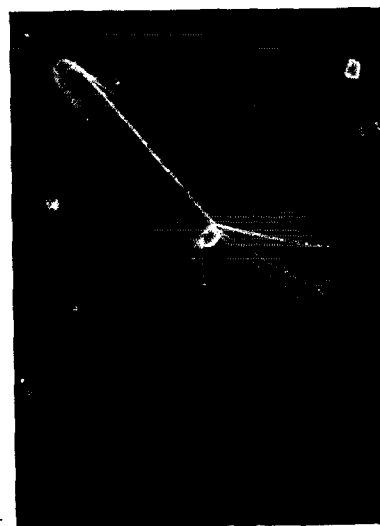


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*LEFT: PATTERN MADE BY TUBEWORMS FROM BAJA CALIFORNIA; ABOVE: DANDELION SEEDS FROM PALISADES, NY*

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Palisades is full of delightful surprises. One of the latest to come to the attention of 10964 is resident Lillian Langseth. Aided by a staff of six local women, she writes and produces four high quality national newsletters for the health professional. From here in Palisades, her practical and informative publications inform tens of thousands of people across the country.

Lillian and her husband, Marcus, are a two-scientist couple. They moved to Palisades in 1980 from Pearl River in order to be closer to Lamont's Earth Observatory, where Marcus works as a research scientist in geophysics. Lillian began her career as a research biologist, eventually receiving her doctorate in Public Health from Columbia University. Her career as a researcher and technical writer in health sciences has taken her to New York University, Ciba-Geigy, Columbia University and other centers of research.

In 1982, Lillian founded her own company, Lyda Associates: "I started with \$2,000, a butcher block table and two file cabinets. I didn't even have a desk or a typewriter!" Her first publication, *Nutrition Research Newsletter*, is concerned with the role of diet in health and disease, and is published 10 times a year. Circulation has gone from 6 subscribers to 1,000 subscribers.

Building on this success, in 1990 she began *The Food Safety Notebook*. "This is a monthly, professional update on issues in food safety," she explains, "written in cooperation with leading food-safety experts from 14 universities... it [also] includes abstracts from over 425 journals." The newsletter

# LILLIAN LANSETH

## NUTRITION AND HEALTH SCIENCES EXPERT



covers topics such as allergies, toxicology, microbiology and bio-technology, and herbs, plants and alternative medicines.

Her other two publications, *Antioxidant Vitamins* and *Vitamin Nutrition Research Newsletter*, are both underwritten by Hoffman-LaRoche and are free. These technical journals

review the latest topics in vitamin research and have large circulations, the former reaching 50,000 readers four times a year, and the latter having 10,000 subscribers. In addition to the newsletters, Lyda Associates Inc. provides technical writing services for numerous clients in the health sciences and other related areas.

The daughter of Russian immigrants, Lillian received a B.S. in Biology from Fairleigh Dickinson University. During her years of research at NYU working towards her masters degree, Lillian got her first real taste of writing, co-authoring 15 medical articles with her professor, Benjamin Van Duuren. She found him to be a wonderful mentor. "Why I do science the way I do is because of him. He taught me to be careful and to have integrity. Whether doing science or writing, he

set a high standard."

Now, besides publishing the four newsletters, Lillian writes articles for numerous other professional journals and books and is an Adjunct Professor of Public Health at Columbia University School of Public Health, teaching courses on food safety and nutrition. She frequently lectures, has appeared on numerous public health and scientific panels, and is active in the professional societies related to her field.

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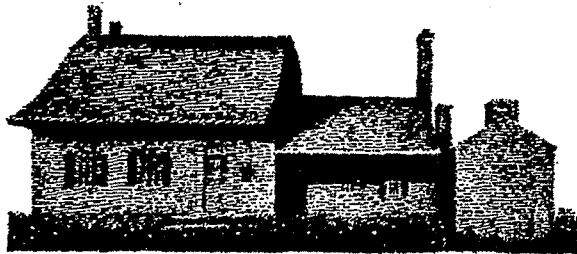


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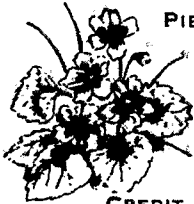
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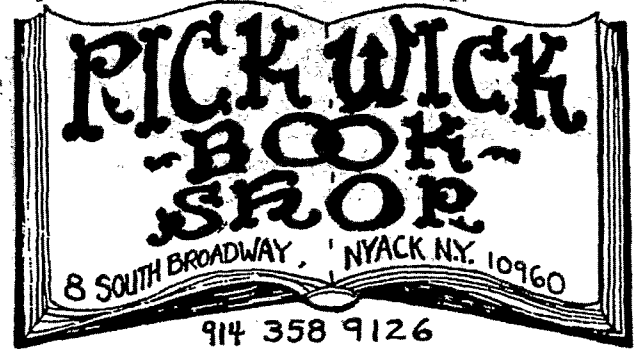
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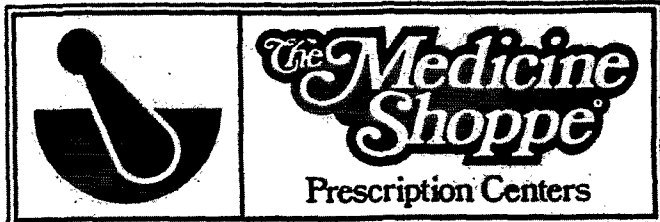
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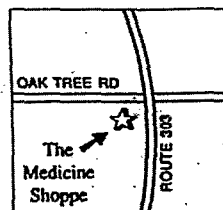
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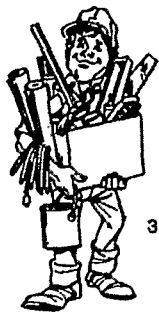
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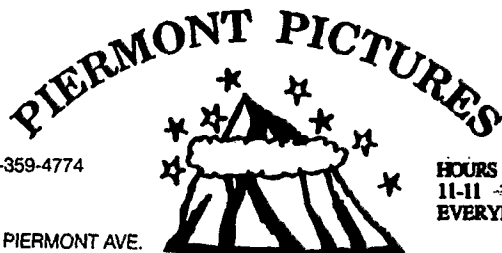
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| June 30, Sun  | "The Three Other Tenors"<br>(opera and popular music)  |
| July 31, Weds | International Music (played by musicians from<br>the Rockland Conservatory)                                |
| Aug 28, Weds  | The Rockland County<br>Concert Band and the Rockland County Catholic<br>Choir (big band and martial music) |

### ARTS NEWS



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childrens summer camp program (enrollment is usually full by mid-June, but call to check if you are interested), RCA offers Fun Fridays for children, where they can learn dramatic arts, use of 3-D media, painting and other flat media, and dance-oriented creative movement. The childrens ceramics series includes "Introduction to Ceramics" with another Palisades potter, Sylvia March. Chasing Rainbows, an arts adventure for children ages 4-7, will take place Aug 21 and 22 from 10am to 1pm. For information about any of these programs, call the center at 358-0877.

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