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Ethan Scher

Candidate for Palisades Seat on School Board

At press time, it has been confirmed that Palisades resident Ethan Scher will be running for the Palisades seat on the Board of Education. For the past three years, Cee Guarino, a Blauvelt resident, has held the Palisades seat.

A resident of Palisades for fifteen years, Ethan has held leadership roles in the South Orangetown Schools since 1990 when his daughter Brooke entered Kindergarten and he and his wife Polly, a NYC hospital administrator, attended their first PTA meeting. At that meeting, Polly volunteered for a PTA committee but when the time came—because of her work schedule—she asked Ethan to stand in for her. And so it began...

Since that time, Ethan has followed his children (Brooke, now a graduating senior and Kenny, a 7th grader) throughout their school years serving as Elementary Schools PTA Co-President and Vice President and PTA Council President; he has been Tappan Zee High School PTA President since 1999.

In his role as PTA officer over a period of more than ten years, Ethan has participated in many committees

regarding curriculum, School Board policies and budget deliberations, and teacher and administrative selection, acting as spokesman for parents and children. His goals have always been centered on the building of a strong enriched school environment for all children and the development of children into creative thinkers; he believes a knowledgeable Board Member can achieve high educational standards while using sound fiscal controls.

Ethan's enthusiasm and dedication to our school system and our children's education was recognized last year when he received the PTA Jenkins Memorial award. We thank him for his work on behalf of all the children in the school district and for continuing by choosing to run for the Palisades seat on the School Board.

Editor's Note: Ethan holds a B.B.A. in Business Administration from Pace University.



Ethan Scher and Family

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As You Like It

Four hundred years (plus or minus) after its first production, *As You Like It* continues to delight with its romantic entanglements, its lyrical poetry and its high spirits. In March, under Diana Green's enthusiastic direction, the Children's Shakespeare Theater—41 players in 36 roles, essentially two different casts—took us on a grand and giddy tour through the perennial Forest of Arden (and environs).

The entanglements are mostly Rosalind's and she is center-stage most of the evening, sighing her heart out one moment, delivering verbal fireworks the next. Elisabeth Polk-Bauman, Alyssa Carlee and Savannah Green all played this demanding part with confidence and grace. As the love-lorn Orlando, Joe Cavanagh and Noah Walsh kept a role that is close to parody from going over the top, not an easy task. Both gave weight to the countervailing relationship with the loyal Adam (Katie Conklin and Elizabeth Umbrino, convincingly elderly). Playing the pert Celia, Caroline Iosso and Bree Polk-Bauman performed with verve and intelligent good humor.



Anna and Peter Baryshnikov as Audrey and Touchstone



Dakota Green as Shepherd

There are Dukes and Lords aplenty here. Supporting the usurping Duke (played with panache by Joanna Becnel) are the foppish LeBeau (Rose Milando and Anna Baryshnikov) and a couple of sycophantic Lords (Daphne Fernberger and Lily Plotkin). All made the most of their roles. As Oliver, who implausibly converts from wickedness to win the hand of Celia, Brian Conklin and Nate Aurell performed with appropriate swagger. Not to be forgotten are Oliver's servant (Daphne Fernberger) and the wrestler Charles (Anthony Calle). Charles's match with Orlando was an action high-point in what is otherwise a somewhat static play. The Second Brother, whose news from court rounds out the events, was played with poise by Julianna Canfield.

The group of nobles that finds itself in the Forest of Arden includes the exiled Duke, played with becoming gravity by Courtney Kelly and Simon Howe, the Duke's cheerful young Lords (Mary Polk-Bauman, Lily Plotkin), Amiens (Colleen Kusy, right in tune) and, of course, the melancholy Jaques. Perri Gerard-Little and Emma Fernberg each gave beautifully nuanced renditions of "All the world's a stage..." —it was as if we were hearing it for the first time. Rustics in the Forest included the shepherd Corin (a forthright Dakota Green) and the broadly comic goatherd Audrey (Elizabeth Umbrino and Anna Baryshnikov). All those playing the on-again-off-again couple Silvius and Phoebe (Chad Milano, Aldan Nelson, Alex Polansky, Megan Carlee) were lively and confident.

In the Forest, too, graceful young shepherdesses (May Adzema-Herold, Sofia Baryshnikov, Mia Bienhorn, Simone Signorelli) and stalwart young foresters (Max Buckland, Daphne Fernberger, Harry Greenway, Nikolai Greiner Stern, Luke Warren) danced their time away. The happy ending was presided over by Sophia Signorelli, a vision as the god(ess) of marriage.



Bree Polk-Bauman as Celia and Savannah Green as Rosalind

Aidan Walsh as the Drunken Priest.



Finally, in a category all his own, there is Touchstone, the motley fool with a great heap of knowledge and an inexhaustible store of banter. Wearing the traditional pointed cap and playing up the jester's traditional license, both Paula DeCrescenzo and Peter Baryshnikov gave fluent and vivid performances. Two very fine fools.

And all credit to all behind the scenes. The production had pace and rhythm. Nobles were dressed nobly, rustics in homespun, brides in white. The backdrop shimmered. The tree stood tall. The music—harp, violin and French horn—sounded perfectly in period. These were wonderful evenings. May the CST grow and thrive and bring us many more such productions!

Caroline Tapley

A Life in Music

Hidden away in a cottage on Woods Road known as the Thatched House, 94 year old Victor Powell continues to teach and to play music, something he has done for almost his whole life. He first came to live in Palisades in 1942 and has taught three generations of voice and piano students in this community.

Victor was born into a French-speaking household in Austin Texas, in 1906. His grandparents had come to Mexico from France with Maximilian, the Austrian arch-duke who was sent there by Napoléon III to establish an empire in 1864. After Maximilian was defeated and executed in 1867, Victor's family fled to Texas and settled in Austin. His mother died when he was four years old. The house where he lived with his father and grandparents is today a well-known restaurant in Austin.

Victor's aunt (Tante Marie), an important influence in his life, arranged for him to start piano when he was six years old. His teacher was a German from Fredericksburg who taught him an ancient hand position used by harpsichordists.

When Victor was fourteen Tante Marie took him to Paris to study with the celebrated pianist Isidor Philippe, who was dismayed by the hand position taught by his previous teacher. That winter Tante Marie took an apartment in Nice, where Victor attended the Lycée Messina and studied with the cathedral organist, M. Ribolet. Living in the old city of Nice brought Victor a consciousness of flowers, music, culture and opera.

A year later, feeling that he was not a serious student, Tante Marie sent Victor home to Austin, where he attended Austin High School and continued his piano studies. Victor says, "From the age of fifteen I was earning money with my music; I would drive an old Ford out into the country and give piano lessons to farm girls for fifty cents." After graduation he returned to Paris and enrolled in the Scola Cantorum, where he studied piano, church music and organ with Louis Vierne, the celebrated organist at Notre Dame.

He returned to Austin to attend the University in 1925, when he was 19. Since the University had no music department, Victor majored in Romance languages. While still a student, he was appointed organist in two of the

leading churches in Austin and began teaching private piano and organ lessons. It was during his freshman year that he met Mary Louise McDaniels, also a pianist, who became his wife ten years later. They graduated together in 1929, Mary Louise with her MA and Victor with a BA.

After graduation from college, Victor went back to Paris and studied with the pianist Marguerite Long. In 1932 he returned to this country after being awarded a scholarship at the Guilman Organ School in New York City. In the early days of radio he had a position as staff pianist at station WQXR, but lost it when he became ill. This was in the height of the Depression. Fortunately he found jobs in his field; he began playing for dancers, among them Martha Graham, and for gym classes at the YMCA. He was employed as organist at the Washington Heights Baptist Church and later at a Brooklyn church.

Victor also enrolled at Columbia in musicology, where he studied with Paul Henry Lang and was awarded a master's degree in 1935. He and Tante Marie lived in an apartment on Christopher Street in the Village. He still remembers the wonderful sounds of the city, including the streetcar that went past their first floor apartment.

He had been going back to Austin in the summers and meeting Mary Louise there; they were married in New Mexico in the summer of 1935. By this time Victor was the organist at Grace Church in Nyack and Director of the Rockland County Choral Society, which he had started in the YMCA.

The young couple moved into an apartment in Chelsea. Since they needed two jobs to survive economically, Mary Louise took over Victor's job at Grace Church and Victor became organist first at St. Thomas Episcopal, in Brooklyn, and then at Christ Church on 71st St in Manhattan. He continued to work in Rockland County: as organist again at Grace Church; as a voice and piano teacher; and as Director of the Morning Music Club. In 1938 the twins, Helen and Ernest were born. In 1942 Victor was appointed Assistant Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, a position he held for several years, playing Services and Sunday afternoon organ recitals.

After three years he left Grace Church to become organist at the Pearl River Lutheran Church, where he stayed

for eight years. Church salaries were so poor that it was always necessary to earn extra income by teaching and by giving recitals. Victor also became Katherine Cornell's pianist and, as a member of Local 802, earned royalties from her performances.

During the summer of 1942 the Powell family rented the Chateau Hash in Snedens Landing and found that they really enjoyed being in the country. When Mrs. Tonetti called Victor in 1943 and told him that the Thatched House on Woods Road was for rent, they decided to move here for good. Their daughter Robin was born in Palisades in 1947.

In 1966 Victor became music director at the Tappan Reformed Church, a job he enjoyed very much. It was convenient to be so close to Palisades and he was able to produce oratorios and concerts of sacred music. Eventually the atmosphere at the church changed and there was less place for serious music. Victor resigned in 1991 but has continued his teaching and occasionally substitutes as organist in churches around the county.

In the summers the family went to a cottage in the mountains in Ruidoso, New Mexico, where Mary Louise's parents lived. Once the children were grown, during a period of fifteen years Victor and Mary Louise went to Paris in the spring or early fall, staying in the Hotel Recamier, so near to the church of St. Sulpice that in fair weather they could hear the great organ.

Over the years many Palisades residents have studied voice, organ, or piano with Victor. The list includes Kathleen Martine, organist at the Palisades Church for many years, Cristina Biaggi, Marina Harrison, Irene and Glyn Frederick, Dick Sears, Susanne and Suellen Freil, Luba and Ruzena Gregus, all four Bunyaviroch children,

and Alice Gerard and her daughter Annie. Now Alice's granddaughter Perri Gerard-Little takes lessons with Victor and is a much better pianist than either her mother or her grandmother.

Other children from Palisades currently taking lessons include Lily and Ben Seeger, Mary and Bree Polk-Bauman, Hayden Panettiere and Mia Estadella, both of whom Victor describes as being wonderfully talented.

Mary Louise died in 1997, leaving Victor alone in the Thatched House except for his dog Cory. In spite of his advanced age, Victor is still busy with many things. He continues to play serious bridge once a week, gives voice and piano lessons, walks Cory, and plays chamber music with local amateurs. Visiting Victor's house is always one

of the highlights for the Christmas carolers. His three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren keep in touch and often visit him.

Victor had an angioplasty last year and has problems with arthritis. Life is not always easy. But he says, "I hope I can stay in my house. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else, I love it here." He feels that it is important to continue giving lessons because, as the result of fifty years of vocal teaching, he has learned things that singers should know about the working of the voice. Victor says, "I must impart it before it's too late. It deals with breath-

ing and using the

vocal mechanism correctly. And for piano teaching, [what is important] goes beyond the love of music. It must be the love of music with the proper discipline."

Victor Powell is a living example of that last phrase.

Alice Gerard



Victor Powell

Palisades Free Library News

VISIT OUR WEB PAGE
(www.rcls.org/pal)

Search the library's catalog. Reserve books from home. Search for and retrieve thousands of magazine articles. Arrange to receive reserve and overdue notices by e-mail. Send in a reference question that we will respond to by e-mail or phone.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

May 23, 2001 at 4:15pm Craft Program: Children may create a miniature landscape that will include a small lake that can float a walnut ship. This program is designed for children in K and up. Come to the library to sign up.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

The library will be offering a variety of programs under the general New York statewide theme of "2001: A Reading Odyssey." Encouraging children to borrow books and maintain their reading skills over the summer will be our central focus, but there will be a variety of programs providing fun and learning as well.

Our non-competitive reading program will begin on Monday, June 25, 2001. All children are invited to visit the library, borrow books that interest them, and pick up guidelines for their own reading odysseys.

Please note: We will have a Read-to-Me Program for children who can not yet read and their parents or caretakers. There will also be guidelines available for this popular program in which the little ones love to participate.



TO REACH THE LIBRARY

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- LIBRARY HOURS -

Monday-Thursday 1:00-9:00 • Friday 1:00-5:00 • Saturday 11:00-5:00
Sunday 1:00-5:00 (except summer)

- CLOSED-

Memorial Day, Independence Day & Labor Day Weekend

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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Wednesday, June 27th, 7:30pm, when our odyssey begins with a delightful performance at our library by WILLIAM K. WHISKERS, a juggler/musician/actor who presents the world of an alley cat in a way that will charm children (and any parents who peek around the corners!). This is special so don't miss this odyssey opener. Please come to the library to sign up. Ages 4 and up.

Wednesday, July 11th, 7:30pm, when our odyssey takes us to the animal kingdom with a program by OUTRAGEHISS PETS, back by popular demand. Learn about, see and touch a variety of animals handled by

a professional who loves both animals and children. Come to the library to sign up. Ages 4 and up.

Wednesday, July 18th, 4:15pm, brings our younger folk into the secret world of their teddy bears for their annual TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC. Children ages three and up accompanied by a teddy bear are invited to this annual frolic. Coming in to sign up in advance for this is important.

During the intervening weeks, there will be crafts or other fun programs on the following days at 4:15: Thursday, July 5th, Wednesday, July 25th, and Wednesday, August 1st which includes a party for all those readers who have read books on their own.

Because the library has limited space, it is important to sign up for programs in advance. As is our policy, children from Palisades will be given priority in the event of oversubscription, as will those who sign up earliest.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS

Library Holdings	20,668	Items Circulated	16,919
Books on Tape	478	Visits by Patrons	12,573
Videos	333	Registered Patrons	1,314
CD Roms	52		

NEW VIDEOS

<i>Blood Simple</i>	<i>Return of Martin Guerre</i>
<i>Blue</i>	<i>Ridicule</i>
<i>Central Station</i>	<i>Le Separation</i>
<i>La Ceremonie</i>	<i>Snow Falling on Cedars</i>
<i>The Crying Game</i>	<i>The Sorrow and the Pity</i>
<i>Erin Brokovich</i>	<i>The Talented Mr. Ripley</i>
<i>Journey of Hope</i>	<i>The Tango Lesson</i>

NEW BOOKS ON TAPE

<i>Breathing Lessons</i>	<i>Mayor of Casterbridge</i>
<i>Charmed Circle</i>	<i>Middlemarch</i>
<i>Confessions of Nat Turner</i>	<i>Moby Dick</i>
<i>The Diving Bell and the Butterfly</i>	<i>Rape of Nanking</i>
<i>Freud: A Life of Our Time</i>	<i>Return of the Native</i>
<i>From Dawn to Decadence</i>	<i>Sophie's Choice</i>
<i>Lolita</i>	<i>Vanity Fair</i>
<i>Look Homeward, Angel</i>	<i>White Horse</i>

NEW ADULT NONFICTION

Angell, Roger	<i>A Pitcher's Story</i>
Black, Edwin	<i>IBM and the Holocaust</i>
Hitchens, Christopher	<i>The Trial of Henry Kissinger</i>
Kissinger, Henry	<i>Does America Need a Foreign Policy?</i>
Mayle, Peter	<i>French Lessons</i>
Mortimer, John	<i>The Summer of a Dormouse</i>
Stanton, Doug	<i>In Harms Way</i>
Tannen, Deborah	<i>I Only Say This because I Love You</i>

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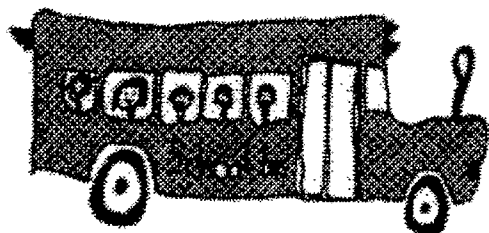
Brookner, Antia	<i>The Bay of Angels</i>
Carhart, Thaddeus	<i>Piano Shop on the Left Bank</i>
Erdrich, Louise	<i>The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse</i>
James, P.D.	<i>Death in Holy Orders</i>
Morris, Willie	<i>Taps</i>
O'Faolain, Nuala	<i>My Dream of You</i>
Roth, Philip	<i>The Dying Animal</i>
Sandford, John	<i>Chosen Prey</i>
Shreve, Anita	<i>The Last Time They Met</i>
Smith, Wilbur	<i>Warlock</i>
Theroux, Paul	<i>Hotel Honolulu</i>
Tyler, Anne	<i>Back When We Were Grownups</i>
Westlake, Donald	<i>Bad News</i>



Don't Forget the Famous
Palisades Library
Plant Sale

Saturday, May 12
From 10 - 2

South Orangetown School News



Board of Education Vote

Don't forget the School Budget and Board of Education Election takes place on May 15th. Voting location for Palisades residents is at the Tappan Zee Elementary School. Polls are open 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM.

The Board of Education adopted the proposed \$49,195,061 school budget. Fifty percent of the budget reflects teachers' salaries (supporting increased enrollment, K-12 and maintaining favorable class size, K-12), and includes the revised Math and Elementary Language Arts curriculums, integration of technology in the classrooms and maintenance of the district's commitment to quality facilities. To see a copy of the budget, visit online at www.socsd.org.

The SOCES PTA will be hosting a Book Sale at Tappan Zee Elementary and William O. Schaefer schools on voting day, May 15th: "Buy one Book-Get one Free." Stock up now for summer reading! Also, 3:00-6:00 PM there will be story reading and crafts for kids. Voting was never so much fun! The SOCES, SOMS, and TZHS PTAs urge you please to come out to vote!

Jenkins Award Recipients

At the March 2nd Founder's Day Celebration, the following Palisades residents were presented the Jenkins Award, which goes to individuals who demonstrate outstanding commitment and service to the children of SOCSD.

Margie Goldstein (community activist) from the SOMS PTA and Carol Baxter Plotkin (SOCES PTA President) from the SOCES PTA.

Family Resource Center

Located in the Palisades School, the Family Resource Center is a meeting place for parents with young children that sponsors story hours and workshops and provides valuable community resources for parents.

May 1 at 10:00 AM-Story Hour

May 3 at 10:00 AM-Play Group

May 10 and 22 at 10:00 AM- EPIC workshop

May 16 at 10:00 AM-sing-a-long

For more information on programs or to learn ways to participate, call Margaret A. Umbrino at 365-4277.

TS High School Project Graduation

Project Graduation is an all night, alcohol, drug-free, supervised celebration for the senior class of Tappan Zee High School. This year, the celebration will take place on June 21-22. Help is needed in the form of donations. Financial donations will be used to defray the cost of this evening. Gift donations will be used as prizes. If anyone is interested in helping this worthwhile cause please call Mimi Brauer 365-0478 or Steve Spiro 359-1674

Lend-a-Hand Committee: "The Circle of Books."

Drop off your used children's books, reference, multicultural and parenting books, software, CD-roms or books on tape to TZE, WOS, CL or the SOMS, April 30-May 3. On May 7, anyone is welcome to take these recycled books, at WOS. Books that are left over will be distributed to needy children.

For more information,
call Margie Goldstein at 359-9232.

SummerStage

Give your children a theatrical summer camp experience. SummerStage is held at the Middle School. For further information and fees, call 426-1858 or you can e-mail <wendytaucher@mindspring.com>.

PTA Meetings:

PTA Council- May 2, 7:30 PM at SOMS

TZHS PTSA- May 22, 7:30 PM at TZHS

SOCES PTA- May 23, 7:30 PM at CL

SOMS PTA- May 30, 7:30 PM at SOMS

Board of Education Meetings:

May 7 and 21, 7:30 PM at SOMS

Please visit the district's website at www.socsd.org

the dogs of palisades



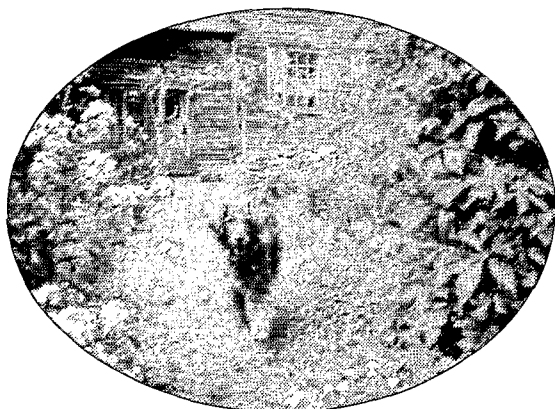
BY DAISY (AS TOLD TO M. TIEGREEN)

GREETINGS DOG LOVERS!

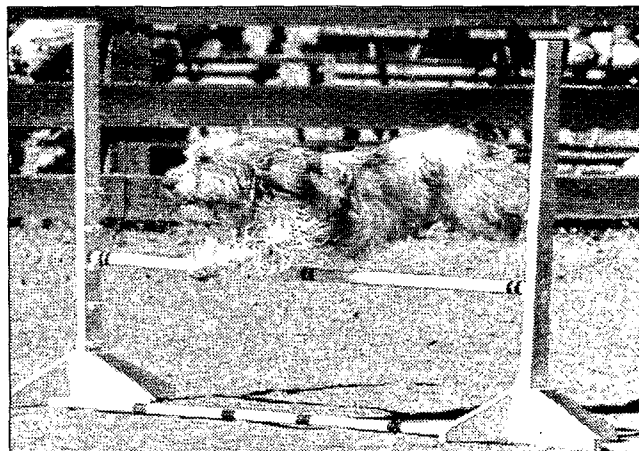
I'd like to introduce you to some of my best dog pals! All the dogs of Palisades are very special. I wish we had room for everyone! Thanks to all the humans who sent in pictures and stories.

daisy

Daisy Tiegreen-Pedroli won her first blue ribbon in the Golden Retriever Specialty Show when the other contestants failed to show up. Being half French, she displays a certain sophistication other dogs envy. She is a joyful spirit whose passions are walks in the woods with Daddy and eating constantly. This is her first article for 10964.



The Elegant Sheena Sheena first met Jack Hoffmeister in New York City over 13 years ago, and she tells me it was love at first sight. She willingly gave up her swank Manhattan digs and embraced the country life, moving out to Washington Spring Road where they have lived together ever since. Sheena says she loves children and taking walks through the neighborhood. This elegant redhead turned 14 on February 1st, and looks fabulous! What's your secret, honey?

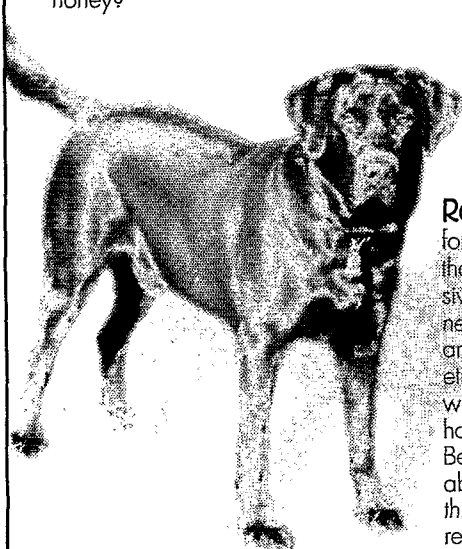


Cleared for take off!!! Here's Laddie doing what he does best! This dog tells me he LOVES to jump, and already has his novice agility title! He's now working towards his open title. He is also a CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and is obedience trained through novice. His proud companion, Betty Batchelder, tells us that he's a truly happy hound and a delight to live with. We wish Laddie good luck and happy landings!

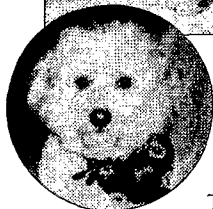


Rhapsody in Blue

Blue Gaston makes his home with Kevin and Jonna. This handsome dog turned 7 on October 8th of last year. His favorite toy is a stuffed fire hydrant, and he relaxes by fishing and chasing reflections.



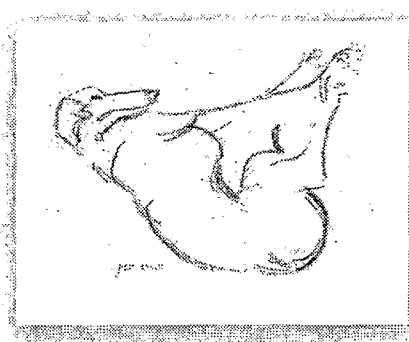
Rolling Thunder A noble dog of British heritage (his forebearers include two AKC champions), Thunder is larger than most American Labradors. And yet, despite his massive size, he is a gentle and tolerant soul. Deer and rabbits need not fear his presence. Thunder loves children and has an eye for the ladies (both the two- and four-legged varieties). He often visits the M & T Bank in Piermont to make withdrawals (of dog biscuits), and spends many happy hours wandering the roads of Palisades with his best friend, Bernie Gollomp. Although no dog could replace the venerable Omar of Blaincourt who passed away five years ago, this Oklahoma native has won the heart of Bernie and the rest of Palisades.



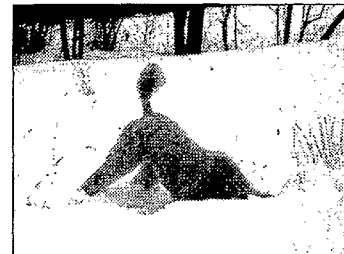
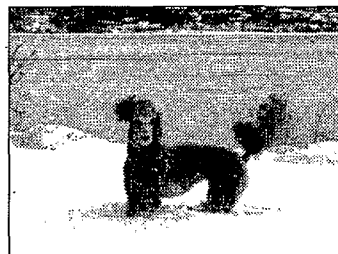
Best friends

Ragmop (left) and Tasha (short for Princess Natasha of Palisades) are the loving companions of Lillian Langseth.

Tasha, a gorgeous golden, retrieves the New York Times for Lillian each morning, even if it's buried in the snow! Not to be outdone, Ragmop has picked up this skill as well. Ragmop is probably a combination of the very best qualities of poodle, lapsha, and terrier. She's spunky and full of mischief. She won't go anywhere without Tasha. Several years ago, when Lillian's husband died, the dogs provided a great source of comfort to her. Ragmop would lick the tears from her face, and Tasha would snuggle next to her. Now, she can't envision life without a dog. "From the experiences I've had with all dogs over the years, I believe more strongly than ever that dogs truly are man's best friends."



Peri(winkle) Peri is a white whippet, and lives with the DeCrescenzos. One of her favorite pastimes is jumping through hula hoops, although she prefers snuggling with family members. It is believed that Peri's elegance and fondness for balls of yarn are a result of her being a cat in a past life.



Oodles of poodles! There's nothing "standard" about these Standard Poodles! Three-year old Alex (above left) loves to play in the snow, while Darcy's favorite pastime is digging. The Tapley dogs share their home with Caroline who takes good care of them!



Willie Willie is a Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen, or PBGV, who shares his life with Reg and Dassi Thayer. Willie loves to ride in the car, and is quite the barker! He is a sweet dog, and very friendly with both dogs and people, and has incredible "bedroom eyes!"



Little Suzy 4 year old Suzy joined the Little family a year and a half ago, coming from the Hudson Valley Humane Society. A long-legged Swiss Mountain dog, she loves to run in the morning with Annie, but will only go out at night with Fred (because she's afraid of the dark...) Suzy made her needs known when she first arrived by dragging her food bowl to the middle of the room and tipping it over if she didn't like the dinner selection. Since then, she's settled into the Little routine and life is sweet!



Tres chic! These fashion plates were captured in their snappy jogging outfits, on their way out for an aerobic run! Moët (left) and Lillér are the lucky companions of Laraine Slavitt, who keeps them well-dressed and feeling good. You girls are *magnifique!*



Three's company This group of cuties live with Vince and Judy Castagna. Cathy (above), an 11 year old Westie, was adopted through the Westie Rescue League. She loves her teddy bear! Diamond (left) is a lovable, well-behaved, snuggly Maltese who came from the North Shore Animal League. And Sparky (above right), the youngest of the group, loves to play with frisbees and chew bones.

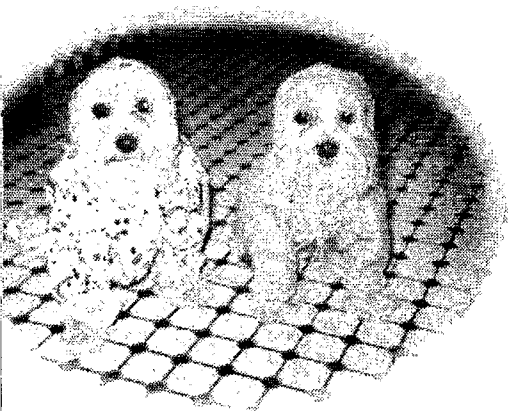


Handsome Arthur Arthur comes from the Hudson Valley animal shelter, and is around three years old. He's part retriever and loves to run, chase and play. Arthur is the loyal companion of John Converse.

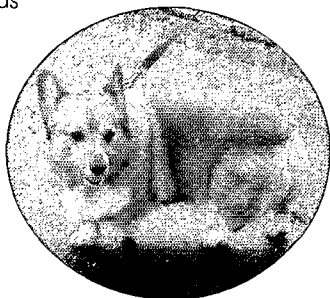




Unconditional Love Boomer is a petite black poodle who lives with the Falcon-Vezzetti's. But what Boomer lacks in size, she makes up for in courage and love. She recently woke Linda from a deep sleep to warn her of the coyotes just outside the house. Boomer is especially attuned to Linda's feelings. "If I'm upset," says Linda, "she'll sit on my lap and snuggle against my chest, and kiss my chin. If I cry, she licks away my tears." Boomer will stand with Linda against any opponent as well. "It is her display of intuitiveness and loyalty, of courage and affection that makes me feel I'm loved unconditionally. It's hard to remember what life was like before she was there...and even harder to think of the day she won't be."



Music lover Cory enjoys a life filled with music at the home of Victor Powell. Cory is a handsome, courageous Welsh Corgi who has been Victor's wonderful companion for the past 11 years. His portrait, done in oils, hangs over the piano!



The Story of Misty

The date was March 17, 2000. It was a cold snowy day and I was driving my kids and their friends to the Liberty Science Center. I saw her in a ditch by the side of the highway, huddled against the fence. By the time I realized what I had seen, we had driven past. Her image stayed with me as I hurried the kids through the museum.

We left that afternoon and the sign for the turnpike directed me to the right. The dog had been to the left. I hesitated, and made a left. She was still there. Lying down now, and covered with snow. I got out of the car. She was clearly dying. Her legs appeared to be pointing in the wrong directions. Her ribs were sticking out. She was filled with milk, but there was no sign of her pups. She was surrounded by filth and broken glass.

A thousand questions raced through my mind. What if she bites? What will I do with her? What if she dies? How much will it cost? How will I tell Bill? Rebecca's voice broke through my confusion. "Here, Mommy. Here's a blanket to pick her up with." And so the decision was made. I lifted her and she emitted a very deep groan. Her pelvis felt like a bag of broken glass. Her eyes were distant.

We brought her to a vet, then another vet, then another. We were given a multitude of opinions as to her prognosis. She had a severely dislocated hip, multiple pelvic fractures and neurological damage. She was young, perhaps a year, and had given birth within the last few weeks. Her trauma had occurred at least a week before we found her. She had been lying there all week, and had eaten rocks and dirt to survive. Some vets deemed her "worth" saving, others did not. We did.

She came home two weeks later, after major surgery. We had to suspend her back legs with a sling for her to walk. She was in a lot of pain. We named her Misty. She became very close to our dog, Boomer. We discovered she would walk outside, but only if she was next to Boomer. She gradually began to heal.

In September, I was taking Boomer out for our daily run. Misty had pressed herself against the door, blocking my exit. I looked at her and said, "Misty, you can't run. You can barely walk." But run she did. Slowly, hopping unevenly from leg to leg. First a block, then a mile, then three miles. Now when you see us running through the neighborhood, Misty is always the one in the front.

She is simply the happiest dog on the planet and trembles with joy when she wakes up in the morning. Is she perfect? Heck no. She chews things, she has poor bladder control, and she jumps on people. But the sight of her running through the snow is like heaven on earth. I am forever grateful that I saw her. She has repaid us a thousand times over.

—Margie Goldstein



Rebecca with Misty and Boomer



Have a heart!

We're a bunch of lucky dogs! But we mustn't forget those less fortunate than we are. The Hudson Valley Humane Society has a wish list of items they need, from hair dryers to hand lotion, toys, towels, tools and trash cans, pillows and paper clips, scissors, shampoo, newspaper, exercise

pens, dry dog and cat food, cleaning products and much, much more! Please give them a call at 845-354-3124 to find out what they need and to make a donation!

—daisy

The Hudson Valley Humane Society Partial Wish List

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cat litter
hand lotion
paper towels
trash cans with lids
pine or cedar shavings
roundup
newspaper
chain link dog runs

Palisades Resident to Receive Preservation Award

On Sunday, May 20, the Historical Society of Rockland County will make its Historic Preservation Merit Awards for the year 2001 at a dinner held on the grounds of the Historical Society in New City. Alice Haagensen, who has served for nearly sixty years as the local historian of Palisades, New York will be one of the recipients; she will receive the Margaret B. and John R. Zehner Award for Historic Contribution.

Alice Haagensen, appropriately for a historian, is now entering her third century of life. Born in 1900, the last year of the 19th century, she was the daughter of a professor of medieval history and was raised on historical novels.

In the 1940s Mrs. Haagensen, then a new resident in the community, helped to move the Palisades Library from the Big House to the Community Center, then called the Old School. She was amazed to discover how much historical material was stored in the library. It included Nicholas Gesner's diary, (1829-1850), various old maps and deeds, more than one hundred photographs of people who lived here in the nineteenth century, and a number of manuscript volumes by Winthrop Sargent Gilman, who moved here in 1864 and spent the rest of his life collecting information about Palisades.

Her interest in all of this material led to the formation of the Palisades Historical Committee, which gave its first formal report to the Palisades Library Board in 1957. Alice Haagensen was the first chairman and has continued to act as a mentor to the group, which has existed, off and on, with different chairpersons, ever since 1957.

In the 1960s and 1970s the Committee continued collecting and investigating and formed working parties to study and index Mr. Gilman's voluminous material. Mrs. Haagensen persuaded the Rare Book Department of the New York Public Library to make copies of the 19th century Gesner Diary and, under her direction, volunteers transcribed a good part of the first volume of the Gesner Diaries.

Other activities were the setting up of a new tombstone for Molly Sneden and the engagement of an archivist to catalogue the valuable historical material and to put it in the best possible condition for survival.

In 1967, when Palisades became the second historic district in Orangetown, Alice Haagensen provided valuable information on the history of the community to the Town of Orangetown. In 1972 Mildred Rippey and Alice Haagensen were authorized to work on a map of the older part of Palisades, with definitive numbers for the houses. In the 1980s Alice Haagensen was asked by Clara Sauer of Scenic Hudson to assist in the effort to place two historic districts in Palisades on the New York State and National

Register of Historic Places. Mrs. Haagensen arranged for the architectural historian Loring McMillen to evaluate the older houses in Palisades. Working with John Scott and Claire Tholl, she established accurate dates for a number of historic houses, even persuading a dendrochronologist to take tree ring samples at the Big House.

Alice Haagensen's book, *Palisades and Snedens Landing*, which covers the history of the community through the nineteenth century, was published in 1986 and has become the definitive reference for the area.

Over the years she played a major part in the publication by Palisades Historical Committee of limited editions of Winthrop Gilman's *Story of the Ferry, Local History*, and *Palisades Notes*. In 1996 *Mary Tonetti*, based on an unpublished manuscript by Barry Faulkner, appeared. In 1998 *In a Simpler Time*, 19th century memoirs based in large part on memoirs Mrs. Haagensen solicited, was published. A few years ago the Committee fulfilled one of her long-held dreams when it published a new, facsimile, limited edition of *Local History*. The next project of the Committee is a history of the 20th century in Palisades, using material Alice Haagensen had been assembling for many years as well as new material.

She continues to be a source of information for people seeking information about the community of Palisades and the families who have lived here. In the process she has immensely enriched our understanding of the past of the community, inspiring future historians with the facts and the stories she has collected with so much love and labor over the years.



Alice Haagensen at
100 Years of Age

Lamont Public Lecture Series 2001

Current environmental developments are much in evidence to researchers at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, located in Palisades, NY. This earth systems science research center is the only research facility in the world examining the planet from core to atmosphere. Lamont research cuts across every continent and ocean, and focuses on advancing understanding of the planet's origin, history and its future. This spring, the Observatory's top scientists will share their latest findings at Lamont's Public Lecture Series. Admission is free and light refreshments are served afterwards. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 365-8998 to reserve a place.

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• WHEN •

Sundays at 2 pm
(April 1, April 22, May 6, May 20, June 3)

- MAY 6 "From Oceans to Asteroids: Revelations from the Electron Microscope" Dee Breger, Microanalysis Specialist
- MAY 20 "Coral Reefs: Archives of Earth's History" Richard Fairbanks, Senior Research Scientist, Earth and Environmental Sciences
- JUNE 3 "Planetary Stewardship: What Do We Do About Fossil Fuels?" Wallace Broecker, Newberry Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences

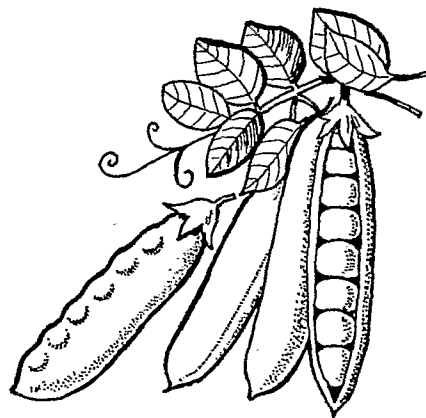
Founded in 1949, the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory has more than 200 researchers. Their work confirmed continental drift, seafloor spreading, plate tectonics and El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO), and is enhancing understanding of global climate changes and the ocean's role in regulating them.

Nyack's Farmers Market Starts Fifth Season

Mark your calendars! The Nyack Farmers' Market will be opening on Thursday, May 17th at 9:00 AM. As this date is a month earlier than previous years, shoppers will not see a full selection of fruits and vegetables in May. Most produce will be available by mid-June. Shoppers can look forward to other agricultural products, such as a wide array of bedding plants and perennials, and, new this year, vegetable plants. Also, honey from Conklin Apiaries, Scotty's pies, Bread Alone, Warwick Valley Wine, salsa and home-made chips from Catamont Specialties, organic green-house greens from Blooming Hill Organics and fruit, berries and baked goods from Orchards of Concklin.

Starting mid-June, 10:00 AM will be story and craft hour for the kids. The annual Corn Roast will be in August, the Harvest Festival will be in October and sprinkled throughout the season will be other educational and entertaining events.

The Nyack Farmers' Market is located in the municipal parking lot, next to the Helen Hayes Performing Arts Center. It is open every Thursday, rain or shine, May 17 through the end of October and is sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce of the Nyacks, Inc. The Market is always looking for musicians to perform, natural artisans to demonstrate their work, and environmental, agricultural or healthy living presenters to share their knowledge. Those interested in participating or for further information, please call Carol Baxter Plotkin at 398-1231.



Palisades Presbyterian Church News

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UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS:

May 12th: Mad Hatter's Tea Party from 4:00-5:30PM. The Parish House will be transformed into a scene from *Alice in Wonderland*. There will be entertainment, food and flowers for sale, storytelling, tea and treats. A great family event and a perfect way to celebrate Mother's Day! This is a fundraiser for the youth education programs of the church. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children (children under two free). You can purchase tickets through the church or at the Buttercup And Friends store in Piermont.

May 28th: The annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will take place at the Palisades Presbyterian Church between 8:00AM and 10:30AM on May 28th. The men of the church will prepare a breakfast of hot pancakes and sausage, juice and coffee. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. All proceeds to benefit the church.

June 9th: The annual Strawberry Festival will be held rain or shine at the Palisades Presbyterian Church on Saturday June 9th, between 2:00 and 6:00PM. Strawberry shortcake is the main event, and other strawberry related items will be for sale. Games and fun activities for kids.

June 17th: Author's reception and book signing. Time to be determined- call the church office for more information. Several authors from our community have new books out, including Dorothy Davis (*In the Still of the Night*), Steve Van Dyke (*Rare Books*) and Cristina Biaggi (*In the Footsteps of the Goddess*). Come and meet the authors and talk to them about their work. This event will be a fundraiser for the Building Fund.

Regular Worship Schedule:

Sunday Morning Services at 9:00 and 11:00AM
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Sunday School classes for toddlers,
Ages 3-6, and Grades 2-5 are held on Sunday mornings,
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Youth Group (grades 6-12) meet on
Sunday evenings 6-7:30PM

Civic Association Salutes "Outstanding Citizen"

A fine crowd of Palisadians braved inclement weather on March 21 to hail Albon Man as the first recipient of an "Outstanding Citizen" citation from the Palisades Civic Association.

Man's devoted volunteer service to the multiply handicapped residents of the Jawonio home on Oak Tree Road is only the latest of the many ways he has quietly given of himself to the community for many years, PCA co-presidents Eileen Larkin and Andrew Norman noted.

Four Jawonio residents were on hand to cheer the award and the compliments paid to their friend, as were three of the staff.

The meeting was held at the Perry Post, American Legion. After the award ceremonies, PCA board member Thomas O'Connell led a seminar on "elder law," with emphasis on methods for families to protect their assets from exhaustion in case of severe long-term health expenses.

Andrew Norman



Albon Man and Keith Phillips go for a stroll

Town Board Concerned About "Monster Mansions"

After the publication of last month's article in 10964, which raised the issue of the threat of monster mansions in Palisades, Thom Kleiner kindly consented to hold a Town Board Workshop to discuss concerns about inappropriate growth in the Historic Areas of Palisades and Tappan. The Workshop was held on Monday, March 19; a number of Palisades and Tappan residents attended. Although the meeting started two hours after the announced time, many stalwart souls stayed until its end, after eleven o'clock. This sent an important message to the Town Board—that Palisades and Tappan residents really care about this issue. As a result, the the Town is planning to hold an open meeting of all the Town Boards and their attorneys in the very near future. Those of you who left your names at the Workshop will be notified of the meeting and it will be publicized by notices in the library and post office and by calls to Palisades residents.

At the Workshop meeting I spoke briefly about the concerns many Palisades residents have in relation to future growth in the community, specifically in reference to the possible future approval by the HABR of very large houses in the Historic Area. Eileen Larkin, president of the Palisades Civic Association, also addressed the issue, stating that even outside of the Historic Area in Palisades there are concerns about inappropriately sized houses.

Copies of a *New York Times* article on "McMansions," fortuitously appearing the day of the meeting (March 19), were distributed and helped to document the difficulties we face.

Thano Schoppel, senior member on the HABR, told the audience that Palisades is not alone in being threatened by the construction of monster mansions. An application for construction of a 13,000 square foot house was recently approved in Tappan within the historic district. He raised another problem: many of the applications coming before the HABR deal with construction that has al-

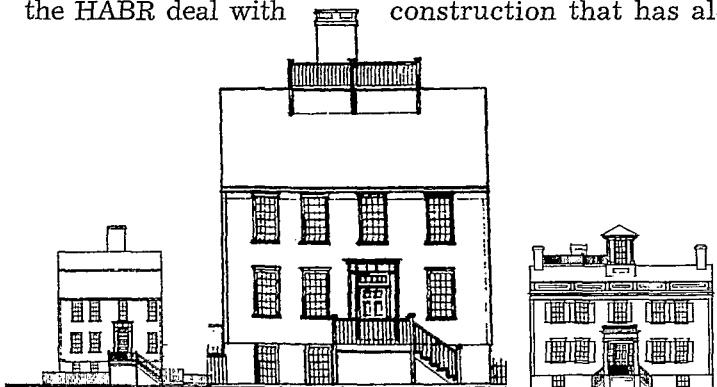
ready taken place without permission from the Board. HABR members also believe that adverse decisions they make are likely to be overturned by the ZBA; this fact may have played a part in their unwillingness up to this time to limit the size of new houses. Thom Kleiner and Town Board members had several suggestions for possible solutions:

1. Make changes in the Zoning Code to limit the size of houses
2. Incorporate house size controls into the Orange-town Master Plan
3. Hold meetings with the Boards and the Town Attorneys in an attempt to clarify the rights and responsibilities of each Board.

Suggestions one and two will take some time to implement, even if approved. There are plans to implement the third suggestion in the near future.

In the meantime, as I told attendees of the March Civic Association meeting, I will continue to attend HABR meetings and monitor applications involving Palisades. If something comes up that seems to need community involvement, I will notify the Civic Association and local residents.

Alice Gerard



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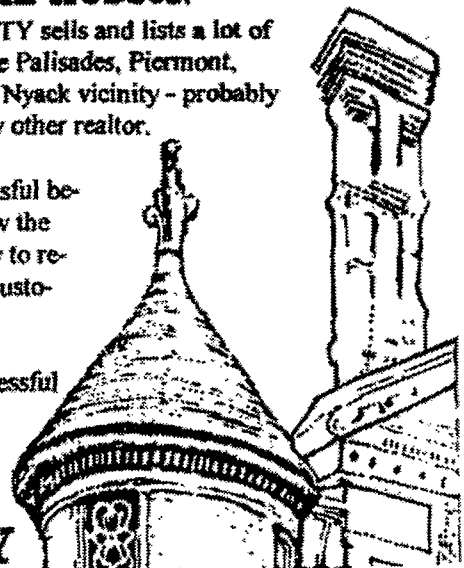
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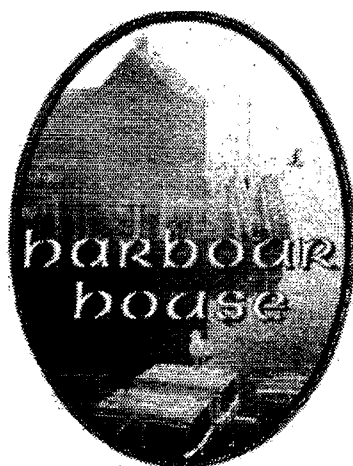


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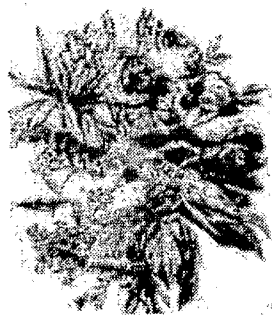


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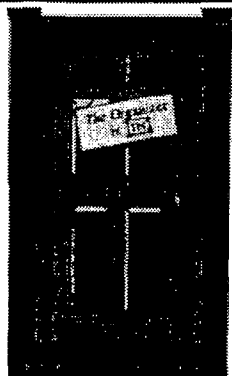
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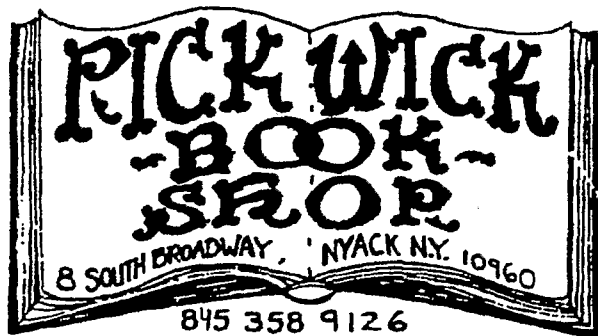
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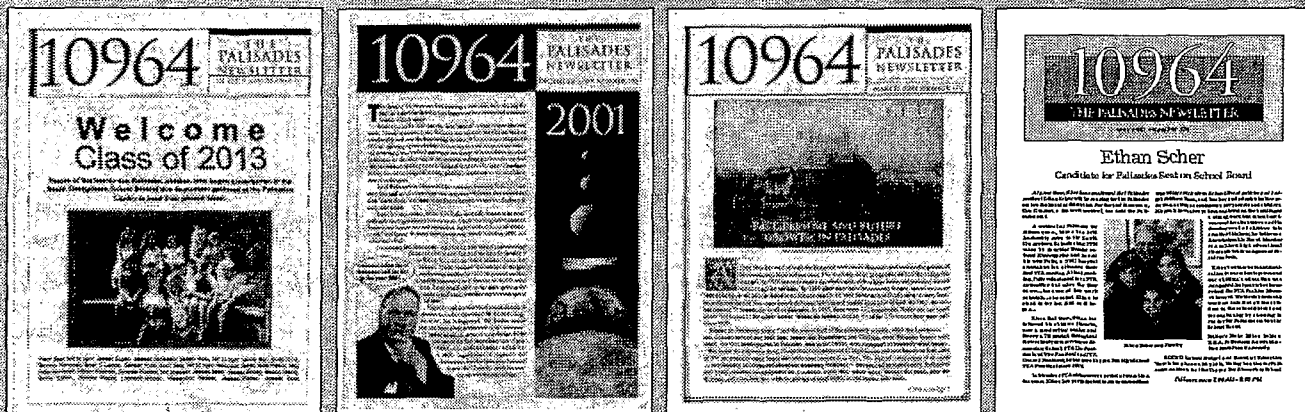
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