

INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2015

SIXTEEN OF THE TWENTY-NINE CHILDREN WHO BEGAN KINDERGARTEN THIS SEPTEMBER
(IN THE SOUTH ORANGETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS)
MET AT THE PALISADES LIBRARY TO HAVE THEIR PICTURE TAKEN.

Top Photo, front Row, left to right: Emily
Hayden, Spencer Papay, Julia Balm;

Back Row, left to right: Jillian Lynch,
Sofia Gouin, Kelly Burke, Jack Judge.

*Bottom Photo: Front Row, left to right (not stand-
ing):* Yiannis Gonias, Michael Camhe,
James Gensel, Remy Limage,
Christopher Daly, Jarrad Lehrer; *Back
Row, left to right (standing):* Matthew
Connally, Christopher Castaldo,
Benjamin Brown

Not Pictured: Alexanda Chin, Jesse
Dillon, Allyson Irizarry, Jarrad Lara,
Mia Meredith, Cooper Murray, Giulia
Panter, Margaret Pecorino, Briana
Ranallo, Angelica Ranallo, Liam
Ryan, Emma Weiss, Olivia
Woodward.



Photos: Gerry Miras

News from the Children's Shakespeare Theatre

Director Diana Green reports that the CST is beginning its 4th season. They will be producing *Romeo and Juliet* in January and *Twelfth Night* in May. The December and March issues of 10964 will have further details; or call Diana at 365-9709.

News from the Palisades Community Center and the Palisades Civic Association

On Sunday, November 17 at 2 pm, the Palisades Community Center and the Palisades Civic Association will hold a memorial service for John M. Converse, Jr. at the center on Oak Tree Road. John's untiring devotion to the welfare of the little building preserved its place in Palisades' history and secured its use for future Palisadians to enjoy.

A plaque will be permanently secured to the building site in gratitude for John's many years of service to both the Palisades Community Center and the Palisades Civic Association. All are invited to attend.



The PCC Board of Directors announce that beginning in November the building will once again be available for its intended use - that of a Community Center. We wish to schedule events that will bring a sense of community to our small and unique hamlet. To that end, we are in discussion with various individuals who are interested in the space.

The NYC Fire Department has inquired about using the center on Monday evenings for its family counseling outreach program. Additionally, a plan is in the works for film screenings, local artist showings, and an art festival.

Anyone interested in the art center program should contact Greta Carlstrom at 398-8124.

If anyone would like to become a member of the Palisades Community Center or the Palisades Civic Association, or has any question about either organization, call me at 359-1026. Or better still, come and speak to us on November 17.

Janis Cavanagh

News from www.10964.com

Information on 'Development with Preservation' in Palisades.

It is a particularly important time to reflect on Palisades' historic designation, its preservation and continued enhancement, and, to be aware of the rules overseeing zoning and planning throughout Palisades.

The Town of Orangetown faces substantial 'planning' issues with considerable implications for the overall community and certainly Palisades. Those issues are best reflected in a letter in the 2001 Community Information Guide from Thom Kleiner, Orangetown Town Supervisor:

"The next few years will be a very exciting time in the Town of Orangetown. The Town will be updating its Comprehensive Plan, formulating an Open Space Plan, completing the Route 303 Sustainable Development Study, participating in the planning of the redevelopment of the Rockland Psychiatric Center property, and the studies on the future of the Tappan Zee Bridge. These and other important issues provide great challenges and great opportunities for all of us to improve our Town and our quality of life."

With this in mind, 10964 invites you to visit www.10964.com and click on: About Palisades, Development with Preservation - a new feature with valuable information related to the 'management and maintenance' of Palisades.

Comments and questions regarding this new feature are welcome. E-mail mary@tiegreen.com.

Mary Ellen Ledwith

Palisades Democrats Heavily Favored Jaffee, But Karben Won

The 143 Democrats who voted in Districts 12 and 50 in the Sept. 10 primary for State Assembly gave Ellen Jaffee an 80-vote margin over Ryan Karben and 101 over Alan Simon (108 to 28 to 7). But Karben won the primary by 149 votes, thanks to voters in the Hasidic villages of New Square and Kaser. All three candidates are County Legislators from Ramapo who were seeking the nomination to succeed Sam Colman, who is retiring.

New Square Village gave Karben 648 votes, Simon 2 and Jaffee 0. Kaser Village voted 373 for Simon, 36 for Karben and 0 for Jaffee. Jaffee won in Orangetown, 1,844 to 206 for Simon and 728 for

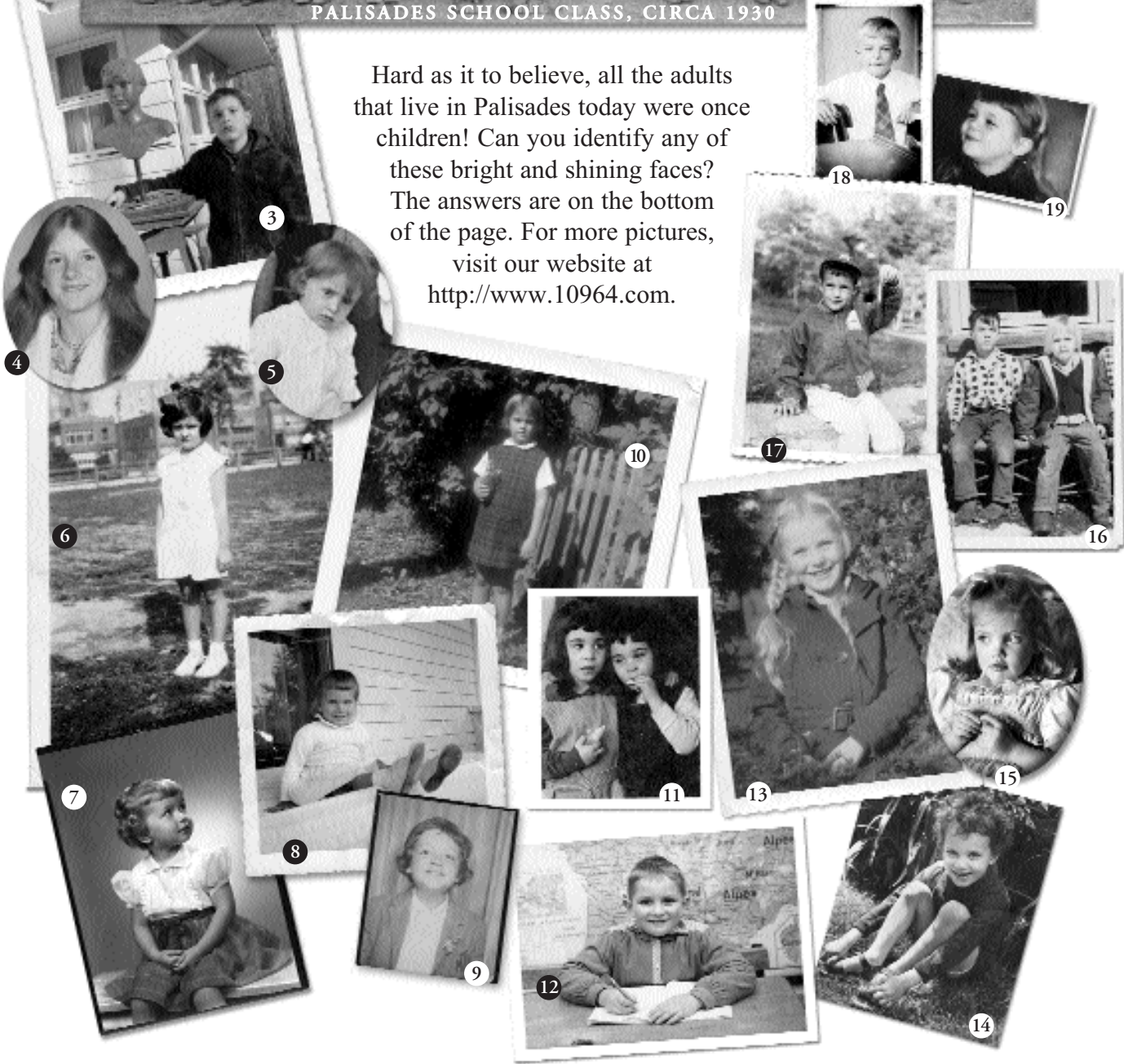
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WHEN WE WERE YOUNG...



PALISADES SCHOOL CLASS, CIRCA 1930

Hard as it to believe, all the adults that live in Palisades today were once children! Can you identify any of these bright and shining faces? The answers are on the bottom of the page. For more pictures, visit our website at <http://www.10964.com>.



1. John Garrison, 2. Bill Knudson, 3. Wayne Pedrotti, 4. Tracy Garrison, 5. Jill Garrison, 6. Gerry Miras, 7. Judy Zehner, 8. Jackie Martin, 9. Mary Tiegreen, 10. Diana Green, 11. Jocelyn De Crescenzo, 12. Hubert Pedrotti, 13. Alice Gerard, 14. Alice Gerard, 15. Michael Stern, 16. Tony and Annie Gerard, 17. Phil Bauman, 18. Bill Knudson, 19. Carol Knudson

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Karben, while Karben led in the Ramapo portion of the district, 2,874 to 1,606 for Jaffee and 1,347 for Simon.

The Democratic voters of Palisades supported the winners of the state-wide primaries. Carl McCall received 113 votes to Andrew Cuomo's 24 for governor; Dennis Mehiel 58 votes to Charles King's 20 for lieutenant governor; and Alan Hevesi 105 to William Mulrow's 18 for controller.

Two registered Independents voted for Governor George Pataki and none for Thomas Golisano, who won the party's nomination by a small state-wide margin. Four registered Conservatives voted for Pataki, who acquired the party's nomination with no serious opposition. Two Palisadians voted for Garifalia Christea to be the Right to Life candidate for state controller.

Andrew E. Norman

Triangle Garden needs TLC From a Volunteer Gardener/Caretaker

Letter from Dossi Thayer: "After many years of planting and caring for the garden across from the Post Office and behind the postal boxes (known as the Triangle Garden) I have given it up. The tremendous heat and lack of water was a huge problem. I would cart watering cans with water from my house just to keep things alive. For the past 5 years or so my good friend Nan Micheltmore was a great help. But now we have both given it up."

Calendar for October and November

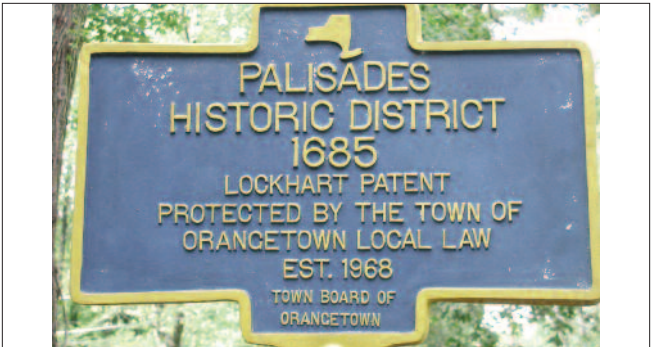
Oct. 5 (Saturday) 10 am - 4 pm:

Annual Open House at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Theme of the Open House will be El Nino: Predicting and Preparing.

Enjoy the outdoors and explore cutting-edge discoveries in the earth sciences. Demonstrations, exhibits, interactive programs, and lectures are designed for viewers of all ages, and many of the laboratories will be open. Lunch available. Palisadians are welcome and may use the entrance off Rte. 9W or park at IBM Conference Center (free parking and shuttle to Observatory).

Oct. 5 (Saturday) 8 pm:

Jacquelyn Drechsler on flute and Matthew Baier on guitar in a program of romantic and classical music in



Closter Road historic area sign; one of four in Palisades.

the Piermont Reformed Church Concert Series. Piermont Reformed Church is located in Piermont. For information call 359-4637.

Oct. 6 (Sunday) 3 pm:

Members of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra present a program of chamber music (Beethoven, Dvorak, Mozart and Dukas) at Palisades Presbyterian Church to benefit the Children's Shakespeare Theatre. A reception follows the performance. Tickets are \$25; all donations are tax-deductible. For more information call CST Director Diana Green at 365-9709.

Oct. 19 (Saturday) 8 pm:

A benefit performance at the Palisades Presbyterian Church by Paula Larke blending music, poetry and storytelling. A veteran of Broadway and off-Broadway stages, she has toured her show nationally, presenting chants, songs and spirituals...telling and gathering tales from many cultures. See Church News on Page 12 for more information.

Oct. 24 (Thursday) 10 pm:

Producer/Director Roger Weisberg's award-winning documentary "A Brooklyn Family Tale" airs on Channel 13. The one-hour film chronicles the family's triumphs, set-backs and day to day struggles, capturing what would normally be private, highly charged emotions.

Roger's twenty previous Channel 13 documentaries have won over seventy awards including Peabody, Emmy, and duPont-Columbia awards.

Nov. 5 (Tuesday) 6 am to 9 pm:

Voting for NY State positions: Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, State Assembly, State Senate, State Rep. to US House of Rep. Vote at the Palisades school on Oad Tree Rd. and American Legion on Rte. 340.

PALISADES IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

The following article by Alice Gerard first appeared in shortened form in *Rockland County: Century of History 1900-2000* published by the Historical Society of Rockland Country in 2002. A review of the book will appear in the December issue of 10964.

1900-1920

During the first twenty years of the new century, life continued in Palisades much as it had in the last years of the nineteenth century. Houses were lighted by kerosene or gas lamps, water came from wells, and the roads were unpaved. The Census of 1905 documents 458 residents in the hamlet, with houses mainly clustered in two areas: along the road leading down to the Hudson River and in the center of the community, near the post office and general store. Most travel was by horse and carriage, but if you wanted to go as far as Nyack or New York City you took the train from the station at Tappan or Sparkill. The ferry started in the 18th century by Robert Sneden was still running from the Landing, across the river to the train at Dobbs Ferry.

The Palisades Presbyterian Church, the Palisades Library, and the two-room Palisades School were the most important local institutions. The library, located in the Big House, had been started and continued to be supported by Mrs. Lydia Lawrence as a proprietary subscription library. The Lawrences, Gilmans, and Agnews were all well-to-do New York City residents who had settled here towards the end of the previous century and had a great influence on the community.

Local businesses included

Dumkin's Blacksmith Shop and Brown and Jordan's greenhouse, both near the center of the hamlet. Sam Brown also owned the Palisades Cemetery, which had started in the 18th century as the Lawrence Burying Ground. James Post owned the main store and also ran a livery stable and an ice business, cutting the ice at Post's Pond. The Post Office was sometimes located next to the Post store, but when the administration in Washington changed, it moved across Oak Tree road to Mr. Wahrenberger's house.

1920-1945

Gradually things began to change. Water and electricity came to Palisades in 1920. Route 9W was put through in the late 1920s, and as a result the few families who still lived in the hilly southern section called Skunk Hollow abandoned the area. The first cars and telephone had appeared around 1910, but they were so rare that in 1929, when Henry Kennell started a gas station on 9W, there were only four cars in town. Kennell's Palisades gas station survived for nearly 60 years.

Mary Lawrence Tonetti, Lydia Lawrence's daughter, owned 16 houses near the river in the section of Palisades known as Snedens Landing and began to rebuild them and to rent them to artist friends in the summers during the 1920s. When Wine Hill, who had run the ferry for 24 years, retired in 1927, Mrs. Tonetti created the Snedens Landing Association to continue the ferry service. Many well-known artists, writers, musicians and theater people lived briefly in the



This is the way it was. A beautiful photograph of Route 9W taken in 1903.

Landing during this period: the list includes Orson Welles, Burgess Meredith, Noel Coward, Lawrence Olivier, Lynn Fontaine, and Aaron Copeland. Katharine Cornell, after staying in various Tonetti properties, finally built her own house here.

The Palisades Post Office moved for several years to the house next to the old Methodist Church. A few new houses appeared on the side roads, but the year-round population of the hamlet was still only 522 in 1925.

Between 1928 and 1932, the very successful Blacksmith Tea Shop occupied the old Dumkin smithy. A new brick school was built across the street from the old school in 1930. Tippy O'Neill started an auction house, Yonderhill, in the old Methodist church in 1935. In 1939 the Abels and MacIvers, who taught at Columbia University, and several friends, bought 24 acres off Oak Tree Road. They put in a new road, called Heyhoe Woods, and built houses on the land.

The 9W Golf Driving Range, which has become the longest continuously surviving business in Palisades, started operation in 1939 and continues today, in a considerably expanded form.

Standard Oil bought property at the north end of the hamlet during the 1920s as a storage facility and built a mile-long pier into the river. However, they sold it in 1932, and in 1942 the Palisades Interstate Park bought the property, now known as Tallman Park.

When Lydia Lawrence died in 1943, the Palisades Library had to leave the Big House and become independent. It moved to the Old Schoolhouse in 1944 and from then on was run by a community library board with some financial support from the Palisades School. Mary Tonetti died in 1945, ending an era: her extensive property holdings were divided among her four children, who gradually began to sell them off. The ferry stopped running after the last boat sank during the hurricane of 1944.

1945-1970

At the beginning of this period, Palisades was still a small community where most people knew their neigh-



Washington Spring Rd. Also taken in 1903. You can see the Palisades Church on the right.

bors. Residents came together for ceremonies at the Flagpole every Memorial Day, and attended the June Strawberry Festival at the Palisades Church and the Spring and Fall Plant Sales at the Palisades Library. They picked up mail at the post office, which shared space with a small general store run by Mrs. Waldron in a house at the intersection of Oak Tree and Closter Roads. House prices were moderate and a number of artists still lived in the community. Many people commuted to jobs in New York City.

However, the twenty-five years after World War II brought major changes to the community. In 1949 the Thomas Lamont estate at the top of the hill was given to Columbia University as a site for a geophysical observatory. Under Maurice Ewing, Lamont Geological Observatory earned a reputation worldwide.

That same year Brown and Jordan's Greenhouse closed and in 1953, after major renovations, the Palisades Library moved into the building. John Collins bought a large piece of property north of the hamlet in 1950 and established Birchwood Day Camp. The Palisades Cemetery was sold in 1950 to Karl Kirchner, a realtor, who resold it in 1960 to a group of investors in New York City.

The Palisades Parkway cut through the south-western corner of the hamlet in 1955, necessitating the destruction of several houses. In 1956 a group of former Camp Shanks residents bought 16 acres cooperatively on Closter Road and built contemporary houses; the small development was called Indian Hill. During the next three years a larger commercial development of 75 houses was built on Oak Tree Road, near Route 340. Advertised as Palisades Gardens, these houses sold quickly.

In 1961 after Mrs. Waldron's store closed Laura Ebmeyer, the postmistress, built a new post office across the road from the old one. It was dedicated with great ceremony in 1962. Betty Lee reopened the store

as the Country Store, which she ran very successfully until 1970.

In 1963 the Palisades Church completed an addition, behind the body of the church, for Sunday School classes and church functions. Nellie Knudsen was instrumental in starting the Palisades Swim Club on vacant land just south of the hamlet in 1965.

In 1964 the Palisades Library launched a major building project which culminated in 1966 with the opening of a new wing and the modernization of much of the structure. Another small development, Century Road, appeared off Closter Road in the mid 1960s.

Three changes during this mid-century period had the effect of reducing local autonomy, in spite of the benefits they brought to the community. In 1957 the South Orangetown School District was created. In 1962 four local libraries joined together to become part of the Orangetown Library District and the next year all four became part of the Ramapo-Catskill Library system. In 1967 Palisades was included in a new Historic Zoning district, joining Tappan, which had created a historic district the year before.

Before these changes, Palisades residents had argued the pros and cons of school issues on their own school board, run their library as they wished to, and built any kind of house they wanted to. Residents had enjoyed a kind of participatory democracy which brought them together and increased their knowledge of the community. With the various kinds of centralization, much of this disappeared.

1970-2000

It was this same desire for autonomy, as well as perceived threats to the community, that led a group of residents to make two attempts, one during the 1970s and again in the 1980s, to incorporate Palisades as an independent village. Both times the motion was narrowly defeated in a community-wide vote.



Oak Tree Road at the turn of last century, facing West.

Those who wanted incorporation were reacting, among other things, to the closing of the Palisades School in 1976. From then on our children were bussed to school, first to Tappan and then to Sparkill. The Old School had been given to the community by the School District in 1969, and for a while sheltered the Oak Tree Playgroup. A few years later the Playgroup moved across the street to the abandoned new school, where it was joined in 1979 by the Palisades Pre-School Program for preschoolers with learning difficulties, run by the South Orangetown School District.

In 1970 Palisades Gardens, a residence for senior citizens, opened on the north side of Oak Tree Road. Not counting these residents, the population of the hamlet reached 1200 in 1971.

In 1977 a small group of women started a community newsletter, called 10964 after the Palisades zip code. 10964 is now published four times a year, with a volunteer staff of editors and layout people. It survives on the income from advertising.

Under the terms of the grant, the triangle of land near the post office will be park land forever.

Another threat to the community appeared when the family which owned the empty triangle of land near the post office decided to sell it to a commercial enterprise. In 1979, Reg and Dossi Thayer led an effort to raise part of the purchase price from Palisades residents, and the Town of Orangetown applied for a NY State grant for the remainder. Under the terms of the grant, the land will be park land forever.

Several small developments were built during the mid-1980s. Post Lane and Fern Road led off of Closter Road; Red Oak and White Oak were south of Oak Tree Road, just west of Route 340.

In 1984 residents created the Palisades Civic Association in order to deal with further problems. Led by Eileen Larkin in 1987, the Association fought and defeated a proposal to put 70 houses on the corner of Oak Tree and Route 340. The land was finally developed in 1992 as Lauren Road with only twelve houses.

The IBM Conference Center on Route 9W opened in 1989 on the site of the former Birchwood Day Camp. In 1994 Jawonio, a home for physically and mentally challenged adults, began operation on Oak Tree Road across from Palisades Gardens. The Palisades Library completed a second major renova-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: INDIAN POINT

Since 9/11, nearly 40 municipalities and over 200 elected officials have called for the closure of Indian Point. Every week more towns and elected officials are joining this grassroots battle. In Rockland County all five towns and the County Legislature have unanimously called for the permanent decommissioning of Indian Point. On 9/9 the Westchester County Legislature joined their voices as they unanimously passed a similar resolution.

Indian Point is the only plant in the country in such a heavily populated area. According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), citing specs, it could never be built where it is located today. The NRC is the only federal agency who can close Indian Point. It is important to note that the nuclear industry says that closing a plant reduces the NRC's income and salaries.

The NRC has closed down only a few plants. Three Mile Island was closed for a partial melt down. Another recent shut down came at the Davis Besse plant in Ohio where a six inch hole in the reactor head was accidentally discovered. Prior to this discovery Davis Besse was given a "green" rating. Recently the NRC changed Indian Point 2 rating from "red" to "yellow" and also granted a five year extension to test the containment dome, even though rust has been identified in part of the dome.

Mr. Hubert Miller, Regional Administrator of the NRC, said that if FEMA found the evacuation plans to be inadequate the NRC would close down the plants. On September 24th, FEMA will be conducting a paper drill of evacuation plans in all four affected counties.

The question is whether even the best plan can adequately evacuate the people of the region in a timely fashion, given the massively increased population and lack of road infrastructure.

The people must turn to our elected state officials to close Indian Point. This upcoming election is crucial in the battle to democratize this issue.

Governor Pataki has hired Witt, a former FEMA director, to review the evacuation plan. This review will not be completed until the end of the year, well after the gubernatorial election. In the meantime McCall is calling for the closure of the plant. The Governor has few options to closing the plant, such as decertifying the evacuation plan, using imminent

domain, and/or enforcing the DEC regulations.

It should be noted that on a local level, one day after the Rockland County Legislature unanimously passed a resolution calling for the closure of the plant, County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef rubber-stamped a letter which is part of the certification process and sent it to Pataki, instead of refusing to forward it. When asked his position, Vanderhoef says he would like the plant to be closed, but that the evacuation plan works.

At a recent meeting with a citizens group supporting the closure of Indian Point, the question of mass panic in the event of disaster was raised. Vanderhoef vehemently insisted the plans will work and those questioning them "will kill people!" He said that people who did not comply during the evacuation would be arrested.

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The county is on the second highest level of terrorist alert. Entergy, the Louisiana based company that owns Indian Point, claims to have increased security at Indian Point; however many Rockland residents have boated up the river past the plant and see no signs of increased security. The only visible addition on the river are five buoys. Security experts say visible security presence is the best deterrent. A few months ago a Fox Five reporter flew a plane directly over the plant for over 20 minutes without anyone questioning its presence.

Entergy has been spending millions on public relations. They have hired the firm of Burston-Marstaller who were responsible for putting the spin on the Exxon Valdez oil spill and other infamous environmental disasters.

With the possibility of war with Iraq on the horizon we must demand the immediate closure of Indian Point and the protection of the spent fuel pools in hardened on-site storage. As one of the Westchester

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AUTUMN IN THE PIERMONT MARSH

Fall weather promises to be mild again this year, which is inspiring for those who enjoy the outdoors. The view over the Hudson River from the cliffs of Tallman Park is always sublime, particularly at dawn and dusk. The autumn view is special because of the riot of colors reflected in the water from the foliage lining both shores. Here's what Anna Gilman Hill, the noted gardener of Niederhurst and benevolent patron of the Palisades Library had to say about this particular view, as vivid now as it was when she wrote in the 1930s:

"I wish I could make you see my river on one of these clear, bell-like autumn days, when the water is a still and motionless silver gray, the reflections of the buildings on the opposite shore making long pink



strokes down the canvas..."* Our cliff-top view is dominated by the large expanse of golden grasses extending far out into the river and tapering off at Snedens Landing, the Piermont Marsh. I had

always assumed that it was fairly recent in origin, coming into existence in the early 19th century as silt built up downstream from the Piermont Pier. However, recent research has shown that the marsh is most likely much older, dating from the end of the last ice age. At that time, glacier melt water accumulated into a large lake stretching across a good part of what is now Rockland County, and the outflow from this lake came rushing through the narrow chasm where the Sparkill Creek still flows. This outflow carried a great deal of silt with it, which formed the basis for the marsh.

Ever since, it has been a welcome stop-off point for thousands of migrating birds following the Hudson River south, and a rich source of shelter and nourish-

* Anna Gilman Hill, *Forty Years of Gardening*, published by Frederick A. Stokes Co., 1938

ment for myriads of creatures and plants that find their home in this estuary environment.

Visitors who spend any time at all observing the marsh from the river side can't help but become interested in the private lives of birds. Year-round, it is easy to spot an osprey cruising along at a steady pace with a recently-caught fish lined up aerodynamically front to back in its talons, or a blue heron frozen like a garden ornament up to his knees in the shallows, intently watching the water for prey. Clouds of migrating ducks will appear way up the river like a small smudge, then gradually disaggregate into a flock of separate individuals winging their way south with diligent intensity that seems almost human, their wingfeathers squeaking faintly as they fly past above your head. Hawks slip by, one by one, so high that you have to really look for them, while song-birds in the woods along the shore never show their faces at all, but season the air with faint traces of their melodies at dawn and dusk. You hear a splash, and turn your head quickly, and see the spreading ripples left by a large fish jumping—what was it trying to get away from? The story ends—there is nothing more to see but the shining surface of the water.

The river view is, of course, one that requires a boat. That's not so hard to come by, even for those lacking boating equipment or experience. Bill



Herguth, of Piermont, runs a small boat rental outfit on the Sparkill Creek, next to the playground, that provides boats ranging from clunky, safe aluminum rowboats suitable for a family with young children to aluminum canoes to kayaks to historically accurate, wooden skiffs that he builds himself, patterned on old Hudson River vessels. His rates are \$16 for the first hour, \$12 for

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A NEW OPTION FOR OUR OLDER RESIDENTS

A recent article in Our Town discussed the fact that although many older residents in this area are realizing that their present houses are too big and too expensive to keep up, they are unable to find affordable housing in Orangetown. Some no longer drive, and as a result have problems with shopping and errands such as visiting the library and the post office. Their health may be good enough for them to remain independent, but they need some help with



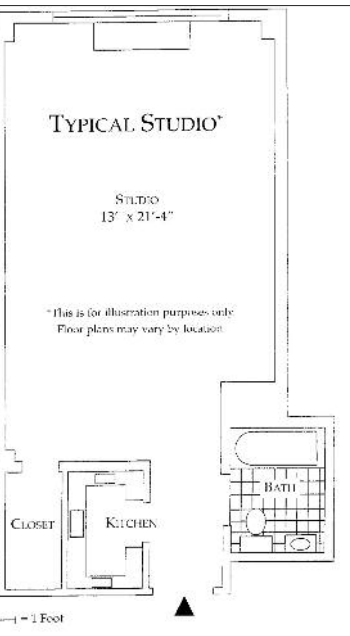
the tasks of daily living. A new kind of institution called a senior residence is designed just for these people, who need some assistance with daily living but are not yet ready to go to a nursing home.

In June Palisades Gardens, the non-profit retirement home which has been located in our community since 1970, became the Esplanade, a for-profit senior residence. The Scharf family, owner of the Esplanade retirement homes, has been in the business for more than forty years. There are Esplanades in Chestnut Ridge, in Manhattan, in White Plains, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and in New Haven, Connecticut.

Marketing manager Monica Weymouth gave me a tour of the building recently and talked about the changes the new management is making. The facade of the building will eventually look like the photo on this page and the lobby will be redone. Some 30% of the rooms, which had not been altered since 1970, have already been made over into attractive apartments; work continues on the rest. Management has hired a full-time activities director and a director of resident services. A new executive chef from the Culinary Institute has taken over the kitchen. There is even a web site: esplanadesenior.com.

The Esplanade offers studio apartments and one and two bedroom apartments, which include minimal kitchens. Prices for single occupancy range from \$2700 to \$3600 a month, plus a one time community entrance fee equal to one month's rent. For this, residents get three meals and a snack every day, weekly housecleaning, air conditioning, cable television, utilities, and 24 hour emergency care service. A library and a beauty shop are located on the premises. Minivans take the residents on frequent trips. A special program for residents with Alzheimer's disease and related memory impairments is located in a separate wing. A home health care services agency is located in the building for residents who need personal care like dressing, bathing, feeding, and help taking medication. These services are provided for an additional fee. The Esplanade does not take Medicaid.

The day I visited, the lobby was full of cheerful-looking white-haired ladies, some with walkers, talking to their friends and entering and leaving the building. Palisades resident Jane Bernick's mother, Ilse Holzer, became a resident at Palisades Gardens four years ago and remains at the Esplanade. Jane says that she is very satisfied with the residence and that the staff are extremely pleasant and cooperative. At present there are 130 residents in the building. They have



a choice of four or five activities every day. These sound quite interesting; they include dance classes, movies, walks, a drama club, a discussion of current events, bridge and Mah Jong, arts and crafts, Bingo, book reviews, wine and cheese parties, and a debate group. Interested Palisadians are very welcome to visit the Esplanade and to take a tour of the building.

Alice Gerard

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY NEWS

2002 Fall Programs for Children

Story times for children age three through kindergarten are held on Wednesdays at 1:30. Children enjoy movement with poems, songs and finger play. They experience stories through the medium of felt board, hand puppets and books. They can learn to listen while enjoying each other's company. Please come to the library to sign up.

Programs for Older Children

Wednesday, October 23rd, 4:15 pm. Make a Halloween Ghost Garden. We repeat this program often because the children enjoy it and the results are a seasonal treat. Sign up in the library a must.

Thursday, November 14th, 4:15 pm. "I Dress in Deerskin," a program about the first Indian inhabitants of our area, will be presented by the Leni Lenapi Lady, Barbara Webren. Learn how the Indians talked (not as we do) and what they wore. Participants will be able to see and handle many items that the Indians were familiar with. Parents often enjoy being present at the program, too! Come to the library to sign up.

Reading Club

The reading club meets monthly. If you wish to join, please call Ms. Joan Sanders at 623-8262.

New Titles Adult Fiction

Cisneros, Sandra: *Caramelo*;
Drabble, Margaret: *The Seven Sisters*; **Faber, Michael:** *The Crimson Petal and the White*;
Hackett, Joyce: *Disturbance of the*



Inner Ear; **Kundera, Milan:** *Ignorance*; **L'Heureux, John:** *The Miracle*; **Mason, Daniel:** *The Piano Tuner*; **Nguyen, Kien:** *The Tapestries*; **O'Brien, Tim:** *July, July*; **Otsuka, Julie:** *When the Emperor Was Divine*; **Palmer, Shirley:** *Danger Zone*; **Saramago, Jose:** *The Cave*; **Sparks, Nicholas:** *Nights in Rodanthe*; **Trevor, William:** *The Story of Lucy Gault*; **Updike, John:** *Seek My Face*; **Wright, Richard B.:** *Clara Callan*; and many more...

New Titles Adult Non Fiction

Bowden, Charles: *Down by the River*; **Bryce, Robert:** *Pipe Dreams: Greed, Ego and the Death of Enron*; **Connelly, Michael:**

Chasing the Dime; **Franzen, Jonathan:** *How to be Alone*; **Friedman, Thomas:** *Longitudes and Attitudes*; **Graham, Ysenda:** *The Real Mrs. Miniver*; **Iwasaki, Mineko:** *Geisha, a Life*; **Lewis, Mindy:** *Life Inside*; **Roosevelt, David:** *Grandmere*; **Rushdie, Salman:** *Step across this Line*; **Shnayerson, Michael:** *The Killers Within*; **Wiesel, Elis:** *The Judges*

New Books on Tape

Bellow, Saul: *Herzog*; **Bragg, Rick:** *Ava's Man*; **Byatt, A. S. :** *Possession*; **Caro, Robert:** *Master of the Senate*; **Franzen, Jonathan:** *The Corrections*; **McEwan, Ian:** *Atonement*; **Rocheffort, Harriet:** *French Toast*; **Sijie, Dai:** *Balzac*

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28 for Thanksgiving.

PALISADES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Services

The church is back to its regular schedule of worship services: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 9 a.m. service is similar to the later service but without the choir and it tends to be more meditative. Since it is designed for people who have allergies to scents (perfumes, aftershaves, scented lotions and scented hair-spray), those who wear artificial scents of any kind are asked to attend the later service. The Pastor, the Reverend Dae Jung, officiates at both services.

The 11 a.m. service is open to all and it features a fine choir, which performs a special anthem each week as well as providing occasional concerts and special music for special occasions. The choir is open to all who enjoy singing—members and non-members—and who are willing to attend a Thursday evening rehearsal and the Sunday worship service.

Until the steeple restoration project is completed in early October, the 11 am service will not have its exquisite 19th Century French baroque organ. Musical director, Michael Shapiro, a concert pianist and composer, provides music from the church’s baby grand piano.

The policy of the Palisades church is that it is open and welcoming. We do not exclude anyone because of their sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or national origin who wishes to worship with us. Our leaders are elected by our members and every member is eligible to be an Elder or a Deacon.

Paula Larke Performs at Palisades Presbyterian Church Oct 19

The popular performer, Paula Larke, will bring her witty, incisive blend of music, poetry and storytelling to a benefit concert at the Palisades Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 19 at 8 p.m.

Until recently artist-in-residence at Riverside Church in New York City, Ms Larke is a modern day village chronicler, dramatizing the personal stories of ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

Called a cross between Nina Simone and James Brown, the Chicago Sun Times called her performance, “...exquisitely ironic.” Her work may cover



much territory—addiction, recovery, school bullying and violence, racism, heritage and grace in healing. A veteran of the Broadway and off-Broadway stages, she has toured her show nationally, presenting chants, songs and spirituals from the South, the Piedmont Plateau region and Appalachia. She tells and gathers tales from many cultures.

The Paula Larke experience has been described as electric, inspiring, and hilarious. She plays the bass, West African drum, banjo and acoustical guitar in a musical style that she describes as “Afrobilly Blackgrass.” She pokes fun at ignorance, prejudice and sexism. At the heart of her parody and satire is a love of humanity with all its flaws. She’s “a mime with words—medicine for the soul.”

The Rev. Dae Jung, pastor of the Palisades Presbyterian Church, heard Paula at a recent conference and was so deeply impacted by the honesty of her performance that he asked her to come to Palisades and share her special gift with the people of Rockland County. Rev. Jung commented, “I didn’t know what to expect, but she blew me away with her performance. She mesmerized a tough audience. She is incredible!”

Tickets for this performance can be ordered from the church office, 845-359-3147. The suggested donation is \$20 (\$15 for seniors and students under 18). Proceeds from the Paula Larke performance will benefit the local outreach mission of the church including the Martin Luther King Center, Nyack Center and the Rockland Family Shelter.

SCHOOL NEWS

South Orangetown Central School District October and November Calendar of Events

Board of Education Meetings

October 7 and 21

November 4 and 18

All board meetings are at 7:30 pm and are held in the Board room in the South Orangetown Middle School. For further information, call 680-1012.

Superintendent Coffee Chat

October 29 at 7:30 pm in the Board room in the South Orangetown Middle School

November 20 at 9:30 am in the Board room in the South Orangetown Middle School

PTA Meetings

PTA Council- November 6 at 7:30 pm at TZHS.

TZHS PTSA- October 8 and November 13 both at 7:30 pm at TZHS.

SOMS PTA- October 9 and November 14 both at 7:30 pm in SOMS library.

SOMS Parent Workshop- October 17 and November 21 at 7:30 pm

SOCES PTA- October 16 at 7:30 pm at TZE and November 19 at 9:30 am at WOS

Other Meetings of Interest

PEP (Parents and Educators in Partnership)- October 30 and November 25 both at 7:30 pm in SOMS library

Rockland County College Night- Oct. 24, 7:00 pm @ Rockland Community College Field House

Parent Computer Workshop- November 12 at 7:30 pm at Cottage Lane

SOS TZHS Fall Sports Dinner- November 25 at 6:30 pm at the Manor House.

Family and/or Community Entertainment

SOCES PTA Family Swim & Gym- October 18, 7-9 pm at SOMS

SOMS Fall Party- October 25, 7-9 pm at SOMS

SOMS PTA Halloween Happening- October 26, 11-3 pm at SOMS

SOCES PTA Family Fun Night- Bingo and Crafts- 7-9 pm at TZE

TZHS Fall Play- November 8 and 9 at 8:00 pm at TZHS

Orange Bowl Football Game- TZHS vs. Pearl River @ Pearl River High School.

TZHS Thanksgiving Concert- November 26 at 7:30 pm at TZHS

Special Concert

“100 Years of Broadway Concert” starring Broadway performers and produced by TZHS alumni Neil Berg- Saturday, November 23 at 7:00 pm in TZHS auditorium. Sponsored by the TZHS Baseball team. For more information, call 680-1011.

Calling all community members for the Lend-a-Hand Coat Drive

Now is the time to sort through your closets for your outgrown, in-good-condition, baby, children, teenage, and adult winter coats. On December 6, bring your coats, boots, scarves, mittens, hats, and gloves to the William O. Schaefer school at 140 Lester Drive in Tappan. On December 9, these warm items will be distributed to local families in need. Also desperately needed are blankets and canned foods. For further information or to volunteer call Palisadian Margie Goldstein at 359-5177.

Carol Baxter

PALISADES IN THE 20TH CENTURY (Continued from page 7)

tion in 1996, adding a large new children's room. Although auctions at Yonderhill stopped in 1989, the building continued to function as an antique shop. In 1999 it briefly closed its doors but reopened in 2000 with new owners. Henry Kennell died in 1993. His son kept the gas station open for a few more years but closed it for good in 1998. Palisades continues to grow; according to the Palisades Post Office, it now consists of 640 households. Many new houses have been built in the last 20 years, and they seem to be getting larger and larger. It is hard to keep up with the names of the new neighbors, who come and go at a dizzying speed. For a number of them, oriented towards New York City, Palisades is only a weekend pied-à-tèrre. Signs of conspicuous consumption abound, especially in Snedens Landing; few impecunious artists can afford to live here any more. In spite of these concerns, Palisades remains a small, attractive, community, largely composed of one-family homes, with undeveloped woodlands to the north and south of a good portion of the hamlet. The population is more diverse ethnically, if not economically, than in the past. The library, the church, and the post office are still centers of community participation; our local newsletter, 10964, keeps us all in touch.

INDIAN POINT (Continued from page 8)

Legislators put it, "This is the mother of all risks." We must demand that the health and safety of our lives, the lives of our children and the many generations to come take priority over profits of big business. We can replace the power, we can't replace the lives. If you would like to help close Indian Point please make few phone calls to Governor George Pataki (518) 474-8390, Acting Regional Director Joe Picciano at FEMA (212) 680-3611, and C. Scott Vanderhoef (845) 638 5122, James Lee Witt fax (914) 231-1698. For further information visit www.closeindianpoint.org.

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the second, and \$6 for each hour after that. Kayak owners looking for a place to put in near the marsh may also use his dock for a small fee. Bill enjoys teaching boating skills to any who request it, as he has plenty of experience shepherding groups of school children and campers around the marsh in boats during the summertime. Since he was listed in Fodor's "Exploring 20 Miles Around NYC", Bill says that business has picked up substantially, but not so much that it has changed his laid-back, mellow approach to life. Call first to make sure he is open (359-0073).

Greta Nettleton

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY NEWS (Continued from page 11)

and the Little Chinese Seamstress

New Books on CD

du Maurier, Daphne: *Jamaica Inn*; Nasar, Sylvia: *A Beautiful Mind*; Tolkien, J.R.R.: *The Hobbit, The Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, The Return of the King*; Tyler, Anne: *Back When We Were Grownups*; Winchester, Simon: *The Professor and the Madman*

Gift to the Library

The library's video collection has been greatly enhanced thanks to the generosity of Marguerite and Robert Gundlach who donated many of their tapes. We now have over 500 videos.

Thrift Shop

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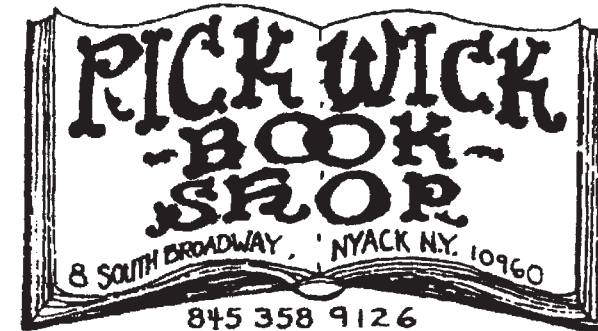
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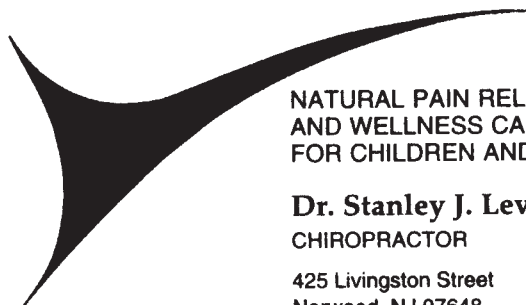
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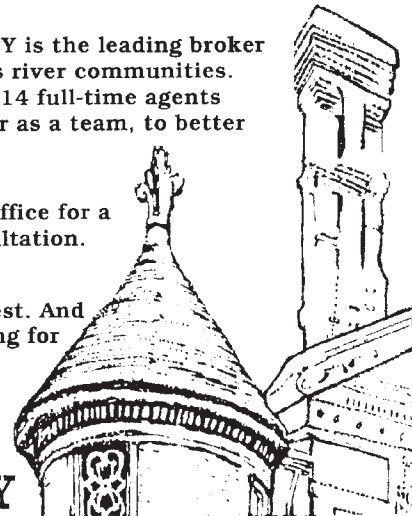
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