

<R PROPNUM="413547">In 2001, the old Rome Theater, a movie palace in Pleasantville, was converted into the **Jacob Burns Film Center** <S>(<ADDRESS>□ <str>364 Manville Rd.</str><city>Pleasantville</city><zip>10570</zip>□ 914/747--5555□ \$5)</S>, a one-of-a-kind cultural arts center known for its large selection of independent and first-run movies, classics, documentaries, and world cinema. Jacob Burns attracts filmmakers from around the world, and offers curated series, film artists retrospectives, and annual festivals. Cinephiles will find the Q&As with filmmakers, hosted by critics such as Janet Maslin of *The New York Times* or directors like Jonathan Demme, especially engrossing. </R>

The **Beczak Environmental Education Center**,<S> <ADDRESS>.</R>□ <str>35 Alexander St.</str><city>Yonkers </city><zip>10701</ADDRESS> □ 914/377--1900 □ www.beczak.org<S>, </S> set along the Hudson River with views of the Palisades, is a hidden gem within Yonkers. Here, you'll find an interpretive center, small county park, sandy beach, and a tidal marsh, where kids can use a spotting scope to view birds like osprey. The center offers a host of educational programs, but kids will have the most fun wading into the Hudson to catch fish using a 30-foot net! (Reserve ahead for Hudson River Seining.) Modest indoor exhibits include a 300-gallon tidal tank with a cutaway of the Hudson River. A recent fireside lecture series featured tales of Blackbeard and Henry Hudson, the great Saw Mill River Cover Up, and the Palisades Revealed.

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<DPRICE>\$20</DPRICE>□ **Sushi Mike's**. A cozy, casual eatery in the heart of downtown Dobbs Ferry, you'll likely be warmly greeted with a jolly hello from owner Mike Suzuki. Long a favorite of locals, Sushi Mike's is eternally packed with families and young couples, willing to endure slightly cramped quarters and long lines for fresh sushi, sashimi, and cooked seafood dishes—all at reasonable prices. Its fresh specialty rolls with eclectic names, like the Out of Control Roll (made with spicy tuna, avocado, scallions and eel) and Sushi Mike's Special Roll are proven standouts. Enjoy live jazz every Monday. Hint: go on a weeknight to avoid the weekend rush. <SI> <ADDRESS>□ <str>146 Main St.</str><city>Dobbs Ferry</city><zip>10522</zip></ADDRESS> □ 914/591--0054 □ www.sushimikes.com □ Reservations recommended □ AE, D, DC, MC, V □ Open daily; no lunch on Sunday </SI><LAST.VISIT/><!--Approximate month and year last visited?--></R>

[cuisine: Japanese food]

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<DPRICE>\$35</DPRICE> □ **Harvest-on-Hudson.** Dining in the outdoor garden overlooking the Hudson at this trendy Tuscan farmhouse is a transporting experience. A mix of locals and Manhattanites line up in summer to eat on the patio (reservations are for indoors only). In winter diners sit by the 30-foot stone fireplace for a romantic evening or around larger tables with family. Chef Vincent Barcelona's Mediterranean menu is seasonal, serving up salads and pastas with fresh herbs straight from their garden and creative seafood dishes like seared ahi tuna. Try the fig, goat cheese, and prosciutto pizza rustica or old standbys like the porterhouse steak for two. Service can be inconsistent, but for sunset views of the river and Palisades, it's always worth the trip. <SI> <ADDRESS> □ <str> 1 River St.</str><city>Hastings-on-Hudson</city><<zip>10706</zip></ADDRESS> □ 914/478--2800 □ www.harvest2000.com □ Reservations recommended □ AE, MC, V □ No lunch on weekends </SI><LAST.VISIT/><!-- Summer 2008R>

[cuisine: Mediterranean food]

<R PROPNUM="206621">**Hudson River Sloop Clearwater.** Experience the Hudson River from aboard the *Clearwater*, a replica of a 19th-century Dutch sailing sloop. Departing from Beacon, you'll be treated to gorgeous vistas and landmarks such as Storm King Mountain and Bannerman's Island. The three-hour sails dock at various places along the Hudson from April through mid-November. It's best to book ahead and Clearwater actually encourages guests to bring food and beverages on board. Every June the two-day **Clearwater Festival (the Great Hudson River Revival)** celebrates the Hudson River in Croton Point Park; proceeds benefit Clearwater, a nonprofit founded by folksinger Pete Seeger. <SI> <ADDRESS> □ <str>112 Little Market St </str> <city>Poughkeepsie </city><zip>12601</zip></ADDRESS> □ 845/454--7673 □ www.clearwater.org □ \$50 □ April--Nov, select Saturdays and Sundays. </SI></R>

The **Paramount Center for the Arts**<S> <ADDRESS>.</R> □ <str>1008 Brown St.</str> <<city>Peekskill </city><zip>10566</ADDRESS> □ 914/739--2333 □ www.paramountcenter.org<S></S> opened in 1930 as a 1500-seat movie palace, but fell into disrepair in the 1970s. Luckily this historic theater was saved from demolition and is a testament to movie palace grandeur. Today the Paramount is a performing arts center that offers film, music, comedy, live theater, dance, and art exhibits. With high-profile performances from B.B. King to Art Garfunkel and Ladysmith Black Mambazo, to comics like the Smothers Brothers and live theater from the likes of Hal Holbrook and Second City Improv, the Paramount continues to inspire locals and tourists alike. Films range from independent and small foreign films to first-run and classic films.