

Three Cheers for Eleven Graduates!

We at 10964 offer congratulations and a rousing "Hooray!" to this year's graduating seniors. They come out of many different high schools and are scattering to all points of the map to pursue future plans, but they all grew up in Palisades and will carry that stamp with them throughout their travels.

Jennifer Long, Eric DiCarlo, Regina Shoykhet, Joseph Olsen, and Claire Jellinek all hail from Tappan Zee High School, and all five are going on to college.

Jennifer will be going to Baypath College in Massachusetts for hotel management. She plans to spend this summer working with her mother in her office in Brooklyn.

Eric is going to bask in the sun at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He has been studying photography—he was the photo editor of the yearbook and Tapress this year—and will continue to study photography and design in college.

Regina is going into the accelerated medical program at the University of Miami in the fall. She is graduating as a member of the National Honor Society and the Math Honor Society.

Joe will be going to Northwestern College in Chicago. He leaves TZ with a fun memory of a final stint as technical director of "The King and I."

Claire is also graduating from Tappan Zee, but she has spent her senior year studying at a high school in Denmark. She will return on July 4 and plans to apply to college for the spring. The other graduates are from six different schools and have as many different plans as one could imagine.

John Anderson graduates from Clarkstown South High School and

is going on to UC San Diego in the fall. Like most of his classmates, he will be working this summer to store up some spare cash.

Katie Elevitch spent her senior year at Horace Mann performing in every play that came her way. She was in "The Sound of Music," "The House of Blue Leaves," and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." She will attend Barnard College in the fall and is excited about studying voice at the Manhattan School of Music through a joint program with Barnard. Along with music and theatre, she will also pursue her interest in Women's Studies, literature, art and dance.

Stephen Guiney finishes at Albertus Magnus High School in Bardonia. He is one of two graduates in his family this year, with sister, Theresa, graduating from college. At press time we had been unable to

speak directly with Stephen about his future plans.

Nicole Morris is graduating from Dwight Englewood where she spent her senior year as business editor of the yearbook and playing on the lacrosse team. She also spent the past month working at the Oak Tree Playgroup—where she once went to nursery school—as part of a senior project. She will be going on to Saint Lawrence University where both of her parents went to college.

Ray O'Prey is graduating out of Nyack High School with a bright outlook on his future. "I found myself," he says of his senior year. He plans to study acting and move into New York City to be in the thick of the action.

Good luck and all the best to all our seniors! May the sun shine upon you and "may the hair on your toes grow longer."

Diana Green



Some of the graduating high school seniors. From left: Joseph Olsen, Regina Shoykhet, Katie Elevitch and Ray O'Prey. Photo by: Diana Green

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Civic Association

Hears Metro-North Railway Representatives, Elects New Board

Spokesmen for the Metro-North Commuter Railway gave a slide-show and answered questions from nearly 40 Palisadians at the Palisades Civic Association's eighth annual meeting at the Community Center on May 6.

Scott Ornstein, industrial engineer and planner with the MNCR, a subsidiary of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, said the staff is working to complete a cost/benefit analysis of six alternative Hudson rail crossings, including one under Palisades, by late 1991.

The Palisades-Hastings route would involve building tracks along the east side of the Palisades Parkway from the existing West Shore Line in Orangeburg or Blauvelt, and then a tunnel running from north of Oak Tree Road, Palisades, under the river to the existing Hudson Division tracks in Hastings.

Ornstein and Ron Bixby, representing Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas, engineering consultants to Metro-North, agreed that a bridge from Palisades to Hastings appeared unfeasible.

Three of the six alternatives would involve a rail bridge adjacent to the Tappan Zee Bridge, with one route connecting to the Hudson Division tracks in Tarrytown, the second connecting with both the Harlem Division in White Plains and the New Haven Line in Eastchester, and the third connecting with all three.

The fifth route under study would run from Middletown to Stewart Airport to Newburgh to Beacon, bypassing Rockland County altogether, while the sixth would be a development of the existing West Shore Line from Orange County to Penn Station, Manhattan, via Suffern and Hoboken.

Ornstein and Bixby told the Civic Association gathering that the present phase of the study is limited to identifying the basic advantages, disadvantages and special consider-

ations involved in each alternative, and will not include recommendations. They noted two disadvantages to the Palisades-Hastings route, however: that it would not serve the large and growing commuter traffic of Orange and Rockland residents to jobs in central Westchester, and that under federal law the Palisades Interstate Park Commission cannot be forced to cede property to state and local government agencies.

Following the Metro-North presentation, the PCA annual meeting elected a Board of Directors consisting of seven incumbents (*), one former member (**) and three first-time members (***):

Larry Bucciarelli ***

Paul Prisco *

John Converse *

Lynne Sandhaus ***

Irene Frederick *

Donald Tapley *

Eileen Larkin *

Reginald Thayer **

Louis Leonard *

Judith Zehentner ***

Andrew Norman *

Under new bylaws adopted at the meeting, the new board will elect the Association's officers at its first meeting. Other bylaw amendments clarified the Association's non-profit, educational, politically non-partisan nature; formally recognized Robert's Rules of Order; and fixed the size of the Board at eleven instead of the previous "nine or eleven."

The meeting, chaired by founder Eileen Larkin, discussed the importance of making sure that the 9W Golf Range is not allowed to construct a double-deck structure (see separate story, page 3) and the continuing lack of enforcement of the truck bans on Oak Tree Road and Route 9W. The new Board promised to take action on both issues at its first meeting.

Andrew E. Norman

Cliffside Restoration Receives State Award

A 1991 Preservation League of New York State Award was presented in April to Palisadians Richard and Deborah Sears for the restoration of their home, Cliffside, at the Eighteenth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference at Bear Mountain, N. Y. The award recognized Mr. and Mrs. Sears for their "sensitivity and integrity in recreating a charming 19th century Hudson River Villa."

Roberta Brandes Gratz, preservation activist and author, conferred this honor on behalf of the Preservation League of New York. The conference brought together several hundred people from across New York concerned with preserving historic properties and neighborhoods in both urban and rural New York. They included preservationists, state legislators, historians, architects, educators and city planners.

Community Garden News

In May the garden behind the mail box was refurbished and replanted. Thanks are in order to the Thayers, George Zipparo and Marika Hahn. The gardeners did a great job planting both their own plants and the replacement plants supplied by the Spring Valley Water Company. There's still room for more though—so if you've got a plant or a bush you'd like to donate—please plant away!

We're also eagerly anticipating Ann Brookes' renovation of the garden right outside of the post office. What a great idea. Thanks to Ann in advance!

Both gardens will need weeding—any takers?

Pat Lindgren

9W Driving Range Changes its Story

Applies for 410-Foot Long Double-Decker

Days after telling a 10964 reporter, "I know I can't" build a two-story driving structure "because this is a residential zone as well as a historic area," Jin K. Shin filed an application for a 32-foot high structure to expand the number of tees from 49 to 88 at the 9W Golf Range, recently purchased by C & L Golf, Inc., of which he is president.

The application, prepared by Adler & Young, engineers, planners and landscape architects of Nanuet, under the direction of Nyack attorney Jerome Johnson, requests approval of a building 32 feet tall, 410 feet long and 50 feet wide, with the parking area more than doubled to provide 128 spaces.

The application does not specify what use is proposed for the 30 or more feet of depth that would not be

required for driving platforms and corridors.

According to the Full Environmental Assessment Form required by State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), the project would represent an 80 percent expansion and would generate a maximum of 200 vehicular trips per hour. It would require site plan approval from the Orangetown Planning Board, a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and approvals from both the Historic Areas and the Architectural and Community Appearance Boards of Review as well as the County Planning Board and the State Department of Transportation.

The first hearing at which Palisadians may express their views and concerns will be the Planning Board session of June 12 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbush School building in Orangeburg.

The range is located in an R40

zoning district, which would allow subdivision of the 15.31-acre property into 14 single-family home lots, according to the application. Since the property was already in use as a golf range when the R40 zoning was adopted more than 30 years ago, it qualifies as a "prior existing nonconforming use." Uninterrupted continuation of such a use is permitted, but expansion up to a maximum of 25 percent is permitted only if the ZBA grants a special permit.

Earlier this year, the Planning Board rejected a plan for a double-deck structure at a new golf range proposed for Route 303, Tappan, near Palisades Interstate Parkway exit 5. Although that property lies in an LI zoning district, in which a golf range is permitted by right, the board held that a multi-story range is not allowed by the town's zoning ordinance. The applicant did not appeal.

Andrew E. Norman

Hudson River Defense League

The Grandview Village Hall was packed for the Hudson River Defense League's Annual General Meeting. The featured speaker was Martin Huss, Project Manager for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Rail Crossing Project for the MTA. Among the outspoken audience there were numerous officials representing Hudson villages on both banks of the Hudson.

The MTA has commissioned a long-term study of potential Hudson River crossing sites. The MTA has undertaken this study (with several million dollars of State money) independently of any other local or regional authority. During the discussion with Mr. Huss and some of his colleagues present it transpired that there are three basic rationales for considering such a crossing: 1) Grand Central Terminal is underutilized because Amtrak has switched its operations to Penn Station; 2) MTA anticipates a steadily

increasing volume of Rockland-Westchester traffic as a result of the I-87 link to the Thruway, the development of Stewart Airport, the very fast growth in Orange County, and the growth of Westchester as an employment magnet; 3) the MTA feels that a rail link between Orange/Rockland/Bergen counties and Westchester is a logical element of its regional rail network.

Mr. Huss stated that the MTA reckons that the construction of a rail bridge or tunnel will take some twenty years. Numerous sites are under consideration, including a tunnel under Palisades, beginning at the Palisades Interstate Parkway; the railroad would approach the tunnel along the PIP. (See Palisades Civic Association report, page 3) However, other sites appear more likely, the leading candidates being Nyack—along the New York State Thruway and then alongside the Tappan Zee

Bridge—or much further north, nearer Stewart Airport, at Newburgh.

The MTA is also considering a revival of the West Shore Railroad, to a refurbished terminal at Secaucus, but Mr. Huss noted that the New Jersey authorities have been beset by financial problems, and have not been enthusiastic in their support, since such through traffic will not be of great benefit to New Jersey.

The League position on the issue will be elaborated in a forthcoming League newsletter. The League welcomes suggestions and participation, and depends on contributions from the community. Tax deductible contributions should be made out to the Hudson River Defense League and sent to Stephen Hickey, Treasurer, Hudson River Defense League, P.O. Box 606, Nyack, NY 10960.

Roger Jellinek, (ex)Trustee

PTA Urges Voters to Say "Yes" on June 5

After months of discussion, debate, speculation and endless meetings, the South Orangetown School Board has completed the proposed 1991-92 School Budget. This year's budget has been of considerable concern to many parents and teachers in the district because of the possibility of the loss of many programs due to the reduction in state aid to our district. Although the state originally threatened a 70 percent decrease in aid, which would have been \$4.8 million, at this point we are expecting between \$1.4 million and \$2.4 million less in state aid. With this type of decrease it becomes very difficult to maintain the quality of education that the parents and students have come to expect in South Orangetown. However, the Board of Education and the PTA feel that the new proposed budget will allow us to offer our children the same exceptional educational programs as in the past.

According to PTA Council President-elect Ethan Scher of Palisades, "A yes vote on June 5 is a vote of confidence for our children." Mr. Scher stated that this budget will allow us to continue busing our public and parochial school children, continue the successful Kindergarten Plus program, maintain the programs at the high school level, and continue the stabilization of the middle school as a separate entity. "Our children are the future of America, so the PTA is standing behind this budget and urging all voters to vote yes for their education," said Mr. Scher.

In order to minimize a tax increase, district expenses had to be reduced considerably. To begin with, administrative costs were cut by 3.6 percent. The transportation budget was reduced by cancelling the purchase of one new bus and making transportation more compact. The maximum bus route time will now be 45 minutes as opposed to 30 minutes in the past. The teaching staff was cut at the high school level, primarily in class situations where as few as 7 to 10 students were enrolled. According to Geraldine Miras, President of the Board of Education and Palisades resident, three more elementary school teachers will be added in the new budget. "Class size should not be increased, especially in the primary grades where children are learning to read. It is very important for these children to have as much individual attention as possible," stated Miras.

In the case that the budget is rejected, an austerity budget would be put in place. This austerity budget would limit busing, discontinue all after school activities including sports, discontinue the SEEC program, close schools at 3 p.m. prohibiting any meetings whatsoever during the evenings and greatly affect the instructional environment in our schools.

Although the proposed \$31 million budget (a \$1 million increase over last year) would increase taxes 7 percent, if the budget were rejected the tax increase would still be 4 percent. Therefore, the difference between this budget and an austerity budget is only a 3 percent tax increase.

Palisades is in Election District #4 and voting will take place on Wednesday, June 5 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the Tappan Zee Elementary School, Route 9W, Piermont, N. Y.

If you have any questions regarding the budget, contact Geraldine Miras at 359-1720 or Ethan Scher at 359-8250.

Judy Zehentner

College Class of 1991

Here are the Palisadians who are graduating from college this spring. We hope that no one was omitted. If you know of someone we missed, please let us know so we can correct the omission.

Andy Boose, Jr.	Amherst
Nikolas Elevitch	Yale
Theresa Guiney	Fordham
Hillary Lo	SUNY New Paltz
Katherine McIntyre	Columbia
Gregory Olsen	SUNY

	Binghamton
Patricia Sullivan	Dominican
Nancy Vlahos	RCC

(Nancy will be graduating in the fall and going on to SUNY Purchase.)

On behalf of the Palisades community, congratulations to each of you.

Presbyterian Church

The Strawberry Festival, held on the manse lawn on Washington Sprig Road, will be Saturday, June 15, from 3 to 7 p.m. All are invited to come for old-fashioned strawberry shortcake, ice cream, balloons, fresh flowers and the pocket lady.

Sunday School concludes on June 16. On June 30, we will have teacher recognition, graduation, and an all-church picnic to celebrate.

The summer services begin Sunday, July 7, with worship at Tulipwood at 10 a.m. There is one Sunday service at 10 a.m. throughout the summer. Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. resume on September 8.

We still accept donations of summer clothes, clean and in good condition for ROCAC, and donations of canned and packaged food for the food cupboard.

Farewell to the Jellinek Family

Roger Jellinek fell in love with Palisades 20 years ago and Eden-Lee married into the community in 1984. Mark came of age in Palisades, and both Claire and Everett Peter were born here. Over the years they have built enduring friendships, spanning several generations, and have actively involved themselves in the community. It is with great sadness all their friends bid them a fond fare-thee-well, and it is with great happiness we wish them all good luck in their peripatetic adventures to come.

When Roger and his first wife Margherita and their four year old son Mark moved to Palisades 20 years ago, Roger, who had been Deputy Editor of the *New York Times Book Review*, soon moved on to become Editor-in-Chief at the New York Times Book Company. Ten years later, now a freelance editor and publisher, he established his own company, Clairemark, Ltd., where he edited the *Lamont Yearbook* and developed, edited and published the *Lamont Newsletter*, a frontline geoscience update circulating to 4,000 scientists around the globe. Among Roger's other projects is the editing of Ron Redfern's *Corridors of Time* and *The Making of a Continent* which became the basis of a 6-part PBS television series. He and Redfern have just finished their newest project, a book seven years in the making, modestly titled

Origin of The Western World which covers seven hundred million years of tectonic and evolutionary history of the North Atlantic region. It will be published next year.

A firm believer in taking an active role in the community, Roger has served eight years as a trustee of the Palisades Free Library and also as the Vice-President of the Rockland Center for the Arts board. While at RCA he shepherded through the strategic plan for the Center's expansion and created the *Arts of Biography* series. Roger also serves on the Hudson River Defense League and has been President of the Palisades Newsletter 10964 corporation since its inception.

Eden-Lee Murray attended Harvard, worked as an actress in New York City in Off-Broadway shows and went on for her MFA in Acting and Directing at the University of Missouri before moving permanently to Palisades. Once here she threw herself into community life with gusto. Among her many activities she has sung in the Palisades Church choir, helped to organize the Palisades Arts Fair, and taught exercise classes. Eden-Lee has also made her mark in Rockland County theatre. She began by taking the position of acting coach for the South Orangetown Middle School production of *As You*

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Memorial for Palisades Author

On learning of the passing of Bentz Plageman, 10964 asked former Palisadian Bob Burcaw if he would share with us some thoughts about his friend. Here are excerpts from the eulogy Bob delivered at the Memorial Service in the Palisades Presbyterian Church on February 11, 1991.

To speak of Bentz Plageman, better known as Bill to his many friends, is to speak of courage, moral strength, and an unwillingness to accept defeat! Bill was possessed of an ingrained capacity for meeting stress, disappointment and difficulty. Bill was all this and more.

Having known him for more than 40 years, Lois and I grew to love this many-faceted man, possessed of tal-

ents and social graces which set him apart from the commonplace. We came to know him early on as our neighbor and with a common bond. Bill was stricken with polio during World War II on a Navy ship in the Mediterranean, and our family was hit with polio that same year while I was on duty with the Navy at Norfolk.

We recall his active community ties as a trustee of our local library, serving as an elder and clerk of session here in the Presbyterian Church, singing with the choir and teaching a Sunday School class of high school students. Despite his handicap he persisted in being involved in so many local community affairs, sharing his talents and the hospitality of his lovely home.

What a memorable final chapter in his professional career for Bill to have finished his recent book, *An American Past*. To quote a review of this book, "In a sense, Bentz Plageman has been writing this book all his life; for it is the story of his life, and in telling it he recaptures, not only his past, as the book's title states, but also the past of America as well. What shines through these pages is one man's belief in himself, his conviction that anything is possible for the person who refuses to accept either pity or defeat. Since the past is indeed prologue to the present, here is the story of how both family and experience shaped a life filled with joy and tragedy—and how, in the end joy won out!"

Bob Burcaw

PALISADES ARTS FAIR

Calling all artists, crafters, musicians and performers! Whether you knit, write, wood-work, sew, bake, sculpt, paint, print, weave, shoot, quilt, act, dance, sing, strum or pot, you are welcome to join in the 3rd Annual Palisades Arts Fair! Tell your friends because this will be the last announcement in 1964. In search of warm weather, the fair will be earlier than ever this fall. It is being held behind the Palisades Presbyterian Church on September 21. Rain or Shine.

Every year the fair expands its scope of creativity. Last year martial arts and filmmaking were added. This year the sanctuary will be reserved for screenings of local film and video makers' works. Whatever your contribution, feel free to volunteer or add to the variety of activities planned.

Last year's fair was a great success despite the clouds and an early shower that threatened to dampen the spirit of the festivities. To take the chill off there were warm helpings of delicious corn bread and steaming soup. The Parish House became both art gallery and bazaar as everyone wandered through the maze of walls and tables filled with the works of their neighbors and friends. In all, 50 artists and crafts people participated and the variety was staggering. Photographer Milbry Polk's mystical Middle Eastern landscapes and Diana Green's beautiful black and white portraits mingled with Jane

Herrold's pottery, Alan Hale's photo realistic watercolors, Carolyn Poole Turoff's paper sculpture, Nancy Quaglia's fashions and my broken pottery mirrors. (I loved the tips I got on where to find ancient chards along the river banks.)

As soon as the weather cleared, the lawn behind the Parish House became a stage for Cristina Biaggi's Tae Kwon Do demonstration and Fred Little's Aikido pas de deux.

The schedule of events for the upcoming fair includes a Friday night set-up for the inside art needing to be hung and a Saturday morning breakfast for the artists and volunteers between 8:30 and 9:30. The fair opens at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Performances will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$10 registration fee that includes all costs. Work can be sold or just exhibited. For further information call Diana Green at 359-8137 or Milbry Polk at 359-0297. If you want to perform, call Virginia Dare at 359-3667.

Planned activities for the younger crowd are always popular. This year, in addition to the traditional face-painting and juggling, Megan Thomsen is planning some art games for the youngsters.

Come and celebrate with your fellow Palisadians in a day of discovery and merriment meant for one and all.

Kathryn Matheson



the Slow Down Café



There's a new place in Nyack to gather and enjoy musical and theatrical entertainment that is an alternative to the bar scene. It's called the *Slow Down Cafe Eco-Coffeehouse* and is located at the new Nyack Center on South Broadway. The *Slow Down* is 60s style coffeehouse with mostly acoustic acts in a non-toxic environment and attracts top notch local talent as well as performers from as far away as Seattle, Washington. The accent is on folk music, but those lovers of jazz, blues, classical, musical theatre, poetry, and stand-up comedy will be served. The candle-lit atmosphere is congenial with small round tables and comfortable chairs. A variety of non-alcoholic beverages

are served along with homemade refreshments.

Virginia Dare, Palisades resident and founder and coordinator of the cafe, hopes the entertainment and surroundings will help people to "slow down" and socialize without the usual inebriates and smoke one finds in bars. The underlying theme of the "Eco"-coffeehouse is that of "respect for the environment and ourselves," and Virginia plans to build a library on Hudson River ecology that guests of the cafe can dip into. Just like Wetlands in New York City, she invites environmental groups to think of the *Slow Down* as a place to disperse informational literature and visual aids. Eventually Virginia

hopes to have a *Slow Down Cafe* for children and teens at the Nyack Center; meanwhile, they are welcome now.

The coffeehouse has performances on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month from 8 to 12 p.m., and donations of \$7 are asked. The cafe, which was previously housed at the New Age Center, has larger quarters in its new space at the Nyack Center. Entrance to the *Slow Down* is at the rear of the old white Presbyterian church on the corner of South Broadway and Depew Avenue. For more information call 365-3193: if an answering machine responds, please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you.

Bette Castro: Poet

It is always a happy life lesson to discover extra dimensions in someone we have known for a long time and about whom we think we know all there is to know. Case in point: Bette Woolsey Castro, longtime Palisades resident and busy wife and helpmate of Nash Castro (recently retired Executive Director of the Palisades Park Commission). We have taken cooking classes with her, shared in book reading clubs with her, been guests at her gracious parties, and spent hurried moments at the post office with her chatting about local events.

But did we neighbors and friends also know that here is an artist, a poet, a lover of words, a sender of magical messages?

There are some people for whom poetry is magic, carrying them into otherwise inaccessible private dream worlds and mindscapes. The poetry becomes magic in the hands of artists who can bring their exquisite and unique visions to us, gaining access for us into beautiful worlds of awareness we did not have before.

Such a poet is Bette Castro, and her inspiration is the wildflower. You must read *The Wildflower*. It is Bette's first collection of poetry, 30

poems in all, and we are transported to the Tetons, to Martha's Vineyard, to the desert. We experience the seasons, we come to understand the nature of wildflowers—"God's needlepoint," as Bette calls them—the heart and soul of them, the wonder of them.

It is a small book. The illustrations adorning it and accompanying each wildflower poem are by Marjorie Stodgell and are themselves worth the price of the book. Royalties from the sale of the book (\$9.95) are being donated to the National Wildflower Research Center in Texas, an organization conceived by Lady Bird Johnson and Nash Castro and founded by Mrs. Johnson in 1982. Its first president was Nash Castro and later on Helen Hayes came aboard as co-chairman because of her great love of natural beauty and flowers. In fact, *The Wildflower* has an introduction by Mrs. Johnson and a Foreword by Mrs. Hayes, both of which add to the book's delight and meaningfulness.

Bette Castro comes by her poetic bent honestly, for her father wrote verse for the local newspaper where she grew up in Tucson, Arizona. "It was there," she says, "I learned the

beauty and poetry of desert wildflowers." Bette has been creating poetry since childhood. She studied Spanish and English literature at the University of Arizona where her lit. professor taught her to love the poetry of Shakespeare, Shelley and Keats.

Bette is already working on a children's book of poems, whimsical, humorous, and educational as well. The subject? Flowers, of course, and their often funny names. For example, one is called "Dutchman's Britches," and it is enchanting.

Bette writes about all aspects of her life, for she is a poet and this is her form of expression—about gratitude, and farewells, about the old cherry tree on Oak Tree Road, about Nash and his garden. Whether or not Bette Woolsey Castro realizes it, she is not only a homemaker, mother of Kim and Kristen, grandmother of seven, and wife of Nash, but an accomplished and professional poet.

Leslie Price Hayes

Wildflowers of Hawaii

The winds of heaven blew,
Covering an island with blossoms —
Orchids, plumeria, pikake
For the goddess Pele

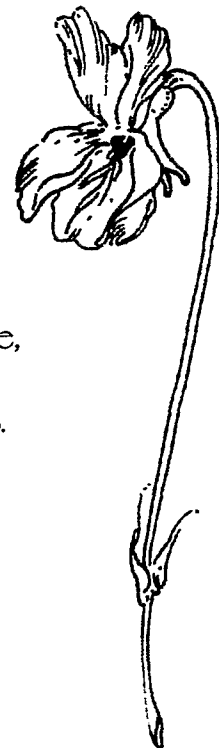
Winds stirred the ohias,
Filing the air
With island perfume,
Carrying bird song
In tones of tropic life,

Telling of ancient rhythms and customs,
The melding of old and new:

Ginger so white,
Speaking of love and virtue,
Ginger so red,
Speaking of fire and stress.

O blossoms of the island,
Let your magic spread
To touch the heart of man!

Bette Woolsey Castro



Library P



Two happy girls enjoy some Plant Sale goodies.

Brielle Ewig makes a selection from the used books.



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Plant Sale

Photos by Eric DiCarlo

Jane Herold makes a sale.



John Fawcett mans his additional post behind the grill. Yum!



Palisades Free Library

Bee a Book Bug at the Palisades Library

Children are warmly invited to take part in a variety of fun programs based on the theme of insects, those amazing ubiquitous creatures that share the planet with us.

Monday, June 24, 3 p.m. Bee a Book Bug summer reading game begins. Bee there!

July 10, 17, 24, 31, 3:15 p.m. Preschool story hours featuring insect stories, games, and songs.

July 10, 4:30 p.m., ages 7 through 9. Create an insect mobile.

July 17, 4:40 p.m., ages K through 6.

Guest presentation by Andy Turner of Co-operative Extension will introduce children to the wonders of the insect world. Participants will get a close look at the exotic insect species that live right here in Rockland County in fields, ponds and streams!

July 24, 4:30 p.m., ages 7 through 11. A fun game of Insect Bingo with little prizes for all.

July 31, 4:30 p.m., ages 3 through 6. Teddy Bear's picnic for children, complete with the "ants" and other small, casual surprises. Includes refreshments. Child should bring a teddy bear or other beloved stuffed animal.

September 4. Bee a Book Bug reading game ends. Party for all participants.

Registration is essential for all July programs, as space is limited. Please sign up in advance.

Summer Special for Children

A Reading Adventure with Eden-Lee Jellinek for youngsters, grades 1 through 3, July 8, 9, 10, 11 at 7:30 p.m. Please register.

Summer Special for Adults

The story of the making of a spectacular new 1992 book that distills the tectonic and evolutionary natural history of the Western World, from 700 million years ago to the discoveries of Columbus, will be presented by the book's editor, Roger Jellinek, on Sunday, June 23, at 4 p.m. at the Library. *The Origin of the Western World*, an atlas-sized book was

photographed and written by Ron Redfern, author of *Corridors of Time*, and *The Making of a Continent* (which was also the basis of a BBC/PBS television series). The panoramic photography was taken all round the North Atlantic region and is complemented by superb graphics and a pathbreaking design. Developed at a cost of almost a million dollars, *The Origin of the Western World* is quite possibly the most ambitious illustrated book produced in the last ten years. The book is to be published internationally in 1992—and in the U. S. by Alfred A. Knopf.



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Castro	<i>The Wildflower</i>
Clifford	<i>Counsel to the President</i>
Harrison	<i>Artwalks in New York</i>
Lax	<i>Woody Allen</i>
Reston	<i>Collision at Home Plate</i>
Richardson	<i>Life of Picasso</i>

New Fiction

Archer	<i>As the Crow Flies</i>
	<i>Best American Essays, 1990</i>
Brookner	<i>Brief Lives</i>
Helprin	<i>Soldier of the Great War</i>
Kundera	<i>Immortality</i>
Lee	<i>China Boy</i>
Roiphe	<i>Pursuit of Happiness</i>
Tan	<i>Kitchen God's Wife</i>
Whitney	<i>Woman Without a Past</i>

Britter-Parton Memorial Collection

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Merot	<i>Nicolas Poussin</i>
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Parau	<i>Picasso Cubism 1907-1917</i>

Centennial Celebration

The Palisades Free Library Centennial celebration will take place Sunday, June 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Palisades at the home of Dr. Jeffrey and Lynne Sandhaus, often referred to as the "Old Library." There will be a brief program, and refreshments will be served. The entire community is cordially invited. Please use the entrance on Route 9W directly across from Yonderhill.

Library Summer Schedule Beginning June 1

Monday-Wednesday
3 to 9 p.m.

Thursday
10 a.m. to noon 3 to 9 p.m.

Friday
3 to 5 p.m.

Saturday 2 to 5 p.m.
Sunday hours resume
Sept. 15, 2 to 4 p.m.

Library Launches "Summer Home Entertainment Bonanza" Fund Raising Drive!

For the next three months, Palisadians and their friends will have the chance to win an Aiwa Digital Mini Stereo System (\$600 retail value), a Konica 35mm Camera (\$290 retail value), or a complete set of Fun Phones (with neon lights and sound effects built-in; a \$150 value). All they have to do is drop by the library and enter the "Summer Home Entertainment Bonanza" now being launched as part of the library expansion fund raising program.

Each ticket costs just \$5, and there's no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased at any one time! The products are being donated by each company, which means that all of the proceeds will go directly to the building expansion effort. The Bonanza will run all through the summer. The lucky winners will be selected at random at the Fall 1991 Plant Sale.

So, what are you waiting for? Spread the word and make it a point to drop by the library and purchase tickets today!



To Reserve the Center call
Irene Frederick at 359-3194.

Fifteen Hundred Thanks!

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of 41 Palisadians who donated \$1,542 in response to our request for support in last month's 10964. Specifically, we sincerely thank:

The kind person who donated \$5. The seven neat folks who gave \$10. The two nice people who gave \$15. The four patrons who gave \$20. The careful reader who gave \$22. The eighteen thoughtful individuals who gave \$25. The worthy person who gave \$45. The three fantastic contributors who gave \$50. The four outstanding folks who gave \$100. And the wonderful person who gave the Center \$300.

In light of the great generosity of these 41 Palisadians, who gave on average nearly \$40 each, we are sorry to report that less than 10% of Palisadians have contributed this year towards our minimum budget of \$8,000 and that we may be forced to find an alternative means of financing the Center.

John Converse

5-Mile Run: Come out and see your friends and neighbors competing in the 5-mile run Sunday, June 2 starting at 9 A.M. at the Community Center. For further information contact Kim Miller at 359-6305.

Rummage Sale: A rummage sale to benefit the Community Center will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9. Donations of sale items are needed. For further information contact Janis Cavanagh at 359-1026.

Teen Club News: The night of April 15 was cold and rainy. Dismal weather didn't stop Tien Barreto, Jake Seidler, Samantha Hahn, Jean-Christophe Jouas and Joe DiChristina from venturing out to the community center to form the new Palisades Teen Club.

At this initial meeting, it was decided to launch a word-of-mouth membership campaign. The Teen Club re-grouped on the following Friday of April 19. The ranks then swelled to eight with the addition of Sean Driscoll who arrived on his bicycle, Billy Lowerree and Ara Dymond.

Janis and Joel Cavanagh made a very generous gift of an excellent ping-pong table, a great sounding stereo and some games. The large table was expertly transported by Diana Green.

The members enjoyed hanging out, playing lots of pong, listening to cool music and doing some major snacking. Kim Miller dropped by. Everyone joined in making some fine posters to announce the upcoming 5 mile run on June 2.

Before breaking up for the evening, a date was set for the next meeting in May. The Palisades Teen Club is off to a great start.

Lewis Hahn

...Farewell Jellineks

Like It, which led to a long and happy association with Jean Brock at the Middle School and the Tappan Zee High School. Over the last six years, Eden-Lee has served as acting coach for seven productions ending with *The King and I* this spring. Continuing her own acting career, Eden-Lee starred in *Wild Oats* at Penguin Repertory in Stony Point and has had leading roles in five mysteries over the last two years at the Boulderberg Manor in Tomkins Cove. She has also taught improvisation and theatre games at SUNY Purchase.

Although Claire and Mark Jellinek both attended Rockland County schools, Claire is currently finishing her high school senior year in Denmark with the American Field Service Program where she was singled out as being the first AFS student in her school to execute her

homework and write her final papers completely in Danish. Mark graduated in 1990 from Hamilton College, Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude in Geology and History and spent last winter with the Breckenridge Ski Team. He is now deciding between whitewater rafting and graduate school in geoscience. Both Claire and Mark will reside in Piermont where Margherita has recently purchased a house.

Meanwhile, Eden-Lee, Everett Peter and Roger are off on a real adventure. After summer in Maine, fall will find them in Washington, D. C. working on two books by a high-ranking KGB defector, tentatively titled *The Keep* and *The Escape*. When that project is finished, it will be on to Hawaii where Roger will begin work on the BIG BOOK, a sequel to *The Origin of the Western World*. Eden-Lee plans to link up

with the University of Hawaii, teach improvisation, and cull a company, starting a professional theatre.

In parting, Eden-Lee says, "When I came to Palisades, I was a stranger. People here opened their arms to me. For that I will always be grateful." Roger, on leaving, wants to call Palisadian's attention to Lamont, a world-class institution, urging them to take a more active interest in it. "Perhaps Lamont can enrich other people's lives as it has mine." They both hope we will welcome the new owners of their house, Steve and Courtney Ross, as well as Courtney's sister Lynsey Lonberg and her husband Matt, son Zachary and new daughter Cheney who are moving into the Haagensen house this summer.

Roger and Eden-Lee promise to keep in touch, perhaps even with updates to 10964. Everett Peter, now 2 1/2 years old, has the last word: "Goodbye Palisades, it's been GRRRRRREAT!!!!"

Milbry Polk

Rockland Center for the Arts

Members Exhibit Work

Members of the Center will display their art work June 9 through 21 in the Center's Emerson Gallery at 27 S. Greenbush Road in West Nyack. Many of the artists will be on hand to meet the public at the opening reception on June 9 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Works in various media including oil, acrylic and water color paintings and drawings, mixed media pieces, sculpture, ceramics, glass and jewelry will be displayed. Many of the pieces

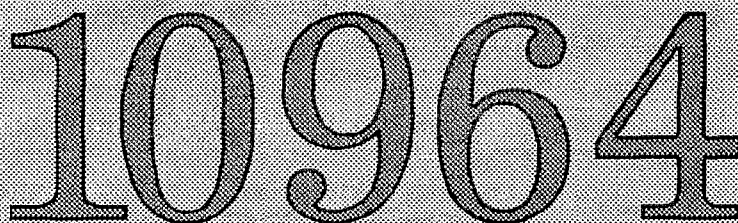
will be available for purchase. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. week days and Saturdays and on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Concurrent with the Members' Exhibit, the Center's Studio gallery will show the works of Nyack High School's 12th grade advancement placement art students and selected works of Nyack's 9th grade interdisciplinary global studies students.

Extra Session of Woodblock Printing Workshop

Because of popular demand, Mr. Keiji Shinohara, a master artist schooled in the ancient art of Japanese woodblock printing, will return for a workshop on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call the Center at 358-0877 for registration information and details. A limited number of openings is available.

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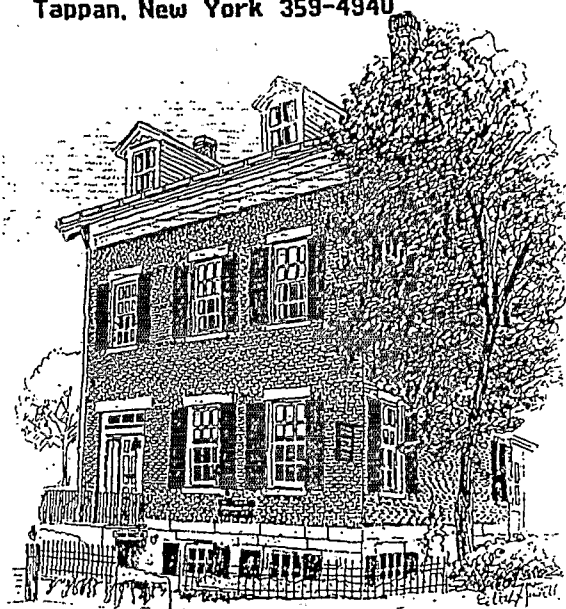


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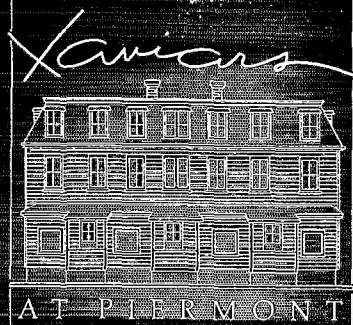
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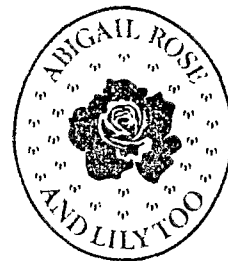
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special recognition is in order to Lori DiGiacomo who has served as Treasurer of our newsletter for the past four years. Lori has handed the treasury over to Gina Vermandel, but she will continue working with us in other ways. Finally, we are grateful to Arthur Firestone who has assisted us this past season in our mailing of the newsletter. Thanks to you all.

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The exhibit may be seen in the ground floor indoor garden area and public space of Blue Hill Plaza, Pearl River, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Births

10964 staff-member Lori and Ralph and brother Daniel welcome Steven Michael DiGiacomo who arrived on May 7.

Congratulations and all good wishes!