

10964

The Palisades Newsletter

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Holiday Giving



In 1990, the staff of 10964 issued the first Holiday Appeal to Palisadians, bringing to your attention some special needs of children and of individual families of which we were aware. The generous response to that and subsequent annual appeals prompts us to once again offer you the opportunity to share the holiday spirit.

Gifts from Family to Family

For the past year my family has been involved in the Box Project, an organization based in Connecticut that pairs two families. Our sister family lives in a trailer in Mississippi, and we send them a box monthly consisting of clothing, food, household items and/or school supplies. They write back each month telling us of specific needs.

The family consists of two sisters and their six children. There are three boys, ages 10, 6 and 1 year and three girls, ages 5, 4 and 3. The women are both size 13-14. If anyone is interested in contributing seasonal items on a monthly basis, please call Margie Goldstein at 359-5177. We are planning to send a Christmas box and would like to send gifts for all. — Margie Goldstein

Children at Martin Luther King Center

This year the 10964 staff decided to look for a group of children within Rockland County who needed help. We spoke with Rev. Laurie Ferguson of the Palisades Church, asking her about local programs which benefited children, and she was very enthusiastic about the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center in Spring Valley, the work being done there, and its Director, Stella Marrs. After a visit to the Center and a tour by Stella (a warm, gray-haired woman with a brilliant smile who exuded vigor, competence, and determination), we left as much a supporter as Laurie and just as sure that what was being done there will make a difference.

The afternoon we arrived at the Center, a one-story modern building located in a residential community of small houses, it was overflowing with people and their children. Young women

were there for pre-natal care, fathers and mothers were arriving with their infants, and women and children were waiting in the large reading room for the arrival of social workers from the Rockland County Dept. of Social Services who come at scheduled times to bring a wide range of programs and help to the community. Stella explained that the Center brings in educational and practical help from many Rockland County sources for infants, children, teen-agers, adults and senior citizens. Some 2,000 families are served here, and they average 30,000 visits in a year, which includes 9,000 women, infants and children. This is all accomplished with only one full-time person, Stella, plus part-time people and volunteers. "But our crying need is for help in

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Palisadians Back Their Own Plus Vanderhoef, Haugh, Bohner, Garvey

Palisades stuck by its own on November 2, giving strong backing to former resident Roger Pellegrini, native Palisadian Phillip Murphy and 22-year resident Eileen Larkin.

Pellegrini's 154-vote margin in Districts 12 and 50 could not offset defections elsewhere, as he lost his bid for a third two-year term as Supervisor to Tappan Republican Jack Cassidy by 53 votes (7,599 to 7,652), according to final, unofficial Board of Election figures that included absentee votes. Pellegrini swept Palisades by 364 to 210, about a 2 percent slippage from his 65.7 percent in 1991, and an even bigger drop from his 71 percent in 1989.

Larkin's 295 votes in Palisades put her well ahead of her Republican running mate Robert Bergman (195) as well as incumbent Democrat Marilyn Rose (274), but 23 behind Murphy's impressive 318. The rest of Orangetown was completely out of step: Bergman 8,059; Larkin 7,943; Rose 6,863 and Murphy 5,721.

The tradition that any Republican who carries Palisades wins election was maintained in the races for County Executive, Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes and Town Justice.

C. Scott Vanderhoef beat two-term County Executive John Grant here by 270 (47.4 percent) to 227 (39.8 percent), with 59 votes (10.4 percent) for Assemblyman Sam Colman on the Liberal Party line and 14 (2.4 percent) for Rabbi David Eidensohn, Right-to-Life. Vanderhoef swamped Grant in Orangetown 60 percent to 30 percent, Colman 7 percent, Eidensohn 3 percent. The county-wide tally was a bit closer: 56 percent, 36.5 percent, 5 percent, 2.6 percent. Four years ago, when Grant was reelected in a landslide, Palisades gave him 68 percent of its votes.

Interestingly, although Eidensohn, with his free-swinging opinions on a variety of subjects, attracted far more attention than any previous RTL candidate, he trailed the RTL line throughout the county. In Palisades, he garnered only 14 votes while other RTL candidates ranged from 21 (Michael Walker, running for Town Board against Bergman) to 44 (Mary Walker, running against District Attorney Kenneth Gribetz, who was re-

nominated by the other four parties).

Town Clerk Patricia Haugh, whose residence on Van Terrace, Sparkill, puts her a street-width outside District 12, carried Palisades with 323 votes to 212 for Marilyn Troy, the non-active Democratic nominee. Eileen Bohner was endorsed by Palisades for another term as Receiver of Taxes by 291 to 258 for Democratic candidate Kuruvilla Cherian. Orangetown figures were: Haugh 9,654, Troy 4,714; Bohner 9,372, Cherian 5,139. In 1989, Bohner lost Palisades by 46 votes and Haugh, who had no opponent, received only 264 votes from 609 voters.

John Hekker, who was appointed to a Town Justice vacancy earlier this year, lost his bid for election. Margaret Garvey (R-C-RTL) nosed him out in Palisades by 256 to 251 and Town-wide by 8,414 to 6,532.

For County Legislator, Democrats Margaret Holihan (299) and Irving Feiner (269) carried Palisades over incumbents John Murphy and Patrick Moroney (244 each), but Murphy and Moroney, Republicans with Conservative and Right-to-Life endorsements, were reelected with 9,675 and 9,047 votes to Holihan's 5,580 and Feiner's 4,857. Irwin Stelzer, nominated instead of Feiner on an "Orangetown Independents" line that otherwise echoed the Democratic line, received three votes in Palisades and 292 in Orangetown.

Three candidates were endorsed for reelection by four parties. The line-by-line votes in Palisades were: Democrats for Surrogate Judge Alfred Weiner 271, for District Attorney Kenneth Gribetz 269, for County Clerk Edward Gorman 263; Republicans, in the same order, 165, 163 and 162; Conservatives 26, 26 and 27; Liberals 5, 20 and 21. Right-to-Life candidates opposed Gribetz and Gorman, receiving 44 (Mary Walker) and 33 votes (Eileen Peterson).

The party breakdown of hamlet voting for three Supreme Court seats was so similar to the above that I will omit it, except to report that New City attorney Ellen Holtzman ran way ahead with 335 votes to 262 and 269 for the other two

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...HOLIDAY GIVING

our After-School Program," Stella said, and led us to the other half of the building which is devoted to children, grades K-6, where the teacher was getting ready for the arrival of the children. As we talked in the large, well-kept, and attractive room with large windows, small chairs and tables, pictures, exhibits, and books, Stella explained that the After-School Program has space for 60 children, but because of a funding cut-back in 1991-92, can only pay salaries for 40. Their New York State Day-Care license does not allow for more children unless more staff is hired. At present, no staff receives health insurance or benefits; salaries are in a minimum range. "There is a long waiting list," Stella told us, "and if we can bring in only a few more children, those will be children saved."

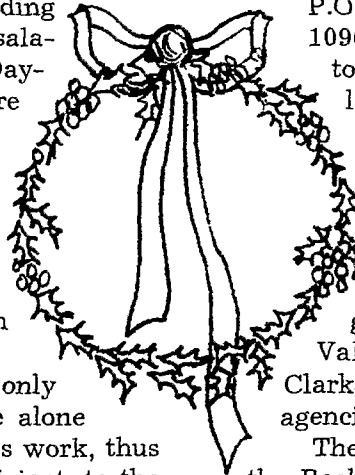
The After-School Program not only provides that children will not be alone while their single parent or parents work, thus enabling the family to be self-sufficient, to the children it gives homework assistance, supervised educational and recreational opportunities and field trips. The staff works closely with local schools on the children's behalf, and with health educators from the County Health and Mental Health Departments and the Ramapo Counseling Center. One of the Center's primary aims is to promote self-esteem, personal achievement and responsibility, and to educate children regarding conflict resolution skills. Children who participate in the program are referred by the Department of Social Services or recruited by the Center.

Along with Stella, we would like to see those 20 vacant places filled in the After-School Program at the Martin Luther King Center. We hope you will respond during this 'giving' season by writing a check to "Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center," designating after the Memo space, "After-School Program." Checks should be mailed to Carol Elevitch, 10964 Newsletter, P.O. Box 201, Palisades, New York, 10964. Your donations will be delivered to the Center with a 'Happy Holidays' letter from the residents of 10964.

The Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center, 110 Bethune Blvd., Spring Valley, is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and part of Saturday. It receives support from the Rockland County government, the village of Spring Valley, the towns of Ramapo and Clarkstown, numerous public and private agencies and caring individuals.

The Center was established in 1966 by the Rockland County Conference on Religion and Race. The goal was to fill an educational and cultural void that existed in the "hill" section of the Village of Spring Valley. The Center works to perpetuate Dr. King's ideals of non-violence, social justice, and equality by struggling to ameliorate the effects of the psychosocial and economic problems that plague low income, particularly minority communities in our society.

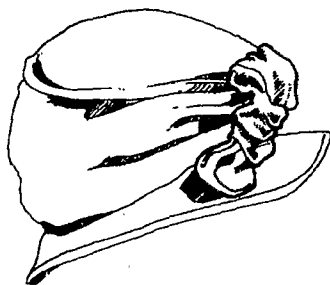
For a printed brochure which describes services and programs offered by the Center and includes the Board of Directors and Advisory Board, call 425-8910.



Democrats. I do not have figures on the 9th Judicial District, but it has been announced that the winners were Joseph Owen and Stony Point Town Justice William Sherwood, both R-C-RTL, and Westchester Judge Anthony Scarpino, Democrat. Incumbent Justice Vincent Gurahian, a Republican endorsed by the Conservative Party but opposed by a Right-to-Life candidate, lost his seat by a narrow margin.

Barely half of Palisades voters balloted on three Constitutional amendments, and a majority of them pushed the NO levers. Relaxing the time limits on certain municipal bonds went down 157 to 161, allowing "zero coupon" bonds succumbed by 152 to 172, and extending the exemption of sewer debt from the municipal debt limit crashed by 58 to 187.

Andrew E. Norman



The *Hat Book* by Palisadians Rodney Smith and Leslie Smolan, is a real class act. Not only is the book a "must have" for every household but the story of the book is true romance.

The beret-sized book comes bound with a bright red hat band. It features the technically perfect, beautifully composed and often whimsically posed black and white photographs of Roddy Smith. The photographs all feature hats: at rest on walls, at play on children, at work on models, at leisure in sport. Of the 75 photographs in the book, 19 were shot in Palisades. Most prominently featured locals are Dick and Debbie Sears.

The design of the book is Leslie's contribution. It is a page turner. Each page is a surprise. The text is a combination of quotes on hats such as Oscar Wilde's, "All good hats are made out of nothing," to short essays on the role of hats in seven different people's lives. Leslie used attention-grabbing red on black text to highlight certain quotes. She also placed photographs in complimentary juxtaposition. Thankfully an excellent resource guide to hats is included in the back of the book because everyone who reads this book and looks at its photographs will want a hat.

Roddy attended the University of Virginia and Yale University where he combined a half divinity-half arts degree, studying photography under Walker Evans. After a period of teaching at Yale and The New School, Roddy spent three months in Israel photographing for his first book, *In This Land of Light* (1983). He made the switch to commercial photography in the mid-80s, most recently doing corporate work for American Express and IBM. Roddy's fine art work is represented by the Witkin Gallery in New York. A major retrospective of his work opened several months ago in New York and has now moved to Switzerland.

It was Roddy's corporate work that brought

The Hat Book

by Rodney Smith and Leslie Smolan
Reviewed by Milbry Polk

him to the attention of Leslie Smolan who is a partner in the international design firm of Carbone Smolan Associates. In 1988 she visited a hat factory in Pennsylvania, became intrigued, and as she had just met Roddy and fallen in love with his work, realized he was the person for the job. Thus was born *The Hat Book* and their romance, eventual marriage and move to Palisades. A lot hangs on hats!

Leslie began her career wanting to be an oboist and studied at the University of Indiana. Stage fright led her to reconsider her aspirations and she transferred to the Philadelphia College of Art which had an excellent graphic design program. For the last 16 years Leslie and her partner, Ken Carbone, have been producing high quality design for a variety of clients: The Louvre, The Morgan Library, dinnerware for Dansk, retail display systems for Tiffany, corporate communications for Putman Investments, and the book design of an elementary reading program for Houghton Mifflin. Leslie is probably best known for the design of the "Day in the Life" book series.

(*The Hat Book* by Rodney Smith and Leslie Smolan, a Nan Talese/Doubleday book, published November 1993, is available in all bookstores.)

Children's Holiday Bazaar

The first annual Children's Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Montessori Center of Nyack, 85 Marion St. (corner of N. Broadway and 5th Avenue), on Saturday, December 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Share this fun-filled event with your children and know that you will be supporting a good number of Palisades children who attend the Center. There will be baked goods, crafts, toys and clothing for sale, as well as children's craft activities and a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The special feature of the day is the Tricky Tray Raffle which includes over 100 prize trays and displays. The proceeds will be used to purchase audio-visual equipment. Join us and rev up your holiday spirit!

Palisades Free Library

Library Events

Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 23, 1994
starting at 2 p.m.-Election of three new trustees.

Children's Program: Wednesday, December 15,
4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Folded Paper Starburst. Chil-
dren ages 9 and up are invited to learn the craft
of making paper stars which will exhibit beauti-
ful geometrical patterns when placed where light
can shine through them. REGISTRATION RE-
QUIRED.

Winter Hours

Mon.-Thurs.	3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. to noon
Friday	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



A Call for Candidates

The Palisades Free Library has three seats on
the Board of Trustees becoming available at the
end of the year. If you would like to run for a
four year term as a Board Member, now is the
time to toss your name into the ring! If you know
someone who would like to run, you can nomi-
nate that person.

If you would like to learn more about the
Board of Trustees, contact Dan Martin at (212)
977-9001 days, or in the evening at 359-1608.

The Library will be closed
December 24,25, 31 and January 1.

Palisades Community Center



Visit with SANTA

And Join Your

Neighbors for Coffee,

Cake and Sherry.

Come Watch the

TREE LIGHTING

on Sat, Dec.11th

From 3 to 5 p.m.



Art News

Arts Calendar

December

- 1 *Two Rooms* by Lee Blessing, at Penguin Rep., Stony Point, through Dec 12 (786-2873).
- 2 *Noises Off*, at Elmwood Playhouse, Nyack, through Dec. 11 (353-1313).
- 3 *Gemini* by Albert Innaurato, at Antrim Players, Suffern, through Dec. 18 (354-9812, 354-9503).
- 4-5 *Free To Be You and Me*, Children's Theatre Production at Elmwood Playhouse, Nyack, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (353-1313).
- 29 *The Snow Queen*, a ballet with giant puppets performed by the Hudson Vagabond Puppets, Rockland Community College, 2 p.m. (359-1144).

January

- 15-16 *The County Choral Society Goes "Pops,"* Rockland Community College, Suffern, Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 3 p.m. (574-4232).
- 22 *Echoes of Africa, The African Folk Origins of American Popular Music*, a Gala Performance Program, Rockland Community College, Suffern (574-4000, ext. 4218, 4232).
- 23 *Mozart Horn Concerto #4 and Variations by Rossini*, an evening concert, Rockland Community College, Suffern (574-4232).
- 25-26 *Peter and the Wolf*, performed by the Hudson Vagabond Puppets (Musical Theatre with Giant Puppets), Rockland Community College, 10:30 a.m. (359-1144).

Arts Council

Competition for Artwork Announced

Twenty thousand dollars is available for installation of a site-specific work of art in an outdoor setting on the Rockland Community College campus as the result of a competition organized by the Art in Public Places Committee. Free standing sculpture, mural painting and ornamentation of an outdoor frieze are three possibilities. The chosen artwork must be able to sustain a weathering environment and must require minimal maintenance.

Artists interested in being considered should send eight slides, a professional resume, and related support materials to the Committee's office (22 South Madison Avenue, Spring Valley, NY 10977) by December 15, 1993. For additional information please contact Alan Gussow, AIPP Committee, at 268-3269.

ACOR Seeks Bi-Lingual Volunteers

The Arts Council of Rockland wants to expand its outreach to artists and art groups in our community for whom English is a second language. Bi-lingual volunteers are needed who will use their language skills to help the diverse ethnic communities in Rockland learn more about its cultural grant programs and the various ways in which the Council helps to promote the quality of life and culture through the arts.

If you would like to volunteer and use your bi-lingual skills, please call Martha Taylor at 426-3660.

Local Businesses Support the Arts

In November, the 1993 Arts Fund for Rockland, a campaign effort overseen by the Arts Council to raise monies from local businesses, awarded \$36,556 in operating support to fifteen arts organizations in Rockland County. Among the largest contributors to the fund were Lederle Laboratories, Bank of New York, Champion International Paper Company, IBM, L&F Products, Inc., Nanuet Mall/Corporate Property Investors, Provident Savings Bank, and Spring Valley Water.

Arts organizations receiving awards include: The Historical Society of Rockland County, Hudson Vagabond Puppets, Penguin Repertory Company, Rockland Center for the Arts, Rockland Conservatory of Music, County Choral Society, Coupe Dance Company, Debra Weiss Dance Company, Morning Music Club of Nyack, Music Amici, Rockland Camerata, Rockland Opera, Rockland Symphony Orchestra, and The Actors Company.

The once-forested corner of Oak Tree Road and Route 340 has seen much activity over the past year. Since December 1992, five houses have appeared on Lauren Road, originally the proposed site of a large condominium development. As many Palisadians know, the original building plan was contested successfully by the Civic Association as a disruption to the character of the hamlet. Instead, the builder agreed to erect thirteen single-family homes. The first five

families on Lauren Road have been attending schools, going to Palisades community events, and slowly becoming part of the neighborhood.

Most of the families were attracted to Palisades for similar reasons. They appreciate the hamlet's semi-rural nature, scenic beauty, lack of commercialism, and proximity to New York City. Palisades is small-town living at its best, home to a wide range of people from many professions and cultural pursuits, with great community spirit and continuity. It is a terrific place to raise a family.

Less than one year ago, in January, the Iannucci family along with their golden retriever, Beau, became the first residents of Lauren Road. In fact, they moved in on the last day of 1992 just in time to celebrate the new year. They relocated from just down the road in Sparkill where they lived for over 20 years. Dolores Iannucci has two grown children, Ralph and Sean, who on a nice day can be seen landscaping and exercising Beau.

The Kilerciyan family, Alex, Silva, Margaret, age 3, and Nancy, nearly 2, moved in shortly after the Iannuccis. The family is from Turkey although both children were born in New Jersey. They selected Palisades to build their new home because they felt the community was a nice one. Margaret attends preschool at the Palisades School on Oak Tree Road. She and Nancy enjoy playing games and are frequently seen walking around Lauren Road with Silva, looking for some older children to play with. Their parents are interested in sports and home decorating.

New Faces And New Places In Palisades

In February the Kidds, Bob, Ellen and their daughter Amelia, age 4 and a half, returned to Rockland from Dallas, Texas. Bob, a psychologist turned publisher, is originally from Tennessee, but has lived in the north for long enough to lose his accent. Ellen and Amelia are native New Yorkers. Ellen is a research criminologist currently concentrating on raising Amelia, but also freelancing and regularly writing for a criminal justice journal. Amelia attends

preschool at the Montessori Center of Nyack. She takes dance lessons, loves art, and is in pottery classes with local potter, Sylvia March. At home she plays dress-up and works on arts and crafts. You can often see her exploring the woods and swinging from vines with the other girls in the neighborhood. Ellen shares Amelia's interest in music and dance and relaxes by making children's sweaters and gardening. Bob, as befits his profession, claims interests in books and pens. Having lived in Tappan, the Kidds chose Palisades because they were familiar with the area.

After a long winter complete with a major blizzard in March, the house built by the Berson family was completed in May. Marsha, formerly an executive recruiter, and Barry, CEO of an electrical distribution company are from Bergen and Rockland counties and have five children. The oldest, Christopher, age 10, is in the fifth grade at the Cottage Lane School. Jennifer, age 8, attends third grade at the Schaefer School; Michael, 7, is in the second grade at Evans Park Elementary School; while Stephen, age 6, is a first grader at Tappan Zee Elementary. The youngest, Justin, age 4, attends preschool at Town and Country. All the Bersons enjoy the sun, swimming, boating, and exercising, and the kids love to play video games. The boys frequently roam Lauren Road on bikes trying to locate their sister and friends, Roxana and Amelia. The Bersons agree that Palisades is a quaint town with a good school system.

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Memories of Harry

Excerpts from a tribute to Harry Davis at his Memorial Service in Palisades on September 14, 1993, by his friend, Leonard Schwartz

There have only been 17 years in my long life when there was no Harry. The 57 years of our friendship dug a deep well of memories which I will dip into only after I have been to a place that we shared or met a mutual friend or have seen Dorothy or feel lonely or feel old and need to recapture some really precious fragment of a faded day. Eventually I assume that I will discover that the well is bottomless and self-renewing.

You see, Harry and I were bonded, we were brothers, and he is a permanent part of me. Yesterday we buried his body. It was a day of extraordinary sorrow. But when the sun came up this morning there was the sense of renewal, then understanding began to flower from the seeds of grief. I knew that I was not diminished by yesterday but enriched by all the days that were shared with Harry and rejoice in the miracle of memory. Someone said that memory is the power to gather roses in the winter. Willa Cather said, "Some memories are realities and are better than anything that can ever happen again."

Harry and I met in the corridors of a now defunct institution known as New Theatre School. I was 17, Harry was 25. We were drawn together by admiration. I admired him for leaving Montreal and coming to New York to act on Broadway. I admired the fact that he had already performed professionally and that he knew about the wonders of Stanislavski and the Moscow Art Theatre and Harold Clurman and Lee Strasberg and Elia Kazan and even allowed himself to dream of being in the Group Theatre. He was a friend of Lee J. Cobb and did a first class imitation of Luther Adler's dentist in *Rocket to the Moon*! He believed he was attracted to me because people had warned him that I was a dangerous radical.

I took Harry home to meet my family. He stayed a few years. We lived in an apartment on the Upper West Side

shared by my mother and father, two sisters, my maternal grandmother and an aunt, and from time to time sundry others. Harry and I shared a bedroom, a bed, socks, shorts, a family and even a library of books. From time to time Harry would leave to follow his muse. I didn't understand about muses then.

When I was 18 and arrogant I discovered my muse. I decided I was now ready to direct a play. Harry played one of the leads. Harry was employed at Brentano's. He persuaded management to hire me for the Christmas season.

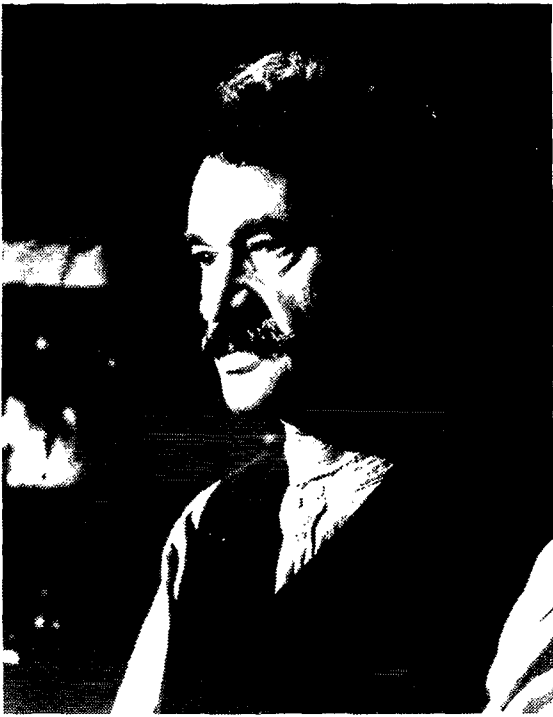


Photo of Harry Davis by Jackie Drechsler

We lived together, worked together, and followed our muses together. We did a few plays on the Lower East Side in the old Neighborhood Playhouse on Grand Street which had been made famous by Orson Welles and Thomas Wolf and Aline Bernstein and the Grand Street Follies. It was the Great Depression. Harry and I went to a Deli where they always put a basket of rolls and butter on the table before they took your order. We ordered coffee, ate the rolls and butter and left. We slept in telephone booths between late night rehearsals and Brentano's. The plays weren't bad. Kazan and Odets became our mentors, but people always complained because the seats were dirty. Harry's muse had a powerful pull. He left Brentano's for a play. I stayed on and on until in desperation they made me President, ending my life in art.

And then there was the War. Harry and I were separated. I

remember seeing Harry only once during the war. It was on Fifth Avenue in front of the Rockefeller Center. It was mid-winter. We hugged and laughed and shivered and finally went our separate ways. I went to Europe and met Jane in Holland. We married soon after. Harry met Dorothy in a meat packing plant in Chicago. She had just completed a career as a magician's assistant. They married — we were at the wedding. That was 47 years ago. We saw a lot of each other and celebrated most of those 47 Christmases together. Harry sang at all of them. I learned most of the lullabies I know and the spirituals and the folk songs from Harry. And so did my children and grandchild-



dren and so did all the children that ever met Harry, and they were many. Harry was Pied Piper wherever he went. Picasso said, "It takes a long time to be young." Harry lived long enough to accomplish this.

Harry was at his most articulate when he expressed his outrage at social injustice or when he sang. The words were someone else's, the melodies were someone else's, but the song was Harry's.

We marveled at the number of friends that Harry made. We marveled at the number of his dreams, some realized — some just for the dreaming. It didn't matter. He had no shortage of dreams. He dreamed himself an actor, a singer, a dancer, a boxer, a gymnast, an advocate, a linguist. Most of those dreams were real. However, his greatest accomplishment was that Harry was always a caring human being with a talent for friendship. He left me a rich heritage of memories. I am grateful, Harry.



Harry's favorite part from Elia Kazan's America America: Papa Topouzoglou



...NEW FACES

In the heat of July, the fifth family to become residents of Lauren Road moved in. Mariano, Beata, and Roxana Bartolome moved here from Manhattan. They were impressed by the physical beauty of the area and the extensive green areas and recreational facilities in Rockland County. Mariano, born in Madrid, Spain, is a school psychologist and Beata, who is from Warsaw, Poland, is presently a homemaker with plans to enter graduate school. Roxana, age 6 1/2, is a second grader at Schaefer School. The family has many interests, among them tennis, ice skating, hiking, photography, home decorating, reading, gardening, traveling, and a concern with issues

of health and ecology. Roxana also likes hiking the woods with neighbors Amelia and Jennifer and searching for frogs and rabbits. Her visiting grandfather is responsible for maintaining those swinging vines in the surrounding trees that work better than a swing set.

Three more houses are under construction, and the newest families should be here soon — more on them next year. Those of us who live on the construction site are anxious for the dust to clear. This minor inconvenience vanishes, however, with a trip down Oak Tree Road in the autumn, a view of the Presbyterian Church in the winter, a peek at the Hudson through the trees on 9-W, the enjoyment of our children at Palisades Library story time, or a brief conversation at the Post Office.

Ellen Chayet Kidd

Palisades Presbyterian Church Calendar

December

- 12 Messiah Sing-along at 4 p.m. Bring the music if you have it. Reception following.
- 19 Children's Christmas Pageant at 11 a.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Services: Family Service at 5 p.m. Bring a present for a needy child wrapped in white paper. Service of Lessons and Carols at 11 p.m.



Palisades Civic Association

Gains Two Concessions From School District

Good news for the young folk: gone are the two signs threatening certain prosecution and probable torture if they set foot in the play area behind the Palisades Elementary School. South Orangetown School Superintendent Dr. Morton Sherman ordered the signs removed in September and told the Palisades Civic Association he would be delighted if Palisadians used the field and equipment freely as in past times.

The subject of the terroristic signs came up during a four-month tussle over the School Board's June 14 decision to plant a 12'x24' temporary structure in front of the building. The Board accepted a staff plea for at least two new separate offices for speech therapists, but felt it was too late to have them constructed inside the building before school reopened in September.

Although state law exempts school districts from municipal zoning control and the like, Superintendent Sherman presented the plan to the Historic Areas Board, which expressed shock and dismay. HABR chairman Danforth Toan enlisted the Civic Association to help him persuade the School District to put the offices inside the building, or at worst behind it. Our efforts ran into hard arguments: inside construction is impractical until next summer, the need is real, and Chief John Streppone of the Palisades-Sparkill Fire Company had taken a look and recommended against the rear location.

An on-site meeting of Chairman Toan, Chief Streppone and PCA president Andrew Norman, arranged by Dr. Sherman, revealed that no one had asked Chief Streppone for his reasoning. The fire safety problem had nothing to do with the proposed structure — the vehicle barrier at the end of the driveway was too close to the rear corner of the gymnasium.

Dr. Sherman promptly had the barrier moved back, the driveway extended, and the temporary structure placed behind the gymnasium, to which it is now connected by a short corridor and a new door to the gym — all totally out of public view.

Andrew E. Norman

The Olde Stonehouse Inn

SPECIAL EVENT: SUNDAY DECEMBER 19th 1993



**Traditional Candlelight
Holiday Dinner Concert**

**Jacquelyn Drechsler "Flute"
Jamey Andreas "Guitar"**

5:30 Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 Concert
7:00 Dinner

Appetizer, Salad, Entrée, Dessert, Coffee & Bottle of Wine per couple

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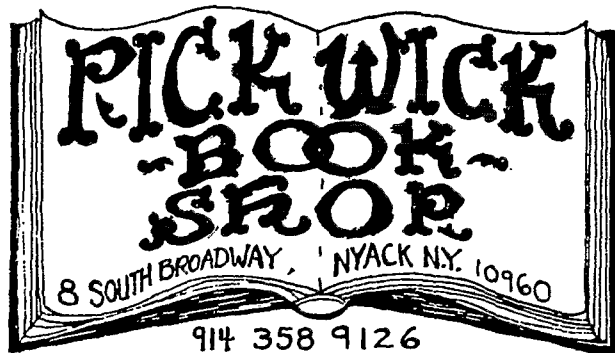
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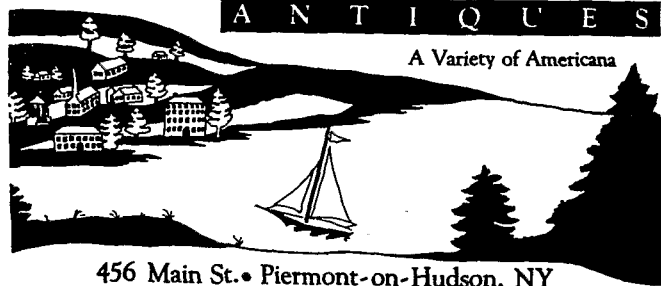
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Correction: In our October issue we regret that we neglected to credit the wonderful Plant Sale photographs to Holly Seeger.

If you would like to place an ad in future issues of **10964**, please contact Lori DiGiacomo at 365-1050.

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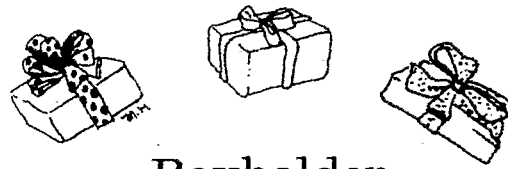
The Children's Museum of Manhattan has selected Eric and Ann Prusinowski's collections to be a part of the new exhibit called "Great Stuff." Eric is interested in antique rulers and measuring devices. He also enjoys collecting antique motorcycle toys with his dad, Dale. Ann enjoys finding Victorian china teacups with sayings, such as "Forget Me Not" or "Think of Me."

The motorcycles and teacups will be in the "Great Stuff" exhibit throughout December. The rulers and measuring devices will be a part of the permanent collection and will be on display for a year.

The Children's Museum is located at 212 W. 83rd Street, Manhattan. If you plan to visit, it's best to call 212-721-1234 beforehand for the hours the museum is open.

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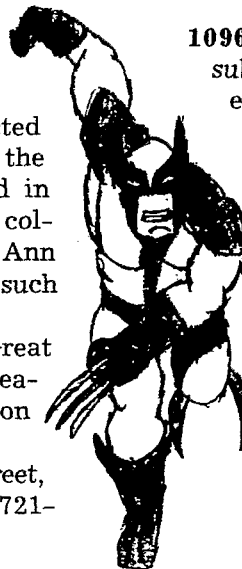


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10964 would like to receive submissions of artwork, poetry, or anything appropriate for this page from children in Palisades. We hope this will become a regular feature and that it will encourage our children in their creative endeavors.

Wolverine
By
James Hughes
Age 8