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Nash Castro

Nash Castro, a nine year resident and active supporter of Palisades, resigned his position as the General Manager of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission to assume his new duties as the Executive Director of the White House Historical Association in Washington, D.C. His new position is non-governmental and non-political while his vacated Commission post is also non-political.



In discussing his new post, he declared that "the White House Historical Association has been part of my life since I conceived it in 1961 and I have had a continuous identification with it, first as the unpaid Vice Chairman of the Association's Board of Directors and now as the paid Executive Director as of January 15th."

The purpose of the non-profit association, established by Mrs. John F. Kennedy at his suggestion, is to enhance an understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the White House. It is an educational association which, among other things, publishes and distributes four books, *White House Historic Guide*, *Living White House*, *Presidents of the United States*, and *First Ladies*. They can be purchased at the White House by those on tour or from the White House Historical Association, Washington, D.C. 21136. Mr. Castro's office will be in the New Executive Office Building across from the White House and his duties will include a working relationship with members of Mrs. Carter's staff.

On the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, he remarked that "I managed for nine

and a half years one of the country's outstanding resources -- unique in many ways because the variety of resources within the park system make it so attractive and usable." Mr. Castro mentioned that the formation of the Palisades Interstate Park was a success in part because of the help of many families, including the Harrimans, Perkins, Rockefeller, and locally Mary Lawrence Tonetti who donated land for park use.

In his position as the General Manager he felt the greatest achievements were the enlargement of the park system from 66,000 to 79,000 acres, the establishment of the Fort Lee Historic Park next to the George Washington Bridge, and the development of the Bike Trail, although he expressed disappointment that it was not completed in his time in office.

In discussing Palisades, Mr. Castro expressed delight at the possibility of bringing the Triangle into public ownership, especially with its significant location as an introduction to Rockland County. Furthermore, he commented that "it has been a happy and fulfilling time in Palisades because of many warm friendships which I can look forward to continue as the years unfold." Palisadians in turn wish Nash Castro and his wife Bette the very best.

PAULA SILVERMAN

Calendar of Events

FEB	4	Community Center Annual Meeting, 2 p.m.
	12-13-14	Adult Education Registration TZHS Cafeteria, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
	15	Palisades Swim Club Annual Meeting, Community Center 8 p.m.
	24	Family Portrait, SOMS

Palisades Triangle

As this is being written we are tremendously encouraged by the generous donations coming in from all areas of Palisades (including donations from 10964, the Palisades Free Library, and the West Hudson Environmental Assoc.) towards the \$12,500 needed to preserve the Palisades Triangle. However, we still have a long way to go, and time is running out. The deadline is February 15th.

Going back to the 1600's, research by the Historical Committee of the Palisades Free Library reveals that the Triangle through the centuries, has been a woodland, a kind of village green, a pasture for livestock, a meadow (once known as "The Timothy Meadow"), an occasional drill field for soldiers, and a playground where children frolicked.

As the community slipped out of the

farming era and into the 20th Century, the Triangle became a ball field. In more recent decades, with the advent of modern transportation facilities (the Tappan Zee Bridge and the Palisades Interstate Parkway), and as Rockland County became more of a "bedroom community" our old Triangle quietly reverted back to what it had been in times long gone by -- a peaceful, rustic woodland. How fitting that is, as the world grows smaller and civilization encroaches on our remaining woodlands! What a shame it would be to replace this with an unsightly commercial development.

On January 9th the Orangetown Town Board voted unanimously to apply for a New York State grant of 75% of the \$50,000 purchase price. The Palisades Triangle Committee is seeking contributions for the remaining 25% (\$12,500). If you have already contributed, we thank you. If you have not, we urge you to do so to help preserve this woodland.

Checks should be made payable to Palisades Triangle Fund, P.O. Box 682, Palisades, N.Y. 10964.

In the event the committee raises more than the required \$12,500, plus a modest amount for legal and postage expenses, pro-rata refunds will be promptly remitted to all contributors.

The Committee has determined that amounts of contributions and names of individual contributors will not be divulged without authorization.

Interim acknowledgements are promptly sent to all contributors. Following the remittance of the \$12,500 to the Town it is planned to send contributors receipts from the Town for purposes of substantiating tax deductibility.

PALISADES TRIANGLE COMMITTEE

Palisades Community Center

The Annual Meeting of the Palisades Community Center will be held on Sunday, February 4th at 2 p.m. This meeting is for the purpose of electing directors and to conduct such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Notice of the annual meeting as well as the slate of nominees presented by the nominating committee and approved by the board was mailed to those residents of Palisades who have paid their dues to the corporation for 1978 and are therefore entitled to vote, as stated in the by-laws.

Following the business meeting we will have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Robert Burghardt, Rockland County's unofficial historian -- on canvas. Mr. Burghardt will exhibit a series of watercolors and oils entitled "Vanishing Rockland." Since 1960 Mr. Burghardt has endeavored to preserve Rockland County as it was in the past. Included in this interesting exhibit will be a painting of the center done by the artist when the building was closed as a school in 1969. Everyone is welcome to join in what promises to be a nostalgic afternoon. Refreshments will be served.

Response to the 1978 membership appeal was received from less than one third of our community. Due to the unexpected income

derived from the use of the building by the crew filming Burt Reynolds' movie, we were just about able to break even. Insurance costs run over \$600 per year and utility costs are ever rising for all of us. We hope to paint the outside of the building in 1979 in order to preserve the structure. Won't you help us to keep a good thing going? The way is clear -- respond generously to our annual membership appeal which will be made in February.

We appreciate all contributions made to the Community Center and especially want to thank United Airlines for their very generous donation.

Yoga for adults with Pat Plotnick is being held at the Community Center every Tuesday from 8:30 - 10 p.m. Call Pat for enrollment information, 268-2690.

EDITH RYAN

Lamont

The fundamental cause of the earth's succession of ice ages has been identified. The finding was reported in the December, 1978 issue of the international scientific journal *Earth & Planetary Science Letters*. The report is entitled "Climatic Changes, Magnetic Intensity Variations and Fluctuations of the Eccentricity of the Earth's Orbit During the Past 2,000,000 Years and a Mechanism which May Be Responsible for the Relationship." The authors of the report are Goesta Wollin of Palisades, and William B. F. Ryan and David B. Ericson, both of Nyack.

The three Lamont scientists' discovery, which links the eccentricity and magnetism to climate, reveals that a colder climate is on its way. Wollin, Ryan, and Ericson obtained the measurements of climatic changes and magnetic variations by analyzing layers of sediment obtained from beneath the floors of the North Atlantic and North Pacific. The study took more than five years.

The most important result of the study is probably that it reveals that a colder climate is on its way. The last ice age ended about 11,000 years ago, a discovery, by the way, made in 1956 by four Lamont Scientists, David B. Ericson, Wallace Broecker, Laurence Kulp and Goesta Wollin. During the past 11,000 years the earth has been in one of its warmest periods. But a cooling trend has already set in. The eccentricity of the earth's orbit has reached a maximum and is now decreasing, and at the same time magnetism reached a minimum and is increasing. The combination of these two changes causes colder temperatures.

GOESTA WOLLIN

Palisades Swim Club

The Palisades Swim Club will hold its Annual Meeting on February 15th at 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Three positions are open on the Board and the following people have agreed to be candidates:

Joanne Bergman, Palisades
Tom Migge, Tappan
Jim Moran, Palisades

Eric Rose, Palisades
Bob Weigel, Palisades

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

Oak Tree Playgroup

All is well at the Playgroup as the new year gets rolling. Our house was decorated in part with decorations from the Playgroup which added a happy and imaginative note to our holiday.

All the cutting and pasting, and other things that go on, lead the Playgroup to desperately needing cleaning help. At least one hour a day is required and the hour is flexible so if you know anyone who would be interested in helping out please call Marianne Armistead at 359-6472. That is the Playgroup number so daytime calls are fine. It's a good job for a teenager looking for a little extra money!

There are still plenty of openings in the Playgroup so come with your child for a visit. We hope you'll decide to stay.

HOLLY M. REDELL

Palisades Nursery School

This year I have graduated to the Nursery School as well as continuing at the Playgroup! Some of the things going on there involve wonderful creations made from common objects. The Nursery was given a large carton and the children held a democratic session to decide what to do with it. Some of the suggestions were castle, fort, fire engine, and General Motors will be happy to know, car won. A color was selected and applied, a door was cut out, one of the teachers found an old car part that made an excellent, moving, steering wheel and headlights were painted on. A chair was put in and many happy journeys followed. All parts were thought up by the children! For winter the Nursery made a beautiful snow scene with igloos and snow people and snow forts. It was done on a long piece of background paper and is quite striking to see. Coming up will be using the new instruments that have come in. Included are a kalimba, mini harp, maracas, tambourines, small bongo set and two xylophones.

The children also use a typewriter that is very popular. The Nursery could use some old dress up clothes, particularly for the boys. If you have any hats or vests or other things, please drop them off.

There is an opening in the four year old group. For information about any of the activities, call Carol Vlahos, 359-4657.

HOLLY M. REDELL

More on the Palisades Triangle

On January 11, Ethan Panter, Laurence Weber, and Karen Wollin, representing the Palisades Youth Group approached a member of the Palisades Triangle Committee and informed her that their organization was donating \$80, the entire amount of their treasury, to the Triangle Fund. A suggestion by the Committee member that it might be in order to make a smaller donation and save some of their money for other purposes, was flatly rejected.

On January 10th the Palisades Triangle Committee received a check for a generous donation with a covering letter reading as follows:

Dear Triangle People,

We are new owners of a building lot on _____; we hope to build in the spring. We are very happy to be joining a community in which so many people care about preserving the rural charm of the area.

Please let us know how the effort is progressing so that we can contribute more if necessary.

Thank you**

**Name and location withheld by Palisades Triangle Committee to preserve the privacy of the donors.

PALISADES TRIANGLE COMMITTEE

School News

South Orangetown Middle School will be selling coupons at \$6.95 for a Family Picture Taking Session to be held at the Middle School on Saturday, February 24th, by appointment only. The coupon will entitle you to one 11 x 14 colored portrait mounted on a Deco-Plaque by Majestic Studios who hold the Good Housekeeping Seal and offer a complete money-back guarantee.

Approximately four different poses will be taken and the photo studio will select the one they consider best for the 11 x 14 portrait. Special package prices will be available for purchase of any of the other poses.

Coupons are available at the Tappan Zee High School Cafeteria on Adult Education Registration nights, February 12, 13 and 14 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., or through any member of the SOMS PTA board. For further information call Sandy Vitelli (5144) or Ginny Chen (0389).

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

Cub Scouts

At a recent pack meeting Bobcat badges were awarded to Richie Bertoli, Steven Larkin, Shawn LeVesque, Gerard Sullivan, Bobbie Weisenseel, and Paul Wolt. Steven Brodsky, Thomas Chung, Gregory Olsen, and Jimmy Olson received one year pins. The boys who participated in Pioneer Day at Camp Bullowa received leather patches.

In January the Cubs in Den 2 went on a tour of the Orangetown Police Station.

MARGE OLSON
CHRIS SULLIVAN

Welcome!

10964 welcomes to Palisades Ruth and Michael Burke of Closter Road and Michael Thomas of Washington Spring Road.

Corrections

We apologize for two errors made in our "Leading Ladies" article, January 1979. We inadvertently misspelled Katharine Cornell's name and Anne Tonetti, who is Mrs. Eric Gugler, is alive and well and a very active member of our community.

Community Health News

The holiday season, however busy, is a time when many emotions intensify -- anxiety, loneliness, etc. For each of us it is experienced and expressed in different ways, some of which are not supportive of a state of physical and emotional well being. Now, in the post-season lull, constructive evaluation might be a good idea. How did we experience the holidays? Did our feelings express themselves in ways with which we are contented?

If the answer to this last question is "No," take action. Investigate how this situation can be corrected. Talk to someone who can help, a close friend, your pastor, a professional counselor, an agency whose opinion you value. If a referral is needed, we can assist you -- 6427 or 1963. Some organizations for consideration in Rockland County in reasonable distance from Palisades include:

Rockland County Guidance Center for Women in Nyack, 358-9572.
Volunteer Counseling Services New City, Palisades, Sparkill, 634-5729.
Catholic Charities, Manuet, 623-3871.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 352-1112.
Pomona Health Complex, 354-0200.
Dept. of Social Services, West Nyack, 623-1000.

VIRGINIA W. BARRETT, BSN
MYRA B. RICHARDSON, MPH

Classified

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE. SEND YOURS TO BOX 201 OR CALL JEANNE BOOSE (7154). DONATIONS REQUESTED FROM BUSINESSES OR NON-PALISADIANS.

FOR SALE - Brown crib, good condition, \$20. Yuchniewics (2619).

Custom-made lined floor length draperies, 15' wide, cotton blend Persian print. Perfect condition. Will sell, barter or exchange for labor. McCoy(4744).

FOR SALE - Leica Leather camera case with two side pockets, \$100. Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - Courier Gladiator, hardly used in original carton. Cost \$425; selling \$160. Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - Short Wave Radio. Norelco AM/FM short wave 8 band incl. aircraft. Excellent cond. \$125. Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - Panasonic Tech Series VHF, PSB, AM/FM portable Model RF1170. Excellent cond. \$135. Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - Leica PA Curtagon for Leicaflix in original carton, \$400. Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - Nikon F2EE aperture control attachment DS-1 in orig. carton, \$250. Peter Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - Beaver Top Hat, what every family needs. Fitted into a marvelous leather hat box. Hope Schwartz (1283).

WANTED - The Redells want to lease another house in Sneden's Landing by June 15th. Please call 359-9168 evenings or (212) 997-0947 days.

Unclassified

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