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Calendar of Events

- MAY 4-5 Oklahoma, So. Orangetown Middle School Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
 7 Palisades, Tappan, Orangeburg, Blauvelt Libraries film and lecture, "Jogging", Greenbush School Auditorium, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
 12 Palisades Library Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 12 Oak Tree Cooperative Playgroup, Open House, 1-3 p.m.
 19 Palisades Community Center, Rummage Sale and Flea Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 24 Crime Resistance lecture, Palisades Community Center, 8 p.m.
- JUNE 1 Honor Moore Benefit Reading, Rockland Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.
 7 Palisades Community Center Family Membership Dinner, 6 p.m.

Goesta Wollin

Goesta Wollin, a twenty-nine year resident of Palisades, is a restless, many-sided individual. He has been a butcher, a manager of a fur factory, a newspaper reporter, an executive director of a mental health organization, and foremost, of course, a scientist. In addition, as a criminologist he represented the United States at the Third U.N. Congress on Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, and as an expert on youth problems he was a member of the White House Conference on Children and Youth. Goesta is the author of two novels and the co-author of two scientific books.



In the May issue of the international scientific journal *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* Goesta Wollin and William B. F. Ryan

report they have synthesized protein, nucleosides and other organic compounds by mixing only cyanamide and potassium nitrite. The study shows that compounds serving as the basis of life could have formed spontaneously before the earth had an atmosphere containing water and so-called life force and that the phenomena of chemistry and physics were sufficient. Last month the two scientists finished a study which resulted in the discovery of a method which can forecast climate one to four years ahead.

Goesta's first invention was a snowmaking machine that produces snow for ski slopes five times more economically than conventional means. His latest invention is a desert agricultural method, which he plans to field test soon. Goesta is confident that the field tests will show that this procedure is effective and technologically feasible.

Goesta said his greatest achievements however, are: being the father of Karin, his and Janet's eighteen year old daughter; and winning the Sneden's Landing tennis championship in 1967 because he was over forty when he began playing tennis.

Concerning Science, Goesta said that "Science, as an accumulation of knowledge and understanding of our universe, is neither good nor bad. As a powerful tool it can be used for good; so used it could transform our planet into a near paradise. But Science can also be used for evil; it is up to the user to make the choice."

For scientists, Goesta believes, it is important to have the ability to see the world freshly as children do, rather than with the tired preconceptions of adults. To a child every day brings experiences of wonder; to the mature person the day's events are trivial and dull. According to Goesta, the child's way of seeing things is closer to the truth.

"For most scientists," said Goesta, "it is insatiable curiosity, which children have plenty of, that transforms years of research into a fascinating and thrilling voyage of discovery."

Before I left his lab at Lamont he showed me a flask containing white, solid substances. Goesta and David Ericson have synthesized the substances from gases only -- gases detected in interstellar space -- and without water. The substances contain amino acids, the building blocks of life. It is the first evidence to indicate extra-terrestrial life can exist. The next time I visit Goesta Wollin's lab it would not surprise me if he, from the substances in the flask, has developed beings sporting green skin and antennae systems.

PAULA SILVERMAN

Palisades Community Center

The *Third-Annual WINE-CHEESE-ART-EVENT*, sponsored by the Community Center, was successful due in large measure to the cooperation of the exhibitors and the Piermont Liquor Store. We appreciate their participation. The interior of the Center is spic-and-span because of the efforts of Joe Freil and his accomplice -- me! Before the fall season rolls around we hope to raise sufficient funds to paint the outside of the building. Please help us make this possible, since this will have to be a professional job, by supporting events sponsored by the Center.

During the past two months there have been three robberies at private homes in Palisades as well as a theft at Lamont. We are in a vulnerable area and should know what we can do to protect our property. On Thursday, May 24 at 8 p.m., Detective Liberati from the Orangetown Police Department will speak to the residents of Palisades on the subject of "Crime Resistance" in our homes. Do come out. This program, offered as a service to the community, may save you the loss of personal possessions you cherish.

There will be a Rummage Sale and Flea Market on Saturday, May 19. Here is your chance to recycle good used clothing, books, bric-a-brac, etc. Bring your donations to the Center any afternoon during the week of May 14. Should you need pick-up, please let me know. If you prefer to sell your own stuff, reserve a space and bring your own table. A donation of \$5 is required for the space. If you have nothing to sell, come over to the Center on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and perhaps you will find something you can use. There will be refreshments.

Did you remember to send your \$5 membership to help support the Community Center?? Please do your part as a resident of Palisades. Every donation is important to maintain this lovely building. Should you want to use the building, the rental is nominal but the date must be reserved in advance.

On June 7 at 6 p.m. a Family Membership Dinner will be sponsored by the Community Center. Please call either Judy Englander or Jane Schwartz and let them know you will be coming.

EDITH RYAN

School News

On May 4 and 5, in the Middle School auditorium, at 8:15 p.m., some of our local talents, including Philip Harrison as Curly, Keith Olsen as Jud Fry, Dominique Torres and Ivan Gilbert as dancers, will perform in a favorite musical, *Oklahoma*.

JEAN BROCK

Palisades Free Library

On Monday, May 7, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., the Palisades, Tappan, Orangeburg and Blauvelt Libraries will present a lecture and film on Jogging. Guest speaker will be Dr. Joel Spivak who is a sports podiatrist. This evening event will be at the Greenbush School Auditorium in Orangeburg.

BEATRICE AGNEW

Honor Moore Benefit Reading

Honor Moore, feminist poet and playwright will be reading from her poetry and prose at a benefit for the writing programs at the Rockland Center for the Arts, 27 South Greenbush Road, West Nyack, N.Y. on Friday, June 1 at 8 p.m.

Autographed copies of a limited edition broadside by Honor Moore especially printed for this event will be sold. A reception will follow the reading.

Ms. Moore is a poet, playwright and critic. Her poems have been published in *American Review*, *Chrysalis* and other magazines. She has taught writing in Rockland County since 1976. A resident of Manhattan, Ms. Moore has become deeply involved in the women's writing program at the Center and the proceeds of the reading will enable the Center to continue this program.

Tickets for the evening are \$4 and may be obtained by mail or at the Center. For further information, call 358-0877.

Palisades Nursery School

The Palisades Nursery School is starting registration for the fall term. Children ages 3, 4 and 5 are eligible. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. If you would like to visit the school please call Carol Vlahos, 359-4657.

CAROL VLAHOS

Oak Tree Playgroup

The Playgroup is getting a new heating system from the Easter Bunny and Spring Cleaning was in full gear at the Playgroup on April 8. We thank all the people who helped us get spruced up for spring.

Another thank you to the lady who brought all sorts of goodies for us to create special things with -- juice containers and margarine cups are a corner of heaven for busy playgroup hands.

We are planning an Open House on Saturday, May 12 from 1-3 p.m. Please drop by and say hello. If you can't be there on the 12th, please remember that you are welcome anytime.

MARIANNE ARMISTEAD

Palisades Library Plant Sale

Lucky you! As usual the Library Plant Sale coincides with Mother's Day weekend, and you can conveniently give mother a gift from mother earth -- a plant.

And you deserve a present yourself -- the greenest, most fragrant, loveliest garden ever, planted with Library Plant Sale blossoms and vegetable seedlings.

Come! Come! Eat lunch and chat at the Plant Sale on Saturday May 12 from 10 to 2. Location -- Parking Area of the Library or Rain Place -- Palisades School.

LOIS McCOY

Palisades Triangle

We reported in the April issue that the State had approved Part I of the Town's application for the \$37,500 grant. We also reported that the Town was working on Part II of the application. They had assured us that it would be completed in time for the State to act on it prior to April 15, the expiration date of the option to purchase the property. Unfortunately, because of the time it took the Town to complete Part II, we had to negotiate with the owners of the property for a second extension of the option. We succeeded in extending it to May 15, but to get this extension we had to pay an additional \$250. This does not seem unreasonable considering the fact that the sellers originally expected to get their money by February 15, the original expiration date of the option.

The most important thing to report is that the matter is now in the hands of State officials and we have been assured informally that approval will be granted in time for the closing to take place by May 15.

As stated before, we will send pro-rata refunds after final expenses (legal, mailing, etc.) have been determined.

PALISADES TRIANGLE COMMITTEE

Palisades Library Dance

SAVE THE DATE -- JUNE 23RD! The Palisades Free Library DISCO -- if you missed it before, don't miss it again -- SAVE THE DATE!

Welcome

10964 welcomes Anthony and Laura Assante of Park Avenue.

If we've missed you as a Newcomer or if you're moving and would like 10964 to know about it, contact Box 201, Palisades, N.Y.

Community Health News

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

A 1977 Health Survey in Palisades revealed a desire (68%) to know more about federal involvement in health decisions that affect Palisadians. One agency -- the Health Systems Agency, located in Tuxedo Park -- is part of a national health planning network that decides what the health needs of Palisades are, and what should be done to satisfy them. Studies of our health needs are continually being conducted by the agency and plans for change are the result. If you have a suggestion to make or an inquiry about unmet health needs, resources, plans for same, or other HSA activity, contact Community Resources #4: H.S.A. for Rockland County, Tuxedo Park (914)351-5146.

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Classified

CLOSTER PLAZA TRAVEL - Closter Shopping Center. Dale Botwin and a highly experienced staff to serve all your travel needs. Please call home (914)359-6080 or office (201)768-8405.

PIANO tuning and repair, Shawn Frederick (3194)

WANTED - Someone willing to do carpentry on the front step of the Community Center. Please call Edith Ryan (3215).

NEED HELP around your house? Available for light to heavy chores. Call Mark! (6078) References.

BABYSITTING - Experienced. Responsible. 12 years old. Call after 3:30 or on weekends. Ask for Kate (9659).

FOR SALE - Triple Dresser, good condition, yellow with bamboo, asking \$100. Redell (9168).

FOR SALE - Harvard frame twin bed, \$35; mahogany single dresser and night table, asking \$50; love seat, best offer. Redell (9168).

Unclassified

10964 thanks Shawn Frederick and Edith Ryan for their contributions this month.

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