

MLA STAFF NEWSLETTER

Spring 1996

April showers generally bring May flowers. This year they've also brought the Spring issue of the staff newsletter. *Mieux en retard que jamais.*

To get into the spirit of the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, we have an Olympic-sized quiz inside for you. Test your knowledge of the Olympics, but no fair peeking at the answers! Also inside you'll find an article we received in response to the "Neiman Marcus Cookie" story that appeared in a recent issue of the staff newsletter.

Many thanks to those who contributed items to this issue, particularly **Diana Gilchrist** and **Danielle Uchitelle**. We're always happy to receive items of interest.

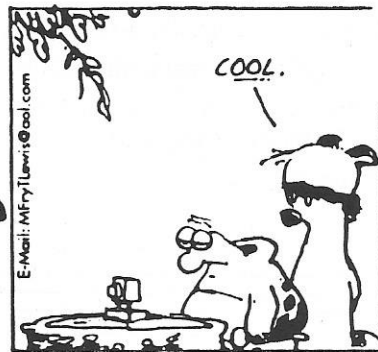
And the winner is . . . **Allegra Millan**. Allegra correctly chose 17 of the 23 Academy Award winners this year and won our "Oscar Contest." Our thanks to all who participated in the contest. Would you be interested in having a "Tony Contest" this year? (The Tonys will be presented on 2 June.) Call the Quidnunc, ext 301.

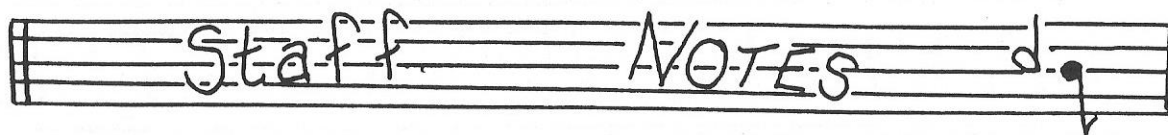
QUESTION: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Be the first to **ANSWER** this question correctly and receive a prize. Call the Quidnunc, ext 301.

Looking ahead: Our summertime issue will be here before we know it. We'd like it to be lots of fun. Take a moment to complete the questionnaire on the back page of this issue. Thanks as always for your cooperation!

Enjoy the spring weather! We'll see you in the good old summertime! **Q**

OVER THE HEDGE





Wedding bells rang on April 20th for **Marcia Reid**! (The date also happened to be her parents' wedding anniversary.) Marcia married Lawrent Henry at the Bronxwood International Church of God. Reports are that it was a beautiful wedding. **Lorna Reid**, sister of the bride, was a pretty bridesmaid in the wedding party. Our best wishes to the happy couple!

Author! Author! **Michael Kandel**'s latest book *Panda Ray*, is being published by St. Martin's Press. The book will be out in July, but you can get a preview now. Michael will be doing a reading from *Panda Ray* on May 16th at the New York Review of Science Fiction Readings at Dixon Place. The address is Dixon Place, 258 Bowery, between Prince and Houston Streets. The reading starts at 7:30 pm and there's an admission fee of \$5. Our congratulations to Michael! We hope your book is a great success!

We welcome the following newcomers to the MLA staff:

Cathryn Dwyre recently joined the MLA as production assistant. She comes from Parsippany, New Jersey, and never thought she would wind up in New York City. Prior to working at the MLA, Cathryn catalogued books and produced publications for Ursus Rare Books. She lives in the West Village and loves to walk along the Hudson River and check out the horizon.

A recent addition to the Bibliography department is **Nina Estreich**, an indexer of General Literature for Volume 4. Nina comes to the MLA from the Comparative Literature department at UC Berkeley, where she received her MA degree.

Kenneth Yin is another recent addition to the Bibliography department. He is an indexer for Slavic linguistics. He graduated from Cornell University in 1989 with an AB in Russian and Soviet Studies. Kenneth taught linguistics as a graduate student at Georgetown University, where he received his MS in linguistics in 1992. Currently ABD in linguistics at Georgetown, he has also taught at Touro and Mercy Colleges. Kenneth is fluent in Russian and Chinese and his graduate research has been focused on those two languages.

