

(Election)

C.19, RTL 5; total 138). Thomas Swift, the Colello-backed Republican who lost a bitter and controversial September primary to Raboni by only three votes, received 27 votes in Palisades on the Right to Life line.

The Councilman contest provided an interesting test of the net drawing versus repelling power of the RTL in both Palisades and Orangetown as a whole, as a result of the party's Commitment to Swift instead of Husted before the GOP primary. Raboni drew 889 RTL votes throughout the Town, but Husted topped him by 642 votes on the Republican line and 114 on the Conservative and trailed by only 133 votes overall. In Palisades, where Raboni received 5 RTL votes, Husted led him by 24 Republican and 3 Conservative votes, for a net gain of 22.

For County Legislators, Palisades gave Democratic incumbent and winner Edward Clark 287 votes; Mayor William Goswick of Piermont D. 169; winner Frank Fornario \$. 118, C. 22; total 140; and incumbent Diane Beljean R. 101, C. 23; total 124. Mrs. Beljean, leader of the Orangetown Conservative Party, was given the Republicans' endorsement in June but was denied GOP backing in the campaign after she entered the Supervisor race against Colello. She was the only incumbent to lose in Orangetown, trailing Clark by 2,075 votes and Fornario by 1,425. Total votes were about 14,000.

In the Town Clerk poll, Democrat Lawrence Stanley carried Palisades with 256 votes against the winning incumbent Patricia Haugh, R. 139, C. 26, RTL 7; total 172.

Town Justice George Bergerman, who was reelected, received 154 Republican and 23 Conservative votes in Palisades, losing the hamlet to George Scrocco, whose 239 votes trailed the Democratic ticket. RTL, which had endorsed Bergerman in 1979 and Scrocco in 1981, when he ran against Justice Robert Feenick, endorsed neither candidate this year. Running without RTL backing, Scrocco did far better in both Palisades and Orangetown this time.

In the only County-wide race, for Surrogate, Palisades supported the winner, Family Court Judge Alfred Weiner, with 238 Democratic and 20 Liberal votes; total 258 (the Liberal Party was well enough organized to support town candidates only in Ramapo). The Palisades vote for Weiner's opponents was: R. 123 C. 31; total 154 for Joseph Balsamo and RTL 6 for Donald Partridge.

In the voting for State Supreme Court judges, Palisades conformed to the statewide pattern by sticking close to party lines. Democrat Lawrence Martin and Republican Irving Green, both running on the Democratic, Republican and Conservative lines, received 254, 125 and 27 votes and 247, 124 and 26 votes here. Kenneth Finger and Rolan Reed received D. 245, L. 17; total 262, and D. 255, L. 17; total 272. Aldo Nastasi and Ralph Beisner, who were elected along with Martin and Green in the five-county Judicial District, received R. 114, C. 30, RTL 9; total 153, and R. 108, C. 26, RTL 8; total 142.

Palisades voted a hearty "no" by 231 to 123 on the proposal to add a 21st seat to the County Legislature. The proposal

was defeated in every town but Haverstraw, which would have gained the extra seat.

Palisades voting on the seven proposed amendments to the State Constitution deviated from both County and State results in somewhat diverse ways. The proposal to allow savings banks and savings and loans to sell common stock failed in Palisades but was approved by both County and State electorates. The only amendment that lost Statewide, continuing the service of certain State judges past retirement age, was endorsed by Palisades but not by the County voters. Unlike Palisades, the County disagreed with the Statewide passage of amendments continuing exclusion of sewer bond indebtedness from local debt ceilings and extending authorization of local bond issues to finance development projects in "economically unproductive, blighted or deteriorated areas." There are no known plans for any such projects in Palisades.

Elsewhere in Rockland, a number of political offices changed hands. Democrat Samuel Gdansky not only failed to oust Republican Fred Rella from the Supervisorship of Ramapo but also lost his own County Legislature seat to Rella, apparently as a result of turning many Democratic office-holders and leaders against him by attacking them, by using their names in his campaign ads without their permission, or by making claims for himself that they considered false. The Ramapo Democrats otherwise retained their grip on local offices.

All four incumbent County Legislators running in Clarkstown lost their seats (while the incumbent Republican Supervisor, Democratic Councilman and Republican Councilman were reelected). Democrats Harriett Cornell, Kenneth Zebrowski and Alexander Gromack defeated David Wagner, Catherine McDougall and John Fellas for four-year terms, and Republican Thomas Morahan, a former Legislator and former Assemblyman, unseated Zipporah Fleisher for the remaining two years of the term of the late John Allison, a Democrat.

The net result of these races increased the Democratic majority in the 20-member Legislature from 12 to 13 and, combined with the replacement of Beljean by Fornario in Orangetown, drastically reduced the Conservative Party influence in the minority coalition.

The Haverstraw Democrats survived a last-minute court decision throwing their entire Town slate off the ballot on an ambiguous procedural technicality. A well organized write-in campaign reelected the incumbents by larger than usual majorities.

In Stony Point, where the single Legislator's seat was not up for election, an extraordinarily complex series of shifts and splits resulted in the election of a Democratic majority on the Town Board, headed by John Shankey as Supervisor. (Shankey is a colleague of Orangetown's Dr. Jacqueline Holland and Andrew Norman on the Rockland Community College board of trustees.) Republican Lucien Conklin had decided to call it quits as Supervisor and seek a Town Councilmanship instead. The Republicans nominated the Town Clerk to replace him, but a Republican Councilman waged a vigorous independent race on the Evergreen and Right to Life lines. The Conserva-

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NATURE SANCTUARY ENTRANCE IS IMPROVED

The entrance to Columbia's Lamont Nature Sanctuary in Palisades, N.Y. was improved recently when a new pathway was opened approximately 75 feet from the guardhouse at the Route 9W entrance to the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory.

The new entrance will make it easier for hikers to enter the Sanctuary and also improve security procedures. The old entrance, about one-quarter mile south on old Route 9W, has been closed. Considerable vandalism had occurred in recent months in the area near the original entrance; by repositioning the entrance it is hoped that less vandalism will occur and serious hikers will be afforded easier access.

Members of the Nature Sanctuary committee recently cleared many of the trails of fallen trees. Trail markings will be renewed in the near future.

For those who wish to use the Sanctuary weekend and holiday parking is now available at Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory. Security guards will direct cars to the exact location. A new brochure on the Sanctuary is available at the L-DGO guardhouse, 201 Dodge on the Morningside Heights campus and 551 Atchley Pavilion on the Health Sciences Campus. New parking permits are also available at all three locations.

Keys are no longer needed for the Sanctuary entrance; anyone holding a key for the previous entrance may obtain a \$2 refund by returning it to 201 Dodge.

Columbia faculty, students, administrators and staff, and residents of the Palisades area are encouraged to explore the Sanctuary's acres of undeveloped woodland atop the Palisades. For further information, call 280-2845.

THE ROVING REPORTER

This month's question:

A parent recently made the following statement about our local school system: "While there are special programs for the gifted and for the slow learner, the average child does not receive sufficient attention." What is your opinion?

Answers:

1. "Going back eight or so years, with the introduction of the modular system, I felt that category of student was forced to flounder. I was personally not happy with their experience, nor were they." (Paula Drechsler)

2. "The learning disabled students have their special classes because they need them. The more advanced students have their classes because the average classes either go too slow or are uninteresting to them. And the average student has classes planned for his or her ability." (G. Olsen)

3. "I agree with him. For the amount of money we're spending, the children are not getting the benefits that should be available to them. Too much emphasis is

HOLIDAY TIPS FROM MADD

During the Holiday Season, a great many people will be drinking more than they ever do. We don't want to spoil your party, but we do have some tips and information which we feel will help you.

1. If you plan to go out and drink with friends, take turns. One of you should stay sober and not drink at all if you are the driver.
2. If you are an individual that dispenses alcoholic beverages, please use extra discretion when serving your guests or patrons. Please don't serve someone that appears intoxicated.
3. If you are only an occasional drinker, it will take less alcohol to get you impaired than it would an experienced drinker. Don't be one of the 1,890 people expected to die, or one of the 46,980 people critically injured over the next few weeks.
4. Don't let someone drive drunk!! Friends should help friends. Don't get into a car with a drunk driver. Being sober in the passenger seat will not prevent a tragedy; you could become the tragedy yourself.
5. If you see a person that you believe is a drunk driver, call the police. Give the 911 operator the color and make of car, license number, and possible direction of travel. If you have a CB in your car, use channel 9. Your caring might just save the life of an innocent person.
6. Wear your seat belts. Most crashes with drunks are head-on. A seat belt can save your life and prevent serious injury. Small children, by law, must be in an approved car seat. Older children should also be strapped in.
7. Contrary to popular belief, neither coffee, fresh air, or cold showers will sober you up. The only thing that works is TIME. The average body only burns up 1 drink per hour once you've stopped drinking.
8. Remember that drunk drivers are on the roads 24 hours every day; not just on a Friday or Saturday night.

You owe it to yourself and those who care about you to make this holiday a happy one -- not a tragic one.

ROSE MC COY
PRESIDENT, MADD



placed on special activities rather than the teacher putting her time in the classroom for the benefit of all." (Wilbur Gove)

4. "I think that's true. From my experience, if you were in the middle group you lacked the special program that the gifted and the slow received." (Patricia Sullivan)

NANCY HALL

If you have a "question" for next month's column, please send it to "The Roving Reporter", 10964, box 207, Palisades, N.Y. 10964.

ARTS AND LETTERS

An exhibit of unique books handmade by seventy artists from the United States, Canada, Europe, and Japan opens at the Thorpe Intermedia Gallery on Sunday, December 18, 1983 and continues through January 22, 1984.

Called *You Can't Tell A Book By Its Cover*, it includes over 150 books that vary from one page to many; books you can and cannot read; of paper, clay, fiber, metal, stone, glass; from 4 inches to 10 feet in size. There are books you can sit in, walk through, flip through, or those you cannot touch.

The guest curator for the show is Barbara Meise Kassis, a 1983 recipient of a crafts fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. She is a medievalist who teaches at the Cloisters in New York City and is herself a maker of books.

An unusual number of contemporary artists are making books and this phenomenon is considered by some writers to be the closest thing to an avant-garde activity in the visual arts these days. Ms. Kassis, the exhibition curator, believes that the making of books is a response to the computer and our technological society.

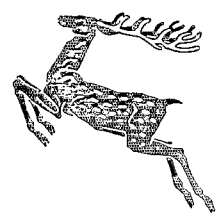
A limited edition catalog accompanies the exhibit. Each artist in the show was asked to design one page. The cover was designed and silk-screened by Ms. Kassis, who then bound each catalog by hand, using an ancient Japanese method of book-binding.

During the exhibition three demonstrations will be given at the gallery on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 noon. They are, the art of gold illumination by Barbara Kassis, January 7; How to marbleize paper, given by Phyllis Bilick on January 14; and Making books of porcelain, by Jacqueline Clipsham on January 21, 1984. A donation of \$4 is requested for each session or \$10 for all three.

The public is invited to the opening reception on Sunday, Dec. 18th between 1 and 4, and to a special musical concert of new and traditional works from Java, Bali, and America, performed by a group of musicians on a percussion ensemble called Gamelan Son of Lion. The concert is scheduled for 4 p.m., following the opening

You Can't Tell A Book By Its Cover can be seen Thursdays through Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. (914-359-6400). It is closed on Christmas eve and Christmas day; New Year's eve and New Year's day. Admission is free. This exhibit was made possible by public funds received from the N.Y. State Council on the Arts.

Thorpe Intermedia Gallery is located on Rte. 340 in Sparkill, N.Y., near Exit 5N of the Palisades Parkway, in Rockland County. By car, the gallery is only 25 minutes north of the George Washington Bridge, or 10 minutes south of the Tappan Zee Bridge.



(Election) tives endorsed the Democratic ticket and provided them with their narrow victory margins.

Composition of the County Legislature will soon be back in State Supreme Court, which earlier this year ruled the present structure unconstitutionally malapportioned. One possible alternative may be a proposal from the existing Legislature to create 20 single-member districts (all members are now elected at large from the five towns). There will be heavy support, too, for a much smaller body, with perhaps as few as 11 single-member districts, coupled with creation of an elective County Executive.

ANDREW E. NORMAN

PALISADES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Calendar

- Dec. 18: 9:45, Adult Peacemaking Discussion
11:00, The Annual Christmas pageant in worship
4-7 Open House at the Manse
- Dec. 24: 11 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols.
- Dec. 25: 11 a.m. Worship. No Sunday School
- Jan 1: 11 a.m. Worship, The Rev. Robert Chesnut preaching. No Sunday School.

(Burglaries)

A week or so later a letter appeared in *Our Town* newspaper criticizing a previous article that had appeared in the paper describing one of the burglars as "Hispanic". As Lieutenant Youngman pointed out, the original article merely quoted the description of one of the eyewitnesses, who used the word.

Although the police have subsequently arrested alleged burglars in other sections of South Orangetown, none of them to date match the timing or description of the Palisades summer burglaries.

Lieutenant Youngman says that the most important factor in preventing home burglaries is for residents to BE SUSPICIOUS. Watch for strangers in your area. If you notice a strange car, a strange person, or any other unusual happening, call the police at once.

Make an agreement with your neighbors to be watchful. Talk to your children, and review with them procedures to follow. If you can safely get a license plate number and a description of the car, and a description of the stranger, it can be helpful. The main thing is to call the police. Do not accost a strange person yourself.

Never enter a house if you think it has been burglarized. Go to a neighbor's house and telephone the police -- the burglar may still be inside!

The "crime watch system" really works. Some areas of Rockland County are virtually crime free, and burglars avoid them, as a result.

A police representative will come out for a special crime prevention meeting, if a small group of residents requests it. Call the Orangetown Police Department to make arrangements.


By working together with the police, and by becoming a suspicious of strangers, look-out-for-your-neighbor community, we can make Palisades a safer place to live.

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RESTAURANT REVIEWS: THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM RESTAURANT

During the holiday season, many more of you will be in the city to enjoy its festivities, therefore we thought we'd share a special restaurant review with you.

Jack and I went to the Manet exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum and afterwards decided to try the new restaurant. I was sorry to see that it had supplanted the fountains and reflecting pool. Yet, if you can overlook that, the restaurant is quite attractively done in mauve colors. The cafeteria was also a beneficiary of the renovation. Where else can you dine amid such splendor with a magnificent Ionic capital in the background? The noise level is a bit much at first, but somehow you adjust to it. We thought it might make a different and fun review. During the fall months, we like to go into the city, and the Manet exhibit is certainly worth a visit.

The restaurant quite naturally observes Museum hours. Thus, it is closed on Mondays; opened for dinner on Tuesdays only and for lunch every day. The staff dining room is opened for brunch on Sundays from 11:30 to 2:30.

The restaurant menu is the same for lunch and dinner with two additional hot entrees available Tuesday evenings. The selections are limited but sufficiently diverse to appeal to all palates.

Jack ordered the Roast Prime Ribs (10.95), a generous slice, all nice and pink, and accompanied by a julienne of sauteed vegetables and wild mushrooms. I was not quite so hungry and settled for the Black Forest Ham and Brie on pumpernickel (8.25). The serving which included the same vegetables was more than adequate, the Brie good and ripe.

The other hot entrees were Roast Loin of Veal with Wild Mushrooms (12.50) and Caviar and Sour Cream Omelette (7.95). Cold entrees included Poached Salmon with Cucumber and Dill Salad (10.95) and Pate Sandwich with Waldorf Salad (8.75).

I tried the Raspberry Tart (2.95) for dessert, quite sweet with a flaky crust. Jack ordered the Chocolate Mousse Pie (2.95). It was scrumptious even though I just managed to get a taste before Jack finished it off. Next time I am going to order one for myself.

The Sunday brunch looks good. For a Prix Fixe of \$8.95, you have a choice of a drink such as a Champagne Cocktail and an entree such as the Caviar and Sour Cream Omelette. The a la carte menu includes Eggs Benedict with Salmon or Bacon and Brioche French Toast with Bacon or Sausage (7.95 each).

So if you find yourself at the Museum and feeling hungry, give the restaurant a try. We had a wonderful, enthusiastic waiter, Marc Kamhi, who did his job well and certainly contributed to an enjoyable evening. Ask for Marc, and he will take good care of you.

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KAREN JEFFERIES

RESTAURANT REVIEWS: LOCAL

I am sure you are all familiar with Tony's Lobster and Steak House in Sparkill. We used to go there ages ago until the food went downhill. Over the past few years, however, I have heard that Tony's was under new management and now had good food. Rich and Joyce Irazzary, residents of Palisades for 23 years, bought the restaurant six years ago. Today, business is booming, and reservations are a must on weekends. They use only the finest fresh foods and vegetables, and each dinner is individually prepared. The Irazzarys tie a ribbon around the giant White Ash tree at the restaurant's entrance to celebrate holidays and other important occasions.

I persuaded a friend to join me for this med-week foray. It was a pleasant break as I seldom go out for lunch locally during the week. We began lunch with the Stuffed Baked Clams (3.50). Expecting the usual heavy dosage of breadcrumbs, we were pleasantly surprised to find a goodly amount of chopped clams with just a thin coating of breadcrumbs -- quite tasty.

For the main course, I ordered the Stuffed Shrimp (5.95) and again was delighted to find it filled with lots of crabmeat. It arrived at the table a bit tepid, but I can't complain about the generous portion. My companion chose the Bay Scallops (5.95), broiled and served with a butter sauce. She said they were quite good and fresh. Neither of us cared for the way the home fries and large slices of cooked carrots were plopped on the plate. Both tasted fine, but I would suggest either a larger plate or smaller portions or perhaps an entirely different selection altogether.

The other seafood entrees included Shrimp Scampi (5.95) and the house special, From The Sea (7.95), a platter of stuffed shrimp, stuffed clams, fillet of sole, and scallops. There are also several steak, veal, and chicken dishes from which to choose. I, personally, would also like to see some lighter entrees on the menu such as a lobster, shrimp, or crab salad.

I ordered the Chocolate Silk Pie for dessert. It reminded me of the one served at the now defunct Angel Cafe, rich, gooey, and delicious. My friend ordered the Apple and Walnut Pie; it too was scrumptious.

This may turn out to be part one of a two part review since I don't think I can do justice to the restaurant without giving dinner a whirl even though most of the luncheon selections except for the sandwiches are also served at dinner. I did do a little research and talked to a neighbor who has been there for dinner several times. She said the veal dishes, the filet mignon, and the lobster are all quite good.

I am delighted the Irazzarys have taken over Tony's, providing their neighbors with a convenient spot to go for good, hearty food and an enjoyable outing.

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