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MILDRED RIPPEY

Palisades' elegant and grand lady autographed her book "Reflections" at the Palisades Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 20th.

Several hundred people gathered to celebrate Mildred's debut as a published author. We thank her children for putting together this privately published collection of Mildred's poems and essays, and making them available to her friends of all generations.

"Reflections" is available for \$5; the proceeds will be donated by Mildred and her family to the Palisades Presbyterian Church Building Fund for needed repairs.

If you wish to add "Reflections" to your library, please call Mildred Rippey (359-3621) or her daughter, Jo Cole (359-4630).

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

THE SAFE CHILD: A Commonsense Approach to Protecting Your Children from Abduction and Sexual Abuse.

A talk by SHERRYLL KERNS KRAIZER.

Ms. Kraizer is one of the country's foremost experts in personal safety training for children. She created the Children Need To Know program which teaches personal safety directly to small groups of children and their parents. It has been presented to over 50,000 children and their parents, and was featured in the Emmy Award-winning television production, Saying No To Strangers.

Sunday, November 17, 4 p.m. at the Library.

"THANK YOU"

At a meeting of the 10964 Board of Directors this summer, chairman Roger Jellinek thanked Mary Ann Sahadi for her outstanding performance as editor for 1984-85, taking particular note of the maintenance of a high editorial standard, the phenomenal growth of paid advertising, and her contribution of typesetting and lay-out services.

A PALISADES TO HASTINGS BRIDGE?NEVER!!!

The residents of Palisades would never hear of such a thing! But after attending the public hearing held by the County Legislature, Sept. 26, there is only one conclusion to be drawn: the Palisades-Hastings Bridge could become a reality, despite political reassurances to the contrary.

The ostensible purpose of the meeting was to discuss long-range plans for what was described as the Tappan Zee Corridor. The presentation was done by the Regional Metropolitan Transportation Council for the New York State Dept. of Transportation and included several options for easing Tappan Zee Bridge traffic now and 20 years in the future. These included express buses, van pools, reversible lanes and four possible sites for a new bridge. The four sites were from Upper Nyack to North Tarrytown, a twin bridge next to the existing Tappan Zee Bridge, a bridge from Palisades to Hastings, and a bridge from Alpine, N.J. to Yonkers.

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PALISADES TURNOUT IS LIGHT IN
SEPTEMBER 10 PRIMARY

Voter turnout in the 1985 primary election on September 10 was little better in Palisades than elsewhere in Orangetown - 112 Democrats, 81 Republicans and 2 Conservatives.

Palisades Democrats cast 83 votes for John McAlevy, former supervisor of Ramapo, who also carried Orangetown in the race for the party's first nomination for County Executive, and 29 votes for County Legislator John Grant of Haverstraw. Grant, the present chairman of the County Legislature, won the nomination with a countywide (unofficial) margin of 9295 to 7436.

The Republican primary involved three candidates for two full, four-year terms on the Town Board and two candidates for the two-year, unexpired term of the late Councilman George Raboni.

In the three-for-two race, newcomer Cornelius O'Sullivan of Pearl River squeaked through with a three-vote margin in Palisades over the two incumbents, June Groll and Charles McLiverty, 51-48-48. Townwide, O'Sullivan was also the leader with (unofficially) 1683 votes to McLiverty's 1505, and Mrs. Groll was eliminated with 1111 votes.

Orangetown Conservative Party chairman William Griffith carried Palisades, 45 to 36, on his way to a townwide 1320 to 1121 victory over County Legislator John Murphy for the unexpired Town Council seat, which Murphy has been filling since early this year by Town Board appointment.

The Conservative Party primary involved a last-ditch attempt by the Republican nominee for County Executive, Supervisor Ted Dusanenko of Clarkstown, to secure the Conservative nomination by write-in votes after his petition was invalidated by the Board of Elections. Edward Keegan, the Conservative

Party leadership's choice, received 418 votes countywide, including two votes in Palisades, to 209 (and 0) for Dusanenko.

As usual, Palisades election inspectors received several complaints from voters whose only desire was to vote in the New York City mayoralty race.

ANDREW E. NORMAN

ELECTIONS

Tuesday, November 5, is Election Day. Candidates are numerous this year, and there are 5 State proposals, plus 2 Orangetown proposals on the ballot. For your guidance, we provide a chart that shows the candidates' names and a brief summary of each proposal.

STATE OF NEW YORK PROPOSALS
(Summarized)

1. Shall the Legislature be permitted to expand the loan capacity of the Job Development Authority (whose role is to improve employment opportunities in the state) up to \$600,000,000 instead of \$300,000,000 as now provided?
2. Shall the Legislature be permitted to pass tax laws which incorporate by reference any provision of federal law? (At present any tax law must distinctly state the tax and the object being taxed.)
3. Shall the jurisdiction of New York State's Court of Appeals be expanded so that it can answer questions at the request of the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, or the highest court of another state? (At present this is not permitted.)

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TOWN OF ORANGETOWN PROPOSALS
(Summarized)

4. Shall counties, cities, towns, villages or school districts be permitted to finance indebtedness by the issuance of sinking fund bonds? (At present, only NY City is allowed to use this method for financing indebtedness.)

5. Shall the limitations on the amount of real estate tax allowed to be raised by a school district either coterminous with, or partly or wholly within a city of fewer than 125,000 inhabitants be repealed?

1. Shall there be a moratorium of 6 months on zoning changes in the Town of Orangetown, or until the new master plan and zoning code is adopted (whichever of these occurs first)?

2. Shall the Town of Orangetown construct a swimming pool at a maximum cost of \$2,500,000 (the first \$125,000 to be financed by bonds [capital notes], and the other \$2,375,000 to be financed by insured series bonds)?

	<u>Dem.</u>	<u>Repub.</u>	<u>Conserv.</u>	<u>Lib.</u>	<u>Rt. to Life</u>	<u>Indep.</u>
<u>COUNTY</u>						
<u>Executive*</u>	Grant	Dusanenko	Keegan	McAlevey	Bruno	Dusanenko
<u>Judge</u>	Nelson	Rones	Rones	Nelson	--	--
<u>Dist. Atty</u>	Gribetz	Gribetz	Gribetz	Gribetz		
<u>Clerk</u>	Hilowitz	Holland	Holland	Hilowitz	Holland	--
<u>ORANGETOWN</u>						
<u>Cty. Legis</u> (Select 2)	Saeli Levin	Murphy Easter	Filippone Easter	-- --	Murphy Easter	Saeli Levin
<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	Gorman	Colello	Colello	--	Colello	Gorman
<u>COUNCILMAN</u> (Select 2) 4-yr. term	Neil OSullivan McDevitt	Connie OSullivan McLiverty	Connie OSullivan --	-- --	Connie OSullivan McLiverty	Neil OSullivan --
<u>COUNCILMAN</u> 2-yr. term	Bertussi	Griffith	Griffith	--	Griffith	Bertussi
<u>CLERK</u>	Miri- janian	Haugh	Haugh	--	Haugh	Miri- janian
<u>JUSTICE</u> (4-yr. term)	Schloss	Feenick	Feenick	--	Feenick	Schloss
<u>JUSTICE</u> (2-yr. term)	Scrocco	Phinney	Phinney	--	--	Scrocco
<u>TAX RCVER</u>	Zuccaro	Bohner	Bohner	--	Bohner	Zuccaro

* Joseph T. St. Lawrence is also running for County Executive, as an Independent.

THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE PALISADES

This committee was organized in March 1985 by a group of 17 residents who were concerned with preserving the quality of life in Palisades, and with maintaining our present status as an unincorporated hamlet of Orangetown. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Write to us at P.O. Box 1, Palisades, or telephone Laura Ebmeyer, Joan Salomon, or Nellie Knudson.

THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE PALISADES

BRIDGE (continued from P.1)

Despite the discussion of other options to the bridge, and despite the fact that it is initially one of the most costly alternatives, it was the Council's contention that a bridge would give the most acceptable traffic flow. And despite their contention that this hearing was only a discussion of some long-range planning alternatives, government agencies DO NOT usually hold hearing on something that is only being discussed as a possibility for 20 years in the future.

The bridge then represents a very real threat. So where will that bridge be located? Not in Upper Nyack. Commuters using the Tappan Zee generally want to go south, not north. Next to the existing Tappan Zee? Probably not. The problems here lie with the approaches to the bridge, not the bridge itself, and a bridge next to the Tappan Zee would have the same problems. So that leaves either Palisades or Alpine, N.J.

Both Palisades and Alpine would not be under the jurisdiction of the New York State Dept. of Transportation. Therefore, all of the assurances given at the hearing by our state, county and local officials of their opposition to the bridge were virtually meaningless.

It is the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, a huge super-agency directly answerable to no one, which will be responsible for the bridge. Money is not a problem. They will simply raise it from bondholders, and recover it in tolls. And opposition to a bridge in Palisades is by no means universal. In fact, residents of western Rockland would welcome it.

So what can we do? Well, the first step is to keep a very watchful eye on any mention of the Tappan Zee Corridor and its long-range plans. Forewarned is forearmed. We should form a BRIDGE WATCH COMMITTEE to keep the community informed about a Palisades-Hastings bridge, for nothing will destroy this community more surely than this. Anyone interested in serving on the BRIDGE WATCH, drop a note to the Palisades Civic Association, Box 222. You could perform no better service for your community than this.

JOHANNA FARLEY

CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S FIRST YEAR MARKED BY MULTIPLE ISSUES

The Palisades Civic Association's second annual meeting on October 1 elected a full slate of officers, made several important decisions and reviewed the PCA's efforts on a multitude of issues.

The new officers are Eileen Larkin, President; Andrew Norman, Vice President; Barbara Olson, Treasurer; Johanna Farley, Recording Secretary and Dossi Thayer, Corresponding Secretary.

The membership voted to appeal Orangetown Supervisor Joseph Colello's decision invalidating the petition for a referendum on incorporating the Village of Palisades. The appeal will be filed in Supreme Court on the grounds that the num-

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ber of signatures Colello said were needed was much greater than the actual legal requirement and that he disallowed many valid signatures.

CONDOMINIUMS: The PCA's lawsuit against the rezoning to permit 70 units at the corner of Oak Tree Road and Route 340 is awaiting Appellate Division action on the defendants' appeal which seeks to dismiss one of several counts. Meanwhile, the Zoning Board of Appeals refused to grant the special permit requested by the builder, and he has filed suit to reverse the ZBA. The builder also sued to reverse the Planning Board's decision not to consider plans for more than 56 units. The court sent the case back to the Planning Board for reconsideration, and the Board confirmed its earlier ruling. While the issue is still alive, the builder cannot proceed unless he wins the PCA's suit and secures reversal of both boards' decisions.

IBM: PCA members have followed all aspects of the planning and permit process of the IBM training center at several Planning Board meetings and at a Town Board hearing on a helicopter permit. IBM has modified its parking plans to reduce the size of the paved parking area and to make sure that both the area and its lighting will not be visible from Route 9W. The company has followed up on a PCA suggestion to open its access road from Route 340 so that staff cars and deliveries will not have to circle through the heart of Palisades, turn left onto Route 9W and then left again into the main entrance.

In granting the helicopter permit, the Town Board adopted the PCA's request that it be limited to 80 flights per year, only in business hours, except for medical emergencies.

At a recent Planning Board meeting, the Board agreed with a PCA request that IBM clarify its plans to remove several hundred thousand cubic yards of dirt from the site,

with an estimated 30 or more large trucks per day for nine months to a year.

OAK TREE ROAD: The annual meeting voted to authorize the PCA to pursue and support efforts by a regional organization to get Oak Tree Road designated as an official "Scenic Route" and to put pressure on the town supervisor to cooperate. No further action is in order at this time on Consolidated Freightways' request to bring tandem trailers down Route 303 and along Oak Tree Road. The State Department of Transportation turned down that request last winter. The PCA's "truckbuster" committee is continuing its efforts to encourage and cooperate with the town police to keep illegal trucking off Oak Tree Road between Routes 9W and 340.

NEW HUDSON BRIDGE? Johanna Farley reported on the DOT Regional Transportation Commission hearing in New City in September, where various alternatives were presented to relieve rush-hour congestion on the Tappan Zee Bridge. (SEE 10964 article by Johanna Farley in this issue.)

CANCER SURVEY: The PCA requested the State Department of Health to include Palisades in a county-wide survey because of the apparently high rates of cancer in our small community. The request was approved, and results are expected before the end of the year.

I should like to thank all who have already joined the Civic Association for the second year (1985-86). The membership fee is \$5 per person, and all larger contributions are counted as including dues. Checks may be made payable to the Palisades Civic Association and mailed to P.O. Box 222.

EILEEN LARKIN
President

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Of the approximately 2,400 children in the South Orangetown school district attending our public schools, 105 are from Palisades. The breakdown is as follows:

Grade	No.	Grade	No.	Grade	No.
K	7	5	2	9	9
1	10	6	5	10	9
2	7	7	6	11	20
3	13	8	6	12	5
4	6				

As the high school population wanes, a smaller number of students will move up from the middle school to the high school. Palisades is not unique in this respect. The pattern is similar throughout the district and, in fact, throughout the nation.

In eight years, however, we shall begin to see an increase in student population as the K-4 students move up to the middle school. And to further brighten the picture for our public schools, the last census counted 42 pre-school children living in our area. New housing and the baby boom/boomlet will probably account for even more children of pre-school age.

The figures show then, that despite the drop in our secondary school population in the next few years, eight years from now should see us back up to the present level.

GERALDINE MIRAS

[Mrs. Miras, Vice President of the So. Orangetown School Board, will be writing regularly in 10964 about school happenings of interest to Palisades. Please send any suggestions for the column, or the details of any outstanding accomplishments by our students (in public or private schools) to her at P.O. Box 543. Tel. 359-1720]

TAPPAN ZEE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Kimberly Long has been named "National-Merit Commended Scholar" in the 1986 Merit Scholarship Program.

Greg Olson has been inducted into the National Math Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta.

Jonathan Thayer has qualified for membership in the All-State Music Group, based on statewide competitive auditions that were held in the spring.

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WANTED FOR OUR DECEMBER ISSUE

News of our post-high school kids: where are they and what are they doing?

News from the community: back from a stay in the hospital? Had a baby? Written a book? Moving away or just arrived on the scene? Personal items are what give 10964 its special flavor. Send 'em to P.O. Box 201.

ROCKLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Rockland Center in West Nyack announces these classes:

- Nov. 4: Oil Painting, all levels, 6 weeks, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$65.
Nov. 5: Oil Painting, all levels, 6 weeks, 1-4 p.m., \$65.
Nov. 7: Watercolor, all levels, 6 weeks, 12:30-3:30 p.m., \$65.
Nov. 9: Printmaking Workshop I, one day, 10-4, \$35.
Nov. 16: Printmaking Workshop II, one day, 10-4, \$35.
Nov. 24: Raku Workshop, Japanese ceramic firing, one day, 1-4 p.m., \$30 (bring 4 or 5 pieces of bisqued ware).

NOTE: Reservations are required for all workshops; call 358-0877.

CELEBRITY EVENTS

Ellen Burstyn was hostess at a champagne benefit preview for the soon-to-be-released, major motion picture "Twice in a Lifetime," on October 9, at the Cinema East in Nyack. Proceeds from the benefit will go toward support of the 1985-86 Performance Season at the Rockland Center for the Arts. In addition to Miss Burstyn, the film stars Gene Hackman, Ann-Margaret, and Amy Madigan. This movie is expected to have general release in theaters nationwide some time in 1986.

SIXTY OR OVER?

Now is the time to learn about Thorpe Senior Center in Sparkill, at the Dominican Convent on Route 340. It's open to all in Orangetown who meet the age requirement (younger than 60 is o.k., if your spouse is at least that old). People of all races, colors, religions, and nationalities are welcome.

The Center is open from 9-5 each weekday. Luncheon is served (suggested donation: \$1.25). A van is available to transport you round-trip (suggested donation: \$.50).

At this multi-purpose center, you can be as active or as passive as you wish, can come over every day, all day, or for as little as 2 hours occasionally. Some people enjoy just getting out to a new setting and making a few friends. Other people prefer to be very active, pitching-in to help with food preparation, cleanup, and the various activities. There are movies, shopping trips to local stores, discussions, musical performances, games, speakers.

The Center has just celebrated its Tenth Anniversary. Drop by any weekday to see what it's like. For more information, call Sister Maureen Bradshaw at 359-6400, ext. 203.

THORPE INTERMEDIA GALLERY

A new exhibit opens at the Thorpe Gallery in Sparkill (Route 340) on Thursday Nov. 3 and runs until Sunday, Dec. 8. Hours 1-4 p.m. The work of sixteen artists will demonstrate the two strong movements in today's artworld: Neo-expressionism and Geometric Abstraction. An informal gallery talk will be held on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. For more information, call 359-6400, Adele Myers.

ART EXHIBIT: Ray Leith, So. Nyack artist, will exhibit her oil paintings and charcoal drawings: Oct. 19 - Nov. 10, West Bank Gallery, 65 So. Broadway, Nyack. Weekends, 11-5 p.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Can you spare 30 minutes once or twice a month to deliver meals to residents of the Thorpe Village? Meals are picked up at the Dominican Convent about 11:30, and you should be through around noon.

If you are interested in helping out, please call Karen Jefferies (359-1146).

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