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Council news

by A. Weiner

On a hot and humid night, June 13, a full Borough Council voted with emphatic unanimity to declare the sewage system in a state of emergency. An ordinance was introduced which calls for a 56% increase from \$30.00 to \$47.00 a month per family unit, in water/sewage rates. Among a long agenda of items; action was also taken to accept a \$500 donation from the Roosevelt Solar Village (Senior Citizens Housing Project) for the extension of Farm Lane; to appoint Michael Ticktin Tax Assessor and Rod Tulloss Park Commission chair.

The new water/sewer ordinance will be open to public discussion on July 11 and if adopted will be in effect August 1. Councilmember Chasan, who proposed that a state of emergency be declared, explained that the threat of breakdown is real and would seriously endanger the community; the sewage plant itself is in precarious condition and major pipelines have ruptured. Neigh-

boring communities downstream from here are in danger of infiltration of effluent into their water systems. Mayor Hepner stated that the Environmental Protection Agency has issued warnings that our system is unacceptable. In view of the current policy of no federal or state assistance, "we must do this ourselves or go to jail" (Chasan).

In public discussion, Leslie Weiner asked about a \$100,00 surplus which existed two years ago. The Mayor answered that that money was "eaten into" long since, leaving only a small balance; that surpluses are sometimes built up by not spending funds for proper uses; that there has been a period of neglect for 40 years by the community and its leadership. Several emergency actions must be taken now and a long-term plan for rehabilitating the entire system is essential. In answer to whether there will be further increases in the

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future, the response from around the table was a firm "yes": the present ordinance is only a "stop-gap measure" (Hepner). "Attempts to borrow the funds will only shift the problem to raising taxes." (Esakoff) "It's time to bite the bullet." (Metzger) "There is no present danger of polluting any drinking water, though a downstream cow might not be too happy with her drink." (Chasan)

Several speakers pointed out that Roosevelt is in the company of many other towns who face higher -double and triple- increases. Point Pleasant residents pay over \$1000 per year for water/sewage services; it will cost a pool-owner in Bricktown \$1000 per year for filling the pool this summer. An amendment to place the synagogue and other houses of worship in a non-payment category (Metzger) was defeated. Water meters, it was noted, are included in the ordinance only to satisfy a legal requirement: there will be no metering of water at the present time. The Council ended the discussion by voting to award a \$12,000 contract for immediate sewage plant repair.

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Eds.

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When Mayor Hepner reported that the Solar Village Corporation offered to donate \$500 to the \$2000 already earmarked for the Farm Lane extension, she observed that this latter figure was an independent assessment of the land cost. After this sum was rejected in favor of a \$2500 figure by owner Rebecca Notterman, the Mayor invited Dr. Notterman, in writing, to meet for discussion of the matter, but there has been no response. The acceptance of the donation was passed with members Chasan, Esakoff and Leefer opposed; the Mayor's vote broke the tie.

The reappointment of Michael Ticktin as tax assessor now includes his tenure in that position. Naomi Brahinsky was named an assistant. As to questions of conflict of interest, the Mayor said that the Council had agreed that a sufficient safeguard in such matters will reside in a code of ethics for Borough officials and employees, to be discussed and adopted shortly.

Committee reports and resolutions included: purchase of up to \$2500 for the fire Dept.; a donation of \$700 for the July 4 picnic; a decision to close School Lane south of Pine Drive during fireworks on July 4; a provision of \$700 for attendance at the League of Municipalities in Atlantic City; the appointment of Wilbur Loftus through September, 1984; the hiring of David Teich as temporary part-time worker and water/sewer trainee at \$5.00 per hour; authorization to Borough engineer to get bids on Street and Road repair; and a contribution of \$200 toward the purchase of a piano for the Senior Citizens Club and Borough Hall (Chasan and Leefer opposed).

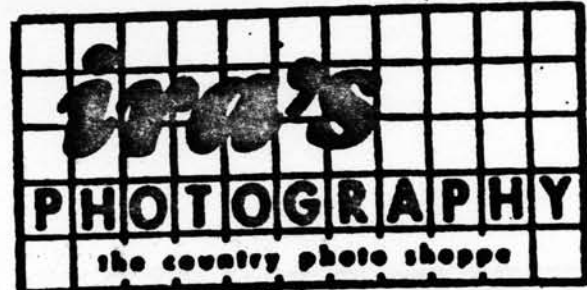
The Council requests that during the hot weather residents

try as much as possible to conserve water and thereby maintain good quality. Mayor Hepner announced that the County Board of Freeholders has chosen, for the first time, to meet in Roosevelt, in the School Library, under the Shahn mural! The meeting is on June 28 at 8 p.m. Residents are invited to attend, en masse.


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Fourth of July News

by Bob Clark

This year's 4th of July celebration will emphasize home-grown music over hard rock, a greater variety of non-alcoholic beverages over beer and booming fireworks over blaring loud-speakers.

Scheduled events for Wednesday, July 4, include:

- 8:30 a.m. -- Run-A-Thon (Children)
- 9:00 a.m. -- Run-A-Thon (Adults)
- 3:00 p.m. -- Parade and Judging of Bicycle Decorations
- 3:30 p.m. -- Beginning of Serving of Hot Dogs and Beverages, Games and Pony Rides
- 4:30 p.m. -- 50/50 and Art Prize Drawings to Be Followed by Music
- 9:00 p.m. -- Fireworks Display

Two Run-A-Thons, organized by Howard Kaufman, will begin at the intersection of Rochdale Avenue (571) and Tamara Drive. Children 12 years and younger may participate in a one mile run, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. The adult run (13 years and older) will measure 4.4 miles and will begin at 9:00 a.m. Each participant in both runs will receive a time and a certificate.

The parade will begin at the corner of Rochdale and Tamara. It will include an honor guard of boy scouts to carry the flag, the Borough first aid ambulance and fire truck, decorated bicycles and other attractions and groups invited by parade organizers, including the Mayor and Council. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated bicycles. The parade master will be Bob Francis.

The parade will travel around

Tamara to Pine Drive, and it will end on Rochdale near the Memorial Rock. Following brief remarks by Mayor Freda Hepner to commemorate the occasion, other events will take place on school grounds and near the Roosevelt Memorial.

Ralph and Nancy Warnick and Saliba Sarsar will organize refreshments, which will be provided free of charge. The organizing committee decided to eliminate beer in favor of a greater variety and quantity of non-alcoholic beverages.* It was hoped that this would curtail underage consumption of alcohol, discourage unruliness and lead to a safer fireworks display. Nonetheless, the committee will seek permission from the Council to allow an exception to the Borough's public lands alcohol consumption prohibition for beer purchased elsewhere and consumed at the celebration site. Those bringing beer will be responsible, according to celebration organizers. Hot dogs, including some kosher, will be provided free of charge.

Free pony rides will be available to children accompanied by adults, and children's games and races, organ-

*Note:

The Council decided, as reported in last month's Bulletin, that there shall be no free beer and the town ordinance prohibiting the use of alcohol in a public place shall not be rescinded.

--The Editors

ized by Howard Kaufman and Margaret Schlinsky, will take place throughout the afternoon. Volleyball and softball fields will be available.

A 50/50 drawing, followed by an art drawing, will be held at 4:30 near the Roosevelt Memorial. A single winner will be selected to receive 50% of the money raised by 50/50 sales, which will be organized by Pat Antosky. Saliba Sarsar will organize the art drawing, which will allow several lucky winners to benefit from the generosity of local artists and craftspeople.


Immediately following the drawings, traditional music will be provided by local musicians, Laurie Altman, Ron Orlando, Ed Cedar, Ed Goetzman, Paul Prestcino, and others, under the leadership of David Brahinsky. People are advised to bring chairs, pillows, etc., to ensure their comfort at these and other events.

George Loyer will organize the fireworks display, which will take place behind the school. Safety will be emphasized. Mr. Loyer was certified by the state after attending intensive training. Liability insurance has been purchased and the fire company will help discourage unauthorized fireworks.

The officers of this year's organizing committee are Bill Counterman, President; Saliba Sarsar, Vice-President; June Counterman, Treasurer; and Nancy Warnick, Secretary. Last year the event raised \$1729, including an \$800 contribution from the Borough Council, and cost \$2441. The deficit of \$712 was absorbed by surplus funds from previous years. With only a small remaining surplus available to offset this year's celebration costs, it is hoped

that ticket sales for the 50/50 and art raffles, as well as reduced expenses from elimination of free beer and the cost of a rock band, will allow the event to break even and continue as a tradition in Roosevelt.

In case of rain the celebration will be held on Sunday, July 8.




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Inch by Inch*Forget the Product for a Minute*

by M.J. Berlinrut

It came to me one day when I was surveying my garden--so different in reality from the image in my mind's eye--that the propelling force behind the inveterate gardener is more a certain set of the imagination than mere expectation of bringing to your table fresher, better-tasting vegetables and fruits, saving money, or beating the system. There's something in the nature of a calling about it, born, I think, of deep-rooted racial memory of Eden, lush, abundantly fruitful, where one could walk in the cool of the evening and say that it was good.

Before the Fall, that is. For the Eating of the Apple condemned us not only to troublesome struggles with the problem of good and evil but also to toil in the sweat of our faces (if I may transpose the text to fit my metaphor). Without the potent image of that cornucopia spilling out peppers, cauliflower, tomatoes, eggplants, all of an unblemished beauty and incredible size and plenty, what sensible person would persist before heat waves and no rain and riotously reproducing insects? Sense, however, has little to do with it. The image and impulse alike speak from a deeper layer of being in a voice stronger than nutrition and practicality.

By now it should be evident that the Muse I follow carries in her sack a mishmash of myth and folk wisdom, long-standing experience and a pinch--just a pinch--of 20th century Science. Profligate wanton that she is, she really scorns Science--you think you can beat me with your Science? --but she'll allow a little of it just so long as you remember that in the end it's she who calls the turns. For whatever you do and

how much, it's not that glowing tomato that matters half as much to her as the expansion of spirit you experience in growing it.

Spirit, schmirrit, I hear you snort, gardening is hard labor! Yes it is, or it can be, if your main interest is in the end not the journey to it. Forget the product for a minute. It's been a long hard winter; you've been cooped up indoors (unless you're a winter sports addict) clad in many layers of bulky clothing, cold of nose and feet (especially feet, in Roosevelt), assailed by winter-happy germs. One day, just to keep your spirits up, Nature throws out a mild sunny day. A few of those in succession and the winter birds begin to sing, daylight grows visibly longer and stronger, and everyone feels better.

The city dweller makes a break for park or country, the country counterpart scratches hopefully in the winter detritus looking for the pale spikes of bulbs poking up. The earth is waking from its long chill, and you are too. For despite all our technology, we're all subject to the great swings of Nature. Whatever our daily occupation or how far from a window we perform it, we do know what's happening outside, are concerned as to how it will effect our comings and goings, as witness our national preoccupation with the weather reports.

Let me quote from GREEN THOUGHTS by Eleanor Perenyi:

"The drought is serious, the corn crop threatened, lawns are burning up and

water restrictions forbid us to water them. Turn to the evening weather forecast and there is a grinning young man surrounded by weather maps and radarscopes to assure us we haven't a worry in the world: 'The threat of shower activity has passed and it looks like a gorgeous weekend.' Or it is winter and a snowfall in prospect. Panic: 'It could be as much as four inches and travellers' warnings are out'... ((He's often wrong, of course, but nobody seems to hold that against him and anxiously awaits his next report.)) Nightly, some variation on these themes is encountered in the grotesque ritual called the weather forecast. ... It is a frightening revelation of how insulated we have become from the natural world."

In ancient time, all phases of weather were personified, deified, because the 'primitive' peoples alive then knew better than we how vital both warmth and cold, sun and rain, snow too, were to every aspect of our existence. But it's only the arbitrariness of the way our world runs that decrees we must take a weekend when the calendar says we must, though the weather may not be the best for what we want to do; we think only of the inconvenience to ourselves. Some of us, as we get older, even dream of one day escaping the winter altogether by moving to the sunbelt.

What, then, of the southern summer, longer and more intense than ours and holding too the possibility of hurricanes and tornadoes? No, we can't escape weather and when we try, Nature

is likely to pull some trick just to remind us who's boss. Could it be, I wonder, that the wild gyrations in weather the past couple of years are Nature showing her displeasure with Humankind's disregard of her laws?

It would be wise to cooperate with her, to appease her by taking her capriciousness in good spirit and find pleasure in participating in her great plan to the little we can, if only by planting a garden. So where's the pleasure, if there are so many un-pleasures to contend with?

The pleasure is in the mind, in the knowledge that what you're doing has been done by the race since it first hatched the idea that it would be easier to grow one's own rather than to hunt and gather. Yes you get tired and dirty; a shower will refresh you, the dirt will wash off easily enough; but the sensation of holding the earth--practically twitching with microorganisms--in your hand will remain in your palm.

So whether you're a veritable member of the Order or aspire to no more than a flower border with maybe a few tomatoes, in this small way you restore dynamic contact between yourself and the source of all existence.

PTA THANKS

The PTA would like to thank everyone who helped us run our 1st Flea Market, Carnival-fund raiser.

GRADUATION NEWS**ROOSEVELT SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Joseph Aaron Block
 Samantha Joy Block
 Nicole Cooper
 David Francis
 Lori Beth Frank
 Joshua A. Giordano
 John M. Hazell
 Christine Elizabeth Hermann
 Adam Scott Lifland
 Michael Brett Nahmias
 Adam Scott Orlen
 Tena Kirsty Scalph
 Donald Skillman
 Doris Marie Stinson
 Bryan C. Suk

Anita Scopel Schwendeman (known as Gigi) was graduated from Cook College of Rutgers University in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Science and Horticulture. She plans to continue her studies at Rutgers Graduate school. She and her taxidermist husband, David Schwendeman, have lived in town since 1976. She has been known to many for her gardening and landscaping help, and her work in the annual plant sales.

ROOSEVELT GRADUATES OF HIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Stephanie Chester
 Bryan Counterman
 Rachel DiTursi
 Debbie Friedman
 Theresa (Tessie) List
 Kevin C'Brien
 Terry Sajgo
 Windy Shapiro
 David Terry
 Stephen Work

ROOSEVELT GRADUATE OF PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL

Amanda Rose

Amanda Rose, daughter of Merle and Irv Rose, 50 Pine Drive, graduated from Princeton High School on Tuesday, June 19. During her junior year Amanda was elected Class President, and this year she was Vice-President of the 1200-member Student Body. She was hailed this spring for the PHS Student Handbook she conceived and co-authored -- now known as the P.H.S. "Yellow Pages."

Amanda will attend Cornell University, School of Arts and Sciences.



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Maureen Reilly Clark of Lake Drive graduated with "highest honors" on May 23 from Mercer County Community College with a degree in business administration. During the honors convocation Maureen, who maintained a perfect 4.00 cumulative grade point average during her two years at MCCC, received the commerce division award for academic excellence in business administration (presented by Dean John Mathias), the Albert B. Kahn Memorial Scholarship Award (presented by Edward Kahn), and the Ethel McKnight Continuing Education Scholarship Award from the American Association of University Women (Hightstown Branch) (presented by Lynn Fisher, President, and Gail Lord, Chairperson for Scholarships. Fellowships). She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa national honorary scholastic fraternity.

Maureen worked for the federal government for 15 years in the army electronics command at Fort Monmouth, housing and urban development in Philadelphia and the agriculture department in Princeton before going back to school full time. She is continuing her education at Rutgers toward a degree in accounting.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED


On the basis of academic record, test scores, recommendations and interest Mark Katz and Debbie Nahmias, who have completed the junior years in Hightstown High School, have been awarded summer scholarships for study in the Hopwood Summer Scholarship Program at Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va. Mark will be taking a course called A Study in Nuclear Weapons, and Debbie Creative Writing. They will earn college credit for these courses.

HONOR LIST

The following Roosevelt students of Hightstown High School attended the annual Scholastic Dinner on June 7. Each one had achieved honors at every marking period this year:

- 10th grade: Erik Shapiro
*Lisa Soden
Donna Ernstein
- 11th grade: **David Ashkenazy
Mark Katz
**Deborah Nahmias
Ernst Sajgo
Sharon Skillman
- 12th grade: Debbie Friedman
Rachel DiTursi
**Windy Shapiro

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Police blotter

On March 27, an Elm Ct. resident was the victim of criminal mischief when several dogwood seedlings were cut down from a trellis. This case is under investigation by Tpr. Sysesky.

March 4, Tpr. Wendy Galloway noticed numerous broken windows in the Roosevelt School while on patrol and began an investigation. As a result of her investigation, two Roosevelt juveniles were charged with criminal mischief on March 10 and the case is awaiting a hearing in Monmouth County Juvenile Court.

April 4, DSG Walsh, Det. Bill Kryscnski and Tpr. Walsh were summoned to the Expressions Factory on Oscar Drive to assist attorneys from the Original Appalachian Artworks Corporation in the confiscation of counterfeit Cabbage Patch trademarked heat transfers. Confiscation of several thousand heat transfers resulted together with novelty items with the trademarks of Cabbage Patch Kids, and Playboy Enterprises. Three employees at the Expressions Factory were charged with numerous counts of criminal simulation, possession of forgery devices and possession of forgery items. This case is still pending a Grand Jury hearing in Monmouth County Court.

April 14, two Roosevelt juveniles were charged with the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle from the residence of a Pine Drive home. The vehicle was eventually recovered in Iowa on April 17. This case is also pending a hearing date in Monmouth County Juvenile Court.

April 17, Tpr. Robert Hoever was patrolling Roosevelt Boro and stopped a local resident for a motor vehicle violation. Due to some extenuating circumstances, the vehicle was

searched and an undetermined amount of controlled dangerous substance was found, suspected to be methamphetamine. The subject was released pending a Monmouth County Grand Jury's review of the case.

April 18, the windshield of the car of a North Valley Road resident was broken during the night, while the car was parked in front of the home. This incident is still under investigation by Tpr. Kobylinski. Earlier, a similar incident occurred on Clarksburg Road.

The month of May was very quiet in Roosevelt except for a letter received by station commander Lt. Nasti, in which a Roosevelt resident complained about speeders on Rochdale Avenue (C.R. #571). During the second week of May, troopers were assigned to run radar checks on C.R. #571 in Roosevelt Boro, and issue warnings for a one week period to inform residents of the 40 MPH speed limit (except during school hours). Tpr. Dave Williams issued over a dozen warnings during that week alone, and from now on when radar details are conducted, C.R. #571 will see its share of same, so BEWARE, next time it will be a summons.

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AURELIUS BATTAGLIA, CARICATURIST,
74

A memorial service will be held in July for Aurelius G. Battaglia, 74, a Provincetown artist, who died of cancer in his home.

He was born in Washington, D.C., and began his career as a political caricaturist for the old Washington Star. Later, he drew caricatures for Vanity Fair before that magazine folded, and theatrical and political caricatures for the New York Times, and the Compass and the New York Star. He also drew political caricatures for Reporter magazine.

Mr. Battaglia drew animated cartoons for the Walt Disney studios, working on Dumbo, Fantasia and Pinocchio.

During World War II, as a civilian, he made training films for the Navy.

Mr. Battaglia later joined UPA Studios in California to direct film cartoons, "The Invisible Mustache of Raoul Dufy" and "The Beanstalk Trial."

He later began illustrating children's books for Golden Books and Random House, including, "The New Golden Dictionary," "My First Mother Goose Book," "Hiram's Red Shirt" and "Detective Arthur on the Scent," among others.

Mr. Battaglia had lived in Washington, New York City, Roosevelt, N.J., and in upstate New York.

He moved to Provincetown, where he had visited in his earlier years, 10 years ago.

He leaves a daughter, Nicola, Battaglia of Jamaica Plain; his mother, Concetta M. Battaglia of Washington, D.C. and a grandson, Paul Battaglia of Jamaica Plain.

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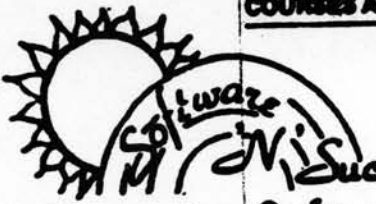
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Roosevelt Community and School Calendar**JULY 1984**

2	Monday, 8:00 p.m.	Deborah meeting - Borough Hall
4	Wednesday	4th of July celebration
5	Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Fire Company meeting - Borough Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Planning Board meeting - Borough Hall
11	Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.	Council meeting - Borough Hall
15	Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	Park Commission - Borough Hall
17	Tuesday, 1-4 p.m.	MCOSS Health Screening - Solar Village Community Room
		Food Co-op - Borough Hall
18	Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	First Aid Drill - Borough Hall
19	Thursday, 7-11 p.m.	Boy Scouts - Borough Hall
26	Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Senior Citizens meeting - Borough Hall
31	Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.	First Aid meeting - Borough Hall

NEW ARRIVALS

Ronald and Dianna Moore of 31 Tamara Drive, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Elisha Moore was born June 7, 1984.

Daniel John, son of David and Marilyn Vitolo of School Lane, was born June 14. His sister Susan is four and a half years old.



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- 1 Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
- 2 Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Monday, 8:00 p.m.
- 8 Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Thursday, 7-11 p.m.
- 19 Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
- 21 Tuesday, 1-4 p.m.
- 28 Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
- 30 Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

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Letter to Editor

Hortense Sochowitzky
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Dear Honey,

The April Roosevelt Borough Bulletin has arrived and as usual contains news that reminds me of old friends.

I was, of course, particularly interested in David Brahinsky's review of my book Some Basic Rights of Soviet Citizens. It would surprise me if anyone would want to buy the book after reading all the doubts that Brahinsky casts on my methods and my conclusions -- even though Brahinsky apparently has no first hand knowledge of the U.S.S.R. However if anyone should want to know how to get a copy, short of going to Moscow for it, you may want to note -- what the review did not -- that the book can be ordered from Imported Publications, 320 West Ohio Street, Chicago, IL 60610. The price is \$4.95, plus \$1.00 for mailing costs.

It is a pity that Brahinsky does not have verification (to employ a concept that he recommends rather more than he uses) for his statement that I have been president of the Authors League. Perhaps the history of that often worthy but frequently stuffy organization would be quite different if conditions had ever been such that a person with views like mine had served as its president. But alas, I have never been more than a rank and file member of the Authors League. However, I was Executive Secretary of the League of American Writers -- a very different organization which, among other things, tried to develop friendship between American writers and the writers and peoples of the U.S.S.R. We tried to do this by direct

communication and not by raising the kind of doubts that are so dear to the media and to Washington, particularly under the present administration.

If you should be interested, I would be willing to answer each of Brahinsky's negative remarks -- one or two of which seem to me to have some merit. But I will need space. It is not always easy to establish innocence with just a few words. That may be one reason our law holds that an accused person is deemed innocent until proved guilty. And Brahinsky, it seems to me, has made accusations that are likely to be believed by his readers if they don't either examine my book or know what I have to say in response to his allegations that "a job was done" on me. Would Brahinsky care to discuss whether a "job has been done" on him so that he resists evidence that conflicts with the widely accepted mythology about the U.S.S.R.?

Yours,
 Franklin Folsom

P.S. I offer this letter for publication in the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin.

Editor's Response:

(H.S.) The claim that Mr. Folsom was president of the Author's League was my error and came from ignorance alone.

(D.B.) Mr. Folsom does not answer my criticisms in this letter, but a few remarks may be in order. Firstly, I made it clear in my review that his book goes against typical Western views of the U.S.S.R. and
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that it is possible that our views are misguided. On the other hand, I also made it clear that Folsom appears to base many of his conclusions on the statements of Soviet officials, often highly placed ones, which leads one to believe he may have committed the fallacy of "appeal to authority." Still, the only way to judge this is to read the book and, if possible, other accounts of life in the Soviet Union, apart from going there oneself. As a report of an American writer, and in that the views expressed are so divergent from the norm, it is well worth reading.

ABBY ROSE GOES TO FRANCE

Abby Rose, daughter of Merle and Irv Rose, and a sophomore at Princeton High School, was selected as an exchange student by American Field Service (AFS). Abby leaves for France on June 22, a few days after her 16th birthday, to live with a family near Marseilles on the French Riviera for eight weeks. Bon Voyage, Abby!

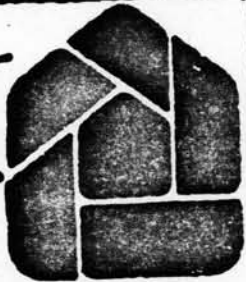
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ON THE WHITEHOUSE TRAIL

The following article ran in the Boston Globe, 5/31/84 and the editors thought it would interest residents of Roosevelt. It is reprinted with the permission of the author.

by David Nyhan

Whitehouse, N.J. - They all want to wind up in the Rose Garden, but no one came to Whitehouse.

This Whitehouse is a neat little town, farms and frame houses with wide old verandas and American flags hanging at the front. But it's only 46 miles from Manhattan; the country store has a deli department, and the foreign car dealer will sell you a Jaguar.

Though the place names of Jersey have much to instruct the presidential candidates, none of them came here. It's probably because no campaign consultant thought of it. The dateline alone is a draw.

Sure, they're busy men, Fritz, Gary and Jesse. But they could learn a lot by getting off the beaten track.

One of them can rejoice there is a Jackson (it's down south, on Route 534). Jesse hopes that it ranks one day with New Jersey towns like Roosevelt, or Washington (there's one that's plain, plus a Corners, a Township, a Crossing and a Valley). There's even, believe it or not, a Nixon. That's near Perth Amboy.

But no Mondale, and no Hart; the closest are Monroe and Hardwick. The rest of the world is baffled by our election process, but not the citizens of Berlin, Bogota, Cardiff and

Holland (four of them, in different counties).

Victory Gardens is where each candidate wants to end up. Alas, the road may go via Gravelly Run to Rockstown. All want to avoid a Tumble. Their handlers counsel: beware also of Downer.

No sensible candidate wants to run afoul of Foul Rift. Above all, stay out of Double Trouble (about 30 miles north of Atlantic City).

If things go wrong at the Democratic convention, the losers can always come back to Deal. Out of work? Try Jobstown. They might fashion an Alliance, by way of Harmony, and wind up in Tranquility, for there is always Hope.

Mondale, particularly, must avoid being too Carteret, for Mondale's last running mate failed four times to carry Jersey. There are shoals to be negotiated in Blue Anchor and Brigantine, not to mention Bivalve, before reaching the safety of Deepwater.

The successful man will talk it up in Chatsworth and seek the middle-of-the-road vote in Centerville. No time to fly to California? Try the local Carmel instead. Beware the hee-haws in Campgaw. You can always stay overnight in Bedminster, and take your time in Basking Ridge. You may strike good luck in Boonton, but if you lose this one, boys, everything else is Hoboken.

Sure, it's as exhausting as a Ten Mile Run. You're always fearful of being told they went that-a-way in Piscataway.

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HOMESTEADERS RETURN

by Art Shapiro

On June 3, a reunion was held in the Roosevelt Public School in anticipation of Roosevelt's upcoming 50th anniversary two years from now. The unofficial count listed 250 "Homesteaders" in attendance, many from as far away as Florida, all having a grand time reminiscing and catching up with friends and neighbors whom they hadn't seen in years. As an aside, I was personally pleased by the number of out of town "old timers" who still keep in touch by regularly reading The Borough Bulletin.

The gala affair, catered by the able hands of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad, was planned by a committee headed by Irv Bach and consisted of his wife Estelle, Fran Bard, Helen Barth, Dolores Chasan, Edith Ernstein, Jeanette Koffler and Louise Prezant. By all standards, the event was a success and plans are underway for more reunions in the next two years including, we hope, one for all graduates of the Roosevelt Public School.

DAVID ARNOLD TO SING JULY FOURTH WITH NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY

The "Soliloquy" from Rodgers' and Hammerstein's musical Carousel and "Some Enchanted Evening" from South Pacific are the selections David Arnold will sing July Fourth at the Princeton University Fields. Also on the New Jersey Symphony program, conducted by Michel Sasson of La Scala, is the 1812 Overture. The concert begins at 7:30 but the grounds are open at 5 for picnicking. Tickets at \$1, \$3, and \$5 are available at area banks or through the Princeton

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No one wants to be just another one in the pod in Peapack.

You can always seek respite at Tabernacle. When it's over, win or lose, it's time to extend that old branch from Mt. Olive. Just say Goshen and proffer the hand of Friendship.

When we look back at the result, at all that's been written about this, we'll conclude that not only did the voters speak. Thus also spake Zarephath. That's about 10 miles east of here.

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Principal's Letter

The school year is rapidly drawing to a close. As I write this article the band is practicing for their concert, the eighth grade is rehearsing for graduation, the first and second grades are getting ready for tomorrow's "Japan Day" and preparations are being completed for field day. The last week of school is always a busy and oft-times hectic period. It is also a time to look back on the progress of the year with the staff, the Board of Education and the community. What kind of year has it been?

As always the answer is "busy." There is very little room for idleness when surrounded by the youth of Roosevelt. But, beyond "busy" many things have happened.

This year we introduced a new science and a new social studies program. The curriculum for these programs was presented to the Board of Education for their approval. Pupil interest has been extremely high and science and social studies projects have been obvious.

This year we have also introduced our new Family Life program. This program has been well received by both parents and pupils. Mrs. Smith has done an excellent job coordinating the instruction.

Our contact with the high school has increased this year with the addition of both a staff liaison Mrs. Hogue, and an attendance officer, Mrs. Friedman. Our high school students' attendance has improved. We have also been able to provide many of our high school students assistance in resolving problems that arose

during the year.

We began an instrumental music program this year for grades four through eight. Our third graders also started a flutophone program. Their progress has been great. Mr. Greco has developed our new band as an outgrowth of this program. We look forward to many enjoyable concerts.

Academically our pupils have shown excellent growth. The results of our year-end tests show increased academic strength in all areas. The test results place all of our grades on or above grade level in academic skills.

Our "Poet in Residence" program covered a wide variety of poetic styles and approaches. The students not only wrote poetry but also set the poetry to rhythm and music. In addition they worked on dance interpretation of their poetry. These elements combined into a performance coordinated by Miss Middlesworth and Laurie Altman which culminated the year's work.

Our eighth grade worked hard to raise funds for their annual class trip. This year they were able to raise approximately \$800 which helped pay for their trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. The trip lasted three days. During that time they explored the mountainous environment of Shenendoah National Park and the underground environment of Luray Caverns. The evenings were filled by a party, a campfire, and a performance by a folk singer. They returned tired but enthusiastic about the experience.

This year our school was

evaluated by a state inspection team. They checked curriculum, instruction, facilities and student achievement. In addition they checked all the state mandated programs and paper work. Their comments were highly favorable and our progress received a special commendation from the County Superintendent of Schools.

I have tried to highlight the many new events of the year. In choosing so I have omitted the many classroom programs and projects which make up our day-to-day happenings - those plays, projects, newsletters, and learning activities so important to our success. Another area of importance I have not mentioned is student behavior which has also been excellent.

None of these things could have been accomplished without the hard work of the staff, the cooperation of the parents, the support and encouragement of our Board of Education and the students themselves.

To all of you I tip my hat for a job well done.

MARY ANN HRICHUK - JAMES W. BRAUN

The engagement of Mary Ann Hrichuk of South Beloit, Ill. to James W. Braun of Roosevelt, N.J. is announced. She is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Hrichuk of Dundaff, Pa. and the late John Hrichuk. Mr. Braun is the son of Mrs. Ruth W. Braun of Roosevelt, N.J. and the late Bernard V. Braun.

Miss Hrichuk is a graduate of Mountain View High School and the University of Scranton (Pa.). She is an accountant with Beloit Corp., Beloit, Wis. Her fiancé is a graduate of Hightstown High School and the University of Scranton. He is employed by Securities Industry Automation Corp. of New York City.

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(Ed Note: Neil, Lee and Micheal Selden are spending the summer on a Greek Island. Here is an expression of some of what they are experiencing)

ALL THAT HATH BEEN, WITH A RADIANCE

About love's vicissitudes
 what is Knowing?
 We look from left to right
 on the rising road between curved hills
 where steep slopes fall from our climb
 toward Lefkes. Knowing?
 On the verge of age, I eat the silver Greek light
 in the windblown leaves of olives.
 New friends, old rocks, footing
 the Byzantine Trail, oregano bursting
 its buds, in rivers of air the opulent
 odor of thyme, broom's gold,
 in the swaying grain the gout
 of poppies' blood, the stone low walls
 like veins on a fisherman's arm,
 spikes of cypresses around a bluedomed church
 and a graveyard spilled upon a hilltop,
 the farmer bent in the valley with his weeding wife,
 Elias the Prophet rising to its pinnacle.
 All my dreams abandon me.
 Ageless are the new friends
 whose songs and stories tie strong thongs
 around my desireless pleasures
 on our way to Molos Beach,
 ageless the small girls pink and naked
 bathing in a kneedeep Aegean curve of bay,
 ageless the young boys on the conical hill
 who clamber toward manhood,
 ageless the stars of the Dipper
 wheeling in the needles
 of the gnarled tree in the night
 at the water's brink, while Greek men
 dance and drink in the tavern beyond the dark.
 These pebbles cannot be nailed to the sand,
 Nor the shadow of swimmers be fixed
 on the floor of glass waters.
 In every blood the old songs flow,
 from every flesh the ancient chain links,
 ageless the child who sucks
 at the ready breast at Molos Beach,
 ageless the dying daisies thronged
 on the conical hill where the high white
 monastery gives us a hawk's perched vision
 of three white towns and the sea
 and Elias the mountain. Tomorrow
 I shall possibly forget remembering,

except for love's vicissitudes.
 My dreams abandon me.
 New friends, children old as the stones,
 are swimming in my waters.
 On the verge of age, I eat the silver Greek light
 in the windblown leaves of olives.

Neil R. Selden
 Paros, 1984

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Love of wordsA Polyglot Pile of Preposterous PunsPart 2.

by Josef G. Solomon

The publication of the first polyglot collection was so successful! Nobody protested, or threatened me, or anything, so here are more puns. The same rules apply this time as last time:

1. The article consists entirely of puns.
2. None of the puns is explained.
3. Each of the puns involves at least a few words of at least one foreign language. The foreign words are, of course, the key to the pun.
4. None of the foreign words is translated.

French

Instead of calling this "Part 2", I could just as aptly have called it "Partout".

Yiddish

These days, shopping malls are everywhere, and therefore they're no big deal. But it wasn't always like that. I can remember when a mall iz gevven a maaseh.

German

In German I class, in high school, the teacher was trying to teach us the case-endings for nouns and articles. Our model was "der Dom". She asked Paul, how would you inflect it to mean "to the cathedral". Paul stumbled, and didn't know. As it happened, I was rather annoyed with Paul that day, and so I "helped" him with the following: "Paul, you're so dem Dom!"

French

Why does a Frenchman never have two eggs for breakfast?
Because one egg is un oeuf.

Yiddish

One evening, ten or fifteen years ago, a pun in Yiddish occurred to me. I was home alone, so there was no one to tell it to immediately. But I had to tell somebody. Which of my friends would understand Yiddish? So I thought about it for a while, and then I called Elizabeth Flynn, and said unto her: "The Holy Grail is a goyische cup." It turns out you don't have to know much Yiddish.

Italian

An Italian friend of mine reported that he had been greeted in a new way: "hey, Hopalong, che se dice!"

French

Why are there never any floods in France?
Because the water there is always l'eau.

Yiddish

How do you say in Yiddish, "homosexual flower-holder"?
Gay vase.

Spanish

I'm not sure it has any profound significance, but it occurred to me during a grammar-drill in high-school Spanish (that's a long time to remember something as slight as this!) that a pretty girl is like a me lo di.

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French

Once, I asked a friend whether we knew each other well enough to "tutoyer". (No, it isn't dirty. It means referring to each other using the familiar "tu" rather than the formal "vous".) When assured that we did, I replied, "In that case, a tu-t-a-l'heure."

Yiddish

These days, there is some concern for the strange attraction that eastern religions have for our young people. Actually, this problem is not new. I well remember my-mother-the-rebbitzin saying, often, "Los mir shayn Zen."

French and Yiddish

After a discussion on several different activities in which we could engage, someone asked me, "Que faisons-nous?" My answer: "Nous?" Actually, I answered in French; however, it could also be Yiddish.

French

How do you say in French, "cut the grass"?

"Meau de l'on."

Everybody knows that. However, how do you say in French, "mow the lawn"?

"Coup de grace."

I don't know about you, but I'm enjoying this. Keep those cards and letters coming!

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modern day disease (read: disease) of constant economic and social change (read: moving in and out of town, adults suddenly deciding to become educated - can you imagine that? - pregnant, more economically viable - read make mucho American dolla' and so on) we are constantly seeking new blood. So if you're new in town, would like to become involved in a fascinating organization and meet many fascinating people - and if you have blood - contact any staff member.

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