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Millstone Hazardous Waste Site Battle Update

By Richard Schwartz, Millstone Township

This is an update concerning the siting process and how we are responding:

February 14th, 1986 was a momentous day in Millstone Township history. The State announced the selection of Millstone as one of seven potential locations where one or more hazardous waste incinerators could be built. The potential site, a 142 acre land parcel near the northeast corner of the intersection between Route 195 and Route 526 would require further on site evaluation before the State's Commission and their technical consultant could be certain of its suitability.

As has been discussed at a number of our public meetings the State has developed seven criteria upon which they have narrowed down the map to areas for further evaluation. Utilization of thirty seven "siting factors" has narrowed these areas even further. Finally, through still further investigation, the State's consultant has selected the seven locations we know about. It is conceivable that after the onsite evaluation none of these seven will be deemed to be suitable. The States Hazardous Waste Siting Commission issued an interim report on May 22 which details this methodology and provides some non-specific information concerning rankings. The Commission has stated throughout this process that they will listen to hard technical information concerning site unsuitability.

The Siting Commission has met publicly with a number of the selected communities to discuss the whole process. It is important for us to present our findings to them during our meeting so that they are forced to

rebut and rethink their Millstone selection. The meeting will probably take place in early September and notification will be made shortly of its actual date and location. We believe this time frame will be optimum considering the slow pace in which the commission has been doing their site investigations.

We are working on a four tier approach to develop the required information. This involves: 1) The Mayor's Technical Committee; 2) The Homeowner's Association, 3) Certain technical and ambitious people from Upper Freehold Township, and 4) Other concerned dedicated citizens. We are also attempting to solicit the aid of the people of Jackson Township. It is the ultimate goal of Group 1 to coordinate and prepare all the information generated. Beside a number of technically oriented townspeople, this group includes the Mayor, our planner, both our planning board attorney and an attorney will experienced in dealing with the State on environmental issues, a traffic engineer, a hydrologist, and a meteorologist.

Group 2) the Home Owner's association has formed Resource, Media, and Telephone Committees to work on this matter. The Resource Committee meets weekly to develop and refine the specific rebuttals to criteria and factors. This group will finally present its findings to the Technical Committee for inclusion in a report concerning our rebuttal. The Media Committee is responsible both for keeping this subject on our minds, and preparing presentation information for the Siting Commission visit. The Telephone Committee is called into service whenever some news must be transported

rapidly. The Upper Freehold people are both participating in the Technical Committee and are preparing a report to be included in our presentation to the Siting Commission which delineates the effect the incinerator will have on the way of life in Upper Freehold. Finally, the fourth part of this is the population of the town. It is imperative that every person learn about the whole siting process the criteria and come to the Siting Commission meeting. In this case, there is certainly strength in numbers.

The rebuttals we are developing deal with the following subjects (further details will be presented at a later time):

The rural character of our town and how hazardous wastes would both affect this way of life and potentially the farm production generated.

The great distance the Site is from the source of the hazardous wastes.

The proximity of the site to the Great Adventure Theme Park.

The lack of emergency response capability within our town and its surrounding neighbors.

The site's proximity to the Pinelands.

The introduction of new currently unused hazardous waste transport corridors if this site were selected.

The air quality currently in our town.

The Site's location over an aquifer which could, in a leaching or spill situation have a disastrous effect on local well water.

The site's location at the headwaters of the CrossWicks Creek and the effect on its planned use.

Furthermore, we are looking at the complete siting process to determine if it was fairly carried out. We will be commenting on the voting technique used by the Commissioners, the infamous exclusion of a twenty mile buffer zone around nuclear power plants and the apparent extreme emphasis placed on population factors by the Commission executives.

We hope that you will remain interested and provide us with your thoughts on this whole process.

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The Borough Bulletin will begin its annual fund drive in September as it is coming time to pay our printing bill. Last year we received what we needed. If you wish to contribute early please send your check to our new treasurer: Lillian Warren
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Thank you,
 The Editors

To All Residents

You are reminded that the speed limit within the Borough limits is 25 miles per hour as mandated by the state.

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COUNCIL REPORT

By Peter Gould

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on June 11, 1986, Mr. David Bulkin asked the Council to consider the elimination of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Bulkin is a member of the Zoning Board and in his opinion the interests of the town would be better served if the Zoning Board were eliminated and its duties relegated to the Planning Board.

According to Mr. Bulkin, the Zoning Board does not meet very often and does not understand the pertinent ordinances; whereas the Planning Board meets every month and has a better understanding of local land-use matters.

Mayor Freda Hepner pointed out that while zoning board appointments must be approved by the Council, appointments to the Planning Board are at the discretion of the Mayor. Ms. Hepner said that in the long run giving the Mayor complete control over who decides local land-use policy might not be in the best interests of the town.

Mr. Aaron Datz said that when he was on the Zoning Board many years ago, the Board met once, but it didn't know what to do. He said that sometimes the Zoning Board is used as a means of bypassing the Planning Board.

Mr. Ralph Seligman, the Council's representative to the Planning Board, observed that lack of coordination between planning and zoning boards is a common problem. He said that more communication between the two boards will be needed in Roosevelt, as development pressures increase in the town.

The Mayor noted that a meeting between the two boards will take place soon.

The correspondence received by the Borough was read by Councilwoman Lee Selden and it included letters from residents concerned about future development in the industrial zone along Oscar Drive. Ms. Freida Anish wrote asking the Council to consider

rezoning to residential the 11 acres of industrial land behind Homestead Lane.

In a copy of a letter to the Planning Board from Mr. Leefer, the Councilman called for measures to preclude industrial development along Oscar Drive. One of Mr. Leefer's stated intentions is to protect the property values along Homestead Lane.

A number of letters were received from Mr. Howard Prezant, the borough Treasurer. In one he complained about tall hedges on corner properties which limit visibility. Mr. Prezant urged enforcement of an ordinance restricting the height of such hedges, in order to protect citizens, vehicles and property.

In another letter Mr. Prezant said that the Borough Engineer had estimated that about \$300,000 in capital improvements were needed for the water and sewer plants. Mr. Prezant recommended that the Borough contact the Farmer's Home Administration for financial assistance for these projects.

A letter from the Borough Engineer, Mr. William Birdsall, addressed the question of the Borough completing and financing improvements on North Valley Road, using the developer's bond. Mr. Birdsall estimated the cost of the required work to be \$10,500, but suggested that a single contractor might do the entire job for less.

Michael Ticktin, the Borough's Tax Assessor, wrote to the Council about the water fees. Mr. Ticktin recommended that the Borough eliminate the standby charge for sprinkler systems, since they offer effective protection against fires and are very water efficient. He also suggested that the utility charge the municipality and the school for water service.

Councilwoman Selden read a letter from Mr. Thomas Olejnick, who complained about the curb which had been constructed in front of his property on Farm Lane. Mr. Olejnick requested that the curb be removed. The Mayor asked

Councilmen Moser, Leefer, and Stout to evaluate the situation.

In her report for the Administration Committee, Councilwoman Carol Watchler spoke about the meeting on recycling that she attended last month. According to Ms. Watchler, recycling will soon be mandatory for municipalities, such as Roosevelt, that use county landfills. Ms. Watchler said that the county is providing assistance in locating vendors for recyclable materials.

Councilman Ferris Stout, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, gave the second reading of Ordinance 25-4, which raises household water fees by \$3.00 per month. The Council unanimously passed the ordinance.

The Council also moved to award a contract of \$6,800 to Spectrasery Inc. for the cleaning of the Imhoff tank at the sewer plant.

A resolution to adopt a new personnel policy for Borough Employees was unanimously approved. The new policy includes a grievance procedure and provides for maternity/paternity leave.

Other actions by the Council included the appropriation of \$700 for the Fourth of July celebration and \$675 for lawn mowing in June.

Councilman Seligman, Chairman of the Culture and Recreation Committee, commended all residents who volunteered their time and efforts to make the Memorial Weekend/ 50th Anniversary Celebration a great success.

As the meeting came to a close, Ms. Selden, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee, mentioned that she had received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection concerning Black Bear sightings. According to Ms. Selden, anyone who sees a Black Bear should not attempt to shoot it or detain it, but rather they should get in touch with the Borough Clerk, who can provide them with the number to call to report the sighting.



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ISSUE & DEBATE

Do we need a Zoning Board?

By Bob Clark

Although there are only about 900 residents of Roosevelt, fully eighteen of them have power under state law to officially decide important land use matters -- variances, site plans, subdivisions, etc. -- on behalf of the rest. Somehow, mayor Freda Hepner has managed to find enough residents willing to serve as the seven members and two alternates on each of two public bodies that determine with overlapping jurisdiction how land in town will be developed. The two groups are the planning board and the zoning board of adjustment.

Until recently both boards existed in all municipalities. In an effort to reduce the amount of time applicants had to spend ping-ponging back and forth between the two bodies, the state legislature created a "one-stop shopping" concept several years ago. This concept allowed an applicant seeking action within the primary jurisdiction of one board to obtain other necessary approvals at the same time, even though such other actions might ordinarily fall within the primary jurisdiction of the other board. Roosevelt resident and tax assessor Michael Ticktin, who also works in the state department of community affairs, had the bright idea that small towns might like to carry this one-stop shopping concept even farther and do the job with just one board. He drafted a bill which was introduced by Assemblyman John Bennett, also Roosevelt's planning board attorney, to allow a municipality of less than 2,500 residents to abolish its zoning board and have its planning board -- increased by two members -- assume all land use functions. The key provisions of Bennett's bill eventually became state law.

Although Englishtown, Allentown and Farmingdale, among other munic-

ipalities, have moved to adopt ordinances to implement the new law, Roosevelt has balked. It appears that mayor Hepner and at least a majority of the borough council are opposed to abolishing the zoning board. I believe that this issue deserves more debate. I further believe that if the zoning board is not to be eliminated, the council, the planning board and the zoning board should take effective steps to address problems arising from duplicative boards.

What are these problems? First, while the planning board meets at least once a month, the zoning board usually meets only if an application must be decided. Thus, the zoning board may only meet once or twice during a given year. Nonetheless, in such a small town even one or two decisions may have significant effects. For example, it was a zoning board that decided to allow the solar village a variance to build within just a few feet of North Valley Road, a decision which many residents and planning board members have decried. The point is that no matter how intelligent and dedicated the zoning board members may be (and I have every reason to believe that the present members are), they are not required to make the commitment necessary to develop the expertise and awareness required for the important decisions which they are occasionally called upon to make.

Second, two boards create confusion for applicants unaided by attorneys (by far the largest group of applicants in Roosevelt). Third, the zoning board requires an additional budget appropriation of approximately \$800. Finally, a single body would apply a uniform policy regarding land use.

The most strident argument in favor of retaining two boards is that the planning board members are appointed by the mayor while the zoning board members are appointed by the mayor with the required approval of a majority of the council. This arguably guards against the gravest fear of a sizable segment of Rooseveltians: that a future mayor elected by insensitive newcomers will pack the planning board with a majority in favor of rampant development. This group evidently believes that the same electorate that would put this hypothetical rabid mayor into office would paradoxically provide an enlightened majority of the council that would staunchly assert good old Roosevelt values to thwart the grasping mayor's desires to similarly pack the zoning board. I guess that I just do not appreciate the immensity of the evil that could successfully befuddle our humble Roosevelt voters.

Ralph Seligman, the council's representative on the planning board and a long time designer of Roosevelt planning policy, recently expressed his desire to retain two boards along with his concern that they have not adequately consulted in the past. Mayor Hepner indicated that the zoning and planning boards were planning a joint meeting in June. Coordination of their activities would certainly help. Maybe a couple of zoning board members will be willing to put forth the necessary effort. I say put the two hardest working zoning board members on the planning board and give the rest a vacation.

SENIOR NEWS

By Helga Wisowaty

At our meeting of June 4, the members re-elected the current officers: Esther Pogrebin, President; Jeanette Koffler, Vice-President; Helga Wisowaty, Secretary; Sid Weisberger, Treasurer. Rose Corman and Helen Kleinman will alternate as Corresponding Secretaries.

Although, as Esther reported, May 15 was the last date for filing for Homestead Tax Relief, she also reported that one can call and request a form and that late applications will be considered. If your income is \$3000 or less (excluding social security) you may be eligible (call 292-6400).

If you are single and earn 13,250 per year or less or are a couple and earn 16,250 or less (this includes social security) you may be eligible for PAA and Lifeline (help with utility bills). Call 1-800-792-9745.

Another program is "Cooling System" which benefits those with emphysema or other breathing problems. You are eligible if your income is \$656 per month or less (singles) or \$881 (couples). Call 201-431-6000.

Our annual picnic will include lunch at Jack Baker's restaurant and a ride to Mr. and Mrs. Soifer's home. The date: July 29.

We all say goodbye and good luck to Francis Manzi who is moving to Virginia with her son Jim and his family on July 1. We'll miss her very much.

Andrea Lakin and Bruce Lakin would like to thank our Roosevelt friends for their thoughtful expressions of sympathy.

FIRE COMPANY NEWS*Department and Company*

Gloria Hazell

How many of you know the difference between the Fire Company and the Fire Department? How many even know that the two exist? They do and have for many years.

Back in 1937 the Jersey Homestead Volunteer Fire Department Company #1 came into operation. First aid was administered by Augusta Chasan from her hand kit. It wasn't until years later that the First Aid Squad was formed and eventually broke away from the Fire Company.

Reading through the minutes of the meetings of those early days is an experience. You get to meet people in those fusty pages who are well known names of Roosevelt, but who are mostly long gone and now only memories. Names such as Katzenellenbogen, Klatskin, Plungian, Narod and Rearson. And of course there is dear Augusta Chasan who we in the Fire Company are proud to know and be associated with.

In those early minutes both Company and Department were mentioned. Over the years one meeting would be of the Department the next of the Company; yet both meant the same thing. This is probably where the confusion about the name came in. People now say Dept. or Co. as a matter of course but nowadays they are two sections.

The Department is under the jurisdiction of the Council and covers the truck, equipment (including turn-out-gear) and the people while they are riding the truck on the way to and from a call.

The Company is the people. We are a private corporation, which was formed in 1974, basically for protection of the people. If anything untoward happens during a fire, the individual firefighter cannot be sued, but the Company can. In this day and age of sue-happiness it seems a sensible thing to do.

It was the Company that made the presentation to our 'Firefighting First Lady' Augusta Chasan at the 50th anniversary dinner and it is the people of the Company that flush the hydrants when needed, not because it is our job, because really that comes under sewer maintenance. We do it because we know how to operate and check the hydrants. If we find one that is defective we know what to do and how to do it. The people of the Company would love to do more in the town but we lack the person-power. To belong to the company one first must join the Department and be approved by the Council.

It is the Department that comes out to extinguish fires. When you see the engine roll it is the Department on board, not the Company.

As an extra for this month the Company would like to make a record of any propane, oxygen, acetylene or other compressed gases which may be in town so that in the case of a fire we can be prepared before we roll. If you have anything in your home which you feel could present a threat in a fire situation please let us know. Write Box 43, or call 448-5146.



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FIRST AID NEWS**Raising Money**

By A.V. Hazell

Well! What a month May turned out to be. In fact, April was not so quiet either. But in case you missed it, here is what we have been doing of late:

The Book committee has been, and still is, working on the Book "Roosevelt, New Jersey- The First 50 Years 1936-1986". The work has been hard, and our thanks go to the many subscribers, compilers, aides, assistants, friends and neighbors who have helped us with it. There are still some copies available (priced at \$20.00). If you would like a copy please contact any squad member for assistance, or call Bill or June Counterman, 448-3182.

Prior to Mothers Day we held our traditional flower sale outside the Post Office. It was a very successful event. We thank the community for its support and all those who helped us on that day.

By far the most visible event that the squad has been involved in is the town's 50th anniversary celebration. Our main involvement was with the "dinner" and although the work was hard, it was also fun at times. The event was extremely successful, and made a lot easier for us by the members of the, hitherto untitled, "First Aid Auxillary". The Auxillary is made up of relatives and friends of members, and without them much of what we do could not be done nearly so well.

After all the excitement of the last few months, we decided to reduce our fund-raising activities for a while. Consequently the annual door-to-door fund drive will be held in September this year. Another annual event that we are starting to get ready for is the "Roosevelt Art Show"-maybe we just don't know how to take a rest.

Let me take this opportunity to remind everybody that the First Aid

Squad is your squad. We are here to offer first aid assistance when you need it. Please, if you think you need our help, call us. Don't wait and see if things get better, they usually don't. We are here to serve you, don't be afraid to ask our help.

Another reminder concerns the use of the paramedic M.I.C.U. (Mobile Intensive Care Unit) services. These units are often despatched at the same time that the squad is despatched. We can call them off at any time. However if we use them there is a fee. This fee has nothing to do with our squad (our services are entirely free) but comes directly from the M.I.C.U. service. The fee is currently around \$100.00, and a bill is either sent directly to you the patient, (if the hospital releases you without being admitted to the hospital) or is added to the hospital bill if you are admitted. If you are still confused as to what the M.I.C.U. service does, please feel free to contact us.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

TAG program discussed

By Herb Johnson

First Some Corrections

Three teachers' names were left out of last month's report on school employees whose contracts were renewed: Lila Mayberg MA 13, Clare Sacharoff BA 12, and Bonnie Strapp BA 17. The article stated, "The first five tenured teachers work full-time." These three were meant to be third through fifth on the list. The three employees whose names appeared in those positions, therefore, work part-time. Further corrections: Not all of the employees are teachers. One is the nurse, one the social worker or other support staff person represented by the teacher's union. And I misspelled Margaret Ostrove's name.

Now Some News

The first 90 minutes of the June 5 Board meeting consisted of a lively report by and discussion with two teachers of our schools' Gifted and Talented (TAG) program, Roberta "Bobbie" Hoffman and Margaret "Peggy" Ostrove. After considering proposals to revise, limit or expand parts of the TAG programs, the Board approved continuing the present commitments with some changes in Rogate, OM (formerly "Olympics of the Mind") and Great Books programs. Revisions in Music and Art are to be studied more. One of the changes is the criteria for selection to be in Rogate: scoring at least 97 percentile on any one of the language or math tests of CTBS, or on the total battery, and never lower than 55 percentile. One exciting part of the report was about how the student groups performed in competitions, which gave evidence that Roosevelt can be proud of how its students performed not only

academically but as supportive team members when not being crowned winners.

Two letters from Nancy Warnick were read. They requested use of school grounds, tables, and public address system for the Boro's 4th of July picnic, and study of old playground swings' safety. Both were granted. The swings were then removed. Dina Coe's letter about trash on school grounds was assigned to next meeting's agenda. Mary King's letter offering to tutor any 6th through 12th grade Roosevelt student in math, one night a week at the school, if the school provides the room, was read. Ms. Katz is to inform high school students and Dr. Sussman is to notify 6th thru 8th graders and their parents.

A new feature at graduation is to be presentations of awards in math, social studies, and citizenship in the names of Nathan Bard and Oscar Nisnevitz. This year's guest speaker is to be Roberta Hoffman.

Contracts for the gym ceiling improvement were awarded: ERCCO to install suspended, impact resistant ceiling for \$9,338 (\$4,310 less than other bidders) and East Coast Acoustics to install insulation for \$2,948.

Margaret Katz was appointed to the Executive Board of the Monmouth County School Boards Association, and will represent our school at the New Jersey School Boards' annual meeting. As High School Committee chair, she submitted this list of Roosevelt students who expect to be graduated from high school this month, and what they plan to study or work at next year: Colin Altman, communications at Antioch College, Ohio; Donna Ernstein, liberal arts at Monmouth College, NJ; Richard Francis, architecture at MCCC (Mercer County Community College), NJ; Marc Friedman,

criminal justice at MCCC; Shannon Lugannani, business administration at Roanoke College, VA; Misty McBride, dental assistance at MCCC; Christopher Scalph, diesel or jet mechanics in the US Air Force; Erik Shapiro, history at Dickinson College, PA; Lisa Soden, teaching math at Rutgers College, NJ; Evan Alter, liberal arts at Boston U., MA; and Abigail Rose, liberal arts at Cornell U., NY.



Announcement

A parent group has recently been formed for the parents of Roosevelt Special Education students. The group will meet next on September 8 at 7:30 P.M. in the Roosevelt Public School. Any parent whose child is having learning difficulties or has special needs is welcome to attend. We also welcome parents of preschool children who think that their children might need help, but who don't know how to apply for help. If you have any questions, please phone Anne Hogue at the school (448-2798) or Cindy Cybert at 448-7941.

No 'Mt. Laurel' obligation for Roosevelt

By Michael Ticktin

In its last session, the New Jersey Legislature created a Council on Affordable Housing to establish standards for determining the amount of low and moderate income housing that must be built in each municipality in order to satisfy local and regional needs. The creation of the council followed years of controversial litigation between various municipalities and builders seeking to put up more houses than allowed by local zoning with the justification that a portion of those houses would be for low and moderate income people and that enough other houses must be built to allow a profit on the whole project. In some cases, builders got municipalities to allow large numbers of additional units none of which were low or moderate income by threatening to sue and bring in low and moderate income housing if their proposals were not accepted. The Council was intended to provide a substitute for litigation and was set up with municipal representation.

The Council has now published its first list of required low and moderate units for each municipality. Roosevelt's quota is two. However, this number does not take into account the

credit that Roosevelt must be given for the 20 units of subsidized housing that have been built since 1980 by the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation. Thus, we are 18 units over the quota.

Actually, our quota based on substandard units should be zero. To meet the definition of substandard used for this calculation, a unit would have to lack either indoor plumbing or central (or built-in electric) heating. According to our municipal records, there is no such unit in Roosevelt. What may have happened though, is something that should be borne in mind by everyone who uses a wood stove when they fill out the 1990 census form. When the census asked about the manner in which the house is heated, some users of wood stoves probably so indicated on their census forms, no doubt proud that they had been successful in beating the high cost of oil. However, their response was interpreted to mean, not that they did not use their central heating, but that they did not have any. Thus an incorrect statistic about the Borough's housing stock was created, one that might have involved the Borough in litigation if we did not have the senior citizen's project.

We were not the first

By Michael Ticktin

How often have we heard it said that Roosevelt is a unique community! Yet only recently, I received in my mail a reminder that, while the community may be unique in many ways, its name was used before. No, my dear fellow citizens, this is not the original Roosevelt, NJ.

The document I received was an annual report form for an organization called the "Hebrew Fraternity of Roosevelt, NJ." It is from the office of the New Jersey Secretary of State and is addressed to the organization's registered agent, Samuel Wexler, at Railroad Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Now we all know that there is no Railroad Avenue in town, which is understandable in view of our lack of a railroad, and I, for one, do not know any local resident named Samuel Wexler nor have I ever heard of the organization in question. In fact, I assume that I got the form because our obliging local postal staff, rather than returning the form as "addressee unknown", thought that the Synagogue might have some knowledge

of this organization and it got passed on to me as the person who handles the Synagogue's paperwork of an official nature.

The mystery of the form gets even more complicated by the fact that this organization was incorporated in 1918, nineteen years before Jersey Homesteads became a borough and twenty-eight years before it changed its name to Roosevelt.

Actually, the only error on the card is the Zip Code, which was added to the address by the Secretary of State's office as part of a current program to send out annual report forms to all nonprofit corporations and, as allowed by a new law, remove from current files all those that do not file annual reports for two years. All the other information is accurate. There was a Roosevelt, N.J. in 1918. In 1907, that borough, obviously named after the other President Roosevelt, was organized in Middlesex county. In 1922, the name was, for whatever reason, changed to Carteret, which is its name to this day.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I read the May issue's council report with a mixture of shock, amusement and concern.

The shock and amusement both come from the comments made By Mr. Esakoff. Shock because of his complaint about the use of the Borough Hall for a funeral reception. We live in a very small town. When someone leaves the town, they leave in body only. A part of them shall always remain with us. When we lose somebody both physically and spiritually, then this whole town loses them, for they are a part of our family. All houses have a family room. The house that is Roosevelt also has a family room. It is called the Borough Hall and it was used by our family.

From shock at Mr. Esakoffs' ideas, I switched to amusement. Mr. Esakoff objected to the council approving payment for the flushing of the hydrants during April. He is reported as stating that volunteers could have been found who would have done the job for nothing. Where Mr. Esakoff, were these volunteers to be found? Who is it, that for free, was prepared to work until 2 AM on a Thursday morning? Maybe Mr. Esakoff is volunteering to do the job himself next time...I wish him well.

Finally I come to a matter of concern. The Borough Council approached the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company, requesting assistance flushing the towns hydrants. As I understand it, a private company had been approached on a previous occurrence of this nature, and had requested more than the council thought acceptable for the job. At that time the council contacted the R.V.F.C. and negotiated a rate to do the job. On this occurrence, when the council approached the R.V.F.C. they offered a similar rate which was accepted and the work carried out. Once the job had been completed, I can well understand that the council had to approve the actual payment. What concerns me, is that a council member, namely Councilman Leefer, voted against payment. Does this mean that in the future, the word of the council can no longer be fully trusted? I hope not because if the council that we elect cannot be trusted to keep its word to us, then maybe it it time to elect another council.

I Remain Sir,
Yours Sincerly
A.V. Hazell

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Behind the fireworks scene

By George Loyer
Joyce Rodgers

Last February, when friends in town suggested to us that it might be fun to write a piece about what happens behind-the-scenes for our annual fireworks display, thoughts began to simmer about how we might write this for the Boro Bulletin.

Now, with less than a month to go before the Independence Day celebration, we would like to share with the community some of our excitement and anticipation, and what it's like to stage the fireworks display.

The file in the drawer is thick with years of the paperwork necessary for staging the show safely and legally for all of you who brave legions of mosquitoes to watch the finale on the great day. Letters and letters pass through the mails starting around January, when planning takes tangible form—how many four-inch shells do we want? Can we get enough spiderwebs? We must have a six-inch red, white and blue chrysanthemum in the finale. Did we like the whizzers last year? How many color and report? What about more Happy Lamps in the ground show?

Negotiations begin for obtaining exactly what we like, what has been successful, out of what is available for both the aerial show and ground display.

Of course, planning for this year started late on the night of Independence Day last year—"what did you like best?" "How can we avoid that happening?" "That was a great effect!" went round the table as the exhausted, soot-covered and happy crew drank our first beer of the day.

No one on the crew has any alcohol that day until after the show. Also, somehow, few of the crew manage to break away from final preparations to ever see the picnic!

Agnes de Mille we aren't, but choreographing the display requires as much virtuosity as you would find at Lincoln Center, particularly for the aerial show—what must follow what? How to create visual variety when you aren't absolutely certain what a shell is going to look like in the air. If you have never seen it before, how do you know what "Battle in the Clouds" or "Thunder Activity and Rainbow" or "Razzle Dazzle" look like?

We tend to work back and forth between two sites to maintain a steady stream of shells into the air. This involves cleaning out the tubes in the ground between each shot and letting them cool down while using others; hence, the necessity for knowing which shell of what specific size and color and effect is coming next—in a word, choreography.

Every tube must be free of burning paper from the last shell, and cooled down for two or three minutes before the next shell is inserted. If ever a shell doesn't leave a tube, and this is common, it is left until after the show. Nothing else can be put in that tube.

There is a method for preparing the fuses, testing to allow ten seconds burning time before the shell leaves the tube. Everyone wears rubber soled shoes (for agility) and cotton clothing and a hat as a precaution against burns.

We never have to worry about mosquitoes because the smoke from the ground display clears them out right away!

Risk? Oh yes, there is personal risk involved, but with absolute attention to procedure and cooperation from the public it is greatly reduced.

The thrill far outweighs the risk involved. When you get away from a tube and a six-inch shell goes off into the sky, as it exits the tube you feel the shockwave in your chest, which in the context of a school playing field on Independence Day is exhilarating. It is also humbling, as it recalls a context of mortars on a field of battle, where our independence has been won, and then preserved countless times by countless lives.

To the memory of those lives, we dedicate the Fourth of July fireworks display.



MOVIE REVIEW

By Petula Hazell

Short circuit (PG)-Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg. 97 minutes.

"Life is not a malfunction", so says No. 5 in this summer's big hit Short Circuit. A military robot is brought to life by a bolt of lightning and is befriended by Stephanie Speck, played by Ally Sheedy. Stephanie is a gutsy animal lover who inadvertently falls in love with No. 5 and it's creator Newton Crosby, played by Steve Guttenberg. While trying to escape from crazed M-16 toting Army officials, the relationship between No. 5 and Stephanie grows stronger. You too will believe that No. 5 is alive. A funny and exciting movie that will have you cheering for No. 5. One of the first movies this summer for the whole family (not that much bad language and very little violence). You will leave the movie theatre happy knowing that No. 5 is alive. On a rating from one to ten, I'm giving Short Circuit a nine. Directed by John Badham.

Cadets To Attend Courses

Allentown Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (C.A.P.) cadets will be attending National level events this Summer.

Cadet Captain John Luke, of Hamilton Square, a four-year member, will attend the National Cadet Officer School, July 30 - August 8, and the Air Force Computer Orientation Course, July 7-11.

The school's purpose is to increase cadet officer effectiveness through a combination of seminars, lectures and field exercises.


The computer course involves training on the Apple II E computer in problem-solving and communications.

Cadet Warrant Officer George Fest, of Mercerville, a three-year member, and two-year member Cadet Airman John Hazell, of Roosevelt, will attend the Blue Beret School (B.B.S.).

The B.B.S., a two-week encampment in Wisconsin, July 26-August 9, provides courses in survival, drill and ceremonies, flight line operations, aircraft traffic direction and control, and convoy operations.

Cadet Hazell will also attend the New Jersey Ground Search and Rescue Encampment at MacGuire Air Force Base.

If you would like to find out more about the Civil Air Patrol, call me (John) at 448-5146, and I will give you details. The C.A.P. is open to male and female membership, from the age of fourteen and up.


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Raiders of the Lost Garage Sale

By Dave and Bobbi Teich

We like to think that we put on a "professional quality" garage sale. For the past several years we have been holding this sale and it has become a tradition, at least with us. This year, we organized it as a fundraiser for the Boro Bulletin and held it as part of Roosevelt's 50th anniversary weekend celebration. We started by putting a half-page ad in the Bulletin announcing the sale and calling for residents to donate their saleable merchandise. Roosevelt residents responded with great generosity, and calls started coming in. We schlepped many vanloads of material from donors' houses to our own over the next few weeks. Storage space became a problem, but somehow everything fit somewhere.

These were not just junk donations, either: Furniture (some hand made), photographic equipment, clothing and hundreds of books were given. Sometimes I'd go out on my front porch in the morning and find that the garage sale fairy had been there: new items had been left, anonymously, several times. To those who donated their possessions we'd like to extend our thanks on behalf of ourselves and the bulletin:

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Herman	Herrstrom	Kushner
Levinson	Mack	Moore
Petrilla	Vigiano	Warren
Warshaw	Yaeger	

Our thanks also go to those who donated anonymously; our apologies to anyone we have forgotten and accidentally left off the list.

The next task was publicity. We had a sign typeset and printed, and then posted them in strategic locations in and out of town. The one sad note was that, unfortunately, we were not allowed to place a sign at the registration area for the anniversary celebration. We had counted on "on-site" publicity and this may have hurt sales somewhat. The turnout on the day of the sale was fair, being mostly Roosevelt residents who were garage sale "regulars". By the end of the day we were exhausted, but it was time to clean up. Much of the leftover material was donated to a local church, and we were able to make a modest donation to the bulletin from the proceeds of the sale.

Our local newsletter, the Bulletin, is essential in providing a forum for communication and community action in a town like ours. It deserves your support. We suggest that others in the community initiate creative activities to raise funds.



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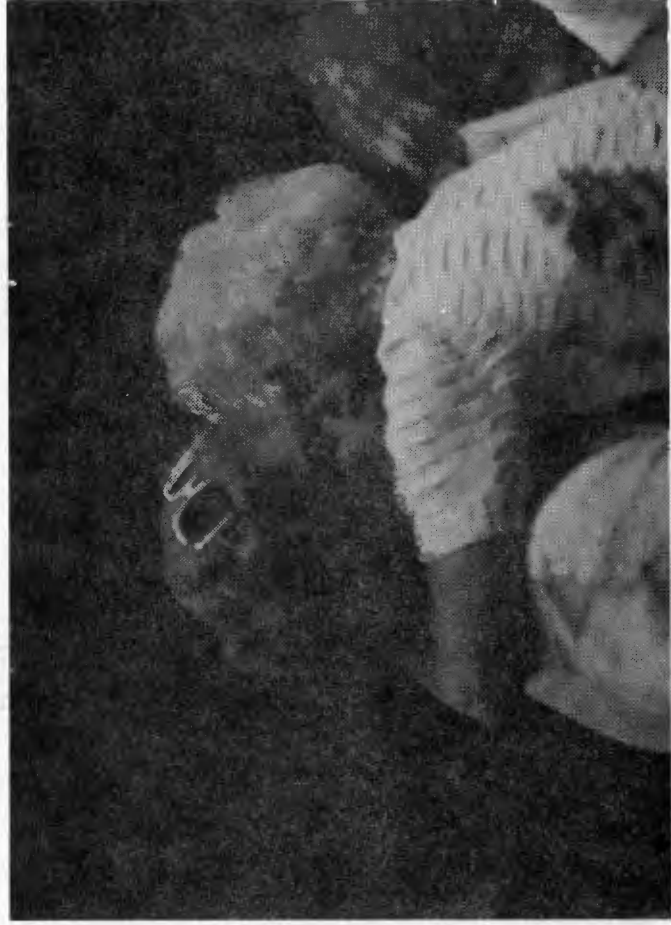
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		8:00 PM	PLANNING BOARD	BORO HALL
3	THURSDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		8:00 PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	R.P.S.
4	FRIDAY	INDEPENDENCE DAY HAVE A NICE		PICNIC
7	MONDAY	8:00 PM	BORO COUNCIL AGENDA	BORO HALL
8	TUESDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
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Note

In her biography Poets in Their Youth, Eileen Simpson mentions that the late John Berryman once gave a poetry reading in Roosevelt, for which he was paid \$20. This must have happened sometime in the late 40's, while he was still at Princeton. Does anyone know where this event took place or of anyone who might have actually witnessed it? Contact David Keiler.







LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Estelle and Irv. (Bach)

We would be very remiss not to let you know what a wonderful day we enjoyed this past Saturday. You did a magnificent job of bringing together so many of the old residents. We were emotionally drained by the end of the day, but wouldn't have missed it for the world. Thank you both and your committee for a day of remembering.

Sincerely,
Ruth and Hal Cooper
Cranbury, N.J.

Some Who Came

The following is a partial list of those "out of towners" who attended Roosevelt's 50th anniversary.

Leo and Marcia Ackerman	Bill Agress
Aaron and Mildred Axelrod	Al and Roslyn Axelrod
Dr. Irving & Estelle Bach (Kaplan)	Frances Bard (Nisnevitz)
Dr Judah Bauman	Paul and Diane Bauman
Howard and Pauline Bennett (Ackerman)	Hermen and Lynn Berg
Sol and Bevie Berg	Al and Pearl Block
Bernard and Teresa Bressler	Martin Bressler
Judith P. Brown (Pollack)	Ellis and Ruth Bulk
Lora P. Canape	Meryl Canape
Rose Canape	David Cantor
M. Daniel Cantor	Rosalind Carmen (Sussman)
Joseph and Shirley Cohen	Morris and Jacqueline Cohen
Simon and Claudia Cohen	Harold and Ruth Cooper
Sidney and Lillian Daly (Schwartz)	Joe Datz
Rae Denenberg (Naroditsky)	Lee and Phyllis Drasin
Stephen and Anne Bell Estenes (Houlahan)	Myron and Sylvia Feld
Bill and Sandra Flank (Glassman)	Irving and Sybil Flicker
Ors. Louis and Audrey Flumen (Bach)	Micheal and Marcia Folsom

Barry and Roberta Freedman (Bach)	Rachel Folsom
Ethel Friedman	Morris and Yvette Karshenbaum
Marcy Friedman	Bertha Glanz (& Nina)
Mervin and Roslyn Friedman (Sackowitz)	Rebecca Glassman
Myron and Penina Glazer (Migdal)	Goldie Goldstein
Alan and Kathy Gozner	Ray Gozner
Sidney and Estelle Gozner	Helen Gross (Klatskin)
Nat and Doris Harman	Saul and Elaine Kessler
Seymour and Jeanette Kessler	Charles and Lynne Klatskin
Irwin and Ruth Lachman (Levine)	Percy and Florence Klatskin
Lillian Lande (Goldstein)	Dr. Norman and Adele Lefter
Henry and Ruth Leibson	Solomon and Marilyn Levine
Arnold and Claire Malin (Brafman)	Alex and Mazel Linowitz
William and Shirley Marcus (Alef)	Andrew and Deborah Marton
Hyman and Francis Mondlin (Kahn)	Tova Meyers
Theodore and Esther Marton (Feldsher)	Selma Margaritov
Nathan and Mildred Nadler (Becker)	Claire Narod
Drs. Joseph and Rebecca Notterman (Feldsher)	Fannie Noveck
Alan and Selma Oblas (Kaplan)	Gail Oblas
Jeffrey and Linda Pollack	Jeffrey Prezant
Jessie Rabinowitz	Mildred Reden (Feintack)
Betty Reice (Rosenberg)	Marcy Retting
Jack and Frieda Rockoff	Jack and Mary Rubin
Sheldon and Michelle Rockoff (Richter)	Bernard (Bud) and Gail Rubin
Dr. Norman and Elinor Rubin	Esther Schneider
Ezra and Karen Schneider	Isidore and Goldie Shapiro
Marvin and Rhoda Silber (Brafman)	Alex and Betty Shrift (Dubin)
Beatrice Sinclair (Bach)	Norman and Dorothy Singer
Norman and Rhoda Slovik	Seymour Slovik
Arnold Sokolow	Payson and Marilyn Sokolow
Karol Solomon (Surasky)	Celia Spelkoman
Harvey Spelkoman	Rubin and Carolyn Weinberger
David and Beatrice Wishefsky	

If you know of others who attended let us know and we will publish their names in our next (September) issue.

Thanks to all!

The Editors



MINUTES AGO

By Arthur Shapiro
(Brief copy of talk given at reunion dinner)

What a great evening! I haven't had so much fun since Marvin Block and I stopped cars going up to Big Alice's in our band uniforms.

It's really an honor for me to be asked to speak here tonight because my family came to "the Homesteads" in 1940- when the town was already four years old. As Morris Kunin would say, "Latecomers!"

Growing up in this town was a unique experience because the town was unique. It was the only town where you could send your kids out in the morning and know that they'll come back at night, not only safe but fed! It's the only town in the state of New Jersey that voted in the last gubernatorial election a majority for Peter Shapiro- I tell everyone it was because everyone in town thought he was my cousin.

As Alan Edwards once said in an article on Roosevelt, "The town is so small you can preface everything with the word, "THE." The cemetery, the boro hall, the firehouse, the shul, the school, the mural. However now that there are three stores where "the" store used to stand, we now call it "the" mall!

Only in Roosevelt could one be in his forties and be among a good part of your kindergarten class. Only in Roosevelt could I be the fifth grade teacher of Claire Sacharoff's daughter and Claire being my daughter's fifth grade teacher. Only in Roosevelt does your heart jump into your mouth as you go for the mail and see a card edged in black taped to the door. Only from Roosevelt do those of us lucky enough to own sailboats recognize each other at the shore by our red sails washed in Roosevelt water! Only in Roosevelt did you hear words like scondi, soaker and the mythical Jewish holiday of Yish-avovitz, made up by the kids from Roosevelt to get an extra day off from Hightstown High School.

Only in Roosevelt did we know our officials by their first names- Simon was the Garbage man, Abe the Judge, and Wilbur the cop. Now Interstate Waste is our garbage man, the State Police are the cop, and Millstone Court the judge. That's what they call progress.

A lot has been written about Roosevelt, books, articles, TV shows. But I can take it all and sum it up into one word- Home! And so to those of you who left from those of us who stayed we would like to give you a huge and hearty "Welcome Home"!

The Reunion Through My Eyes

Each time I came upon old neighbors like the Leibson's, the Mondlins, the Friedmans, the Linowitzes, or the Bergs, I felt jolted into my past. So many sharp jolts in a short period of time can numb you.

These were not just former neighbors or people "I once knew!" These, and many others at the Reunion too numerous to mention are important and form an integral part of my life. They are forever interwoven into my own "personal history" of growing up in this town sharing many varied and special relationships.

Ruth Leibson was my mom's best friend. Henry was my Scoutmaster and he taught me to play the harmonica on a genuine "Marine Band". The Linowitzs were our next door neighbors- in Roosevelt always a special relationship. The Friedmans knew me since I was four, and the Mondlins since way before that.

Not only were the Bergs my parent's friends, they were also my employers. As a teenager I worked at their Roosevelt Market delivering orders and sorting out sticky soda bottles returned for deposit.

Many years prior to that my mother and brother also worked for Sol when he was manager of the hat factory in Roosevelt. I grew up with one of their children and taught another.

These were the people with whose children I was raised. These were the neighbors who lived with my family on Co-op Extension before it became Pine

Drive. This was my immediate community with whom I shared history- Pearl Harbor Day, V-E Day, V-J Day, the births of Israel and the UN, the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers and Martin Luther King, Viet Nam, Watergate- all experienced among these folks in Roosevelt. These are the people in the photographs of my eighth grade graduation, my Bar Mitzvah, my high school graduation, my wedding, and many other special and wonderful times in my life.

They were not only there for the "good", but the "bad" as well, particularly at the funerals of my loved ones.

These are the people who give me a direct link to my past. Having the opportunity to talk with those who not only knew my family- now gone- but knew them well, somehow keeps them alive for me.

For example, at the Reunion Dinner, Buck Mondlin told me a story about my father (who died over thirty-three years ago) I had never heard before. He and my dad would like to play practical jokes on each other, and sometimes one would backfire. The Mondlin's lived across the street from us one house over to the right. Their kitchen window had a clear view of our front lawn. One day Buck was home alone and bored and noticed that my mother drove away to go shopping and my dad took out the chaise lounge to rest on the front lawn after a hard day's work. Watching out his window, Buck could see when Dad got comfortable. He would then call my house and my dad would get up to answer the phone. However, just as he got to the phone, Buck would hang up. My dad would come out, get comfortable, and Buck would call again. After three such calls, Buck's conscience began to bother him. He came across the street to confess to my dad, who was again trying to relax. Just as buck approached Dad, the phone began to ring. "Aren't you going to answer it Harry?" Buck asked. "No," said my father, "Some yutz is playing with the phone. Every time I go to answer he hangs up!" As the phone kept ringing, Buck tried to convince my dad

that he was behind the calls. By the time Pop got the message, the phone stopped ringing. To this day, no one knows who called.

My memory was severely jarred when I read my copy of Roosevelt, New Jersey-The First Fifty Years 1936-1986, that unbelievable publication put out by the First Aid Squad. While looking through it I came upon two pictures of loved ones now gone, my sister, Mitzie and my step-dad, Al.

My family on my step dad's side, the Bachs, the Oblas, and the Kaplans were also there as were other beloved clans, made up of Blocks, Klatzkins, and the Feldsher girls and their husbands.

I spoke to Penina Migdal and the Rosenthal brothers who lived across the street from me. I hadn't seen any of them since I was in fourth grade! Nissy and Gerry were my best friend Eli's big brothers. (Among other things, Eli taught me about "sex".

As a kid growing up in Roosevelt one saw the world through the eyes of one's age group. From that view were "little kids" like Joey Goldstein, Dave Spelkoman, Mark Kleinman, Shummy Rockoff and David Sackowitz. A friend in my age group I hadn't seen since high school was Mike Folsom, now living in Vermont. Every Tuesday night at a quarter to eight Mike and Paul Prestopino would come to my house to watch Milton Berle with my family. We also watched a second show called "Fireside Theatre." My mother would serve us cocoa. Millions of people watched "Milton Berle" each Tuesday, but I watched him with Mike and Paul.

The other reunion shocks included bumping into so many "big kids" like Sheldon Katz, Percy Klatzkin, Simon Cohen, Buddy Ruden, and Shirley Olaf.

I saw the Feids from California, and the Nadlers from Florida. I even had an opportunity to speak to their daughter Siri, a very special former elementary pupil of mine when I taught in Roosevelt Public School. In fact, I ran into several former students of mine including the Gale brothers, the Prezant brothers, Betty Bard and Harvey Spelkoman.

Perhaps one of the most beautiful aspects of the reunion is that it was an "all" Roosevelt affair. Made possible, not only by the old timers who came back, and the old timers who stayed like Helen Barth and Mel Friedman but by the wonderful folks we love to call "neo-Roosevelitions." As the history of Roosevelt continues to be written these are the people whom the

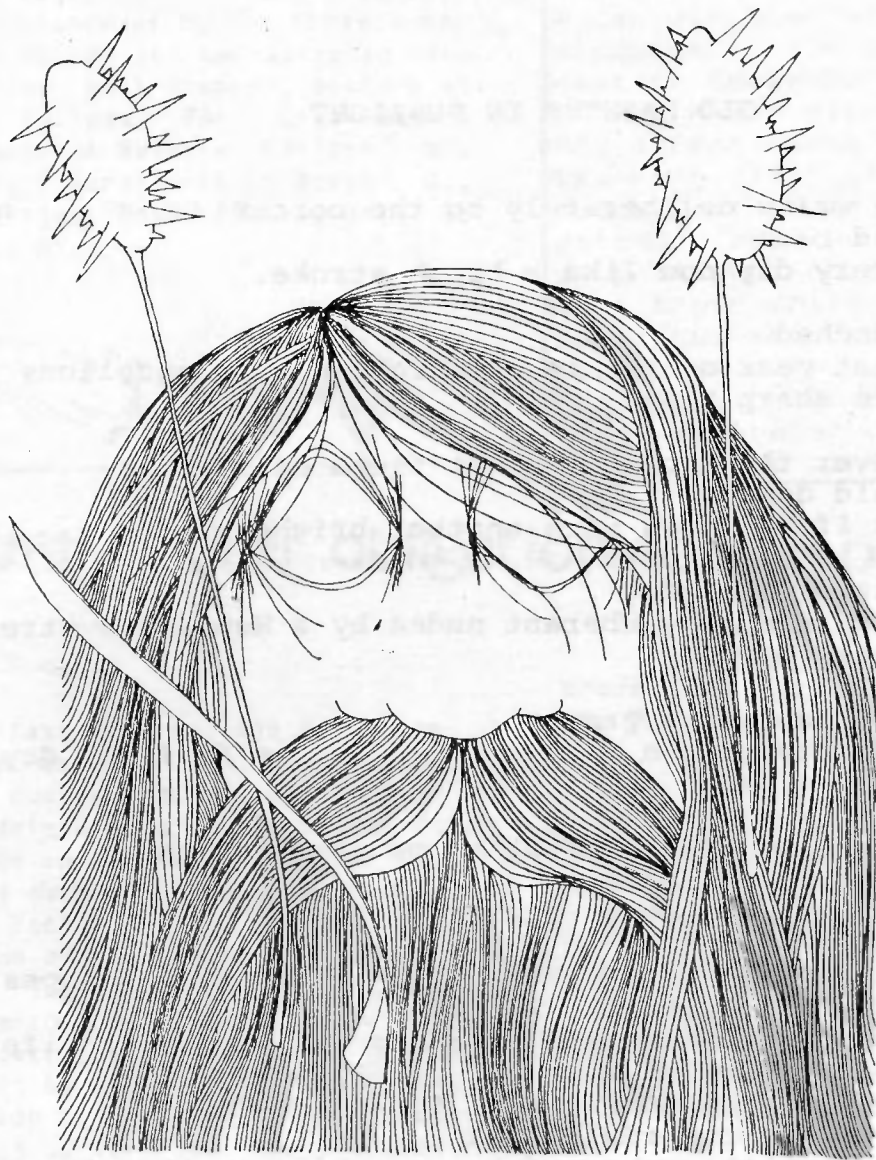
current chapter shall be about. They worked on the First Aid Squad Dinner, they helped provide the entertainment with their skits, poems and music, they worked on the Brunch, planned the festivities and published a wonderful book on the town.



Me and the "little kids."







Bulletin Literary Supplement

OLD PAINTER IN SUNLIGHT

He walks deliberately to the corner
And back
Every day now like a brush stroke.

Hunched
Last year on his lawn he rooted out dandelions
His sharp body

Never the flower in that field of flowers
Laid down
As if his lawn were another bright canvas.

His life making
Hundreds of exuberant nudes by a Hampshire stream
Petal by petal

Of orange and green
That the flesh of each would be as full one day
As red sky.

Now held for a moment in my window frame
With clenched heart
As black bristles curl like fingers back

On hands that kept them out of flowering scapes.
"I'm frightened
Of my body become a stranger who grips the life"

He says aloud, alone in the shadowless noon
Then his powerful stroke
Through the waves of sun crashing on the street.

for Presto

David Herrstrom

LEARNING

I describe things not because their muteness mocks our subjectivity, but because they seem to be masks of God.

--- John Updike

Crashing off to my left continues.
 A jay is shrieking.
 Cold. Hands in pockets, sitting
 on a log in a old grove of yellow tulip trees and sweetgums,
 I think about plants whose names change with the seasons:
 Jack-in-the-pulpit gone to lords-and-ladies;
 jewelweed, to touch-me-not.
 The man of God becomes worldly;
 wealth holds startling dangers.
 At dawn by Empty Box Creek, it was so still I
 lit my unprotected pipe with two matches.
 Only one or two crickets this morning in the beanfield.

Listen to an experienced man...

Trees and stones will teach you more
 than you will ever hear from mouths of theologians.

A chorus of shotguns to my right.
 That jay shrieking and crying without cease.
 Crash. Debris falling through the branches:
 Maybe a squirrel nestmaking
 or a sweetgum dropping its absurd grenades.
 No insect sounds at all now. Mid-morning.
 Sit. Breathe. Scribble.
 I love the sound of wooden matches in their bright box.
 Doors, not masks. More little doors...

In the newly mown field,
 a box turtle's bones are left like arched, white spoons
 in the cracked bowl of his shell.
 Take no one's word for these things.

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Rod Tulloss

ZANDEX

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UP ON THE HEIGHTS OF ZANDEX
 WHERE DIMPLAS ROAM ROUND FREE,
 SAFE FROM THE DREADED AMPETTES
 THAT'S WHERE WE ALL SHOULD BE.
 GAZING INTO THE DISTANCE
 WHERE SUN TOUCHES GROUND,
 AND WIND FROM DISTANT PLANTA
 BRINGS THE ONLY SOUND.

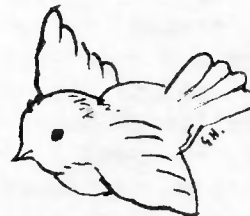
THERE ON THE HEIGHTS OF ZANDEX
 WE LAY ON GRANTOZ FRESH,
 AND WATCHED THE SLINTOS PLAYING
 AROUND THE TROSTOZ MESH.
 WE LAZED AND WATCHED THE SUN-SET
 THE THREE MOONS ROSE AS ONE,
 BIRDS GO WINGING PAST US
 NOW THAT THE DAY'S BEGUN.



TOGETHER THERE ON ZANDEX
 WE HELD EACH OTHER TIGHT,
 AND WATCHED IN SILENT WONDER
 THE POMPOMS SWIRL IN FLIGHT.
 WE LISTENED TO THE WATER
 AND SPOKE OUT TO THE STARS,
 WE WONDERED WHEN THE TIME WOULD COME,
 TO GO BACK HOME TO TARZ.

TO LEAVE THE FAMOUS ZANDEX
 TO JOURNEY FROM THE HEIGHTS,
 TO LEAVE THE LOVING DIMPLAS
 AND FACE AGAIN OUR PLIGHTS.
 TO FACE THE DREADED AMPETTES
 OF PLANTA AND OF TARZ,
 TO LEAVE THIS SILENT PARADISE
 AND JOURNEY BACK TO THE STARS.

GOOD-BYE TO YOU, MY ZANDEX
 ALAS I REALLY MUST GO,
 TO JOURNEY FAR AWAY FROM YOU
 TO PLACES YOU DON'T KNOW.
 BUT BY THE GODS OF DIMPLA,
 AND TARZS' SWEET REFRAIN,
 MY DARLING THAT IS ZANDEX
 I'LL SOON BE BACK AGAIN.



BY A. V. HAZELL

The Labyrinth

For Zoe

Each morning before work
 I sit alone in the kitchen
 the light above the table
 darkening everything in the house

How strange that this is what
 I've longed for since high school!

After coffee
 I walk into the nursery
 holding Ariadne's thread
 awed how memory unwinds
 navigating us into the past

Her breathing is like an intense voice
 whispering out of my body

My mind fills with those
 who would one day desire her
 their love unlike a father's
 yet not unlike

Carlights circle the walls
 as the shadow of the Minotaur
 dances around us

By Wieslaw Czystewski

At This Moment

At this moment one
 wants to capture
 it in words there's
 a sweetness that
 one knows can't last
 with a sadness

A sweet sadness of the
 lovely passingness of
 this quiet, healthy
 time.

Some day, if all goes well
 there'll be all sadness,
 or sickness, or tragedy,
 or desolation, or
 nothingness.

For now, at least,
 there's health and
 energy and good
 weather....

I would like to figure
 out how to stop
 time.

Memorial Day, 5/26/86
 David Brahinsky

When Dionysus Dies

By Neil R. Selen

Dark bride whose fathoms mother all my dooms,
 Embracing prince and prisoner in single stream,
 How do you bring the bridegroom to his feast?
 How do you sing the dreamer to his dream?
 Hunted by heaven, haunted by hell, who shall comb through
 All disheveled graves to find his heart and grind it up for seed?
 Is there no worship to renew among men him? No incantations chanted
 In the wolf-illumination that will free and heal his wounded limbs?
 Sea swills indifferently and earth consumes.
 Dark bride, your fathoms mother all my dooms
 And I must father flame within your wombs.
 Dismemberd Dion's mute guts blowing
 Wander, blasted, burned and blind,
 But in Demeter's hushblack bosom
 Bare dust is never lost.

WEAK IN WILL

The fear and frustration within my head.
 The scary future which I dread.
 Our leaders they lead us, ashamed to say.
 Really just following the past and its way.
 We've got to mature from our adolescent fights.
 We're **over** eighteen with no room for slights.
 My friends, confused, choose to ignore.
 Some smoke a joint and say, "Hey, f---k war."
 Some so angered, ready to go off the wall,
 Say, "Commies, Iranians, ah-h, kill 'em all."
 What ever happened to "Thou shall not kill"?
 Is it not right, or are we weak in will? 10/82

DAN JOHNSON

I suggest we all listen to ourselves

By Sid Weisberger

Have you ever really listened to modern "communication"? A careful hearing of many speakers (some in positions of considerable prestige) will reveal the presence of interjections such as "you know?" (or "Y' know?"), "ok", "y' know what I mean?", often as many as two or three times in a sentence-if the conversation indeed consists of sentences!

Sometimes the entire discourse will consist of one "sentence" comprising many thoughts strung together by frequent "and"s whenever the pace of the speaker slows. Sprinkle a few "yeah"s and some "see"s into the combination

for a specimen of the modern conversation. The ultimate is "...you don't know, y' know?".

I suppose people don't realize what they are saying because they don't hear themselves. I recall an acquaintance who thought he was a marvelous singer. Actually, he was one of those unfortunates who sing only one note but don't realize it. Someone surreptitiously recorded his "singing" and played it back to him. He never sang again! Cruel, perhaps, but effective. I suggest we all listen to ourselves.

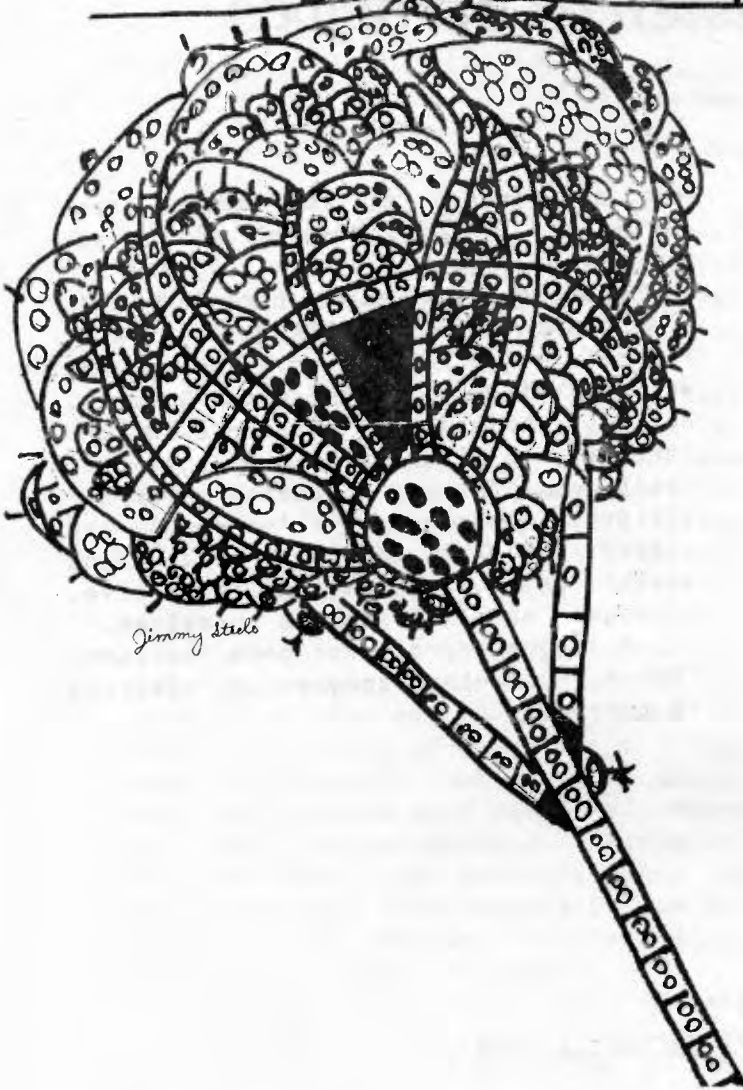
A language professor once advised, "Honor your mother tongue by speaking it correctly."

For Coretta King at the Burial of Martin L. King

By Neil R. Selden

Whose nerves are marooned in the maze of these graves?
 The roots of these trees, to whom do they reach?
 Your husband sinks his black embattled skin.
 I must imagine how you, graveside, stand erect on former ecstasies,
 And how you love beyond all hurt, I must imagine your widow's vision
 Firm as farms, your mind's dark disc and harrow
 Keen in your children's questions, how you help them reap
 Their father's courage, wit, hopes, faith, mistakes, his greatness.
 They as he were ambushed by the sad caucasian pride
 Of those assassins whose unutterable blankness
 Needs the character of hate to give them even phantoms of a life.
 Perturbable but muscular, you portage his death to its water,
 Your good long loving lost begets a further woman's grace,
 And all of us have won another mouth,
 And all of us must wear another face.

Life on The MOON



My Hair

My hair stands straight,
 Like toy soldiers on parade.
 Even though I am a girl,
 No matter what---my hair won't curl.
 Wispy ends flag me by,
 And sometimes march
 Right in my eye.

Karen Block

Following Small Animal Tracks

This is where the fox loves to go
 along the edges of fields
 in goat prairie where dung
 hides like Indian relics
 through the trees where the smell
 of the other travelers grows stronger
 under bluffs whose dragon shadows
 fall the wrong way
 nervously I look down at corn cobs
 stolen from the farms below

By Wieslaw Czyzewski

Disappointment

Reaching within your folds,
of love I am wanting.
Time has cast barren lips,
bountiful in their emptiness,
upon me.
I grope along in handsome sunshine.
Deception, a bowl resplendent in
hollow, waxed and tasteless fruit.
Disappointed, I reach for more.

Robert Axel

ANTIQUE SONG: MARY FEEDING THE BIRDS

Sassafras trees contort and twist---all
knees and elbows stiffened
in an early winter morning mist
while bluejays and doves and juncos wait
for suet, sunflower, thistle, and millet
served by my lover, Muse, and Grace--
her dark eyes bright, her
collar up against the flick of snow, her
dark curls blown around her glowing face.

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Rod Tulloss

BORROWERS

for Peter Berlinrut

We borrow our sanity from each other.
There is no choice on this island
floating in the cool void.
We cannot imagine Crusoe without the footprints
as Crusoe the man.

Even solitude is peopled
like a stretch of beach
filling with specks of bathers and gulls.
Loneliness rests on them
our inner island their outer banks.

To borrow your phrase
we come out of silence for each other.
You bring me to conceive myself
by the very bent-downness of your forehead
a mirror of the sea
a field furrowed
from such small articulations of your hands
lending an instance of faith
in language itself gotten out of the streets.
Even our crying out
is with lent breath.

That widow next door reading
the library's large-print Crusoe
in her silent sitting knows
he would have invented footprints on the beach
anyway
for we would be wholly formed
in the befriending of each other.
All night imagined voices keep her awake.

My shouts intrude on your islanding deafness.
And I am given for this moment
your pendulous earlobes
that punctuate the mind's listening
while you continue
voluble as the morning
utters wrens and light into the field.

David Herrstrom

Hold me.
 Love me.
 Secretly if you must,
 Away from the eyes
 of those who flaunt
 their thoughts around.

Love me.
 Hold me.
 In your mind if you will,
 The closest I can
 get to you,
 away from the world.

Hold me. Love me.
 Secretly. In your mind.
 Softly, sweetly,
 abounding all emotions.
 Love me.
 As I love you.

Eliza J Anderson.

ROOSEVELT REVISITED

Dickering and bickering, "Should we go"
 To revisit Roosevelt, we truly yearned
 We then decided, "It's a one-time show"
 For the 50th Anniversary, we returned

The ambiance of excitement filled the air
 Many came from cross-country places
 Not knowing who would surprise and appear
 Joined the familiar Roosevelt faces

In sweet memories, the past revived
 Recalling events both sad and gay
 We hugged, kissed, laughed and cried
 Exchanged news of our lives today

A treeless Jersey Homesteads film was shown
 On farmers and workers who founded this town
 Renamed after a leader, Roosevelt has grown
 Housing writers and artists of great renown

From Synagogue, School and Boro Hall
 Back and forth, we traipsed and tarried
 We enjoyed the events, it was a ball
 The two day program was rich and varied

This special Celebration created a glow
 New memories to last a very long time
 As the children's chorus closed the show
 For future re-unions, we await a chime!

Sylvia Feld
 May, 1986

CONCERT CONFUSIONS

By Bob Mueller

At our recent anniversary I told the following story several times, and people encouraged me to write it up for the Roosevelt gazette. Several years ago Laurie Altman and I were invited to give a little concert for the Senior Citizens. Laurie is a pianist and I play the flute. We had been giving classical concerts from time to time, and Hani Berczeller--my wife Diana's Grandmother, who was one of our most conscientious fans--suggested to me that the Senior Citizens would really appreciate hearing us play during one of their regular get-togethers. On the appointed day Laurie and I showed up at the old borough hall.

Everyone was very excited and Hani was very pleased. They were most helpful as we set up our music stand and moved the piano into the best position for our small but attentive audience. It had not occurred to us to check out the piano before then, and when Laurie sat down at the piano and struck a chord, the sound to our ear was sheer cacophony! The piano was not only completely out of tune, it had several gaping holes in the notes that did not sound at all!

But our audience was assembled; they were sitting, quite literally, on the edge of their chairs, waiting expectantly. What to do? We had little choice but to plow ahead, and do what music we could, notwithstanding.

We began. And as we played we started to smile at each other because the sound was not to be believed. In a very few moments we started to laugh a little--and then to laugh even more. But I play the flute, and it is not possible to play the flute and laugh! And besides, it was clear

to both of us that we were confusing our earnest audience--something we did not want to do. Hani, whom I could see out of the corner of my eye, was embarrassed. At one point, however, Laurie reached out for a hand full of notes that were not there, and both of us burst out in uncontrollable laughter! We had to stop playing. I got hold of myself and tried to explain to our audience what was going wrong--to let them in on the joke. Hani was relieved when she understood. Everyone encouraged us to continue playing, nevertheless. They said that our music, such as it was, sounded very lovely to their ears, used to singing around that very same piano.

Well, we went on, containing ourselves, but not without great self-control; and somehow we made it to the end of the concert. How I do not know to this day, the sounds were so impossible! And when we were through we received the most appreciative ovation we had ever received--anywhere.

"Could you tell me what you were playing?" a sweet old man asked afterwards, obviously one of the more curious members of the group.

"Scarlatti," I responded with great pleasure that someone actually cared about what music we had played.

"Oh," the man said, nonplussed, "I thought it was a clarinet!"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our Children In Time

Entries from Roosevelt Students for Halley's Comet Time Capsule, buried in Bincentown, N.J. on May 26.

Dear Reader,

I'm Bryan Thomas Unger. I'm 9 years old in fourth grade and I go to Roosevelt Public School. I live at 34 Lake Dr. Roosevelt, New Jersey 08555.

The life of 1986 has computers that are programmed to think, a president, Ronald Reagan, who was once an actor, video games that can be played on a television with a computer or an Atari, cars that can talk, and a Civil War between Nicaragua and Honduras.

Some important things that happened this year are: the Statue of Liberty is being fixed up for its 100th anniversary, the Space shuttle Challenger exploded, a terrorist act happened on a T.W.A. airliner, and Voyager II, a space probe passed Uranus and sent back pictures.

Some important things that happened or will happen to me are: my birthday that's on April 21: I got a radio and a

television for Christmas presents; in the summer my dad and I are going camping; and we got a computer. Also, we had an Invention Contest and my invention was called the "Toothbrush, toothpaste, and Papercup Holder."

By Bryan Unger

The Future

What is your life like?
 Instead of a picnic do you go to the moon?
 Is the sixty-fifth space ship leaving soon?
 Can you fly when you are born?
 Do you ride a unicorn?
 What is the future like?
 Does a day make up the night?
 Do sisters and brothers never fight?
 Has the sun lost thirty pounds of light?
 I hope the world is all right?

By Evelyn Schlinski



P.T.A. Summer Camp Returns!

Once again the P.T.A. is sponsoring a summer camp for the children of this community. It is open to children from kindergarten to 8th grade.

The program will run for five weeks beginning July 7th through August 8th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The activities will include sports, arts, swimming, theater and music. All our instructors are professionals in their field and have years of experience working with children.

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IF TUITION FOR THE FULL FIVE WEEK PROGRAM IS PAID IN ADVANCE, YOU MAY DEDUCT 10% FROM YOUR TOTAL. RETURN REGISTRATIONS TO DONNA KAUFMAN- 23 SO. ROCHDALE AVE., ROOSEVELT. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET SCHLINSKI- 443-5180.



"Old Fashioned 4th of JULY"

COME ONE, Come All - to this lively, patriotic, traditional Roosevelt event. It will be held this year on Friday, July 4, with a rain date of Sunday, July 6. It will give new residents and visitors an opportunity to get to know Roosevelt and the old timers to reminisce and share Roosevelt fellowship.

The events of the day begins with a run-a-thon from the corner of Rochdale Avenue and Tamara Drive at 8 am. There will be a 1 mile course for those under 12 years of age and a 4.4 mile course for those over 12. All participants will receive certificates. A parade will start from the same corner at 2 pm. Marching groups, organizations, decorated bicycles - everyone is invited to join in. The parade route will be around Tamara Drive to Pine Drive, Pine Drive to Rochdale Avenue, then down Rochdale Avenue past the War Memorial Rock to the Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheater. After a brief ceremony, a FREE picnic will begin. Hot dogs, birch beer, iced tea, iced water, etc. will be in generous supply and free to all. There will be various games available with supervised games for the children. Music prepared especially for this event will be presented at the Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheater. Art raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets will be on sale to help defray the expenses. The events of the day will draw to a close at 9 pm with a colossal fireworks display held at the baseball field at the school. Everyone is ask to refrain from bringing fireworks as it is illegal and dangerous and will be prosecuted accordingly.

Please bring your own chair and enjoy an old fashioned Roosevelt 4th of July.

If you wish to help with this event or have any questions, please contact June or Bill Counterman at 448-3182.

