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The state is urgently seeking a site for this incinerator, and it will find one. After all, the waste does need to go somewhere. But there are

not closing such facilities is simple that the waste has to go somewhere.

Third, monitoring what comes out of the stacks must be continuous to be effective, but that is not planned because it is very expensive. There needs to be a maximum allowable pollution level above which the facility must shut down. Who decides what that level is? And the monitoring facility needs to know what substances to look for: who makes that decision? Since it will not monitor all chemicals at once, the facility must take the word of its customers about what really is in those drums.

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towns that actually might welcome such a facility, as Newark did, because it would bring in money and an industry they already are prepared for. It is essential that we prove to the state that Millstone is a bad choice for a toxic waste incinerator. Write or call your representatives and tell them what you think:

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## COUNCIL REPORT

## Council sees hazardous waste facility as "significant danger"

By Peter Gould

### Passes Resolution

At their regular meeting on April 10th, the Mayor and council of the Borough passed resolution 25/86 vowing "to use all possible means to oppose the siting of any hazardous waste facility as now contemplated within the Township of Millstone." Millstone is one of seven places under consideration by the New Jersey Hazardous Waste Siting Commission for the location of toxic waste incinerators.

Resolution 25/86 states that "relevant factors of siting criteria such as preservation, safeguarding of crop production areas, and traffic patterns have not been considered," and it asks that the Governor and State representatives "enact legislation to halt the siting process until further study of [the] criteria is undertaken." The resolution also claimed that "there is a paucity of information on the nature of the waste materials and kinds of hazards they present available to the residents of Roosevelt" and that a "significant danger is posed to the population of [Roosevelt] and adjoining municipalities by virtue of the hazardous waste being transported great distances over public roadways."

### The Vote

The resolution was passed by Councilpersons Ed Moser and Carol Watchler and Mayor Hepner. Councilman Bernard Leefer voted against the resolution.

Mr. Leefer had suggested that the wording of the resolution be amended to oppose the siting process only so long as the toxic waste facility was not

"proven to be safe," but the Mayor and Mr. Moser and Ms. Watchler were against such an amendment.

Councilman Ferris Stout abstained from voting on the resolution. He said that there is hazardous waste all over New Jersey, and that the State's siting procedure is an attempt to deal with the problem.

On a separate toxic waste issue, the Council passed a motion calling upon elected officials of the U.S. and New Jersey to "immediately authorize long-term, substantial funding of Superfund" in order to effect the clean-up of toxic waste sites.

### Historic Ordinance

At the same meeting the Mayor and Council also passed a revised version of the Historic Preservation Ordinance that was introduced in March. This ordinance will be administered by the Roosevelt Planning Board, which will function as the Historic Preservation Commission of the borough. In this capacity the Planning Board has a number of responsibilities, including: "subdivision and site plan review." The ordinance requires the Board to pay "attention...to the continuation of the community's historic greenbelt design, cluster development, and natural constrains [sic] imposed by the municipality's environmental features," and "to review all new structures for conformity to the Borough of Roosevelt Zoning Ordinance."

The ordinance prohibits the destruction of principle historic structures, namely those that were built between 1936 and 1939. It



protects the Borough's green space by stating that "land established as publically-owned green space shall remain as such in perpetuity."

Defining "historic district" as the "entire area encompassed within the municipal boundaries of the Borough of Roosevelt," the ordinance requires that "all land development on lots smaller than 100,000 square feet shall contain open space areas consistent in their size and configuration with the site planning concept characteristic of the historic district."

Councilman Leefer opposed the ordinance saying that it provided little benefit to Roosevelt and since every ordinance costs the Borough about \$300, this one would be a waste of tax dollars.

#### North Valley Road Complaints

Mr. Peter Berlinrut and Mr. Herb Johnson were present at the meeting. They complained to the council about the poor state of North Valley Road and the failure of the builder there to maintain the road in decent condition. The Mayor assured them that pressure would be applied to the responsible party.

#### School Budget Issue

Mr. Johnson criticized the Mayor for publicly posting her letter written on Borough stationary to the School Board that questioned certain aspects of the school budget. Members of the Council supported this action by the Mayor.

#### Parks and Playgrounds

Mr. Johnson also said that not enough money was being allotted for Parks and Playgrounds in the 1986 Municipal Budget. He pointed out that many park benches and tables in the Borough needed to be replaced and repaired, and he urged the Council to increase the amount of money allotted for Recreation and Education. Ms. Watchler, Chairwoman of the Administrative Committee, acknowledged Mr.

Johnson's comments and reviewed some of the things on which the money for Recreation and Education would be spent, including \$750 for a summer camp sponsored by the P.T.A., and \$285 for the Park and Shade Tree Commission to plant trees in town for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Roosevelt.

#### Other Business

The Council then passed the 1986 Municipal Budget and amended it to accommodate a \$4000 increase in garbage disposal costs. An amendment to the Borough's salary ordinance was introduced by Ms. Watchler. Motions passed by the Council included: approval of the sale of the Borough's dump truck for \$500, authorization of payment of \$19000 and \$6175 in interest on a bond anticipation note, approval of the Borough Clerk's attendance to the course entitled "Advanced Duties of the Municipal Clerk" at Rutgers University at a cost of \$101, authorization of contract(s) for not more than \$2000 for gravel and grading of Eleanor Lane, and the proclamation that April 1986 be "Fair Housing Month in Roosevelt, as it is in New Jersey."

Correspondence received by the Borough included: a letter of resignation from Steven Chegus, the Water/Sewer Plant Trainee; and proposals for sewage plant maintenance and repairs from William Birdsall, the Borough Engineer.

As the meeting came to a close, Councilman Ferris Stout, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, extended his thanks to the residents of Roosevelt for their efforts to conserve water on Sunday, April 6, when eight feet of clay were being removed from the water system's settling tank.

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## More on Assunpink toxic waste

The following article appeared in a West Coast bicycle Newsletter.

The Editors

Since the time I came across a waste dump in the Assunpink Wildlife management area, I have been following up the case with the state agencies responsible for the cleanup. In February I received a copy of their report. It contained the following information:

**Nature of complaint-** Indiscriminate dumping of waste materials and tires.

**Findings-** Upon investigation it was found that the material had been dumped many years ago. There are no liquids or intact drums on the site. It appears to be an old solid waste problem and no hazardous substances were found.

(That's the good news.)

**Recommendations and Conclusions-** (The investigating DEP officer) recommends that the DEP close the case and that the Fish and Game Department decide whether they want to clean up the area.

(That's not so good.)

After seeing the DEP's report, I got in touch with the Fish and Game people, who now carried the ball. The problem, they told me, was that no access road ran adjacent to the site-trucking the waste out would be a problem.

How about a volunteer effort? I suggested. I would be willing to coordinate as many people as I could round up.

As a matter of fact, they said, they were considering just such a plan, but the state Fish and Game had to find out whether their insurance covered liability for such an effort, and I should call back in about a month.

Two weeks later, I called back. I'd like to know the status of the project. You know there's no road. So it's not a high priority? Well, not exactly. What about organizing a volunteer effort? We checked with our insurance people and we're not covered for liability on this. What can I say? End of conversation. No insurance coverage for a volunteer effort? Let me see if I've got this straight...Hunting is legal on this land. Horseback riding is legal. People do get hurt doing all these things. Does the state refuse to permit hunting because they're not insured for liability? No.

So tell me, because I must be dense or something, but I'm missing some very fundamental understanding here. Disappointing but not discouraging: I'm going to continue to investigate avenues for coverage and stay on the case. My environmental politics run like this: this is my backyard. What gets dumped here is my problem.

David Teich



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There is much to do to prepare for the big 50th anniversary party, to be held Memorial Day weekend. One of the tasks is to clean up Roosevelt. No, no--I'm not talking about a revolution. I mean only that we should make the place look even better than it usually does. Sunday, May 4, has been designated as "Spruce Up" Day in Roosevelt. It's a great opportunity. You probably already know that the best way to get your house clean is to plan a party: Then you have to clean up before everybody gets there. Well, that's where Roosevelt is: We're having a party, and we have to clean the place before all those people arrive. Fortunately, the Saturday following the above-mentioned "spruce up" Day is the Big Trash Pick-up. All those things you decide to throw away on May 4 will be picked up on May 10. (Please wait until the approved day before putting things at the curb.)

We invite everybody to show up in front of the post office at 10 am on Sunday May 4. Bring leaf-rakes and garbage bags. We could especially use the help of anyone who actually knows how to prune shrubs and trees, and anyone who has access to a cultivator. Please call Anita Schwendeman at 443-6204



#### Corrections

In the second paragraph of the front page story of the March 1986 issue the last name of the chemical engineer was misspelled. The correct spelling is: Schwartz. In the same article the stated location of the Rollins toxic waste incinerator is not correct. The incinerator is actually located in Bridgeport, New Jersey.

## SENIOR NEWS

By Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

We welcomed our president Esther Pogrebin back home at our meeting on April 1, but missed Jeannette Koffler who was unable to attend.

School Principal Dr. Sussman and School Board members John Burkhart and Debra Allen attended the meeting to explain the way that money is allocated to different departments. Many members questioned money given to certain projects--special education, etc. It is a complicated thing in many ways and we are aware of the working and planning of the board to present a budget. We appreciate the time and knowledge given to us by our guests.

Future trips and plans will be discussed at our next meeting.



#### Gypsy Moth Update

According to the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission, Roosevelt does not qualify for participation in the 1986 Gypsy Moth Program because the egg count is too low. Therefore, it is not necessary to spray Roosevelt this year.

#### RCWI Update

The Roosevelt Clean Water Initiative (RCWI) is gathering the final pieces of information for its survey of the recent cost of running our water-sewage system. The records are in disarray, and it is time-consuming to find the information we need: there are 13 vouchers without corresponding canceled checks, and 18 canceled checks without vouchers. We will tabulate and present the latest results in the May issue of the Bulletin, and subsequent results on a yearly basis.

## April Fool's Day

And the eye becomes entangled, looking around: the woods encircling Roosevelt are turning to a red and silver web; and closer up, in the woods within the town, tiny green wings are spreading on the wild rose and russian olive. The winter ground is complicating, coloring: green tinges the dead lawns, daffodils sweep against the blank schoolhouse wall.

Am I describing the scene or filming it, editing the distasteful elements, the unwanted evidence of what kind of place this really is?

Besides buds, there's a lot else caught in the swamps and woods, the curbs and public grounds, even splattered on the lawns, to catch the eye. It is a physical presence that did not grow from these patches of earth, it is the outward and visible sign of an inward attitude.

It is a litany I can say without end, beginning, say, at the dirt path from Tamara and through the woods to the school. The litany is: bulging white plastic garbage bags, aluminum can, pizza box, beer bottle, potato chip bag, styrofoam cup, candy wrapper, aluminum can, coffee cup lid, plastic soda bottle, used tissues, cardboard box, brown paper bag, aluminum can, beer sixpack carton, cigarette pack, supermarket bag, aluminum foil, styrofoam cup, cracker bag, matchbook, aluminum can, green paper cup, milk carton, straw, beer bottle, one innocently lost glove, broken glass, broken plastic fork, aluminum can; and the litany goes on

through the woods around the playground and onto the very sand of the playground, it goes on

thick as mulch in the rectangular hedge behind the school, on the banks of the school drive and on the grass island, it goes on beside the walk, and crushed into the grass of the schoolground, under the great trees on the front lawn, under the forsythia blooming on the schoolhouse wall, it goes on

strewn the curbs and woods of Rochdale Avenue, the woods and hedge behind the Deli and the post office, in shocking chunks over several of the front yards of Farm Lane, in the private hedges, on the edges of almost every lawn although it's been a week since garbage collection and plenty of time to pick up what was spilled, it goes on

not as badly as you'd by now expect on North Valley road from Lake Drive to the grass triangle, or on the road to the cemetery as far as the stream, only because someone has been picking up these stretches for months, has taken it upon his or herself to carry a bag and pick up the trash, but it goes on

caught in the woods around the field between Eleanor Drive (Cemetery Road) and North Valley, rattling plastic sheets, never-melting pieces of a dirty white styrofoam snow to remain visible for years in the woods all the way around the field, and it goes

on studding and glinting and startling the woods around the factories, on Oscar Drive, it goes on

heaping and heaping in Witches Hollow, and I know it goes on like this



even on the hidden trails in Assunpink Park, and everywhere I have and have not looked.

Is litter just a trivial nuisance, an aesthetic detail, among the grave problems of water and air and earth pollution, of nuclear threat, facing us? Or is it the tangible and visible sign of how we feel about the earth, about ourselves in relation to the earth? It appears as though we've decided our house is such a hopeless mess there's no use in pretending to keep it neat, when we haven't got the strength to clean it up.

Our children are growing up in this house. I raise my eyes from the budding ground to see them walking by, many with heads bowed, or faces tightly clenched. We tend to blame the littering on them, but we know they did not invent this scorn of earth. I look at the schoolground and see, here in the countryside, an inner-city school. I look up at the woods encircling the town, lit by the late spring sun. The bare structures of branches are pushing out and opening the new structures of leaves, the pattern of infinite variation on structural themes, which is nature's theme, hopefully and beautifully continuing. But the evidence caught in the branches says that people don't see it, this pattern, design of which we are the responsible element, or that people don't care to see it. Like fools.

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## A year in Central Africa

By David Brahinsky

During recent times we in the West have been more or less compelled to become more aware of Africa, specifically due to the famines and the events with respect to the apartheid issue. To some--the uneducated, uninformed, inexperienced--these events may appear to come out of the blue, as it were. To others, such as Peter Warren, they are the inevitable consequences of over a half century of European-African contact.

On the first Sunday afternoon in April, members of the Roosevelt Writers Club and friends were privileged to hear a talk by Mr. Warren on his recent experiences in Bangui, a city in Black Tropical Africa. I say "privileged" for one felt as if one were being given something special and unique, namely the experiences of one who was there and who knows how to transmit this. The talk was moving as well as informative; Mr. Warren conveyed the reality of what must be viewed as a tragic situation while also indicating some of the major causes and providing a stark and rather grim prognosis.

He opened his talk with a discussion of Colonial Black Africa before W.W.II, indicating that a major factor in the European division of Africa was "to impress their neighbors--to keep up with the Jones'." Europe, according to Mr. Warren, thought in terms of a colonial system that would last several centuries. To Europeans, Black Tropical Africa--a region of superlative beauty--would be maintained as a great nature preserve.

Nomads roamed the plains, farmers farmed the land leaving it fallow guided by ancestral practice. Money was not used; there was cannibalism, human sacrifice, female circumcision, thriving diseases, locust swarms and very poor land. Most Africans, however, wanted to keep it this way.

Five thousand whites ruled 80 million Africans. A few Africans sought Western education, others wanted

to earn money in the mines or on plantations, a very small number lived like Europeans, as professionals.

Most whites were cut off from the Africans by the language barrier, just as Africans were cut off from each other since there were hundreds of different African languages. It was a tough life for everyone, said Mr. Warren: sickness, wild animals, little money, slow travel, some brutality, much misunderstanding.

Each colony had to support itself--there was no foreign aid. The European governments left colonial Africa alone. Some colonies became relatively wealthy while others were miserably poor. Famines sometimes occurred.

But there was no overall understanding of Africa in Europe, no coordination of goals or ideas, and this would lead to chaos (according to General Smuts in 1929) since colonialism was slowly but surely breaking down traditional African society while putting nothing of substance in its place. According to Mr. Warren, the great tragedy of Black Tropical Africa is that little or no attention was given to this fact.

By the end of W.W.II there were many more educated Africans who began to desire self-government. Former colonies in other parts of the world were becoming independent, and these and other factors led to the illusion that self-government would be easy. Meanwhile the land was being further decimated by poor farming techniques while, ironically, improved health measures, without corresponding understanding of the need for birth control, was exacerbating the overpopulation problem.

The European powers began a policy of foreign aid, but widespread corruption, serious civil service understaffing and incompetence led to misuse of the money and numerous project failures. There were tribal massacres,


coups d'etat, civil wars. Newly formed countries were used as pawns in the power game of the big powers. New leaders did not know how to run a country.

After the oil crisis of 1973 the roof really fell in, said Mr. Warren. More foreign aid was given with results such as increased misery, extreme famine, despair, crime.

Bohassa, leader of the Central African Republic, crowned himself emperor and got into Chivas Regal. He became an easy prey to swindlers--roads decayed, cotton production plummeted. The country became a pawn of Libya.

This is where Mr. Warren came in--literally--to try and help set up a library and a list of what was going on in the country (among other things). He said tht he found Bangui, the capital, a "dead town," with skies of grey, not blue, terrible heat and pervasive pessimism. He managed to find an apartment safe from thieves, had evenings with friends, ate in good French restaurants--something the French usually leave behind in their former colonies--but his working conditions (including funding and personnel) were difficult if not impossible and success, he implied, was elusive.

During a question and answer period Mr. Warren emphasized his prognosis for the future of independant tropical Africa: "no hope," by re-stating the reasons: overused land, population explosion, bad historical experience, no state institutions, no model of success, and so on. He said that only a complete turnover could revive the optimism seen in 1960 and that in Africa there remains a tremendous nostalgia for what was lost prior to the coming of the Europeans.



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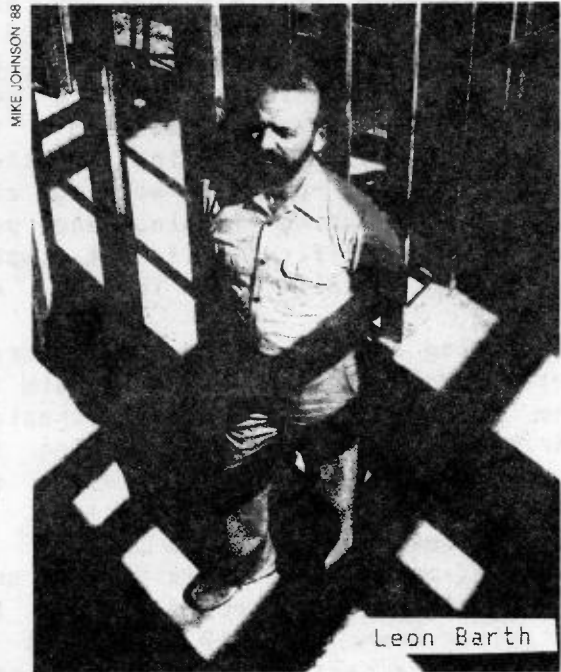
## Mr Barth and Princeton's architectural laboratory

Wedged between the Armory and Jadwin Gym is a one-story building with a three-story glass addition. Inside the glass cage a rudimentary one-story house is under construction. It's a bit of a mishmash, with a double-hung window, a casement window, sections of brick facing and both board-and-batten and bevelled siding. Insulation and building paper have been started inside and out. By the time the house is "completed", the 40-odd students enrolled in "Building Science and Technology: Building Systems" will also have added trim and flooring. At the end of the term, the house will be torn down to its 16-square-foot base, ready for a new group to get some hands-on construction experience. Overseeing the project is Leon Barth, who has served the School of Architecture as a "technical specialist" since 1955.

Like many a craftsman, Barth has an appreciation for a building's history. He says that in an earlier incarnation this one was a stable—first for students' polo ponies and later for ROTC's cavalry mounts. In 1947, at the urging of Professor Jean Labatut, the university gave the building to the school for use as an architectural laboratory. According to Henry Jandl, who was on the faculty then, "Everyone in the department got involved. Bob Taylor did the design as his thesis. They hired a student to do a draft for remodeling the stable. Sherley Morgan gave them \$10000 to build the cage. I helped install the power equipment." Jandl also remembers a scent. "It took years to get rid of the smell of horses."

The cage has had many uses. Jandl says: "We did projects with Joseph Albers and Carl Foss, using color boxes to show the influence of fluorescent

and incandescent light. We had demonstrations of welding and using thin-shell concrete. Some students built full-scale mock-ups of parts of their theses...Bucky Fuller was there two or three times." Barth, too, remembers Fuller and points to a yellowed photo on the lab wall. It shows a 40-foot discontinuous compression sphere festooned with flags. Students needed a hook-and-ladder truck from the local fire department to finish the project.



Barth chuckles about the visit of Frank Lloyd Wright. "I think he was giving some lectures here. I was out in the shop. Paul Rudolph's students were building portechocheres. There was a lot of banging going on, and then suddenly it got very quiet. I walked out to where they were working, and there he was. He looked like something out of a comic strip in his black cape and black Quaker hat. We had some



samples of stainless steel around, and I got into a conversation with him about extruding steel."

Returning to the present, Barth says today's course deals with the basics of construction materials: "Wood framing, brick joints- they build a series of brick arches and load them to destruction-and this is the only exposure they get ." Some students have designed concrete furniture, for which Barth makes molds. The class is composed of graduate students and seniors in architecture and a few civil engineers. Barth says that one year the only available time slot for the three-hour lab was 7 PM on Thursdays. "Everyone showed up," he smiles, shaking his head. That's his definition of dedication. It may also testify to his rapport with students.

Barth was involved in an off-campus project with a former student. As mayor of Roosevelt, New Jersey, he worked with Douglas Keibaugh (who has since become chairman of the Architecture Department at the University of Washington in Seattle) on the building of a solar-powered, low-income housing development for senior citizens. It was built in 1983, and won the American Institute of Architects award for the best design of a multi-family dwelling.

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**FIRE COMPANY NEWS**

*Manzi leaves town*

By Gloria Hazell

The Fire Department responded to only one fire this month. It was a brush fire in the woods between Farm Lane and Lake Drive. The cause of it was not established although it seemed likely to be the result of spontaneous combustion. The day it occurred there were sixty other brush fires in N.J. We were not alone in our endeavors.

The backbone of our Fire Company right now is strong, but a backbone needs other bones to survive. We would like to do more in town as the First Aid Squad does but we need the manpower to do it. We don't just want to be the guys who show when the siren blows five times; we want to be active at other times too. If you are over 18, slightly crazy, but otherwise in good health, your Fire Company needs you. Please contact us at box 490, Roosevelt, NJ.

After living here for only a lifetime, Jimmy Manzi is leaving town. He leaves it seems, with a mixture of excitement over his new job in Virginia (office manager/dispatcher) and regret at leaving his home and friends.

The news of somebody leaving always seems to get one of three reactions from people, and I expect the news of Jimmy's departure to be no different. The reactions, and how they adapt to Jimmy's departure are:

1. Good-Bye and good riddance-Jimmy has never been shy about making his views and opinions heard, being honest and concerned about the environment (which Jimmy is) will always be a good way of making a few enemies. For those who feel this way, I am certain that the feeling is mutual.

2. Jimmy who?- Even in a small town like ours we can't know everybody, But Jimmy must be close to it by now.

3. Good-Bye and Good Luck- A large number of us, I think, fit into this group, especially those of us who met Jimmy as a result of his extensive work for the emergency services of the community.

Which brings me to the point of all this- Thank you Jimmy, for what I saw you do, for what I heard you do and more important, what you did even when I wasn't around. I wish you well in your new career, both as a comrade on the first aid squad (from which I shall miss you), an ex-chief of the fire company (or should that be department?) (from which I will miss you even more) and as a friend (and it is here that I will miss you most).

Take care in Virginia, and enjoy the success that I know you will achieve.

By Andy Hazell



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		8 PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	RPS
5.	MONDAY	10-11-:30AM	PLAYGROUP	BORO HALL
6.	TUESDAY	10AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		2 PM	SENIOR CITIZENS	BORO HALL
		8-9:30PM	FREE YOGA CLASSES	RPS
7.	WEDNESDAY	10 AM	PLAYGROUP	BORO HALL
		8 PM	PLANNING BOARD	BORO HALL
8.	THURSDAY	10 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
10.	SATURDAY	6 AM	LARGE PICK-UP	BORO HALL
12.	MONDAY	10 AM	PLAYGROUP	BORO HALL
		8 PM	BORO COUNCIL AGENDA	BORO HALL
13.	TUESDAY	10 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		8 PM	FREE YOGA CLASS	RPS
14.	WEDNESDAY	10 AM	PLAYGROUP	BORO HALL
		7-8:30 PM	BOOKMOBILE	PO LOT
		8 PM	BORO COUNCIL	BORO HALL
15.	THURSDAY	10 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		8 PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	RPS
19.	MONDAY	10-11:30AM	PLAYGROUP	BORO HALL
20.	TUESDAY	9:30 AM	SENIOR'S HEALTH PRGM.	SOLAR VILLAGE
		1-8:00PM	FOOD COOP	BORO HALL
		10 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		8-9:30 PM	FREE YOGA CLASS	RPS
21.	WEDNESDAY	10 AM	PLAYGROUP	BORO HALL
22.	THURSDAY	10 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
26.	MONDAY		MEMORIAL DAY	
27.	TUESDAY	10 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		8-9:30 PM	FREE YOGA CLASS	RPS

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### The Roosevelt Food Co-op

*by Josef G. Solomon*

There may be many people in Roosevelt who do not even know that there is a food co-op in town. There is, and we have decided to come out of the closet. Not only can you read all about it, you can see it in action. We are holding an Open House at the Borough Hall on Tuesday, May 20, from 1-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. Drop in and visit with us.

There are several things to point out about our co-op. Perhaps the most important feature is that at present there are openings for new members. And why should anyone join? Because the co-op buys good quality food at reasonable prices. In particular, there is no junk food. Foods the co-op buys contain no added sugar, and no other additives.

Perhaps the next-most important feature is that you don't have to buy in warehouse quantities. Individual members can buy in small amounts, and the co-op buys in large amounts. To borrow an idea from another context, "A lot of a little is a lot." Individual members can order in quantities as small as one dozen eggs, for example, or a pound of cheese. Of course, if you *want* to order an entire wheel of cheese, we can probably get it for you.

Another important feature of the co-op is that it is, as its name tells you, a co-operative. It works only if the members co-operate. All members give some of their time to help in the necessary work — collating the orders, distributing the items, etc. As of now, the required time is two hours a month. Working on distribution is a great way to meet people, too, by the by. I joined for the co-operative part of it, and met some really nice people while cutting cheeses and weighing walnuts.

A partial list of the things the co-op buys: produce, eggs, yogurt, cheeses (mozzarella, swiss, cheddar, gouda, munster, . . . ), nuts (almonds, walnuts, cashews . . . ), raisins, grains, rice, health-care products.

Distribution is the third Tuesday of each month. Drop in at the Open House, May 20, and join the rest of us. If you'd like more information before then, call Bobbi Teich, 448-5036 *before 9 pm*, or Joe Solomon, 443-3861.

## Report from North Valley Road

To The Editors:

Last September when the building on North Valley Road began and rumors started to fly like paper cups around the place, a group of residents wrote the Mayor and the Borough Engineer, Mr. Birdsall. We hoped to save the trees remaining along the road and to avoid having it widened, actions which appeared to be imminent. Mr. Birdsall replied, claiming that the Planning Board had twice had meetings which we "had been informed of" to discuss the new buildings. Accordingly, a number of us appeared at the next meeting of the Planning Board. Although we never found out why none of us had heard about the two meetings, the Planning Board did resolve to ask the builders to do all they could to spare the trees along the roadway.

Though the roadway is still a mess, the building is nearly complete. All six houses are on site, and water, sewer and electric lines have been installed. Thus, some sort of observation is now possible.

1. Having issued their decision, neither anyone on the Planning Board, nor the Building Inspector, have taken action to see that the builders were in fact trying to avoid damaging trees. The builder does not seem to have informed any of the 15 or so men who have been operating front-end loaders, bulldozers and blades, buried and reburied (which is enough to kill many species over time, from a process known as "drowning"), had dirt and waste cement dumped on them and branches smashed and torn off.

2. It was our hope that some sewer and electric lines might be shifted slightly, to lessen damage to tree roots. With one possible exception, no effort at all to spare tree roots was made whatsoever when sewer and electric lines were dug.

3. No one seems to have notified Jersey Central Power and Light as to the desire to keep as many trees as possible.

Overall, after removing the lovely apple tree on the corner of Farm Lane, the builders have left most of the tree trunks but have done all they could to make certain these trees do not survive long, and that ensure that the costs of their removal will fall to the residents or to the borough. We do not seem able to have the road fixed though one resident has already been injured falling in a hole, nor the piles of trash removed. The inability of the Building Inspector, Mr. Haught, to make the developers comply with the wishes of the Planning Board illustrates, as do Peter Berlinrut's articles earlier this year on the solar village, the need for a more effective process for the borough in this area. It is this inefficiveness which increases many people's fears of massive development in the neighborhood, as developers seem to do what they will, unimpeded.

There are also some larger issues before us at this time, or before the Planning Board. One of the issues brought up in connection with the development is that of street width. Mr. Birdsall, the borough engineer, wants our roads widened. He says that the state "likes" streets to be minimally thirty feet wide, some six feet wider than N. Valley Road. Apparently the state will not give aid for roads narrower than that. Many residents are uncertain whether we are ever likely to receive such aid, let alone if it will continue to be available. There are too many rumors that such widenings are only to allow for the increased car traffic development of the area will bring.

Admittedly, decisions based on aesthetics are difficult in a time of cost-effectivity as this one. If we desire to keep some of the charm of towns like Roosevelt, it is necessary to face such decisions.

Although wider roads make it easier for traffic, they increase the distance between people; wide roads often give



the appearance of many, separated neighborhoods rather than a single community.

Curbing, too, is an issue. Supposedly used to avoid erosion of road surfaces by water runoff, insisting on curbing for its own sake, for the sake of progress, may not always be in our best interests. North Valley, for example, already had curbing on the only side there is water runoff--why was it necessary to put in curbing which probably cost the lives of several trees and was expensive, on the side which has no runoff? Certainly, it makes N. Valley look like one of those prosperous suburban developments, but is that how we want to look?

As one resident has pointed out, the function of suburban development, as practiced these days is to get rid of any sense of mystery, of irregularity and allure. It would seem that decisions affecting how our town feels, as a place to live in, are necessary. We have to decide if we want to go along with what the state "suggests", even if it doesn't seem to fit our needs. Do we want all our decisions made for us by the state.



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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

# The Invention Contest

The third, fourth, fifth, and some sixth graders participated in an Invention Contest on March 20. They had been working on creating solutions to problems they encountered. The students had to keep a log of their ideas and activities, make a model of their invention, and do original research about their product. The four winning inventions and inventors will represent Roosevelt Public School at the Regional Mini Invention Innovation Team Contest at R.C.A. The contest is sponsored by Technology for Children (T4C), Division of Vocational Education, New Jersey Department of Education. Following are excerpts from the winners' summaries.



## The Musical Baby Bottle

By Lola Cirullo and Anya Greenman

The problem is that trying to feed and soothe a baby at the same time is hard for the parents. Because of this problem, the baby and the parents don't get any sleep. The solution is "The Musical Baby Bottle," a bottle with a musical computer chip put on the side by velcro. When you tip the bottle, it plays music for the baby. It solves the problem by putting the baby to sleep as he or she listens to music. The parents can feed and soothe the baby at the same time, and they won't be tired afterwards.

Writer's Chat

## The Braille Trail

By Jennifer Francis

The problem I solved is that blind kids don't have a lot of games to play. Because of this problem, blind kids can't have as much fun as other kids. My solution is a game called "The Braille Trail." It works by pegs that are connected to each other by electrical wires. On the pegs are questions and answers. When you get a correct answer to a question, a buzzer will buzz. Then you get to move along the board.

Dog Determination

By Andrew Hazell

The problem is my dog eats my cats' food. Because of the problem, when my cats want to save some food for later, the dog eats it up. Then they have to wait until dinnertime for their next food. The solution is a box that keeps the cats in and the dog out. The cat food is inside the box. When the dog sticks its head in, it won't get all the way in because its shoulders will keep it out, and it won't be able to reach the food. Now the dog can't get the food anymore.

The Steering-Wheel-Alert

By Steven Antosky

The problem I am solving is people fall asleep while driving in the nighttime. Because of this problem, they get into accidents and get seriously hurt or killed. My solution is the "Steering-Wheel-Alert." It is a built-in alarm attached to a steering wheel that goes off when your hands have no grip on the wheel. "The Steering-Wheel-Alert" solves the problem by an alarm that wakes you up.



On Monday 21st April, at David Sarnoff Labs., P.C.A., Princeton, the Regional Judging of the Mini-Invention Innovation Team Contest took place for the 3rd and 4th grades. There were twenty-four entries ranging from a pis-cutter to a built in car seat for a baby. The winner was Andrew Hazell for his Dog Determination. As well as receiving a money bond, plaque and certificate, he now goes forward to the State level contest on May 19th. Good luck Andrew.

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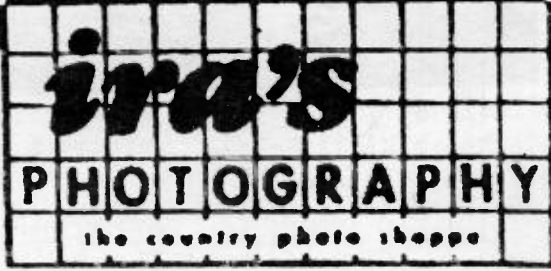
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