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Nuclear disarmament day impressions

by Carol Watchler

"I made history today, June 12, 1982, New York City," declares a diamond-shaped identification tag worn by many demonstrators among the hundreds of thousands of people seeking peace and respite from the threat of nuclear war. Marchers gathered in Central Park from around the world to support the Special United Nations Session on Disarmament.

I didn't go for the speakers, but I was inspired by many; I was glad to hear Bella Abzug take the platform and bring to life the chorus of a million voices demanding nothing less than an end to the madness of nuclear war, of wasting our energies and resources, of ignoring the needs of people in our midst. "The world cannot afford, the USA cannot afford this dedication to killing people!"

I didn't go for the music, but I was moved by the simple lyrics of Holly Near's song: "We are gentle, angry people ... we are singing for our lives..."

I went to be with people who share a goal of ending the nuclear fury, the illusion of peace-keeping by bomb-making. I went to be with friends...Hazel who had been a part of the religious gathering the previous evening of peoples of every form of belief the world over praying for peace. Her openness conveyed to me my inclusion in this moment of global consciousness. I went to be with neighbors. A few of them shared their thoughts.

"It was an extraordinary experience for my daughter and me...an extremely important thing to do," said Elly Shapiro.

"I went with about ten friends from the high school...I'd never taken part in anything like this before. I wasn't aware of how scary it (nuclear war) really is," stated Mindy Shapiro. "Originally I thought the demonstration was just a nice thing to do with friends, but now I believe how important the issue is."

"The spirit was unprecedented," according to Evelyn Datz. "It was the most marvelous thing to

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have attended, the most gentle, friendliest event...the New York police were friendly. Seeing people converge from every street into the park, I felt I was making history."

Vermonters, proud of town meetings yielding 177 out of 195 towns supporting a freeze of nuclear weapons, carried signs (I didn't see all 177) with the name of their town against a mountain background. My town also supports the nuclear freeze and I, too, am proud of the Roosevelt Borough Council for taking this step on May 12.

Thank you to all who made this moment possible: the program planners, the site organizers, the New York police, the staff in red t-shirts, the Princeton Coalition we joined on the peace train, the Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament. Thanks to everyone who has worked tirelessly to keep up our hope that we can stop the arms race. Thanks for the inspiration to now do all the work that is in front of us to reach our goal.

by David Brahinsky

We drove in to Brooklyn on Friday night and took the IRT to Manhattan on Saturday. Six Seventh Avenue trains deposited hoards at Nevins Street before a Lexington Ave. train condescended to take us the rest of the way to 42nd Street. Oh well, exhausted before we arrived, we nevertheless did arrive.

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As we popped up from underground we were confronted by a moving parade of giant puppets proclaiming the end of the world. The puppeteers seemed so gay about it, but one ghost-like figure reassured us that a rebirth was to follow. The next contingent announced the death of nuclear arms, and that was better. We joined the children's group and marched along 42nd Street and then up Fifth Avenue and into Central Park. Folks at the Hyatt-Regency sipped cocktails as they watched the parade two stories high. Thirsty, we ate cherries.

Parade leaders told us that a special children's group was meeting at the bandshell instead of the Great Lawn. As we had four children with us, we decided to try the bandshell.

Dr. Benjamin Spock spoke, Pete Seeger, Peter, Paul and Mary and others sang, we had comfortable benches with plenty of room to sit on, lots of water, free yoghurt, and easy bathroom access. We heard they had closed the Great Lawn because it had become too crowded (it turned out to be a misleading rumor). Later we headed up towards the main crowd but never made it as friends we met along the way told us it was too crowded (we saw the parade still marching uptown at around 4:30)

The kids had a good time. They got an education too. One asked: "If so many people think the same way -- are against nuclear arms -- how come we still have them?"

I tried to answer the question, citing the complications of human economic, political, social technological and psychological reality. The child didn't seem satisfied with my answer though -- and neither was I.

by Gladys Nadler

A million people in Central Park! The largest demonstration in the history of the world, said the voice from the podium.

Saturday morning, June 12, we were on our way to New York City to "march and rally for nuclear disarmament and human needs," as many of our banners indicated. We knew that it was going to be a big one when, moving among the waiting crowd at Princeton Junction station, we learned that the Princeton Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament had exceeded its goal and there would be 1,200 people on our special train. The hundreds of people who were to join us at New Brunswick would instead arrive in another special train that Amtrack had added at the last minute.

We knew this demonstration had broken all records when we saw that the only way you could find enough space to sit on the grass in all of Central Park was by tucking your legs into your pocket. We knew it when, at a rally scheduled to start at one o'clock and end at six, marchers were still piling into the park at 4 o'clock and after. We knew it also

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because though we found many Roosevelt people in the crowd, we soon despaired of finding others who had come by different routes.

Never before have so many different kinds of people from so many different places joined together in agreement on a single issue. All along the line of march and later at the rally in the park there was a joining of people with others of different backgrounds and creeds.

As we assembled on west 31st Street, down the block from where the Princeton area group assembled behind the huge coalition banner, the Bond Street Theater players, costumed and faces painted white, acted out a ghoulish symbol of the death that would prevail if a nuclear war were to happen. Nearby marchers carried signs telling us that they came from Long Island, Brooklyn, and other parts of New York. As the day went on, signs from more remote places bobbed up and down in the crowd -- Vermont, New Hampshire, Canada, San Francisco, Japan, and many others. A tremendous roar of cheers went up from the crowd at 42nd Street when the marchers from Penn Station met and joined with those who had come from the United Nations on the east side.

People from diverse places, interests, and beliefs -- people who ordinarily have no connection with each other -- the issue of "Freeze Nuclear Arms" brought them all together that day. Their banners waved side by side in a special kinship. Trade

union groups, women for the Equal Rights Amendment, Meditation for Peace, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Hiroshima survivors, the old I.W.W., Architects for Social Responsibility, and many others marched together for nuclear disarmament and for an economy with full employment that would meet the needs of human beings. All the special issues, the specific group interests, related to what united us all. The one pressing concern was that in a nuclear holocaust, we'd all be destroyed. Without peace, all other questions are beside the point.

"I have three kinds of leukemia," a survivor of Hiroshima, Japan began in a matter of fact tone of voice.

What the United States now spends on the military budget in one day would be enough to feed each and every person in

the world for a year, another rally speaker told the gathering.

Watching the seemingly endless mass of people, the young people dancing in place when the musicians played, the gray-haired men and women, the handicapped people in wheelchairs, and the children of all ages, I knew that if so many people could converge on New York to protect the arms race, then many millions more must be on our side, and maybe we do have the power to make peace prevail after all.

P.T.A. needs new blood - that means you!

by Judy Nahmias

The Roosevelt P.T.A. needs new blood! We need willing, resourceful people to become involved in the P.T.A. Roosevelt P.T.A. sponsors many worthwhile and fun activities in our community, such as: the Art Fair and the Summer Vacation Program. The proceeds from any fund raisers go towards making our school a little more extra special.

Did you ever notice that the same people become involved in many of our community activities? That's because no one else seems to want to get involved. When was the last time you became involved? If it's been a while, try the P.T.A. You'll like it! Call Edythe DiTursi 448-8010.

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PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS IN ROOSEVELT

Of 556 registered voters 24 Republicans and 196 Democrats voted in the primary on June 8. Millicent Fenwick with 14 votes defeated Jeffrey Bell with 8 votes for Senate on the Republican ballot. For the Democrats, Andy Maguire won with 74 votes, followed by Barbara Sigmund with 45. Lauterbach, who won statewide, received 26 votes. For Congressman, Republican incumbent Smith won with 15 votes, and Democrat Merlino won with 124 votes. For Council, Howard Chasan with 124 votes and Jan Terry with 85 votes, were the winners. Constance Herrstrom received 82 votes. For Democratic County Committee persons, John Grauel and Mars Margolis won with 35 and 29 votes, respectively. Shirley Eichler won on the Republican side.

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Editor's Note: David Herrstrom's poem (opposite page - please turn clockwise) was displayed at the FDR celebration art show enscribed on Jacob Landau's painting "Diptych." The "Let" lines were written on one panel, the answering "For" lines on the other.

ANTIPHONAL IN TIME OF FEAR

(Chorus for Jacob Landau's "Diptych")

by David Herrstrom

Let your body stand upright toward the moon like Apollo.
For the body knows itself an arrow of desire.

Let your body warp the surrounding, even streets & wheat fields.
For the leaden moonlight of your body goes before.

Let every hair between your legs unclench its fist.
For the beginning of your body is not projectile & target but the laying down together.

Let the hands & feet be more than proportion, let them be wings.
For your body is a hawk fanning to the pinnacle, then falling on New York.

Let neither the man nor the woman of your body be abandoned.
For the woman & the man of your body walk hand in hand that Verazzano bridge of gratified desire

Let the body be silo & missile, the territory & the farmer sowing in Kansas.
For the body is the last category.

Let the secret pockets of the body be turned inside out.
For out of the pockets of your body, fear, the small-change of birdsong before a bolt of
incinerating light.

Let your skin shiver laughter like a pool of quicksilver.
For we are all at the end of trajectories.

Council reads mail

by Peter Warren

The regular monthly meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council took place on June 9. All members of the council were present.

Correspondence was received from various public entities. The office of Senator Nicholas F. Brady informed the borough that it stood willing to offer assistance in any dealings with the federal government. The Department of Housing and Urban Development accepted Roosevelt's application for determination of eligibility for Urban Development Action Grants. The N.J. Department of Transportation notified the borough that pending legislation would make the borough eligible for about \$2,000 in road improvements. The Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders sent brochures providing information about its housing improvement program, which would make available \$40,000 for housing rehabilitation to qualified families. It also notified that communities receiving Community Development Block Grants would henceforth be expected to transmit monthly progress reports to determine the status of funds.

Since UDAG grants may be applied to rehabilitation of run-down buildings, the council discussed briefly its utilization in potential projects regarding the factory and the former Sol Berg store. Mayor Barth suggested, in particular, further investigation into possible development of the factory.

Councilman Datz received approval to ask the borough engineers for specifications on electrical work for the water plant. This will be financed from the Water and Sewer Budget. Chairman Counterman of the Public Safety Committee reported that our "new" firetruck has arrived and will be featured in the Fourth of July Parade. He also announced that a recruiting drive for firepersons will be held. Volunteers of both sexes will be sought. It was pointed out that 47 years ago, Augusta Chasan was the first woman in New Jersey to be a member of a volunteer fire department.

Chairman Esakoff of the Public Works Committee reported on the installation of natural gas lines at the borough hall and the water plant, as well as action to ensure the functioning of the toilet at the borough hall and provision there for parking for the handicapped.

Chairperson Terry of the Recreation Committee announced that restoration of the memorial has been completed. Chairman Weiner reported that the borough's application for landmark status will be dealt with by the state in September. One of the final stages in obtaining landmark status will be the holding of a public meeting to discuss its implications.

On another matter, the referendum concerning a nuclear freeze will appear on the November ballot, as well as a referendum to declare Roosevelt

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a nuclear-free area.

Under new business, ordinances were read concerning payment for consulting services on the Redmar Project and concerning on-street parking. The resolution concerning the amended budget was approved; the public hearing will be held on June 16. Approval was also given to permit alcoholic beverages and fireworks at the Independence Day celebration on Sunday, July 4.

The re-issuance of the plenary license to the liquor store was approved by

resolution, and the county has been requested to install a sign on Clarksburg Road indicating the turn onto Rochdale Road.

GALE BLOCK ON DEANS LIST

Gale Block, daughter of Marvin and Karen Block, just recently made the Deans List at Glassboro State College where she will be a senior. Her major is special education.

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Arts festival

by Bernarda Shahn and
Jan Terry

For the information of Roosevelt residents concerning the recent three-day Roosevelt Arts Festival, which was, as you will recall, a continued celebration of the Franklin Roosevelt Centennial Year, we append a list of the participating artists, all residents. And we particularly wish to express our appreciation to a group of people who contributed so much unselfish labor toward the realization of the Festival without being represented in any way in the events that took place.

These assistants were:

Shan Ellentuck
Roy Terry
Mars Margolis
Scott Terry
Sandra Orlando
Sophie Appel
Diana Klein
Rose and Paul Corman
Louise Anish
Clara Weisman

Participants, in the order of events were,

For the Friday musical event:

Mayor Leon Barth
Speaker Ralph Seligman
Baritone, David Arnold
Pianist, Anita Cervantes
Composer, Mark Zuckerman

The Saturday afternoon tree-planting in the Roosevelt Park was arranged by

John Soloway
Folk Songs by David Brahinsky

The Saturday Evening event included,

Photographers:

Edwin Rosskam
Sol Libsohn
Louise Rosskam
Vivian Crozier
Andrea Lakin
Merle Rose

Poetry reading was by Poets,

David Herrstrom
Rod Tulloss

Reading of plays by Leslie Weiner was by,

Al Hepner
Freda Hepner
Marilyn Magnes
Bill Counterman
Natalie Altman
Laurie Altman
Robert Klein

The Sunday Art Exhibition

included painters and sculptors, as well as craftsmen in ceramics and wood. An inclusive list is:

Josette Altman
Jonathan Shahn
Gregorio Prestopino
Herbert Steinberg
Jacob Landau
Stefan Martin
Bernarda Bryson
Ben Shahn
Sol Libsohn
Ilus Lobl
David Stone Martin
Bill Leech
Kinereth Ellentuck
Jimmy Chasan
Peter Vince
Tony Wisowaty
Jan Terry
Elizabeth Dauber
Robert Mueller
Ani Rosskam
Morris Chasan

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Jack Bermowitz
Peter Berlinrut
Mary Jane Gray
Miriam Bell

Ceramics were by:
Ralph Warnick
Ingrid Jordan
Aaron Datz
Naomi Brahinsky

And, objects in wood were
made by
Gary Edelstein

The arranging committee were:
Jan Terry
Bernarda Shahn
Leon Barth
Mary King
Freida Anish
John Grauel
Freda Hepner
Jeanette Koffler
Clara Levinson
John Soloway
Andrea Lakin
Stefan Martin
Aaron Datz
Sol Libsohn
Josef Solomon

Perhaps this Festival may not have called upon all the talents that exist in Roosevelt, but it does highlight the wealth of genius in diverse fields that does exist in this town, and we hope that this will be only the first in a number of such events.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The program containing the portrait of FDR and the events of both the January 30th memorial and the three-day Arts Festival will be augmented by still another page on which will be listed additional names and material. For those who would like to have it as a memento of our Roosevelt Centennial, it will be available at a nominal price; artists and participants have expressed willingness to sign a few programs. When completed it will be available at the Borough Hall. Approximately a hundred will be available, and may some day be a cherished item of local history.



BERNARDA
BRYSON

F.D.R. Memorial restored for our use

by John Soloway

Some very recent restoration work at the Roosevelt Memorial provides opportunity for the Park Commission to wholeheartedly encourage artistic use of one of Roosevelt's finest places. The character of the memorial as it relates to the natural environment provides a harmonious setting for various forms of recreation. Local history has it that when the memorial was new it functioned much like the village commons of old where townspeople would gather and discuss social, political and economic issues. It is hoped that the refurbished memorial will again provide this type of atmosphere that lends so much to the vitality of any community.

The memorial restoration and repair was a spring project of the park commission with the assistance and wisdom of the council. It was felt that a very basic, low cost "bricks and mortar" approach would provide for continued and greater use of the facility by the community. Additionally visitors to town would be left with a pleasant impression upon viewing the area.

Recently the commission has received several suggestions concerning continued conservation and further embellishment of the parcel. These suggestions include: a redesigned lighting theme; new gold leafing for the lettering on the pedestal; development of an appropriately artistic postcard; design and local

manufacture of masonry forms for an assemblage of park furniture adjacent to Empty Box Creek; specialized care for several large trees; replacement of a number of cultural plantings which have died; and an annually funded maintenance program with a seasonal emphasis. All of these suggestions have been taken under advisement by the commission.

Simultaneously with the restoration effort David Vitolo, the commission's horticultural expert, established a perennial garden. Initial plantings were purchased in seed form and grown at a Rutgers experimental farm facility. These plantings were brought to Roosevelt and added to by generous donations of perennials from local flower gardens. Since perennial gardens require a year to establish themselves the aesthetic objective will not be realized until next spring when new growth will provide a celebration of colors.

Residents of the community are encouraged to visit and enjoy the memorial. Anyone wishing to offer further suggestions on beautification or functional uses should send a letter to the Local Park Commission.

Memorial Day thank yous

To the Editor:

There were many wonderful artists showing their work at the "Roosevelt Centennial Art Show." This was an event that will be well remembered. But, not everybody's artwork is contained in picture frames. Their "artwork" was the assembling project of this exhibit.

I would like to personally thank Jan and Roy Terry for doing so many things for the Artists; building and painting racks, making posters, set-up, hanging, clean-up and put away.

All the people who were involved in publicity, posters and flyers. Mary King, for her coordinating of pieces to show, follow-ups, painting, and desk duty. To John Shahn and Tony Wisowaty for leg-work and lifting. To Aaron Datz for painting racks, etc., and lifting racks to Ralph Seligman. And especially, to Bernarda, the "First Lady" of the town, YOU ARE THE BEST!

I think this show put our town in perspective, and added a sense of "pride." If you didn't go, you missed "it."

Stefan Martin

To the Editor:

History, over the years, has raised the conscientiousness of people by highlighting what is euphemistically called the "un-sung hero." These heroes were brought to light when someone of sentiment took the time to bring out what was the action and what were the qualities of these heroes.

I have just decided to become a person of sentiment.

The Memorial Day weekend celebration of FDR was great. It was varied as to the arts and cultures it portrayed, it held the sentiment of FDR's 100th birthday and the 20th anniversary of the monument of FDR and it invited the townspeople and their guests to join in the celebration.

The arts and cultures displayed were done by people we all know and see daily as plain-folk but when they are on display, their talents are obvious and heartily appreciated. What most of us do not realize is: how does this variety get to its place, at its time, and without the clashes of temperament which come with each one's talent. The "how" is Jan Terry.

Jan Terry has contributed to every town activity for so many years but received too little recognition. Together with her husband, Roy, they have worked hard for PTA, First Aid and Fire Company, the FDR of January and the FDR

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of Memorial Day. All the little "touches" are Jan's: the maps, the direction signs, the programs, the tents, the draped ceiling in the gym at the time of that PTA affair with Lee Dratfield, remember? Do you see the ice-sculptures on her lawn when the snows come; they make winter (almost) worthwhile.

I just felt that the time had come to say: Thanks, Jan, you are a terrific gal (the epitome of the un-sung heroine) but, thank goodness you are ours.

Frieda Anish

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Roosevelt will have its annual Independence Day celebration on Sunday, July 4th (Monday, rain date). The day's events begin bright and early at 8:00 a.m. with the Roosevelt Runathon. There will be two races, one for young children and the other for older children and adults. The race begins at the corner of Rochdale and Clarksburg Roads.

The parade, beginning at the same corner, starts at 3:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best bike decor. After the parade there will be a ceremony dedicating the new fire truck, and then the picnic with the traditional hot dog line, games, and craft and art raffle.

At 5:00 p.m. local folk-singers will perform at the restored memorial, and at dusk the fireworks display will finish off what should be a great day for all.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

by Helga Wisowaty

President Esther Pogrebin reported on the convention of the New Jersey Federation of Senior Citizens at Mercer County Community College which she attended on May 18.

The Red Cross, funded through the Monmouth County Office on Aging, provides services designed to assist Senior Citizens who can't meet their basic needs due to unforeseen emergencies. All persons in Monmouth County 60 years of age or older requiring emergency assistance are eligible.

Plans are underway for our annual picnic. We had a special treat at this meeting. Faye and Leon Libove's granddaughter, Sharon, demonstrated the art of Chinese Fortune Cookie making. The cookies were delicious and we all enjoyed finding out how they are made.

This was a special meeting also as it was Esther's birthday. She was given a special cake and then all of us enjoyed the delicious refreshments served by Ann Cohen and Josie Maley.



Roosevelt Community and School CalendarJuly 1982

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| 1 | Friday, 7:30 p.m. | Fire Company meeting -
Borough Hall |
| 4 | Sunday | Independence Day - Roosevelt
July 4th Celebration |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Runathon |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Parade |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Folk music |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Fireworks |
| 5 | Monday | July 4th rain date |
| 7 | Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. | Senior Citizens meeting -
Borough Hall |
| 12 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Agenda meeting - Borough Hall |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Bd. of Ed agenda meeting -
R.P.S. |
| 14 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. | Council meeting - Borough Hall |
| 15 | Thursday, 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts - Borough Hall |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Bd. of Ed regular meeting -
R.P.S. |
| 17 | Saturday, 9:00 a.m. | Abortion Rights Action "In
Support of Women's Lives"
Bus leaves Roosevelt for
Cherry Hill (See letter to
Editor) |
| 19 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Synagogue Board meeting -
Cong. Anshei Roosevelt |
| 20 | Tuesday | Food Co-op - Borough Hall |
| 21 | Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. | First Aid - Borough Hall |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Bd. of Ed Finance Committee -
R.P.S. |
| 26 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Planning Board - Borough Hall |
| 27 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | First Aid meeting - Borough
Hall |
| 29 | Thursday, 10-1 | Blood pressure clinic -
Borough Hall |

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Culinary delights**Eggplant: Italian, Greek, and American**

by Barbara Halpern

Despite its name, eggplant has nothing in common with the egg but is actually related to the potato. When buying eggplant select those that are firm, medium sized and blemish free. Eggplant can be bitter, therefore, before frying or sauteing the eggplant remove the bitterness by soaking it in salt water for 30 minutes; then rinse and pat dry.

Because of the eggplant's wide popularity it is often included in dishes from around the world. I am presenting an Italian eggplant salad, a vegetarian version of the Greek dish Moussaka and an American casserole.

Eggplant Salad

- 1 eggplant - about 1 lb.
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 Tbs. red wine vinegar
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 Tbs. minced parsley
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- salt

- 3 Tbs. minced onion
- 3 Tbs. minced green pepper or red pepper

Wrap eggplant in foil and bake in preheated oven (400 F) for 30 minutes or until it is tender. Allow eggplant to cool. Peel the eggplant, dice the flesh and place it in a glass bowl.

Dressing: Puree the oil, vinegar, garlic, parsley, pepper and salt in a food processor or blender. Toss the eggplant with the dressing. Garnish the salad with the minced pepper and onion. Chill salad and serve it with Italian bread.

Serves 4

Vegetarian Moussaka

- 1 small onion, minced
- 1 stalk celery, minced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 Tbs. olive oil
- 2 cups plum tomatoes, (canned) pureed
- 1/4 cup dry red wine
- 1/4 cup minced parsley
- 2 Tbs. tomato paste
- 1 small bay leaf
- 1/4 tsp. each of basil and thyme

- 1/2 stick unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- dash nutmeg
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup each of shredded Swiss and Romano cheese

- 1 eggplant 1 1/2 lb. sliced 1/4" thick

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Saute onion and celery in oil over moderate heat until vegetables are tender. Add garlic and cook 1 minute longer. Add tomatoes, wine, parsley, tomato paste, bay leaf, basil, thyme and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil and simmer, stirring occasionally, for one hour.

In a saucepan melt the butter, add the flour and combine mixture. Over high heat, add milk while continuously whisking the mixture until it starts to boil. Remove pan from heat and cool for ten minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add cheeses, nutmeg and salt and pepper to taste and combine mixture well. Cover until ready to use.

In a skillet heat oil and saute eggplant slices over high heat for 2 minutes on each side. Drain on paper towel.

In a 2 qt. casserole, cover the bottom with tomato sauce and line the casserole with a layer of eggplant slices. Repeat with remaining eggplant and tomato sauce.

Bake, uncovered, in a preheated oven 375 F for 30-40 minutes, or until the top is puffed and golden brown.

Serves 4

Eggplant and Chopped Meat Casserole

- 1 eggplant (about 1½ lb.) peeled and cut into ½" slices
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 Tbs. oil
- 1 Tbs. flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ tsp. oregano
- 1 Tbs. minced parsley
- 2 cups canned tomato sauce
- 2 cups grated cheese (cheddar or Monterey jack)

Cook the eggplant slices in boiling salted water for 5 minutes.

Heat oil in a skillet, saute onion and garlic until tender. Add the meat and brown. Stir in the flour, salt, pepper and spices. Add the tomato sauce and cook until mixture is thickened.

In a 2 qt. casserole arrange half the eggplant slices, spoon over half the meat mixture and half the cheese. Repeat the layers and bake in a preheated oven 300 F for 30 minutes.

Serves 4-6

ISSUES & DEBATE**Is non-partisan government for Roosevelt?**

by Michael Ticktin

As those who read the Trenton newspapers should be aware, Trenton held its municipal elections at the beginning of May. In this election, which is under the optional Municipal Charter Law, all voters, regardless of party affiliation, were able to vote for any candidate seeking to represent them. In those races in which no candidate received a majority, a run-off was held in June, with all elected candidates scheduled to be installed in office on July 1st. Once installed the mayor and council members are in office for three years.

In Roosevelt, we have an election for two council members every year. Every fourth year, we also elect a mayor. We have partisan primaries in June, and, in the event someone gets write-in votes in the Republican primary, the results are made certain only at the general election in November. The new officials take office January 1st, more than eight months after the official filing date and, in some years, after two periods of intensive campaigning.

Is it not possible that the non-partisan system, which seems to work satisfactorily enough in the much more complex political system of Trenton, would provide Roosevelt with a method of electing its mayor and council which would take less time, and thus be less

of a burden to candidates, and which would be more likely to encourage the sort of full participation that Roosevelt likes to pride itself on?

The partisan system makes sense when there is a functioning party system. Parties can be useful if they help classify people as to basic ideas and approach to government and thereby help voters make an informed choice. In Roosevelt, however, local party organizations are non-existent and people make their choices based on their personal knowledge of the candidates and their ideas. Local party organization is non-existent because it is not needed in a community of this size and character.

The present partisan system provides for two elections seven months apart. Since the Democratic primary is the main show, the Roosevelt pattern has been that Republicans and persons who prefer not to affiliate with either party have no effective say in who is elected unless the defeated candidate wins the Republican nomination on write-ins, in which case there is a rematch in November. This may be more exciting than deciding the matter at one election in which everyone gets to vote, but it is a lot more wasteful of the time of the candidates and their supporters and is a very inefficient way to elect people to unpaid jobs. That this process is repeated every year means that more than half of each year can be devoted to campaigning. In my judgment, this triples the waste and inefficiency.

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If Roosevelt were to adopt a non-partisan form of government under the Optional Municipal Charter Law, it, like Trenton, could have its mayor and council in office less than two months after the first election. The council's membership would be established at one time, instead of partially changing each year. This would not, however, result in reduced control by the voters because the Optional Municipal Charter Law gives the voters three powers they do not have under the Borough Act of 1897, under which Roosevelt is now governed. These powers are those of recall, initiative and referendum.

"Recall is the power of the voters to remove an elected office-holder from office during his term. The Optional Municipal Charter Law allows a recall petition to be filed against an elected official by petition of at least 25% of the registered voters. Such a petition will get the question of recall placed on the ballot at the next general election. If the office holder is recalled by majority vote, he loses his office.

"Initiative" is the power to propose ordinances by petition, again by 25% of the registered voters, to be voted on at the next election and to become effective, without council action, if they pass. "Referendum" is the related power, also by petition of 25% of the registered voters, to require that an ordinance passed by the council will not take effect unless and until it is approved by the voters. (Zoning ordinances are not subject to initiative or referendum.)

A commission to study the desirability of adopting a new charter can be established by an affirmative vote on a referendum as to whether to have such a commission. This question can be put on the general election ballot either by an ordinance adopted by the borough council or by a petition of 25% of the registered voters. Members of the commission are elected at the same election, though they take office only if the commission is approved. If they recommend adoption of one of the optional forms of government, another referendum is held on approval of the proposed new form. If it is approved, officers are elected at the next May municipal election and take office the following July 1st.

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Letter to the Bulletin

To the Editor:

I wonder how many people today remember what used to happen before 1973 when some women, even married women, found themselves unwillingly pregnant.

A woman who was "caught" hated to admit it, it was such a foolish thing to "do." She was humiliated and ashamed. In many cases, because abortionists were expensive or difficult to find, to say nothing about being often medically untrustworthy, women "chose" to have the unwelcome baby. Those who did not want to succumb to fate took the necessary steps furtively and with a sense of dishonor. After all, abortion was illegal and abortionists slimy, so anyone who used them accepted the onus. What fools we women were in those days!

Came the dawn with the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion. Not only were women's lives changed, but their psyches underwent an exhilarating improvement. Shame, humiliation, terror, dishonor disappeared: an unfortunate occurrence was treated openly as such and rectified when necessary.

The women's movement was very largely instrumental in sparking this and other changes. We have become more sure of ourselves, more aggressive in demanding our rights, stronger human beings. Never again will we be forced to have an unwanted child.

Never again? The Right to Life movement is trying to restore us to our former abject condition. At the present moment, there are three bills in Congress sponsored by Orrin Hatch, Jesse Helms, and Mark Hatfield to outlaw abortion and even to prohibit the teaching of abortion techniques in the medical schools.

Fortunately for us, however, the anti-abortionists are badly divided and squabbling among themselves. The national polls show that a good-sized majority is in favor of a woman's right to choose. Voices of reason are also coming from unexpected quarters. The 1800-member National Coalition of American Nuns opposes the anti-abortion amendment recommended by the Catholic bishops:

"While we continue to oppose abortion, in principle and in practice, we are likewise convinced that the responsibility for decisions in this regard resides primarily with those who are directly and personally involved."

They also make an important connection too infrequently made:

"It is paradoxical to us that the same leaders who are currently demanding that women bring their babies to term are simultaneously voting to cut off food

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stamps, child nutrition programs and related benefits essential for the health and well-being of our children." (N.Y. Times, May 28, 1982, p. A28.)

So why am I telling you all this? Aware that support for the anti-abortion movement is waning, the National Right to Life Committee is calling a convention in Cherry Hill, N.J., on Saturday, July 17, as their big bang to stimulate favorable action when their bills come up in the Senate.

Those of us who support the Reproductive Rights coalition, who believe that a woman has the right to make decisions about her own body and her own life plan to demonstrate at

the convention site to let the Right-to-Lifers and the Senate know that we are the majority and that we mightily oppose those bills. We expect ten thousand to participate. Our theme is "In Support of Women's Lives."

I urge the residents of Roosevelt to make up a good part of that ten thousand by joining the demonstration. A bus will be leaving from Roosevelt for Cherry Hill on July 17. Round trip fare is \$4.00. For reservations and further information call 448-6402.

And bring a friend.

Evelyn Datz
for the Eleanor Roosevelt
chapter of NOW

MARGOLIS STRAIGHTENS RECORD

This is a copy of a letter which I wrote to Bert Pogrebin in answer to his letter (see Bulletin, May 1982). Just to keep the record of that past election straight, I thought you might like to publish this. Thank you.

Dear Bert,

Your nostalgic article which was a sweet and lovely memory of "your Roosevelt," was republished in the May issue of the Borough Bulletin. If I chide you on one error, that does not diminish the enjoyment of re-reading your article.

Truman did not run behind Wallace in Roosevelt. The actual vote in Roosevelt Borough in 1948 for President was Truman 192 -- Wallace 120-- Dewey 41 (courtesy of N.J. State Library Records).

As one who cast his first vote for Al Smith in 1928 and voted for every Democratic candidate since then, I thought we ought to "Look at the record." But I do thank the Roosevelt Bulletin for reprinting your article.

Sincerely,

William N. Margolis

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

The following Roosevelt students at the High School were honored at a Scholastic Dinner on June 8.

Beaulieu House: Grade 10, Rachel DiTursi, Terry Sajgo, Andrew Schwinger, Mindy Shapiro. Grade 11, Jerrie Barth.

Mendelsohn House: Grade 11, Jacqueline Meyers.

Nelson House: Grade 12, Lisa Katz.

Shally House: Grade 9, Mark Katz, Deborah Nahmias, Sharon Skillman, Sander White.

To be included in this group a student must have achieved honors in three consecutive marking periods.

Jacqueline Meyers was inducted into the National Honor Society.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES


Congratulations to the following Roosevelt students on their high school graduation.

- Scott Feigenbaum
- Linda Haws
- Lisa Katz
- Danielle McKernan
- Janet Morris
- William Porter
- Hilary Schmalzbach
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LAUREN ESAKOFF GRADUATES

Roosevelt resident Lauren Beth Esakoff, daughter of Louis and Irma Esakoff, received a bachelor of arts degree from Goucher College, Towson, Md., during commencement ceremonies on May 23.

Ms. Esakoff graduated with honors in sociology.

She is a graduate of Hightstown High School.

Founded in 1885, Goucher is an independent liberal arts college for women with an enrollment of 1,100.

BUS RESPONSE

Response to the recent transportation survey printed in the Bulletin has been limited. In fact, only three respondents indicated interest in using bus service on a regular basis. This is clearly not enough to justify an extension of the Trenton-East Windsor bus route.

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Letter to the Bulletin**Ms. Hetrick commended**

To the Editor:

As the school year draws to a close, it is appropriate to reflect on the school administrators' accomplishments. Ms. Hetrick, as does any principal in this town, occupies the unique position of both administrator and superintendent. This was a large undertaking, especially since it was Ms. Hetrick's first principalship. I commend her for a job well done.

The job meant getting familiar with the procedures required by the state, understanding and taking an active role in the budget, making the transition from a team-teacher leader to school administrator, learning to work with parents in a different capacity, establishing a vision for this particular school, establishing a program to carry out this vision for both teachers and students, and learning to work for nine bosses, to name only a few.

One of the first actions Ms. Hetrick took to organize the school was to find out what learning resources were available, in other words, a materials inventory. No small feat, since this had not been done for years. I was immediately impressed with her willingness to tackle knotty personnel issues of long standing and to get the situation resolved.

This direct approach, combined with dedication to the tune of 65-70 hours per week, characterized Ms.

Hetrick's performance. It resulted in a number of accomplishments, such as the following:

1. Furthering the adopted Thorough and Efficient (T & E) goals -- When Ms. Hetrick arrived, only one T & E goal, adopted in 1976 had been accomplished. In the past one and a half years, six more goals were completed.

2. Improving standardized reading test scores -- As a result of the past two years targeting this area of student performance, reading scores jumped by 20 points.

3. Guaranteeing continuity of education -- Ms. Hetrick has fostered a more self-critical attitude toward curriculum planning and has achieved continuity in programs between some grades.

4. Establishing student records -- Academic records now follow students and the home reporting system has been improved. Program records are now kept by grade level on nationally normed tests.

5. Assessing long-term staffing needs -- After evaluating teacher/pupil ratio, Ms. Hetrick recommended staff reductions for greater educational and financial efficiency in this coming year (this however was defeated by the Board). She also envisioned possible future consolidations of the non-teaching staff.

Ms. Hetrick also developed staff, improved the library

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resources, instituted evaluation of program methods based on student scores, and achieved parity with other schools by Roosevelt's offering of algebra and Spanish.

Unfortunately Ms. Hetrick will not be returning next year due to the decision on 26 April. Many plans now in progress and her vision for our school will stop. On the surface, not much impact will be seen. But the difference in the school moving towards its goals or not, rests largely on the formulation and administration of the plans set by the administrator. I am sure we will find another principal, because there are many good people in the marketplace in this economy; however, what we cannot replace is the time lost

toward the vision and plan set, in the change from one principal to another, no matter how much experience our next principal brings.

Very sincerely,

Connie Herrstrom

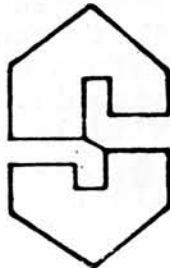
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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Everybody knows that a new year begins in September and ends in June -- at least in the world of schools. Rather than humming a few bars of "Auld Lang Syne" I want to celebrate the end of the year in another way. I want to add another page to the "Book of Lists." This list is comprised of Volunteers in this town who have given of their time and expertise to our efforts here in the school. We who are employed here appreciate the selfless and cooperative Spirit of the people in town who have helped us to give our students the best in education.

It is always risky trying to write a list like this. First of all, this gesture can be construed as too mushy or sentimental. But I think that saying "thank you" for work well done is much more refreshing than dwelling on negatives. We do appreciate the resources extended to us. The second risk is that someone's name may not be included due to oversight. I hope we've included everyone! So with these caveats in mind, please join us in thanking these people for their help this year. There isn't space enough in this paper to list all the work they did -- names will have to suffice, John Bauerle, Michael Block, Howard Chasan, Morris Chasan, Paul Corman, Rose Corman, Edythe DiTursi, Lynn Friedman, Bob Francis, Ellen Francis, Al Hepner, Stelsa Hermann,

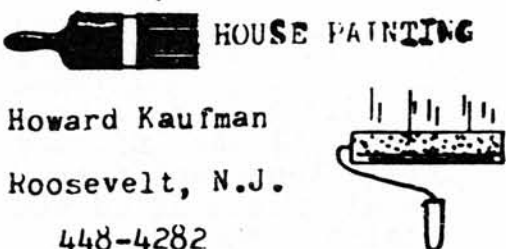
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This list could also include all the parents who have been chaperones on field trips, the people who worked on the Family Life Education Committee, the Education Committee, the families of teachers and staff members, and so on. There is one more group I would like to thank collectively -- the members of the Board of Education and their families. Their contributions of time and effort are often not highly visible, but the work is vitally important.

This is quite an impressive list!


--Beverly Hetrick

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The word that was not uttered

by Josef G. Solomon

I really do like words, and hence puns. It happens that I also like languages, and therefore puns in other languages. Most of all, I like puns in several languages. Those are difficult to create, and even more difficult to explain later, because the listener has to know both (all?) the languages involved. For now, I'll settle for telling you about a pun in German -- only this one never happened. After reading the above, you will understand that missed puns sadden me. So, here we go with...

The Word That Was Not Uttered

The singer-actress Lotte Lenya was married to the composer Kurt Weill. In Germany, in the time of the Weimar Republic, they worked with the playwright Bertold Brecht. (How marvelous it must have been to be there then! "Threepenny Opera," for example.) But when Hitler came to power, Weill and Lenya left Germany, and came to America. ("Knickerbocker Holiday," for example, with that wonderful "September Song.") After the war, they stayed in America, and Kurt Weill died here, in 1950. Some time later, Lotte Lenya was in Berlin, and made a special trip to East Berlin to see Brecht. When she arrived, she was told that he was upstairs, taking a nap. She replied that she would wait for him to awaken,

and did so. When Brecht awoke, he was informed that Lotte Lenya was there, and he at once started down the stairs. When he had gone far enough to see her standing there, he stopped on the stairs, and said, dramatically, "Warum?" ("Why?") She answered, dramatically, "Dafür." ("Because.")

Ever since I first heard that story, something about it has bothered me. It can certainly be argued that they had a right to be dramatic -- who did, if they did not? But there is in German another common word for "because": Couldn't she have said "Weil"?

I have told that story to many people, with varying results. None of them had ever heard it before, of course. Nevertheless, one friend called back a few minutes later, and said, "That's not the way it happened at all. What she really said was, "Im Kurz, weil" ("In short, because"). I like it.

Help

How about helping me with a name for this column? "Love of words" is accurate, but I don't like it. Logophilia? Logomachy? Logopathy? Logorolling?

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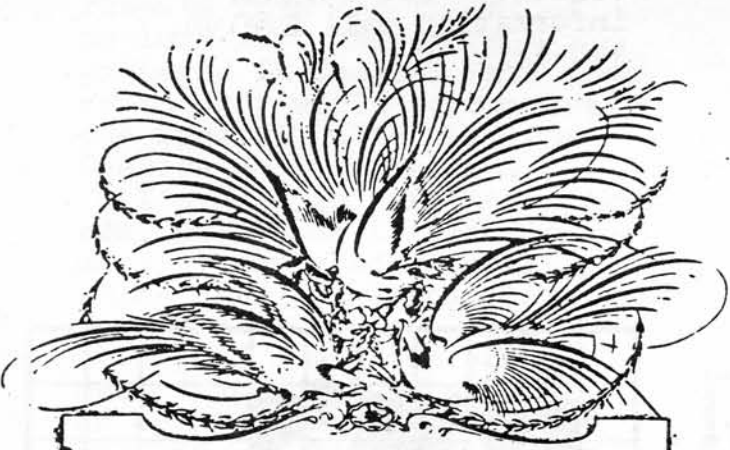
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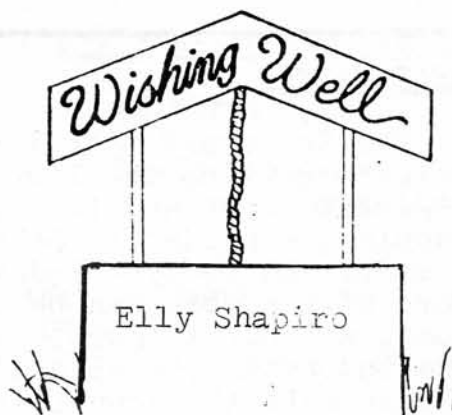
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ADLERMAN GRADUATES

Abby Adlerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Adlerman, 28 Homestead Lane, received a bachelor of science degree in metallurgical engineering. Adlerman is a 1978 graduate of The Peddie School, Hightstown, N.J. At Lafayette Adlerman was a member of the student affiliate of the American Society for Metals, American Institute of Metallurgical Engineers, first place winner in the senior metallurgical contest, member of Ski Club, participated in intramurals. Adlerman will be employed by the United States Steel Corp., Fairless Hills, Pa., as a management associate.

MILLAR GRADUATES

Eileen Millar graduated from the Helene Fuld School of Nursing and is now employed as an R.N. at Hamilton Hospital, Trenton.



NOW CHAPTER BRUNCH

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