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Toxic Waste in Millstone

By Peter Gould

According to an article in the March 2 Sunday-Star Ledger, Millstone Township is one of seven communities that is being considered by the New Jersey Hazardous Waste Siting Commission as a potential location for one of two incinerators designed to dispose of toxic wastes by burning them at very high temperatures. On the evening of March 13, the Millstone Homeowners Association held a meeting to hear speakers opposing the selection of Millstone by the Siting Commission.

The first speaker was Mr. Richard Swartz, a chemical engineer with experience in air pollution control at hazardous waste disposal facilities. Mr. Swartz mentioned some of the environmental problems that such facilities create, including the fact that when a hazardous waste incinerator fails to burn at a hot enough temperature, toxins such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) and dioxin will not be destroyed, but rather will leave through the smokestack and contaminate the air.

State Senator S. Thomas Gagliano recommended that the community make a lucid presentation to the Siting Commission emphasizing the unique characteristics of Millstone that would prohibit it from being a suitable location for a toxic waste disposal facility. One factor that the Senator

mentioned is that the roads in and around Millstone are not designed for the transportation of toxic wastes.

Millstone Township Mayor Seymour Littman stated that years of good planning and proper development had been required to preserve the rural nature of the Township, and that for a Commission to decide all of a sudden to place a heavy industry in such a community was "asinine and ludicrous".

Peter Montague, Director of the Environmental Research Foundation and editor of the Hazardous Waste News, told the crowd that their community was under attack by the "the powers that be", and that this paradoxically put the residents in a position of strength in terms of soliciting information that might not otherwise come to light. Mr. Montague provided an extensive list of unanswered questions about the operation and regulation of hazardous waste disposal facilities. He suggested that in the absence of written standards governing the operation and regulation of toxic waste incinerators, the public is being asked to accept on faith alone that such facilities will be competently run. Citing the many problems existing at the "Rollins" incinerator in Bridgewater Township, Mr. Montague indicated that such faith in the State Department of Environmental Protection would be ill-advised.

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Students Honored

On February 23, Sharon L. Skillman, of Roosevelt, was inducted in the National French Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi.

Sharon is a 1985 graduate of Hightstown High School and is currently attending Georgian Court College.

The following students made honors this past semester at Hightstown High:

1. O'Donnell House-Joseph Aaron Block
2. Shally House-Joshua Brahinsky, Joshua Adam Giordano, Lisa Soden, Donna Ernstein, Marc Friedman, Shannon Lughanani

The other side of NIMBY

NIMBY, "not in my back yard", has been used to characterize the ubiquitous local opposition to toxic waste disposal facilities. The implication is the the NIMBYists are concerned only with themselves and so they refuse to acknowledge that the proper disposal of toxic wastes is the only viable solution to a difficult problem.

But there is another way to look at the situation. Let us assume that in order to encourage the efficient use of resources and a reduction in the quantity of toxic wastes produced, that the proper disposal of such waste is an expense that should be born wholly by

the industries that generate the waste. Now, if the state succeeds in forcing a toxic waste disposal site on a group of unwilling NIMBYs, then we are no longer operating within a "free market" system. The state will be effectively subsidizing the disposal of toxic waste at the expense of the health and welfare of the unfortunate NIMBYs. The cost of toxic waste disposal to the industry will thus be kept artificially low thereby encouraging inefficiency and the production of abnormally large quantities of toxic waste.

P.G.

NEIGHBORS

Hail and Farewell

"David Arnold and I have felt that having our house in Roosevelt was probably the greatest single factor towards peace of mind, privacy to work and a feeling of freedom that not many places can match." Bill Knight is talking about how reluctant he is to leave Roosevelt after living here for twelve years. "This town has welcomed us in ways we had hoped for. We couldn't have been more pleased."

The move, he explains, occurs out of a need to expand. Both men are in mid-career: David Arnold, who is black, shares the house with Bill and is an opera and concert singer of rapidly growing repute. He urgently requires extended acoustical space for piano and singing practice. Bill is manager for Arnold and several other musicians (a conductor, a composer and two more singers). He yearns for more room for files, storage and a place to paint his large water-colors.

They tried, even engaging an architect, to find a way to enlarge their small two-storey house on Tamara Drive. Regretfully, they had to look elsewhere and settled on a lovely old mansion in Burlington, NJ that once belonged to Ulysses S. Grant and family. Bill is certain that they will be back to live here some day since at the very least they still own another small house in Roosevelt.

William Knight, a slender, gracious white man of 43 is a descendant of a patrician Florida family. He had the kind of background that included being a teenage page in Congress. He attended Harvard and MIT and from there went to New York to become a writer. He has had work published in the Literary Review of Fairleigh Dickenson University; Culture, a Canadian magazine; the Christian Science Monitor and the Boston Globe Sunday Magazine.

At about the same time he was also drawn to the uncommon crafts of goldsmithing and jewelry-enamelling in which he achieved a mastery that occasioned commissions from Cartier and Tiffany.

His writing took him to Concord, Mass. where he sought to study the life of Henry David Thoreau. One day, the music critic of the Boston Globe, whom he had met socially, persuaded Bill that he was just the one to assume the management of two young singers of international rank (Diana Hoagland and David Arnold) who, though they well deserved to, were not the types to make it to the top without some superior handling. Bill agreed to take them on.

Looking for a place to work that was near New York, the two men who had soon become close friends, tried Princeton where Bill was already involved in a Thoreau publishing project at the University. In at least four or five instances rental agents turned them down as soon as they appeared in person to arrange tenancy. They were therefore much gratified, on being recommended to the Adlerman Agency, to receive an offer of a house in Roosevelt, from which Bill Knight has since built a small but successful management business.

In Bill's description of his work, he places first the need to find engagements for his clients. For this he maintains constant contact with at least ten leading orchestras, travels to conventions of the American Symphony Orchestra League, attends a great many concerts, even of rival performers, and hardest chore of all, he says goes to after-performance parties. As manager, he also draws up and carries out, often under separate contract, plans for publicity and photography. Here Bill sighs and explains with amusement that



clients invariably choose their worst photos, unable to see beyond their hangups about hair loss or nose size.

Furthermore, Bill makes all arrangements for travel here and abroad; conducts all foreign correspondence, through translators, in the language of the recipient's country; answers calls never more than a day late; writes biographical material for program and press releases. Most important of all for a manager, he claims, is the self-control to curb one's disappointment when a client is rejected, to contain one's anger when ignorance and prejudice crop up, to be quick to react to emergencies.

After arduous effort on behalf of his conductor client, another man was chosen to lead a New Jersey orchestra. Because, Bill says, he resisted making a single cutting remark and accepted the outcome with calm courtesy, it was possible for the group to recall his client when their man failed to work out.

Bill has another client who is a rare countertenor and who is sometimes passed over in favor of women singers for roles originally written for countertenor (or castrato) because this has been the longstanding custom. Patience and persuasion have however led to this man's engagement by the Metropolitan Opera Company for a leading role within the next two years.

Another incident: David Arnold was recently obliged to break a commitment to sing in Philadelphia because of a sudden invitation to fill a prized role under Leonard Bernstein in New York. Bill devised an arrangement by which the New York people readily agreed to contribute an honorarium to Philadelphia to cover any extra costs incurred by their kind release of David. Even the wording is crucial, says Bill, as he cites this as an example of the kind of strategic ingenuity that his profession demands. Once, after negotiating a very difficult contract, his client told Bill, "If you ever left music management, you could join the foreign service." Bill laughed and told him that he'd probably be overqualified

since the diplomacy in this job probably requires even greater finesse.

During our interview, Bill mused about what he liked best about living in Roosevelt. Apart from such things as receiving support for his painting from his honored neighbor, Bernarda Shahn, he pointed to the moral ambience of Roosevelt. "I feel, for instance, that the Holocaust is one of the central human tragedies of all time. And this is a town that has not forgotten. There is no coming to terms with this event other than to remember and never let it slip."

As a Protestant who has often observed anti-semitism, Bill says he enjoys Roosevelt as a place where no stereotyped notion of a Jew is possible. Here are Jews with no business sense, wholly ignorant about money, some of whom attend synagogue and others who shun it; those who love and those who hate Zionism.

Living with a friend who is black keeps him keenly attuned to racism, subtle or otherwise. He thinks that although no one should be hired to sing a part who is not fully qualified, the decision of the Met to conduct a search for new black talent for their "Porgy and Bess" production was admirable, since even outstanding talent will not surface without vigorous affirmative action. As it happens, however, David Arnold was awarded a major role in this production from the outset.

Talking about bigotry reminded Bill of a few unpleasant encounters with some teenagers in town "who found it difficult to accept David's and my relationship." Out on a walk, the two friends would be met with "derisive comments." "Not only was this hurtful, it was hard to respond to," said Bill. "If you could just talk to a person who feels bad about you, you feel that they would see you in a different light."

But it wasn't possible to establish a dialogue and although he did approach some of the parents who claimed to disagree with their children's attitudes, Bill felt if he persisted he would just be perceived as someone who was "telling on the kids." "On the other hand, my own self-respect is tied

to not being passive to insult," declared Bill, adding that he was glad to say that he felt the town was "generally behind us", that residents who are gay do, on the whole, feel comfortable here.

Experience with teen-age youth had other dramatic dimensions, however. When their house, along with others, was burglarized, the link to local drug trafficking was soon established. Bill then initiated an exchange with the State Police which eventually led to a full-scale program that in turn changed the drug "scene" in town. He found at first that the police were convinced (and he thinks not without reason) that the town of Roosevelt was unwilling to impose sanctions on the pervasive sale and use of drugs by some of its young people.

The goal, says Bill, was not to handle the problem in a punitive way, or with cold-blooded authoritarian referrals to this or that agency, but to try to resolve the crisis with compassion and support for the people involved. Bringing in Lee and Neil Selden who had had professional experience in this field resulted in a "genuinely useful outcome". Bill feels he got to know, up close, people who saw life as a dead-end with no hope of change. The series of meetings that was held, to which everyone brought his/her own problems, produced the kind of shared rapport and advice that helped even the most discouraged and created a lasting bond that Bill feels he could rely on even today for help and support.

Just as he is pleased about his efforts in this area, so does he acknowledge losing out on the issue of saving the old post office. The idea was to use the building as a cultural center for a miscellany of activities: for after school tutorials; for music, art, pottery and photography classes; for plays and poetry readings.

Roosevelt really needs such a center, Bill thinks, since the school gym and Borough Hall are unfit for public pursuit of the arts. Half-joking, he conjures up the notion of a resident rich and civic-minded enough

to donate a "Roosevelt House of Culture". He says that what's so good about Roosevelt is how for years it has provided affordable housing for artists of all kinds. He believes it is particularly characteristic of the town "that we actually have homeowners who are willing to rent for considerations other than that of who will pay the highest rent."

"I would hate to see Roosevelt become so chic that only the upscale well-to-do will be able to buy or rent here". Bill Knight clearly wants even prospective dwellers to be the Roosevelt booster he is himself.

Adeline Weiner



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COUNCIL REPORT

Historic Preservation Ordinance Introduced

By Peter Gould

In the newly carpeted Community Room of the Borough Hall, the Roosevelt council held its regular meeting last night with Mayor Freda Hepner presiding. A motion to introduce the "Historic Preservation Ordinance" (Ordinance #123) was passed unanimously by the council members with the exception of councilman Bernard Leefer, who abstained from the vote. Mr. Leefer stated that although he didn't see anything harmful in the ordinance, he did not see anything particularly good in it either. Attached to the copies of the proposed ordinance available at the meeting was a flyer which gave the following description of the ordinance:

1. It provides a statement affirming our interest in keeping the greenbelt concept.
2. It recognizes the pioneering nature of Roosevelt's balance of homes and greenbelt.
3. It defined "Historic District", "historic architectural area", "improvement", "demolition", and "principal historic structure".
4. It gives the Planning Board the function of Historic Preservation Commission and the responsibility of reviewing new structures, subdivisions, and sites, gathering and making available information on historic preservation.
5. It prevents destruction of original "Roosevelt houses" unless the building is unusable and unfixable.

What does it mean to you as a homeowner?

It means that new constructions in Roosevelt will have to have open (green) space very much like the original homes had.

It means that if you own an original "Roosevelt house", you can't knock

it down without approval by the building inspector."

The text of the proposed ordinance will be published in the March 27th edition of the Messenger Press, and a public hearing will be held on April 9th.

The Winter has taken its toll on the Borough's roads, and the degraded state of some of them was the subject of much discussion during the meeting. Residents from Eleanor Lane attended the meeting to request immediate attention to the "horrendous" condition of the Lane.

In a letter to the council they stated that "the town has not properly maintained this road and it has been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that it is almost totally unpassable and dangerous." Mr. Leefer, who is the Chairman of the Council's Streets and Roads Committee, said that the first step was to get PSE&G to compact the earth where new gas and electric lines have been laid.

Mr. Leefer also said that the road cannot be paved because "we just don't have the money." When a member of the public suggested that the road be graded and rolled periodically, Councilman Leefer responded positively, saying, "that's probably what we are going to do."

A letter from the First Aid Squad noted that North Valley Road "is in a dangerous state of disrepair" and that "maintenance of this road is imperative." The Squad also recommended parking restrictions on North Valley Road between Homestead and Farm Lane to insure accessibility for rescue vehicles.

The immediate future of Homestead Lane is a little more encouraging. The

council voted unanimously to accept a \$35,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to pave this road. Unfortunately, the Borough Engineer has estimated that the project may cost \$40,000.

The Council's Committee reports included that of Mr. Ed Moser, Chairman of the Public Property and Cemetery Committee. Mr. Moser reported that the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Program would be using an insecticide with the trade name: "Abate" (generic name: pemephof). According to Mr. Moser, a granular formulation will be used so drifting of the chemical should not be a problem.

Councilman Moser contacted the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and was advised that Abate breaks down very quickly, is not very toxic, and has been used for about 15 years without any record of problems. A motion was passed authorizing the operations of the County Mosquito Control Program.

Mayor Heper noted that the Borough will be advised before the insecticide is applied, and that relevant information will be posted. Both Councilman Moser and Council President, Ms. Carol Watchler, suggested that a letter be sent to Monmouth county recommending the use of nontoxic biological agents in future mosquito control programs.

Ms. Watchler offered the 1986 Municipal Budget for approval and it was unanimously accepted by the Council. According to Ms. Watchler the budget was within the required cap and it will be published in the March 27th edition of the Messenger Press.

Mr. Ferris Stout, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, reported that the standby generator for the sewage plant, the Scot Air Pack, and the warning systems for the sewer and water plants have been ordered and will soon be on hand. Mr. Stout said that the bill for these items is about \$10,000, and that \$7,450 has also been authorized to rewire the sewage plant.

The Council approved two motions by Mr. Stout, one authorizing the expenditure of not more than \$500 to

purchase a spectrometer to be used to measure chlore levels in the sewage plant, and a second authorizing the expenditure of not more than \$1000 to repair two pumps at the same plant.

Resolutions accepting \$471.10 from the State Supplemental Fire Services program and appointing the Borough Clerk, Krystyna Bieracka, to be the Coordinator for the program, were presented by Ms. Lee Selden, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee. The Council passed these resolutions, as well as Ms. Selden's motions to approve the attendance in training programs for Fire Chief Kim Dexheimer and two volunteers, for a total cost of \$350.00. The appointment of Ms. Bieracka as the Registrar of Vital Statistics was also approved, and after passing a motion to pay the bills the meeting was adjourned.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

To the Editor:

I want to thank you for the nice words and the fine drawing of me in last month's "Neighbors" article. However, some parts of the article don't really represent my views or my background.

To begin with, the name I use publicly is not Edward, but Ed. It's also true that I worked for the NJ Division on Civil Rights, and that I was instrumental in getting Little League Baseball and N.J. State Police to admit females. But "persuasion" had nothing to do with it. Little League had to be dragged kicking and screaming all the way to the N.J. Supreme Court. The State Police were a little more gracious: they signed a Consent Order rather than go to trial.

I presently work for Local 1033 of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), which represents about 6000 State workers in Mercer County (a number of whom are our neighbors). The other 10,000 or so State workers who work in Mercer County are in several other Locals. State workers and telephone workers, all represented by CWA, have contracts expiring this year, and we are all seeking JUSTICE. (This is a plug).

I did not advocate a moratorium on arms production, but rather on the production of nuclear weapons. Yes, we are less safe than we were 20 or 30 or 40 years ago. I believe that a halt in the manufacture and deployment of weapons of mass destruction would make us all safer. So do Governor Kean and an overwhelming majority of New Jersey voters.

Finally, I would merely like to reiterate my ideas on budget and taxes: that we pay through the nose for minimal municipal services; that the wrong people are paying the taxes; that taxation should be based upon ability to pay and not on where you live. I would also like to call attention to the fact that about 80% of the municipal tax load goes to pay for the School Board budget, over which the Boro Council has negligible control.

Thank you for your attention, and for the real services which you render this community.

Ed (for Edwin) Moser

This letter was inadvertently omitted from last month's issue



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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By Herb Johnson

Among the ten visitors at the March 6 meeting of the School Board were three sixth grade students: Jennifer Francis, Jeremy Young, and Kate Bauerle. Their letter to the board was read aloud, telling of their great disappointment that some students are prevented from joining the school's choral group because they do not pass an audition. They feel the group should be open to all 6th thru 8th graders who want to sing. For three years their interest has been thwarted. When they entered the 4th grade, and then when they entered the 5th grade, the choral group that year stopped letting students in that grade join.

Board President Mary King expressed admiration for the students, both for writing their grievances, and also for coming to the meeting to speak forcefully about the problem and about suggestions to solve it. She and others praised the students for wanting to sing with the choral group, and even more importantly for their interest in carrying out responsibilities of citizens to try to correct any injustice. At present, all students have music classes, including singing and some instruments. The choral group requires that members can keep pitch to make three part harmony singing possible. Ninety percent of the 6th thru 8th grade students are in the group. Some students who could not keep pitch when they first auditioned have learned to do so and are now in the group. Others are being helped in developing the ability.

Boro Council member Carol Watchler requested the use of the school gym and library for the Boro's 50th Anniversary Celebration on May 24 and 25. The board approved the use pending receipt of a written request. It had approved the use of the grounds two months ago when the Anniversary Committee requested it.

The board announced with delight that the library ceiling repair was

completed so that the inspiring Ben Shahn mural has been uncovered in time for the 50th Year Celebration. Last month's School Board News told of the board members taking on the perilous, intricate work themselves and of how it was not done in two Sundays. A crew of six completed it in four hours on the third Sunday. Students, staff, and visitors saw the 15 foot high scaffold tower over them for four weeks! Then they quietly enjoyed seeing a restored ceiling and the unveiled mural depicting the early days of their town. One visitor at the meeting congratulated the board on their accomplishment and courage, and expressed the feeling that the students may have gained an important extra lesson about how people can work together to solve tough problems, for Roosevelt needs many civic-minded volunteers.

P.T.A. President Margaret Schlinski asked about how the school's insurance covered events sponsored by the Boro Council or other groups when held on school property. John Burghardt said that sponsors need their own insurance. They could do as the First Aid Squad does for the Art Fair, buy a rider to the School's policy. He agreed to find out the cost of a rider to cover a PTA sponsored summer camp at the school.

The East Windsor-Hightstown YMCA Executive Director Julia "Judy" Whittle presented a 3-page plan and budget for a 9am to 4pm day camp program for 6 to 11 year old children, and a Counselor-in-Training program for 12 to 15 year old students, using the Roosevelt school gym, cafeteria and grounds. Mrs. Schlinski and Roosevelt's regular camp director Howie Kaufman said they were making plans for a half-day program for about \$20 per week if the Boro Council subsidizes it. They asked the Council for \$1,000, which would be about \$4 per week for each camper. They complimented the YMCA for being able to conduct a full-day program for \$25 per week. They urged the Board to


try the Y camp if they find out that Roosevelt families would prefer a full-day program. Mrs. Schlinski agreed to help Dr. Sussman prepare a survey for students to take home. The Board agreed to consider action on the PTA and YMCA plans at the second March meeting. The principal agreed to have teachers try to get a 100% response to the survey before that meeting.

The YMCA also submitted plans for after-school programs and for a Red Cross course in babysitting later this spring. The Board approved the latter, and the installation of an additional 4" drain for the roof at \$575.

Because of the hurricane and two snow days, the board reduced the spring vacation by two days, April 4 and 5. Graduation is still to be on Saturday, June 21.

Citizens' voting on the school budget and elections of three Board members is to be on Tuesday, April 15 from 5 to 9 pm at the school. John Burhardt and Arthur Unger have offered to be candidates for re-election. With three seats open and only two candidates, a write-in candidate could be elected to fill the remaining seat.

The Board sent out letters of thanks to the following for giving time to represent segments of the community on an ad hoc committee to propose "Expectations for Student Conduct": Caroline Kellisch (teachers), Gloria Hazell (parents), Margaret Schlinski (PTA), Leo Libove (senior citizens), Jay Goetzman (students), and Herbert Johnson (the rest of the community). The Board is to act on their recommendations at the March 20 meeting.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Roosevelt Writers' Club will sponsor a talk on "A Year in Central Africa." The talk will be held at the Roosevelt Boro Hall, Sunday afternoon, April 6, at 3 pm. The speaker will be Peter Warren who recently returned from the Central African Republic, where he worked in the World Bank development program. Mr. Warren will describe what it is like to live and work in Africa today. He will be introduced by Peter Berlinrut. The talk will be followed by a discussion. All readers of the Bulletin are cordially invited.



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Misleading the People

“We want agreements that truly diminish the nuclear danger. We want real agreements, agreements that really work, with no cheating.”

If Ronald Reagan really meant those words in his speech on military spending, why has he turned his back on the single best opportunity available to the superpowers for an agreement “that really works, with no cheating”?

That opportunity lies in a joint moratorium on nuclear testing, which might well lead on to a Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty. Mr. Reagan is the first President to evince no interest whatever in either a moratorium or a treaty.

That is not because, as he and his Administration once insisted, neither could be adequately verified. Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, has explicitly agreed to both on-site inspection and whatever “achievements of seismology” may be useful for verification purposes; actually, as far back as the Carter Administration’s negotiations for a such a treaty, Moscow agreed in principle to on-site inspections.

Nor does Mr. Reagan’s steadfast opposition to a test ban derive, as his Administration now insists, from a need for periodic proof-testing to make sure nuclear weapons in the stockpile still work. That’s only an excuse, because such tests have seldom been conducted in the past; and qualified scientists say weapons reliability can be adequately checked by other means.

The Administration further insists that worries about weapons reliability undermine deterrence on both sides, perhaps making it likelier that one or both superpowers would use nuclear weapons before they could be considered unreliable. That’s just another excuse for continued testing, because if either Moscow or Washington acted on such flimsy reasoning, it would face certain nuclear retaliation.

Actually, in the unlikely event that nuclear weapons reliability becomes a real concern, the uncertainty would affect both superpowers, probably making both less likely to use them.

The Administration certainly can’t argue that a test ban can’t be worked out with the Russians. Mr. Gorbachev proposed a six-month test moratorium last summer and Moscow has pursued it ever since. Ronald Reagan rejected it out of hand. In his Jan. 15 call for disarmament, Mr. Gorbachev devoted about a quarter of his statement to the issue and extended his

Reagan and the nuclear test-ban issue

unilateral moratorium three months to March 31, with a further invitation for the U.S. to join. Mr. Reagan did not respond.

Such a moratorium cannot be considered a danger to U.S. security. If the Russians were to cheat, that would be known immediately; in that case, or if Moscow openly broke the agreement, the U.S. could immediately resume its own tests, with little scientific or military loss.

It’s even a violation of Mr. Reagan’s legal responsibilities for him to refuse to discuss a moratorium or a test ban with Moscow. In both the Limited Test-Ban Treaty of 1963 and the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty of 1968, the U.S. is solemnly pledged to work and negotiate for an end to all nuclear tests for all time.

That’s why it’s necessary to question whether Mr. Reagan told the nation the truth when he claimed to want “agreements that truly diminish the nuclear danger.” A test ban, toward which a successful joint moratorium would be an important step, would diminish that danger perhaps more than any other feasible agreement; it would do so by making the development of new nuclear weapons far more difficult, if not impossible.

Precisely for that reason, Ronald Reagan does *not* want a test ban. He wants, for one specific thing, to continue the kind of underground nuclear explosions that he hopes will lead to the perfecting of an X-ray laser. Such lasers would be a vital component of Mr. Reagan’s proposed space-based defense, which he persists in falsely labeling “non-nuclear.”

He wants also to continue the development of new and more effective nuclear weapons because, as he has just told the nation, again, he believes the Russians maintain military — including nuclear — superiority over the U.S. There’s no credible evidence to support that assertion, but Mr. Reagan has never been one to rely on evidence.

The House, however, may well rely on the strong evidence demonstrating that Mr. Reagan does *not* want a real agreement “with no cheating” to ban

nuclear tests. The chairman of its Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees, together with 208 other members, are sponsoring a measure calling for a resumption of test-ban negotiations with the Russians. The Senate already has passed such a resolution. Mr. Reagan, needless to say, is opposed.

Paid for by the Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament in the hope that it will prompt all Roosevelt citizens, many of whom voted for Ronald Reagan for President, to call, telegram or write the President quickly, asking him to institute a joint moratorium on nuclear weapon testing as an initiative in keeping with our nation’s desire for “agreements that really work, with no cheating,” and in keeping with the Soviet eight month ban on testing which ends April 1.

For those who feel it is no use to write Reagan, Congress is waking up. The House just joined the Senate in a Joint Resolution which both passed by huge majorities calling on the President to agree to a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Now Rep. Chris Smith and Sen. Bill Bradley must hear from us, to get them to support Rep. Pat Schroeder’s HR 3442; the Simultaneous Nuclear Test Ban Act. It cuts off funds for nuclear war-head testing as long as the USSR does not test and there is progress in Comprehensive Test Ban negotiations. US testing could resume immediately upon the President’s certification to Congress that the Soviet Union resumed testing.

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ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April, 1986

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|----|-----------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Tuesday | 2pm | Senior Citizens | Boro Hall |
| | | 8-9:30pm | Free Yoga Class | RPS |
| 2 | Wednesday | 10-11:30am | Playgroup | Boro Hall |
| | | 7-8:30pm | County Bookmobile | PO Parking Lot |
| | | 8pm | Planning Board | Boro Hall |
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| 7 | Monday | 10-11:30 | Playgroup | Boro Hall |
| | | 8pm | Boro Concil Agenda | Boro Hall |
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| | | 8pm | Boro Council | Boro Hall |
| 14 | Monday | 10-11:30am | Playgroup | BoroHall |
| 15 | Tuesday | 9:30am | Senior's Health Program | Solar Village |
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| 21 | Monday | 10-11:30am | Playgroup | Boro Hall |
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| 23 | Wednesday | 10-11:30am | Playgroup | Boro Hall |
| 24 | Thursday | PASSOVER | | |
| 28 | Monday | 10-11:30am | Playgroup | Boro Hall |
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SENIOR NEWS

By Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

The meeting of March 4 was concerned with various trips that are on the agenda. The first is a trip to the Hyatt-Regency on March 27. The National Association of Travel Agencies will give members information about available tours. A luncheon will be served. Jeannette Koffler is also checking about having our second bus restored to us.

William Boyle, surrogate of Monmouth County, gave us brochures pertaining to the making of wills. He answered questions from the members and made them aware that anyone can obtain forms that allow them to write their own wills. To be legal a will must be witnessed by two people and be notarized. If antiques or jewelry are left, it is advisable to list the beneficiaries on a separate sheet of paper and have it notarized.



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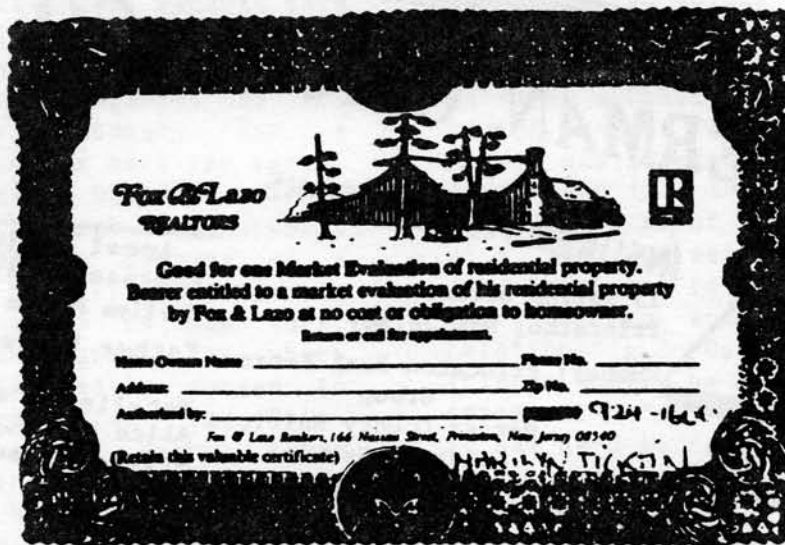
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PRO-CHOICE MARCH

Take Heed, Chris Smith

By Florie Johnson

On Sunday March 9, six Roosevelt residents joined other members of the Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter of N.O.W. to travel by bus to Washington, D.C. We were anxious and pleased to be joining the National March for Women's Lives, sending the message to our public officials to protect the right of women to make their own childbearing decisions.

On March 10, some marchers stayed in Washington to lobby members of Congress on the Civil Rights Restoration Act (HR700) to be passed without amendments. The members of the Eleanor Roosevelt Chapter feel strongly about Chris Smith's opposition to women's right to choose. The day was well organized and certainly should have gotten the message across to our representatives about what an important issue this is for all people.

The march was organized to call attention to the administration's attempt to reverse the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion and the attempt to undercut family planning programs which encourage the use of contraceptives.

It was very gratifying to be a part of the 125,000 marchers. Women, men, gray haired and college age all felt the enthusiasm as we walked the three miles to chants of "Not the church, not the state, women must decide their fate." At the Capital we heard many fine meaningful speeches by such people as Pat Schroeder; representative from Colorado, Bella Aabzug, Eleanor Smeal and Gloria Steinem.

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By Holli Lynn Conover

The United States should not continue sending people into space. We should not because unmanned space crafts can go beyond the solar system and we can save more lives by not sending them to space. Unmanned space crafts can do more than people by landing on or going near planets that people can't go to. It is better to send unmanned spacecrafts to space than people into space.

By Harris Kaufman



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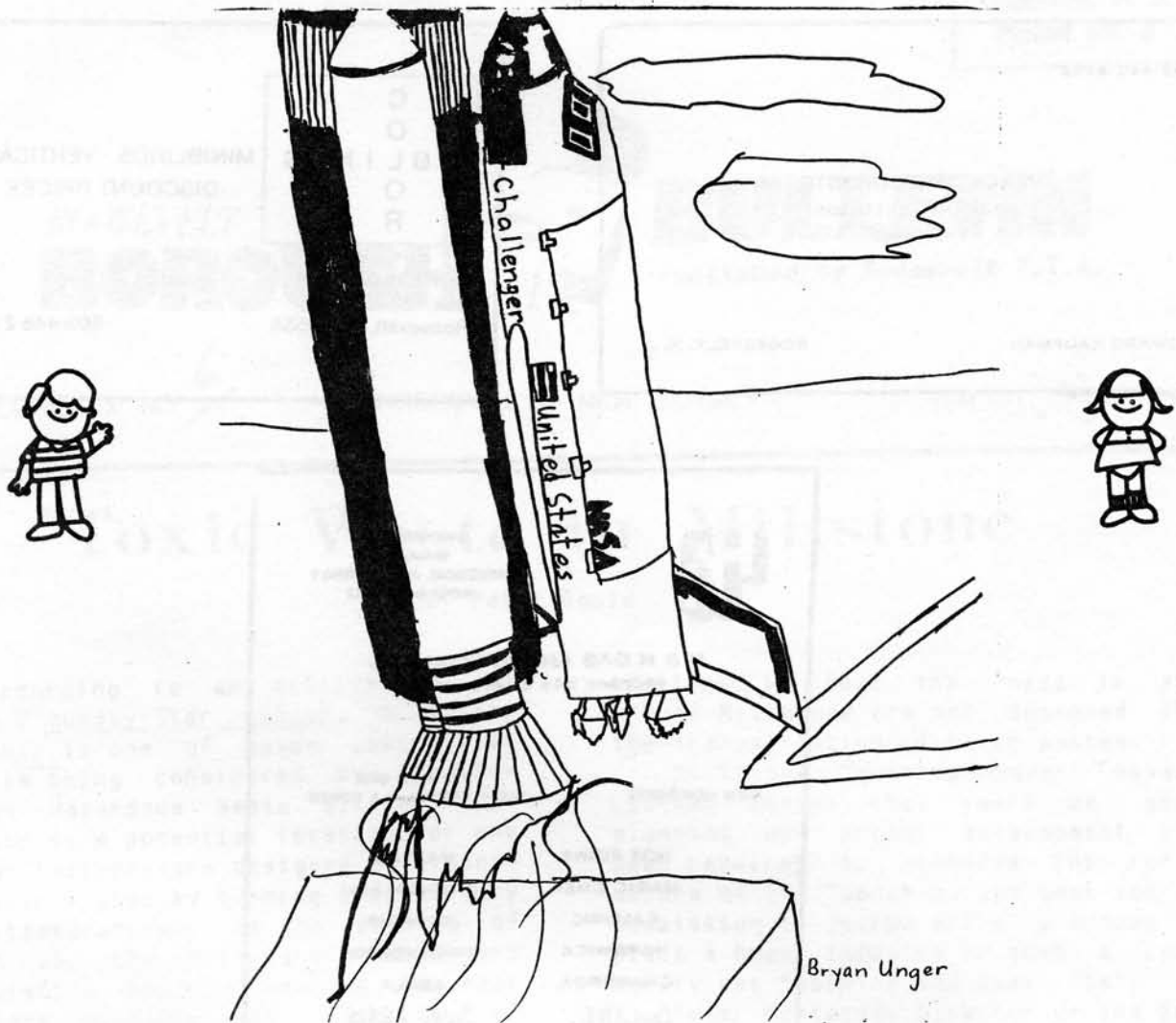
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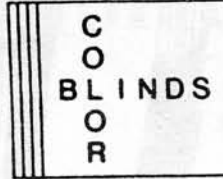
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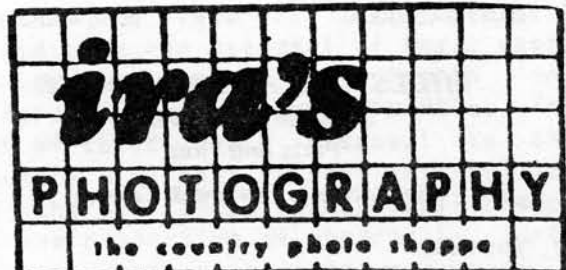
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