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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Fills Deputy Clerk and Public Works Positions Mayor Warns of Need for Vigilance Against Burglaries

by Michael Ticktin

At its November meeting, the Mayor and Council appointed Dee Cantalice of Jackson to replace Nancy Warnick as deputy clerk, deputy registrar of vital statistics and purchasing agent. Mrs. Cantalice was duly sworn into office by Borough Clerk Krystyna Olejnik, as was Councilwoman Judith Trachtenberg, who was just elected to complete the remaining two years of the term of Michael Stiles. The Mayor and Council also appointed Michael Farr as the new public works employee.

In his report, Mayor Michael Hamilton advised the Council and the community that there have been burglaries at two houses and an expensive piece of equipment was taken from the nurse's office at the school. The Mayor emphasized the importance both of making sure that windows and doors are kept locked and of keeping a watchful eye and reporting any suspicious activities to the State Police promptly. The Mayor and Council are also in the

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Trachtenberg, Marko and Hunt Win Council Seats

By Michael Ticktin

Judith Trachtenberg, with 345 votes and running without opposition, won election to the two-year Council seat to which she was appointed on an interim basis in September. In so doing, she received more votes than Al Gore, who had 330 to George Bush's 116 and Ralph Nader's 37.

In the contested race for the two three-year seats, Neil Marko, with 326 votes, and Jeff Hunt, with 306, defeated Stuart Kaufman, who received 161. Democratic candidates John Corzine (U.S. Senate), Reed Gusciora (House of Representatives) and Michael Dowling (Freeholder) also won in Roosevelt, but only Corzine won the election. Question 1 (dedication of gasoline tax revenue for transportation purposes) was approved in Roosevelt by a vote of 243 to 101, while question 2 (allowing disclosure of sex offender information to the general public) was approved 225 to 126. ■

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all of the volunteers who showed up on October 15 for the Clean Communities Litter Pick-up, our public areas and paths are free of trash and looking good. Over 50 Rooseveltians of all ages turned out on a gorgeous day to help to clean up and celebrate our town. Special thanks to Diana Moore and Ann Goldman for all their work in arranging the day's activities and recruiting the volunteers and to Lenny and Michelle Guye-Hillis for their hospitality (and yummy food) for all the volunteers after the work has been done.

REMEMBER!

This will be the last *Bulletin* you will receive until February 2001. As you may remember, we leave out January to give our hard working volunteers a respite during the holiday season.

In the meantime, however, if you have not as yet answered our urgent appeal for contributions, please remember us. We need you as you need us! Happy holidays! ■

FOREIGN FILM SERIES ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Central Station (Portuguese with English Subtitles) was the first film in this series.

The series will continue on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. The following film is the final one for the remainder of this year. Admission is F-R-E-E, refreshments are included.

December 13
Flamenco Spanish
With dancer Carlos Saura

Come early and help with film suggestions and any ideas that will make this program a smashing success.
Or, call Dolores Chasan at 448-2062.

Please note: Since there will be no January *Bulletin*, check the local bulletin Board for the January 2001 schedule. Thereafter see the "Announcement" section of the Roosevelt Bulletin for additional scheduling.

Many thanks to Clare Sacharoff and Robin Gould for their help in supporting this program.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

New Jersey Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5), states that "the mayor shall be the head of the municipal government" and "shall recommend to the Council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the borough."

Mayor Michael B. Hamilton

Once again, citizens of Roosevelt can be proud of our high voter turnout in November. In election after election, primary or general, our town's percentage of voter participation is among the highest in the nation. In each election, we express our respect for democracy and for each other.

We can also be proud of the time and effort many of our neighbors devote to volunteer activities and to elective and appointed offices. We owe Councilwoman Rose Murphy our thanks for her many years of dedicated service on the Borough Council. I would also like to thank outgoing Councilman Paul Hoogsteden.

Annual Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2001, 7:30 P.M.: According to ordinance #165, also known as the Administrative Code, the Mayor is required to report annually to the Council and the community about the state of the borough. This year I hope everyone, young and old will come to our annual reorganization meeting.

We will swear in newly elected Council members Jeff Hunt and Neil Marko. Judy Trachtenberg, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mike Stiles, officially took office when the election results were certified. She was sworn in during the November 13 Council action meeting. The Mayor will make appointments to the Planning Board and Environmental Commission. Council committee members and professionals such as the Borough Attorney will also be selected.

Borough Finances:

As Mayor, my primary concern has been to reduce taxes and fees for Roosevelt homeowners by good financial management. For this goal, I will work with the School Board and community volunteers to fight for the fair share of State aid to which we are entitled. I will continue to pay close attention to our borough's banking policies and interest returns on town investments. Moreover, I will continue to watch every tax dollar we spend, always aware that it is your hard-earned money.

Working Together:

The Mayor, Council and the Board of Education must work together. Whenever possible, we should seek economies by sharing equipment, manpower and services. For example, why purchase two expensive lawn mowers when we could share one? Instead of paying costly computer repair people to troubleshoot our borough's computers, why not subcontract with the school to use the services of their computer technology teacher? Why can't the school custodian and the borough's public works employee work together on jobs that require two people, expertise or equipment that either the school or the borough has at its disposal? I hope that in the New Year we will pursue initiatives designed to promote cooperation while lowering costs.

Capital Improvements:

We must begin a researched, realistic assessment of the condition of our water and sewer infrastructure in order to develop a long-term capital improvement plan. It is essential that expenditures for borough infrastructure be well planned and professionally executed. Planning Board Member Ralph Seligman has begun the process of applying for a state grant to provide funds for preparing a capital improvements program.

Borough Ordinances:

We must begin to examine and update our town's ordinances. At present, there is nothing to prevent an individual Council member from spending as much as \$17,500 on his/her signature. In general, I would characterize many of our ordinances as sloppy, inconsistent and at times at odds with current New Jersey statutes. Some are unenforceable. For example, a recent review of our parking ordinances listed Factory Road and Co-op Circle; streets that were long ago renamed.

A systematic review and codification of Roosevelt ordinances is needed to protect homeowners and their property. An incremental, well-thought-out review will be a

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process of forming a Committee of Public Safety that will address such problems as traffic and crime.

Councilman John Towle reported on behalf of the finance committee that there had been a great improvement in the Borough's earnings on its bank deposits this year and that he had requested advice from the Borough's financial professionals on options for funding repairs at the water plant. He also reported, on behalf of the community development committee, that it was likely that 3-way stop signs would be approved by the State Department of Transportation for the Lake Drive/South Valley Road intersection and that bollards - rubber crosswalk markers that are attached to the pavement - could be installed on Rochdale Avenue at the crosswalks at Pine Drive/Homestead Lane and at Farm Lane.

Councilwoman Rose Murphy, on behalf of the utilities committee, reported that bids ranging from \$123,000 to \$195,000 had been received for repair work on the water and sewer plants. She also reported that the Department of Environmental Protection had inspected the water and sewer plants and had identified certain deficiencies, but that these were being addressed by AWM, the company that runs the plants for the Borough.

Councilwoman Judith Trachtenberg, on behalf of the environment, health and safety committee, reported that no evidence of West Nile virus had been found in Roosevelt and that the committee was looking into ways to control speeding at the Pine/Tamara intersection. Ms. Trachtenberg also reported, in her capacity as liaison with the Environmental Commission, that the body is considering signage for trails in the public parklands and ways of replacing exotic invasives, such as maple trees, with native plant species. ■

**Are you taking advantage
of the Roosevelt Library
in our school?
To keep it alive, it needs
to be used. As CSA
Weinbach has said:
"A town library would be
a terrible thing to lose!"**

FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

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lengthy project. We should begin by identifying ordinances that leave us most at risk. I have begun the process of getting quotes from companies for review and recommended changes.

Keep In Touch!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year in office as your Mayor. As you know, I am proud of Roosevelt and its citizens and I appreciate the diversity of opinions in the vigorous, fully participatory self-government that we enjoy. Many of you have telephoned me about a wide range of issues, and I have appreciated our conversations...even during those challenging times when we were trying to find ways to solve our intermittent brown water problem. I will continue to rely upon your suggestions and support.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! ■

MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY ROOSEVELT BRANCH

HOURS:

MONDAY: 7:00 P.M.—8:30 P.M.

350 NEW BOOKS HAVE BEEN
ADDED
TO THE COLLECTION WITH MORE
TO COME.

COME AND BROWSE!



From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

by Dale Weinbach, CSA

The November 2000 presidential election has provided teaching opportunities in classrooms across the nation and of course here in Roosevelt. So many lessons to be learned! Children have witnessed first-hand how the democratic election process continues to work, despite some unpredicted glitches in the system. Politicians from both parties have been role models for our young citizens, by demonstrating conflict resolution at a federal level. Children have seen that everyone's vote does count, as we reinforce to our children that citizens must take advantage of their right to vote. We see the role of the media good, bad or indifferent. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I for one give thanks for our political system; even if flawed, it's as good as it gets!

In the school environment we speak about children developing responsibility. In order to be responsible, a child has to have things to be responsible for. Children can probably do much more than you think. Teaching responsibility at home contributes to a child's growth and self-

esteem. Toddlers and preschoolers, for example, love to help out with household chores. Let them do as much as they want, as long as it is safe. They can learn to make beds, dust, and take dirty clothes to the hamper. If a child wants to do a task that is clearly beyond him, rather than saying, "You can't", try to find some way to involve him in the job. He can watch you, or take turns with you. Adults need to take an active role in teaching responsibility, and will be very pleased with the positive response from children.

The next library program was scheduled for November 29. Wes Czyzewski was the guest speaker. Wes discussed the nature of poetry reading, discussed some of his favorite poems and conducted a brief writing activity for the audience. The foreign film, Flamenco, will be showing on December 13.

Everyone was invited to school for our Thanksgiving program on Wednesday, November 22, at 10:30. I wish everyone an enjoyable holiday. ■

PART TIME - (2/5 contract) Elementary School Music Teacher Needed for General Music and Instrumental Instruction. Must be eligible for N.J. certification. Starting Time: Week of January 15, 2001
Fax or send resume to: Dr. Dale Weinbach, Roosevelt Public School, P.O. Box 160, Roosevelt, NJ 08555
Fax: 609-448-2681

RCNS News

December Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

December is a wonderful and exciting time for us at RCNS. The children are filled with anticipation for the holidays. It's a perfect time to learn about snow and winter two favorites of the children. They learn what snow is and why it only falls in winter when the temperature is below 32 degrees F.

We will conduct experiments to see what happens to snow when it is warmer. The children are always fascinated to see how an icicle forms as well.

Our students also learn how to stay well during the cold months - by covering sneezes and coughs, eating well and

getting enough rest. The importance of dressing appropriately for the cold weather is stressed as well.

Where do all the animals go for the winter? We will explore the habits of many different animals as we find out about hibernation, camouflage and migration. The children will make bird feeders for our feathered friends that stay here all winter.

A very special treat for the children is our Winter Wonderland party, which is held every year on the last day of school before our winter vacation. There is fun for everyone including games, songs and a holiday project. Of course, there is food for everyone as well.

Happy Holidays to all! ■

Two Square Miles Of Stories

by Bess Tremper

The November 16 meeting at the Borough Hall to inaugurate a "SHOW AND TELL PROJECT" in which photos and stories from your backgrounds might be made available for future publication in *The Bulletin* were discussed.

Among attendees, there was much enthusiasm and talk about possible stories. They were wonderful and amazing! In fact, some came with already written ones, one of which follows.

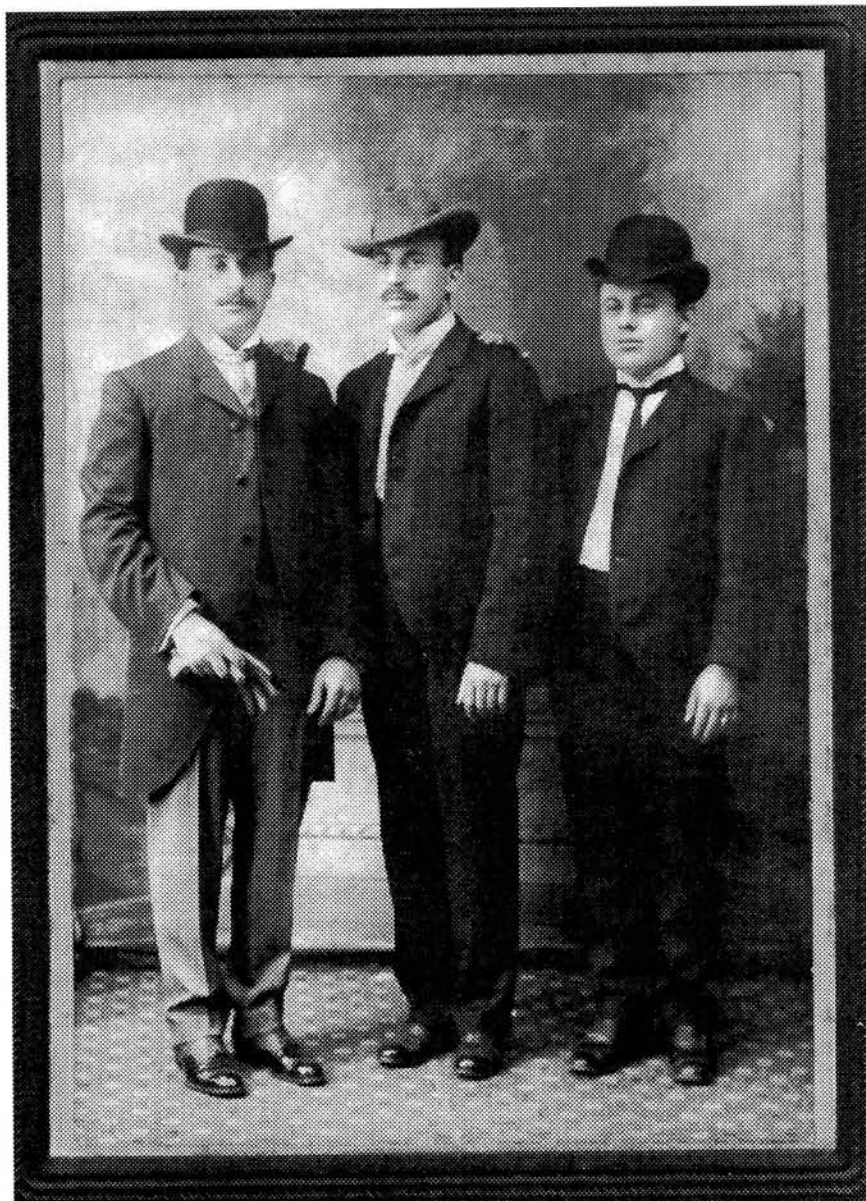
In the meantime, if you would like to join us to make this an ongoing activity, there will probably be another meeting in January, details of which will be announced on the local bulletin board as there will be no January Bulletin. For further information, you may contact:

Robin Gould, 448-4616
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After Shul One Saturday Morning

By Marilyn Magnes

Abraham Nussbaum, my maternal grandfather, came to America in the late 1800's to bring his love Sadie back to Tamapol, Poland. She had left Poland a year before when she was 16 and worked as a seamstress. But Sadie refused to leave this country and so they married and remained here. Shortly after Nathan and Chi, his brothers, also immigrated; each opened their own businesses and became middle-class Americans. My grandfather fared the best financially with his silk mill in Paterson, NJ. He yearned to bring his mother and sister with husband and two children to a better life in America. He wrote frequently imploring them to come; to no avail. So in 1932 he returned to Tamapol to convince them. My great grandmother was unable to uproot herself from her home; claiming that she was too old and would probably



The Nassbaum Brothers in America. Abraham, Nathan and Chia

not live that much longer. Not wanting to leave her, my great aunt decided to stay and care for her.

By 1933 my grandfather foresaw the rise of the Nazis and Anti-Semitism. My mother, his daughter, and father were married that year. The day after the ceremony they were scheduled to sail for Europe and settle in Vienna where my father would obtain a post-graduate degree in medicine. Tickets and passports had been obtained and trunks were packed for the trip. My grandfather, after much thought, stopped this voyage, tickets and passports were

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A 60 Mile Walk

by Elly Shapiro

If you think back to the weekend of October 13-15, you'll recall that there was a full moon. In addition, the perfect weather and changing leaf colors made it ideal for any type of outdoor activity. And, fortunately for us and the other 2900 walkers in the Avon Breast Cancer 60 mile walk, the three days we shared were awesome, inspiring and amazingly well organized.

Team Roosevelt was made up of Mike Hamilton, Nancy Hamilton, Liz Possiel, her Jackson based sister-in-law, Joan Possiel and Elly Shapiro. Many of you saw us training rigorously for months prior to the event, walking through the Assunpink on our way to Imlaystown and beyond. This training and hill work made us more than ready for the walk from Bear Mountain, New York to Manhattan's Morningside Park.

Time was arranged from Day Zero, which was the pre-walk day during which registration, safety videos and tent assignments were accomplished, to the actual walking days of Day 1,2, and 3, each with their pre-determined routes, stops and campground. We were on the line for the mandatory safety video when we met the honorary member of team Roosevelt, a Manhattan resident, who, like Elly was without a tent mate.

From there, after we had completed this process, we were bussed to our respective hotels in Tarrytown, Newburgh and the surrounding area. Our 4:00am wake up call came quickly and our journey officially began with the bus trip back to Bear Mountain for the opening ceremonies. Continental breakfast in the cold mountain air and the pre-dawn darkness was another unique experience.

The emotional and touching, spiritual ceremonies included women who were breast cancer survivors walking down a pathway with their arms encircled around the spirits of the women who had not survived. This symbolic gesture was emphasized by the myriads of pink ribbons worn on hats, t-shirts and socks. People wore the names of friends and relatives, living and dead, who had been affected by cancer. They carried balloons and signs, had pictures pinned on and readily spoke about their reasons for participating.

After a group stretching activity, we were allowed to start our trek for the day. Men, and women of all ages and physical shapes participated. Some rode on motorized scooters, others used walking aids. All had the same goal...to walk as best they could and manage the route if possible.

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destroyed and my mother was forbidden to leave the country. Although disappointed, my father and mother moved to Philadelphia and Dad received a post graduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. During that time I was conceived and was born in Paterson, NJ. I sometimes think about a birth certificate that could have shown my place of birth as Vienna, Austria. How cosmopolitan that would be. Then I wonder if my parents and I would have survived Vienna. My grandfather's concern about Jews living in Europe prompted him to continue to urge his mother and sister to join the rest of the family in the States. Once again my great grandmother refused to leave her home.

In 1943 my father, now in the US Army, was transferred overseas and my pregnant mother, brother and I moved to Florida to live with my grandparents. Grandpa and I became very close. He helped me with school work,

wiped away tears, listened and advised me about the troubles of a nine year old and took me along as he dealt with business matters, played pinochle, and went to Shul. To me he was strong, wise and caring. To others he appeared intimidating, a bully: insisting on a full dinner at noon which my grandmother spent all morning preparing, starched shirts that he changed twice a day, and strict adherence to the orders he issued to his employees - a towering presence.

After Shul one Saturday morning, while waiting for the noon dinner to be served, the mail arrived. Among the bills and correspondence he pulled out an envelope from the Red Cross. As he read the letter tears streamed down his face. The contents of that letter, told to me later by my mother, expressed regrets that my great grandmother, great aunt and her husband and two children had been gassed in a death camp. I never heard him speak of this. ■

SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB NEWS

By Herb Johnson

Fifteen members of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club were at its monthly business meeting on Tuesday, November 7 at the Solar Village Meeting Room. The change of meeting place was necessary because the Borough Hall was being used for polling votes on Election Day.

President Gerry Millar reported that she attended the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council in October. The Council received the club's letter about the club deciding that it would not request two extra hours for its monthly bus to a shopping mall, thus saving the Borough \$44 each month; and, explaining that because expenses for the fourth Friday's Box Lunch meetings have increased about \$500 this year, the club requests an increase in next year's budget. President Millar spoke to the Council about the matter.

Sunshine Chair Louise Baranowitz reported that a card was sent to Tamara Galimidi who is hospitalized. Treasurer Dolores Chasan reported that Great Adventure

sent a refund of \$9. Secretary Herb Johnson read minutes of the October meeting, which were accepted. The club recognized that Honey Socholitzky and Beth Johnson had birthdays in November.

Twelve club members who would go to the December 16 dinner-theater at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse with members of Millstone Township's seniors club submitted their payments of \$21 each. The public school's first graders, to facilitate their hosting seniors for lunch and a tour of the school on November 14, asked club members who expected to attend for a list of what kind of sandwich each would like.

The third Tuesday trip to a mall was planned for a visit to Delicious Orchards Shopping Center on November 21. The County's Senior Hot Line was announced as 1-877-222-3737.

Diana Klein was host for refreshments. A reminder was given to invite all seniors in Roosevelt to join the club. ■

Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Department

By Jack Rindt

On November 5, the members of the Roosevelt volunteer Fire department had training on some of the new equipment that was delivered.

First the members went over the operation on the Bullard Thermal Imager Camera. This camera is made to help Fire Fighters see through smoke when looking for victims in a house fire. The cost of the piece of equipment is about \$17,000.00, but the Fire Department qualified through the State of New Jersey, Division of Fire Safety to receive one free.

The next piece of equipment that we went over was a Gas Leak Detector. This Gas Detector can pick up 100 different kinds of gases, letting the Fire Fighters know that there is a gas leak, but it cannot identify the gas that is leaking.

The last piece of equipment we went over was the new Scott 4.5 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The air-packs are what the Fire Fighters wear when they have to enter a smoke filled building and any hazardous area. The Fire Department is now up-grading its air-packs. We are replacing the old air-packs that were from the 70's with the newer and lighter Scott 4.5s.

The Fire Department plans to meet on the first Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. for training. If anyone would like to stop in to just say Hi, see the equipment, the engines or maybe you're thinking of joining, we will be there. All are welcome. ■

COMMUNITY NEWS

A 60 Mile Walk *Continued from Page 7*

There were about 300 volunteer crew members who cooked meals, served us food, toted trash and directed traffic. They cheered us on, made sure we were hydrated and had snacks. They too were survivors, friends of survivors or those left behind by someone who had not survived. Some were there because they just wanted to be. It was a love-fest, and those who surrounded us nurtured body and soul. There were "pit stops" and "grab and gos" every mile and a half. The motorcycle police who watched us cross the often truck filled roads played rock and roll for us as we passed.

We were greeted along the route by local townspeople who cheered for us, held up signs of encouragement and offers of water and such. Two small girls had a sign offering the use of their bathroom. Wouldn't their parents have been surprised to see hundreds of strangers trekking through their home! One community baked sugar cookies in the shape of the pink ribbons and handed them to us as we walked. Another community had their schoolchildren come out of class to clap for us and cheer us on.

The organization provided us enough PowerAde and water that the Hydrate/Urinate theme was not hard to keep up. We had snacks of bananas, oranges, peanut butter and jelly crackers and granola bars. Chips and other salty foods helped us to replenish our carbs and sodium too. Hundreds of Porta-Pots were transported from rest area to rest area. A mobile city followed us as we walked and transported food, water and our equipment to our campground. Those who arrived first set up tents for those who lagged behind. Once showered in the huge mobile trailers, and thus somewhat refreshed, most of us went to the entrance of the campground to cheer for those just arriving.

We tented in two-person tents each night, which after hours and many miles of walking was mighty uncomfortable. For some of us, it was hard to sleep for more than 15 minute stretches, since turning over made our bodies shriek with soreness. (A cold hard floor with only a sleeping bag between you and the ground will do that). Others of us were just happy not to be walking.

There were medical volunteers from a New York hospital system who treated shin splints, and other such injuries. Podiatrists were on hand to help with the many blisters and foot problems that occurred. Analgesics, Vaseline, bandaids and moleskin were available, as was ice for sore muscles and joints. There were massage therapists, chiropractors and physical therapists, all volunteer, who saw and treated hundreds each day.

Throughout all of this, the theme of "no whining; no complaining" was adhered to...it was an extraordinary experience. Even the coffee lines at 5:30 am were smooth and orderly. Breakfast and dinner were buffet style and seating was under canopies at huge tables. Lunch each day was served in box lunch fashion, with our color-coded bracelets showing if we were vegetarian or not.

In the evening there was entertainment and one night we had a talent show. Where people got the energy from is beyond me.

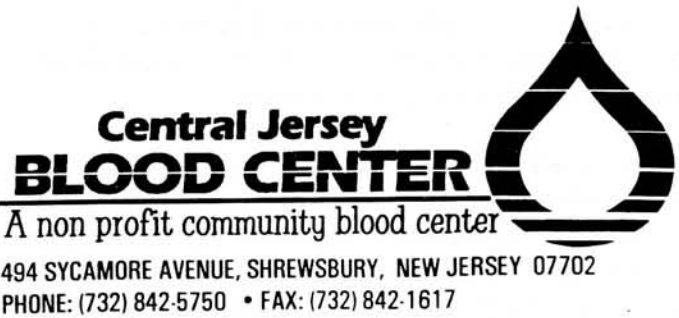
The walk across the George Washington Bridge was awesome. One sees so much more on foot than when we zip across in our automobile. From there we walked to the holding area about 1 1/5 miles from the finish line, where we were hydrated and given our shirts. Navy blue for most of us, pink for the 270 survivors who were there.

The closing ceremonies were very emotional and the sense of accomplishment that we felt is indescribable. The New York walk netted \$7.5 million for breast cancer research and to help underserved populations to get treatment. The walks are held throughout the country and have raised over \$100 million for this cause. Team Roosevelt raised about \$13,000 through donations from our friends, neighbors and family. Our hats are off to you for making it possible for us to have this experience which was, as we had been told it would be....life changing. ■

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thanks to all who made our blood drive so successful. Special thanks to the bakers, Debra Curry, Ann Goldman, Florie Johnson, Alice McBride, Dianna Moore and helpers Misty McBride, Kelly Mitchell, D.C. Sensi and Nancy Warnick during the evening.

Marilyn Magnes



Central Jersey Blood Center extends appreciation to Roosevelt Boro for a successful Blood Drive on Thursday, September 28th. More than 50 potential donors volunteered their time to come out to give the gift of life, with 32 units collected in 3 hours. We are gratified to see that many people responded to the urgent appeal for blood that has recently been publicized. At this time when the blood supply is so critical, every pint collected is precious, and we commend Roosevelt Boro for its commitment to the community blood program.

The blood supply belongs to you. Let's work together to make sure it's always there when someone needs it. Only with your willingness to donate can we maintain a safe and adequate blood supply for your loved one, your neighbor, or yourself. Be assured that within days of donating, your blood was used by someone critically ill or injured in a Monmouth or Ocean County hospital. Every blood donation saves a life, relieves suffering and cures disease. We thank you for your help and encourage you to become regular blood donors. The next Roosevelt Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2001. We hope to see you again then.

Susan Cartmell
Donor Resources Dept.
Central Jersey Blood Center

In Memory of SOL BERG

by Art Shapiro

Those of us who lived any length of time in Roosevelt were greatly saddened to learn of Sol Berg's recent death in Florida. Sol, along with his wife Bebbie (who also passed away recently), were among the most loved and respected people in town. Sol played a particularly important part in the history of the community.

Sol and Bebbie were not among the first settlers of the Jersey Homesteads, but were from the second wave who came here after the economic failure of the original cooperative called Tripod. After the original clothing factory failed and was vacant for a year, it was sold as a private enterprise in May, 1940 to Charlie Kartiganer, a milliner, who turned it into a factory producing women's hats. Although the new hat factory was able to employ about 100 people from the Jersey Homesteads, it also brought to town new "millinery" families like the Rosenthals, the Leibsons and the Bergs. In fact, Sol Berg was the factory manager. He was the top boss in a town where status did not depend on whether one was the mayor, councilman, or on the board of education, but on one's position at the factory as a blocker, a buffer, a pouncer or a designer. Even having the position as the top boss, Sol was never disliked or resented by the many workers for whom he was responsible. His sense of humor, his fairness, his ability, and his warmth and sense of caring for those around him earned him the respect and love of this community.

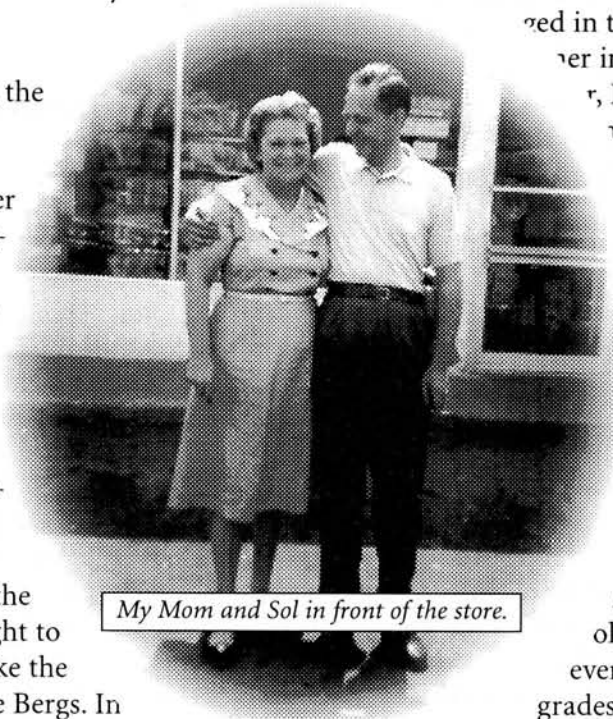
But Sol's role in the history of this town is not limited to his job at Kartiganer's. In the 1950s, after Fred Lobl died, Sol and Bebbie bought the Roosevelt store. Not the store that is now Rossi's, but the building that is now the Post Office. Sol and Bebbie ran the store like a real small town caring operation. Everyone in town was allowed to

"run a tab" and pay up when convenient, a godsend in a community with a lot of struggling artists who did not get regular paychecks. Even the kids, with parental permission, could get something in the store and just pay for it, whether it was a sandwich, potato sticks, or other treats. Bebbie was always behind the counter and was involved in the latest gossip with any customer in the store. In all the years I knew her, I can not remember her without a smile on her face. In addition to Sol and Bebbie, Sol's brother Sam, who lived with them, also worked in the store, as did their children Evelyn, Herman (Heshey), Brian and Michael. One of my first jobs as a kid was working for Sol. I still remember working in the back room sorting up many empty soda bottles brought back for two-cent refunds. He was always kind, understanding and a true mensch. Evelyn was a grade ahead of me in school so we were in the same class every other year in a school that had advanced grades. In fact, Heshey, Paul Prestopino

and I spent a summer together at a Boy Scout camp named Cowaw. (That's another story!)

Many years later, when Michael was in the Fourth-Grade class I taught in Roosevelt Public School, Bebbie, who wanted to make sure her kid's teacher was well taken care of, always seemed to make me much thicker sandwiches for lunch. Thank God the kid was smart so I could always give him good marks.

After 1975, when Sol, Bebbie and Sam joined the great migration to Florida, somehow the town was never the same. For those of us who grew up here, the store along with Sol and Bebbie will always be among our warmest memories. One can not think about growing up in this town without remembering the Bergs and their wonderful store. Goodbye Sol, and thanks! ■



My Mom and Sol in front of the store.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

The real issue is Water

The most important attribute a Councilman must have is the ability to plan for the future. Planning for the future means implementing actions and policies now. When we fail to plan, it usually hurts our town. Roosevelt's future is why I decided to run for Council. It was not an easy decision to make, considering the one political issue arena we have seen in recent elections.

A candidate whose only issue is pro-development or anti-development is not what Roosevelt needs. Good decisions are not made when they are clouded by an agenda based on a single issue. Roosevelt is a small town, a very small town, it will always be a small town. The very nature of Roosevelt limits development that Roosevelt can support.

Common sense dictates that any development must benefit our community based on simple issues: consistency in the overall design with what we now have in Roosevelt homes on lots backing on to Borough owned green acres, real reductions to our property taxes, utility expansion at no cost to the Borough and pay-down on our sewer debt, which would reduce our water/sewer rates. And most importantly, political power, through voting, cannot shift in favor of the new development.

PCD 1 is a perfect example of how to make bad decisions based on a single agenda. The Notterman tract is the worst place to build homes and would have the greatest negative impact on Roosevelt, originally conceived as a knee jerk response to a development proposal (127 unit mixed development) for the northeastern tract on Oscar Drive. PCD 1 was meant to limit development but has turned out to have the opposite effect and actually may cost us, by way of the Notterman lawsuit. It's time to take politics out of our development decision-making process.

Our antiquated water utility should be a major issue but no candidate has raised this issue. I have seen our facilities from the inside, spoken with our water/sewer operators, and the consensus is that we have a 65-year-old system that should be replaced before a major failure occurs. If you're counting on development to solve this problem, think again. The last developer wanted to use our money, utility connection fees to pay for only upgrades, not a new water system.

The last time we waited too long to upgrade our facilities, it cost 2.5 million dollars that will take 30 years to pay

down. The cost to you and me is 70 dollars on our water/sewer bill per month.

Now is the time to start preparing for the eventual replacement of the Water System. Now is the time to come up with a plan to finance the construction without incurring another 2.5 million dollars of debt and 70 more dollars to our water/sewer bills. A monthly bill of \$125 will seem small compared to \$195.

Thank you,

Stu Kaufman



Letter to the Editor

Mayor Michael Hamilton said that the Planning Board was not doing anything in secret in response to the Planning Board's article and a headline, which stated that the Board was keeping secret its negotiations regarding the Notterman suit against the Borough. He said the Board was merely holding closed sessions to discuss the matter, despite the fact that the Board was not required by law to have closed sessions to prevent citizens from knowing what was discussed. The Board's members voted each time to have a closed session.

I urge readers of The Borough Bulletin to ask the Mayor to have more respect for the reporter who has covered Planning Board meetings for the last nine years, and the editor who determines the headlines. These people have outstanding reputations as accurate and considerate journalists. When they describe a group's actions as secret, the Mayor and others have good reason to accept the description as representing accurate interpretations.

Mayor Hamilton must be commended for being an outstanding Mayor of Roosevelt, and also for being a part of the five Roosevelt residents who trained for months and then walked in the three day, 60 mile walk from Bear Mountain to New York City, raising large contributions for research to cure cancer. I express my thanks for his untiring service for this community, and also for the great service of other volunteers including the staff of The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin.

Herb Johnson

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am writing to express my appreciation for your support in the recent election. Your vote will give me the courage to stand by my convictions as the Council makes the hard choices that face our community in the coming year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Judith Trachtenberg



VIEWPOINT: "CLOSED TO PUBLIC" EQUALS "SECRET"

A Letter to the Editor from Bob Clark:

As I did for May's Bulletin, I again feel compelled to write a letter in lieu of my regular Planning Board report. As you know, Daniel and Abby Notterman have pursued a state Superior Court lawsuit against the Planning Board and Borough Council. The Nottermans dispute the Board's October 1999 denial of an application by the Matzel and Mumford Organization (M&M) to carve out 65 residential building lots on the Nottermans' 110-acre tract, located between the Cemetery and the Solar Village. The Council's zoning decisions concerning the property were severed from the trial, which took place on November 14 before Judge William Gilroy. After a two-hour trial, based mostly on arguments concerning the record before the Planning Board, Judge Gilroy reserved decision.

At every meeting since the filing of the Nottermans' lawsuit in January, I have urged the Board to reveal to the public as much information as possible. In February, the Board closed its meeting to the public in order to discuss procedural aspects of the lawsuit with its attorney, Michele Donato. Then the Board let the public look on while it identified some issues raised by M&M's plans that Board members felt should be resolved in any settlement with the Nottermans. After that, the Board kept every discussion concerning the Notterman tract secret from the public. When I say "public," I mean all of us except spouses and friends that individual Board members may favor with reassurances, and perhaps details. It is naïve to believe that all such matters are kept from trusted spouses and friends.

It soon became clear that a single important document would tell the public how the Board, with five new mem-

bers as of January, had proposed to resolve the Notterman litigation outside the courtroom without compromising the public interest in benign development. That document, crafted by the Board over several months, was the Board's written settlement proposal, forwarded to the Nottermans in mid-2000. By a 5-4 vote in May, the Board denied the public an opportunity to read and to comment on the settlement proposal before submitting the final version to the Nottermans. At every subsequent meeting, without voting, the Board kept this document secret from the public, despite already having revealed it to the Nottermans.

At the Board's November 1 meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton objected to my use of the word "secret" to describe in my reports the Board's continuing refusal to disclose anything related to the Notterman tract, including the settlement proposal already turned over to the Nottermans. He said the word implied that something illegal was going on. He added that I should use words such as "closed session" instead of "secret." Although I have used such words as "closed session" or "excluded the public" in my reporting of these events, words such as "secret" or "secrecy" also apply, and I will continue to use them. Meetings that are closed to the public are secret, even if the litigation exception to the state Open Public Meetings Act (also called the Sunshine Law) permits such secrecy as a matter of law.

I also feel compelled to correct the misrepresentation of my position contained in Mayor Hamilton's "From the Mayor's Chair" piece in last month's Bulletin. The capstone of his distortion of my position was the condescending sentence: "It is not advisable to discuss legal strategy related to pending litigation in an open forum."

I have never said the Board should disclose its legal strategy to anyone outside the Board. I have urged it to make public things like the settlement proposal. If the Board believes the settlement proposal is a legal strategy, then why did it give the document to the Nottermans? In fact, it is not a legal strategy. It is a statement of those things the Board as a whole deems important for a development application to be acceptable.

We have settled into a topsy-turvy situation where the Nottermans, the Board's adversaries, have the Board's position and the public, the Board's constituency, does not. Failure to disclose the settlement proposal may not violate the Sunshine Law. This does not mean, however, that the law would forbid public disclosure of the settlement proposal. Ms. Donato has never said that a statute would prohibit revealing the settlement proposal to the public. On

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Red Stinkhorns and More Serious Invaders

by Rod Tulloss

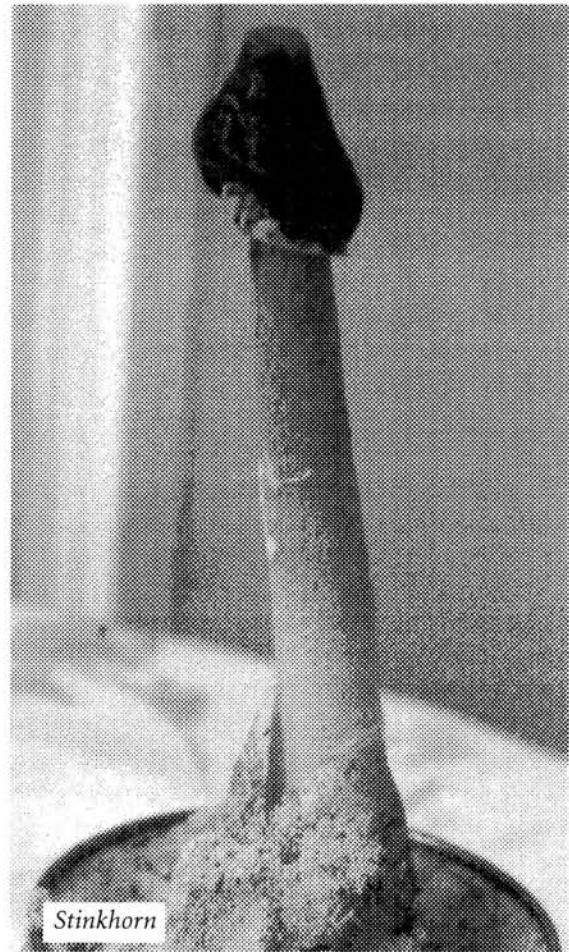
Invasaders. Not little green men, but green nevertheless. In the what-are-we-doing-to-ourselves category, invasive exotic plants are receiving more press coverage these days. "Exotic" means the same as "not native." "Invasive" means what it sounds like-when these plants get a foothold, they're hard to stop.

The plants in this category were sometimes introduced by accident-seed mixed with seeds of flowers, lawn grass, or plants intended as food for humans or livestock. Among those of concern in Roosevelt, however, are several that were intentionally introduced. Invasive plants are the main focus of this article. In the next "Natural Roosevelt," I'll provide some native plants that might be used instead of, or to replace, foreign invaders. In the meantime, a good deal of information can be found on the web by searching on such phrases as "invasive plant."

Some of the latter were introduced nearly thirty years ago by the tens of thousands in wildlife management areas like the Assunpink with the idea that the high seed production would feed wild birds, especially game birds. As a result, many parts of the Assunpink (for example) are not "natural areas" at all, but uncontrolled plantations of foreign weeds that spread aggressively-Multiflora Rose, Japanese Barberry, and Autumn Olive, to name three prime problems. The Assunpink Wildlife Management Area planning documents (from the 1970's), copied for the Roosevelt Environmental Commission by Dave Schwendeman, list the floral culprits and the enormous numbers planned to be planted.

Other intentionally introduced invasives were thought to be beautiful for landscaping because of foliage or (again) plentiful production of showy seeds. If you feed a bird a berry, the seed in that berry will be dropped with a small amount of organic fertilizer. Now you have a problem ready to sprout. Think of Poison Ivy (a native plant, although not very popular). Think of Japanese Honeysuckle and Japanese Barberry. Think of Autumn Olive and Burning Bush.

As neighbors of the Assunpink, we have to deal with the unintentional side effect of twenty- year-old plantings of



Stinkhorn

invasive exotics. In landscaping our homes, builders and gardeners (that's us) enjoyed the beautiful Fall foliage and berries of Burning Bush and introduced this problem to town. (Why not the very similar, and native, Strawberry Bush?)

Why the concern now? Anyone who tries to maintain plantings of shrubs or flower garden or forest edge in their yard is aware of the serious difficulty of keeping out invasive plants. On the other hand, if your concern is with stewardship of the forests and wetlands in the Borough (after all, the state DEP says they are of "exceptional value"), then the invasion of these areas and displacement of native plants by exotics has to be considered a very grave problem.

In my yard, Multiflora Rose (to which I am apparently allergic) grows up through the middle of other plants and makes impenetrable tangles of thorns anywhere that it is allowed to grow. Multiflora Rose overcomes and smothers other plants. Among invasive plants it is rated at the high-

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est threat level. It spreads by seed and by shoots coming up from the roots. The roots are nearly impossible to remove thoroughly. The group Rural Action in southeastern Ohio recommends keeping the plant cut close to the ground and introducing Multiflora Rose plants suffering from the rose virus in the midst of healthy plants. Note: Virus-infected plants are yellowed and withering when other Multiflora Rose is green.

Also invading my yard (and yours, too, I bet) are numerous bushes with strikingly silver undersides on their leaves. These are Autumn Olive or, possibly, Russian Olive. They are spread only by seed and, thus, are easier to root out than Multiflora Rose. Unfortunately, there are an enormous number of mature plants producing vast quantities of bird-attracting seed in our area. Rural Action says this plant will invade woodlands and interrupt the regeneration of native tree species. In other words, this plant is a threat to forests as well as to open areas. Cut it off at

ground level or, better, dig out the roots as thoroughly as possible.

Burning Bush is an imminent threat to wetland forest in Roosevelt. The shame of it is that there are native plants that could easily have been planted instead of the European and Asian species that are the problem for us. Nurseries are still selling the foreign plants, and landscapers are still using them. Burning Bush spreads by seed and by shoots from its roots. It can be pulled from the ground completely when small; otherwise it should be kept cut close to the ground unless a major extirpation effort is possible. Perhaps, we should consider such an effort in collaboration with the DEP and local watershed organizations or other non-profits.

Japanese Barberry is a threat to become the sole shrub level plant in forests. One state park is considered unrecoverable due to the thorough invasion by Japanese

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November 1, she finally clarified that doing so would violate the "custom" of parties keeping their negotiations secret. Indeed, the only reason the public has not received the Board's settlement proposal is because the Nottermans have refused to consent to its release.

Ms. Donato previously reported that the Nottermans had rejected the Board's proposal "out of hand." Therefore, the Nottermans obviously want something different from the Board. They know that if the Board revealed its proposal to the public, it would have to explain any change to the public. Thus, the Board's adversary, by refusing to consent to release of the settlement proposal to the Board's constituency, is making it easier for the Board to change its mind about the proposal. One need not explain a change of position if the public never knows that a change occurred.

However, the Board should have to explain such things. In Roosevelt, we place a premium on opportunities to sway public decision-makers. Therefore, the key components of the largest single development since the founding of the town should not be rendered *fait accompli* without the public at least knowing what the Board thought was important enough to transmit in writing to the Nottermans. Although the public could participate in a public hearing on any application that would implement a settlement, it is naïve to believe that any such hearing

would be anything more than a formality. What Board would want to disturb a solution that it had toiled long hours to achieve? The public's participation would come too late in the day to have any important effect.

Why do I feel so strongly about these things? I believe that secrecy is the bane of good government. When public officials have the chance to curb secrecy, they should. In this case, the Planning Board should have told the Nottermans and their attorneys that it would only negotiate with them if it could give the public the same information it would give to the Nottermans.

The Board, of course, wound up seeing the Nottermans in Court on November 14. Meanwhile, hours and hours of Planning Board discussion about the Notterman tract and related development issues lie on secret tapes. The Board's written settlement proposal - its vision for the Notterman tract - lies tucked away in secret files. When the public hearing on M&M's application occurred, then-citizen Hamilton could observe every action by the Board's members and listen to their every word. When he became mayor, he used that information to help decide whether he should reappoint members whose terms had expired. Now, by rigid adherence to the mantra of litigation secrecy, Mayor Hamilton and others are depriving the public of any information upon which to judge their service. ■

WEATHER ALMANAC

by Ron Filepp

The damp cool weather of summer 2000 brought an autumn reward. Rooseveltians were treated to a two-act color extravaganza. The first act happened in October when yellow leaves dominated the scene. Red and orange leaves took over the show in early November. It wasn't just summer's weather that contributed to the autumn spectacular.

Our fall weather was favorable to producing a brilliant show of colors. September continued summer's damp conditions. Rainfall for the month totaled 8.64, more than twice the normal amount of rain for the month. In October, just as the leaves were starting to turn, precipitation fell off dramatically. The total rainfall for the month was less than half of normal. Only 1.31 inches fell.

The dry conditions of October continued into early November. That weather contributed to the brilliance of the leaves and made conditions ideal for people to go out to see the show. It was so dry in late October through early November that no measurable rainfall was recorded for the twenty-one days from October 20 through November 9. The average temperatures for both months were within a half-degree of normal.

The next seasonal color that the weather brings us will be the typically gray days of December. And from the clouds, perhaps we'll see the white of snow. As noted in last month's Weather Almanac, snowfall is expected to be above normal for the snow season. The snow season extends beyond winter into March and April, and occasionally into May. It can start as early as October.

Snow is not just white in appearance. There is dirty gray snow, a result of plowing, blowing, digging and the accumulation of dirt through time. Frank Zappa cautioned those inclined to his music to steer clear of yellow snow. Snow comes in colors other than white, dirt and yellow. For instance, there is blue snow.

The white and blue appearance of snow is a result of how light reflects off snow. When light interacts in a most democratic way with snow, we perceive white. In this scenario, we see white because almost all of the light striking the snow surface is reflected back without any particular preference for a single color within the visible spectrum. When some light penetrates in beyond the surface of the snow and is reflected back to us, it sometimes takes on a

October 15-November 15, 2000

Day	High	Low	Avg Precip	
15	77.5	50.0	63.8	0.00
16	61.0	54.0	57.5	0.00
17	58.0	56.0	57.0	0.00
18	65.0	58.0	61.5	0.09
19	50.0	47.0	48.5	0.35
20	62.2	39.0	50.6	0.00
21	75.2	49.0	62.1	0.00
22	62.6	46.4	54.5	0.00
23	62.6	50.0	56.3	0.00
24	53.6	50.0	51.8	0.00
25	71.6	50.0	60.8	0.00
26	68.0	50.0	59.0	0.00
27	68.0	51.8	59.9	0.00
28	60.8	53.6	57.2	0.00
29	41.0	32.0	36.5	0.00
30	50.0	41.0	45.5	0.00
31	59.0	39.2	49.1	0.00
1	62.6	37.4	50.0	0.00
2	64.4	35.6	50.0	0.00
3	64.4	39.2	51.8	0.00
4	53.6	46.4	50.0	0.00
5	50.0	41.0	45.5	0.00
6	55.4	42.8	49.1	0.00
7	60.8	46.4	53.6	0.00
8	62.6	51.8	57.2	0.00
9	62.6	48.2	55.4	0.00
10	69.8	55.4	62.6	1.10
11	59.0	50.5	54.8	0.10
12	55.2	43.3	49.3	0.00
13	56.8	44.1	50.5	0.00
14	54.1	45.1	49.6	0.00
15	46.9	31.3	39.1	0.44
Total Precipitation		2.08		

blue tinge. There is an in depth explanation for this blue hue available at the National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) web site, <http://nsidc.org/index.html>.

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BREAKING BREAD

AN APOLOGY! Unfortunately, Dina Coe's interesting recipe we enthusiastically offered last month to help to enrich your Thanksgiving dinner menus, due to an unexplained computer glitch, was mostly unreadable. We therefore repeat it to use as the holidays continue. B.T.

by Dina Coe

Having read last month's "Breaking Bread," I was feeling appreciation for some food suggestions that did not revel in the salt-sugar-fat tastes of which, alas, many of us can or should not partake, at least not too often, and admiration for the way Gladys Nadler condensed so many possible meals into a few simple tips.

Next thing comes a call from Bess Tremper, with designs for the upcoming "Breaking Bread", praising a dish I once fixed, which I remember as one our doctors, even our common sense, would advise us against.

Nonetheless, Bess has a point in her flattery, as the dish she has remembered for the November Bulletin, Sweet Potatoes Aflame, is special occasion fare only, and what more special American food occasion is there than Thanksgiving? I am sure that this particular dish, which I found in the Maryland's Way Cook Book (1963), has often been served at festivities in Maryland, particularly in the era of flambe and floating chifon: the fifties south in which this recipe has its tubers and in which I have my roots.

Many of the book's recipes summon flavors of even more old-fashioned times, with names such as Muskrat Soup and Hot Apple Toddy, St. Mary's Crab Cakes, Hoe Cake and Miss Julia's Beaten Biscuits, A Pretty



Dish of Venison and Miss Fanny Chase's Spiced Ham, Guinea Hen with Black Walnut Stuffing and Chester River Goose, Greengage Plums in Sauterne Jelly, Parsnip Cakes and others that could kill us but sound like delicious accompaniments for that Thanksgiving dinner.

Not having tested any of the latter, I can only offer you the one recipe I am contracted for by Bess: that for Sweet Potatoes Aflame. I am quoting it verbatim.

6 long sweet potatoes of uniform size
4 cooking apples,
1 jar preserved chestnuts
1/4 cup butter, sugar to taste
1/2 cup rum.

Parboil potatoes, peel and cut across into circles about 3/8 inch thick. Peel, core and cut the apples across into rings. Fill a deep baking dish with a layer of apple rings, then a layer of preserved chestnuts with a little of the syrup. Repeat until dish is filled, having a layer of potatoes on top, the circles fitted as closely as possible together. Melt butter and sugar, pour over dish and bake until brown. Heat rum, pour over dish just before serving and light.

Mrs. George Maurice Morris

Note: The preserved chestnuts, also known as marrons glacé, seemed such an extravagance that I saved some to use in the same dish for another festive affair a week later. No one seemed to miss the missing chestnuts.

Further note: Now that I consider this recipe again it really does not look all that dangerous. Except maybe for the flames.

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Most everyone has looked at snowflakes on a dark coat sleeve or on a piece of black construction paper. Now you can get a closer look in the comfort of your home if you have a computer and Internet connection. Just aim your web browser to <http://www.its.caltech.edu/~atomic/snowcrystals/> for the Snow Crystals web site. The site was created by Kenneth G. Libbrecht, Professor of Physics, Caltech University. It offers almost everything you'll want to know and appreciate about snow, from snowflake physics to pretty pictures of snow crystals.

Perhaps by the time your taste for virtual snow has been sated, you'll have the real thing piling up on bushes, fence posts, trees and the ground outside your door. If that thought brings despair, this French proverb may stand you in good stead, "A year of snow, a year of plenty." Happy Holidays! ■

Weather Event

On March 10, 1869, a reddish snow fell in Central France. The red color was produced by dust from the Sahara desert that somehow managed to mingle with the storm clouds.

Weather Word

Snow Blindness is a temporary loss of sight by bright sunlight reflected from snow. It can last up to a week.

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And a further note: Now that I think of it, I was unable to find preserved chestnuts in the immediate area as I dashed around in a last minute rush. I did come across a can of chestnuts at Super Fresh. So, I took them home and looked up the recipe for "Marrons" in Maryland's Way. Here it is (of course if you are using canned chestnuts, as I did, you'll only be following instruction for the syrup):

Shell large chestnuts until you have a pint...make a heavy sugar syrup with 2 cups sugar and 1 cup water, and add the whole chestnuts. Allow them to cook until tender. Season with vanilla or brandy... They are delicious as a sauce for ice-cream.

Katherine del Vale's Book

And since it's a special occasion, how about a little ice cream on your Sweet Potatoes Aflame? ■

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Barberry. Barberry has been an unpopular plant in the past history of this country because (while the exact cause of the disease was not known) it was noted long ago that wheat was more liable to the Wheat Rust if barberry bushes were around. (The Rust is a fungus and must spend half its life on barberry while spending the other half on wheat-to the detriment of the human population.) If I remember correctly, Barberry was banned in Boston (or, rather, the Massachusetts Colony) in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Barberry is thorny; but if thick gloves are worn, it is rather easy to pull smaller plants. Larger plants require some excavation. Luckily, it spreads only by seed. Its roots (with distinctive yellow wood) snap easily. There are a few large plants in town (one of which was removed during one of the Spring wood clean-up weekends), but there are many seedlings. If we are attentive, we could prevent a serious problem from this exotic. I pull seedlings whenever I find them on walks in the woods. At this time of year, the remnants of small oval leaves and single-stemmed, small, red-skinned berries are distinctive.

In a future article, I'll provide a list of the exotic invasives that have been found during the plant survey of town that was greatly extended this summer by two energetic, out of town volunteers, Karl Anderson and Linda Kelly from the New Jersey Audubon Society's Rancocas Nature Center. (We really owe these folks a great vote of thanks!)

Now...(Thanks for waiting!)...a few words about this month's photograph. It is a stinkhorn-a very peculiar one that is rarely found in New Jersey. Its haunts are the southeastern U.S. and the Gulf Coast region.

There are many species of stinkhorn, but they all have a number of things in common. They start expansion in a membranous egg, often surrounded by a jelly-like layer. They expand rather rapidly-bursting the egg-to make a column or, less often, shapes resembling an octopus or a Whiffle Ball with large holes. The illustrated specimen's egg was placed in wet sand overnight. After expansion, the human nose can detect these critters when eyesight fails.

The odor of a stinkhorn is...interesting. Its designed to attract flies by imitating the smell of decaying protein. The flies walk on the smelly dark goop that decorates these lovelies. The mushroom's spores are in the goop. The spores stick to the flies feet. The flies go off some-

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Items for this column can be submitted to Mary Tulloss
by phone 448-5096,
mail: P.O. Box 57, or email: mtulloss@njcc.com.

by Mary Tulloss

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Elly Bermowitz, former resident of Roosevelt, died last month. She was the sister of Ilus Lobl, also a former resident, the aunt of Diana Mueller and wife of Jack Bermowitz (deceased), a well-accepted primitive artist. Elly was known for her beautifully executed tapestries, some of which were designed by Diana's husband, artist Bob Mueller. Elly was a teacher in the Roosevelt Nursery School for many years and former pupils would approach her years later to ask if she still remembered them.

IN THE ARTS:

Two exhibits of Ben Shahn's work are currently on display in New York. "Ben Shahn Drawings: 1920's-1960's" is on display at D. C. Moore Gallery, 724 Fifth Avenue from November 15 through December 29. An exhibit organized by the Fogg Art Museum of Harvard University entitled "Ben Shahn's New York, The Photography of Modern Times" is on display at the Grey

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where and leave spores where they walk. You get the picture. A fungus that produces a stinkhorn as its "fruit" is a wood decayer, and Roosevelt's flock of scarlet stinkers was probably imported with wood chips originating in southerly climes.

Our poster boy (well, the Latin name is masculine) is not only odd for being a visitor from the South; it also has a strong red color for most of its eight inch height and, this year in Mary Watlington's shrubbery on Lake Drive, grew for several weeks in almost daily bouquets. The stem looks like it's made of plastic foam. The conical cap on top has a hole at its center and is covered with the dark substance carrying the spores. The scientific (Latin) name of our new acquaintance is *Phallus rubicundus*. Small, color illustrations can be found on the web at the following URL:

<http://pluto.njcc.com/~ret/Roosevelt/fungilst.html>

To find the illustrations quickly, scroll to and select "Phallaceae" in the drop-down window near the top of the page. Then click the "GO" button next to the selected word. ■

Art Gallery at New York University from November 14, 2000 through January 27, 2001. A three-part series of gallery talks by the exhibition's co-curators will also be given.

FROM CAMPUS:

Kathleen Alfare, daughter of Carlo and Mary Alfare of Lake Drive, is playing flute for the Symphonic Wind Ensemble at Franklin & Marshall College. The ensemble will present four concerts during the year.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL:

Hannah Stinson appeared as Miss Marple in Agatha Christie's *Murder at the Vicarage*. Victoria Taylor was the stage manager.

The first issue of the high school newspaper, *The Ram Page*, was published at the end of October. Hannah Stinson is the editor, Molly Petrilla is features editor and Haley Reimbold is assistant features editor.

FROM KREPS SCHOOL:

Lyssa Cousineau will play Wendy in the upcoming performance of *Peter Pan* ■

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8	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton 443-5227
11	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 448-4440
17	Wed.	8 p.m.	RECYCL Environmental Commission Meeting, RPS, Chairman Rod Tulloss, 448-5096
18	Thurs.	9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.	RPS Winter Concert
19	Fri.		RPS - Pizza Day
23	Tues.	7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, President JoAnne Parker, 448-5619
25	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 448-4440 ■

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

2000-2001 SEASON

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 2000-2001 calendar of events, featuring a wonderfully varied array of readings and performances, concerts and exhibit of the works of Roosevelt artists.

All events, with the exception of the art exhibit, take place at the Borough Hall and will begin at 8:00 p.m. At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, just \$4.00 for students and seniors. This year, we will ask \$10/\$5.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and the Bulletin for additional details.

Exhibitions: Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission sponsored joint exhibitions of Roosevelt artists at two locations and a lecture by Dr. Arthur Shapiro.

Saturday December 2

The Landau Dante Suite with Commentary and an Interview by David Herrstrom. An exhibit of the seven prints in Jacob Landau's suite of illustrations to *Dante's Inferno*, including selected preliminary sketches. Dr. Herrstrom will interview the artist and comment on the drawings - an invitation to look.

Saturday January 6

Cheri Rose Katz, Roosevelt native mezzo-soprano, has embarked on what we expect to be a distinguished operatic career, most recently appearing in Mascagni's rarely performed opera *Zanetto*, with the New Jersey Association for Verismo Opera. She has also sung at Central City Opera, Sarasota Opera and Opera in the Hamptons. She will return to Roosevelt to present a varied and entertaining program of operatic arias, musical comedy numbers and songs.

Saturday February 3

The Ellarslie Trio After the string quartet, music for the trio of piano, violin and cello is the heart of the chamber music repertoire, with nearly every important composer since Haydn writing music for that combination. The Ellarslie Trio, with Roosevelt resident and RAP regular, Alan Mallach, piano, Erika Phillips, cello and Cindy Ogulnick, viola, will present a concert of classical and romantic music for a piano trio culminating in one of the unchallenged masterpieces of the trio repertoire, Johannes Brahms' magisterial Trio No. 1 in B Major.

Saturday March 3

An Evening of Poetry - Join the Roosevelt poets for an evening of "mud time" revelations, with musical accompaniment.

Friday & Saturday April 27 & 28

Roosevelt string Band - in concert. Back for its fourteenth annual concert, the Roosevelt string Band, featuring Paul Prestopino, David Brahinsky, Ed Cedar, Judy Trachtenberg and Howie Jacobson, will perform a wide variety of folk music to make you laugh, cry, think, reminisce, learn new songs and sing along with your favorites.

Saturday May 19

Computer Chamber Music - Join Roosevelt resident Brad Garton and his colleagues from the Columbia University Computer Music Center for an evening of relaxed "chamber music" created with new digital signal processing techniques and experimental music -performance interface technologies. Of particular interest will be a set of pieces using the ambient acoustic environment of Roosevelt Borough as a foundation for musical expression.

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REVIEW

"MICROLOGUES" - short dialogues by Judith McNally A Roosevelt Arts Project Event

Reviewed by Linda Silverstein

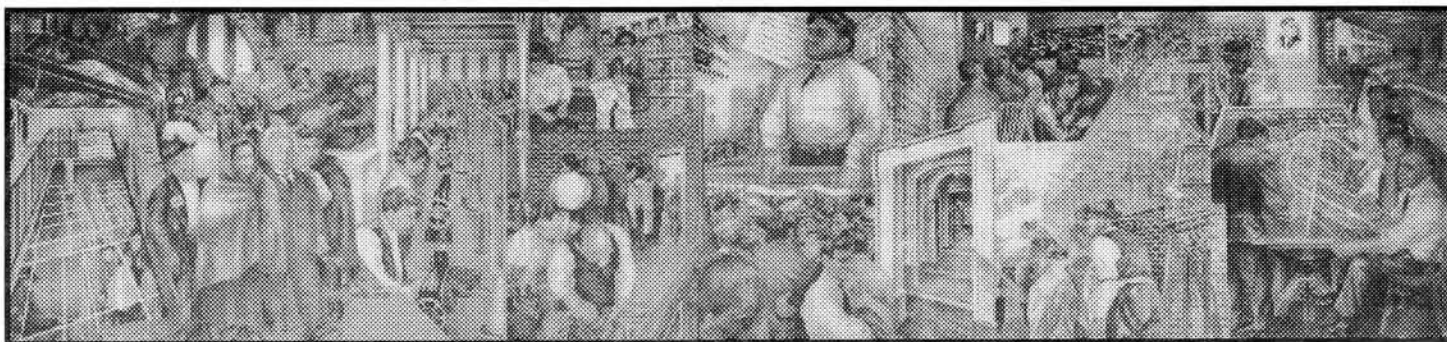
Conversation is a lost art (or so it's been said). Personally, I've always taken issue with that. For most of us, our world view is largely shaped by and through those little daily exchanges we have with others - at work, school, the grocery store and everywhere in between. Wouldn't you agree? Judith McNally's recent presentation of her work "Micrologues" proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the words we share are, at the least, informative and more often, very entertaining!!

On the evening of November 4th, in front of a packed "house" at the Boro Hall, Judith directed and appeared in the performance of her short dialogues and mini-plays. Joining her in three dozen or so poignant conversations were Michele Bautier (a former Broadway performer), David Herrstrom and David Brahinsky. Their four voices alone, without any set or props, were able to convey a whole host of feelings to an audience who was gathered to simply "listen." In fact, I believe a few of us closed our eyes at times to enhance that sense. We were all treated as well to the transient sounds of Brad Garton's comput-

er-generated music. He was responsible for the provocative musical interludes which carried us with ease from one dialogue to the next. David Brahinsky also made a musical mark with his chanting and sitar playing, as did Judith when she picked up her flute. Mr. Scott Carpenter joined in one piece entitled "Junk" to complete an evening of topics ranging from "Podiatry" to "Juice" and from "Wedding Dialogue" to "Swimming to Bali." Any topic seemed fair game for this very talented writer.

I left the Boro Hall that Saturday night feeling somehow lifted. Judith McNally has the uncanny ability to present even the most mundane of life's trappings in a very humorous and clever light. And she can do this, to boot, in just a matter of seconds or minutes, with each little story she tells. Hats off to a very talented writer and producer! We all look forward to more of Judith's works, in the form of "Micrologues," or any other. ■

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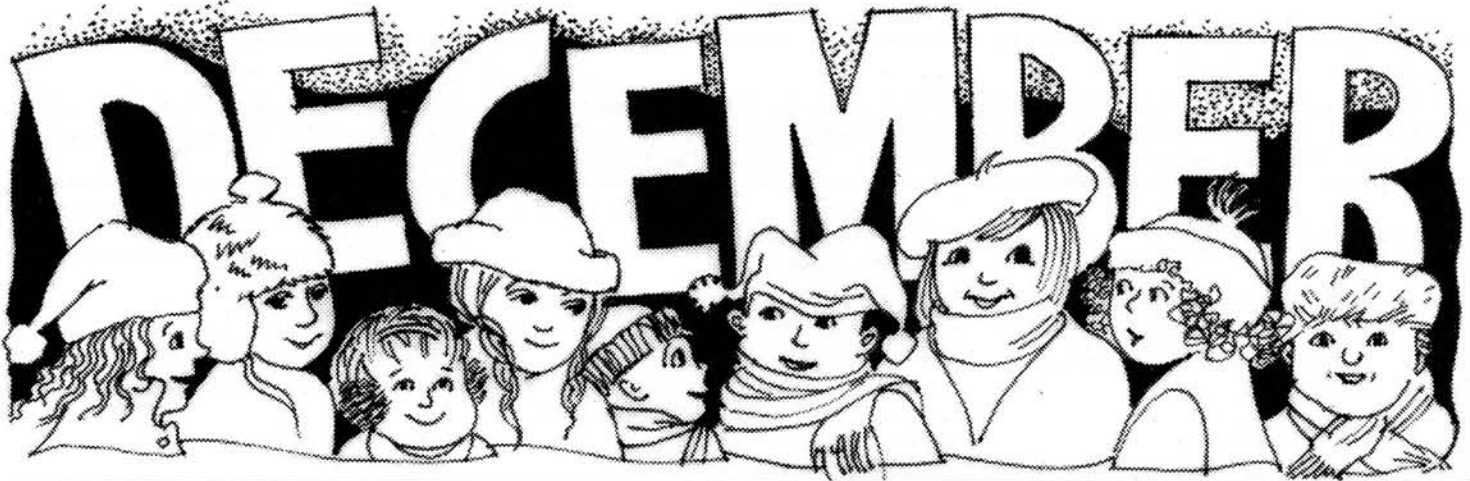
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| 2 | Sat. | 8 p.m. | RAP Program - "The Landau Dante suite", Borough Hall |
| 4 | Mon. | 7:30 p.m. | Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 443-5227 |
| 5 | Tues. | 12:30 p.m. | Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall |
| | | 1 p.m. | Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | First aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall |
| 6 | Wed. | | RECYCLE |
| | | 8 p.m. | Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Gail Hunton, 426-5619 |
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| 22 | Fri. | | RPS Four-hour Session - Winter Vacation Begins |
| 25 | | | Christmas Day |

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| 1 | Mon. | 7:30 p.m. | New Year's Day - Annual Reorganization Meeting, Borough Hall |
| 2 | Tues. | | RPS Winter Vacation ends - BACK TO SCHOOL! |
| | | 1 p.m. | Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall |
| | | 7:30 p.m. | First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall |
| 3 | Wed. | | RECYCLE |
| | | 8 p.m. | Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Gail Hunton, 426-4338 |
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