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Council clears garage ground breaking

By Bob Clark

A garage/utility building behind the Borough Hall came a step closer as the Borough Council authorized a contract allowing Mesa Contracting Inc. to break ground. Mesa had previously submitted the lowest competitive bid of \$16,205 to be paid with federal revenue sharing

funds. Town vehicles and equipment will be stored in the building.

Also at the regular council meeting Nov. 14, Building Inspector Peter Berlinrut announced that the store owners showed up on the date of a scheduled municipal court hearing on zoning and maintenance violations to make repairs. Broken and disused signs were removed, some concrete patch work was performed and several painting jobs were completed. A few violations remain, and another court date was scheduled for Nov. 19. Council Member Aaron Datz praised Berlinrut and Zoning Officer Paul Eichler for their successful enforcement efforts.

The council approved a public hearing for the borough's amended zoning ordinance at its next regular meeting Dec. 12. The amendments have been described in recent Bulletin articles and are incorporated in a new printing of the entire ordinance so that residents can find all zoning provisions in a single document. It is available for inspection at the Borough Hall.

At the agenda meeting Council Member Marilyn Magnes provided copies of a revised application to place Roosevelt on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Council Member Lou Esakoff praised the quality of the work

Roosevelt meeting set about Hightstown High

What's happening at Hightstown High School today? What's changed over the past few years? What about parent involvement? Programs? College and career guidance?

Some answers will be forthcoming Thursday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt Public School, from Constance Shally, a Hightstown High house leader and long-time Roosevelt resident.

Sponsored by the Roosevelt Board of Education, this informal meeting has been arranged to provide community members, especially parents of current high school and prospective high school students, an opportunity to find out about and become involved in the education of Roosevelt students in Hightstown High.

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Prestopino exhibit on; Bulletin seeks others

Gregorio Prestopino's water-colors are now on exhibit at the Midtown Galleries, 11 East 57th Street, New York City.

But why, you may ask, in a town with so many artists of every kind, is there so little of this sort of news of art and performances in the Borough Bulletin? No good reason, except that the Bulletin can't print what isn't known. We'd like to know more.

Residents and interested other folks aren't always aware which artist is having a show or which writer or composer has just had something newly published or performed, or who has just won an award or commission, or who is dancing or singing or acting somewhere, and so on.

If you have news about yourself or another artist of whatever sort, please drop a note to Freda Hepner. Be sure to include your phone number for confirmation of the news and any follow-up questions.

It also might be interesting for "art appreciators" in the community to share their experiences or books, plays, special exhibits and the like. Please help us keep everybody up to date on what is new.

As for the Prestopino show, it runs through Dec. 1. That's not much time left, but we came upon the news too late for the last issue. We'd like to serve Roosevelt and its artists better.

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Three cheers, and 25 reasons for the Art Fair

By David Herrstrom

I could tell you about the now famous savory chili that was cooking for days in preparation for the annual PTA-sponsored Roosevelt Art Fair, an SRO success Sunday, Nov. 18. Or I could detail the adventures of Sandra Orlando, Elly Shapiro, Judith Goetzmann, Sheila Jaeger, Laura Giordano, Nancy Warnick and Jan Terry, who with a host of helpers, some volunteer and some not, worked themselves ragged for months to make the fair seem an effortless celebration, like art itself.

Just try being casual about writing hundreds of invitations to participants, coordinating shifts at the admissions table and the cafeteria counter, building a score of flats, printing tickets, finding babysitters, arranging for the contribution of baked goods, and, at the last minute, dealing with the artists, a dozen of whom want the same spot, and finding the extension cord that's suddenly missing.

But I'm not going to tell these stories, because what this fine company of people sacrificed their nights and days and marriages for, apart from the profit which will benefit the children of our community, were the wonderfully wrought works themselves. Providing artisans with an opportunity to make part of their living, gave us the chance to observe, compare, and take home some finely made objects. Here was something for all tastes, all of it honest work.

Instead of relating stories of self-sacrifice, I offer a list of sights. The problem with lists, of course, is that you inevitably leave something out. But since I come after the definitive Book of Lists and the hilarious, magical unpublished grocery lists of Peter Vince,

which I hope will achieve a collected edition someday, I'll take my chances. Here, then, are 25 reasons why you should have been there, if you weren't, and why you should come next year:

1. The sinuous curve of the lip and handle of a single cup thrown by Ingrid Jordan.

2. Marcia Wilson's abundantly fleshed, chunky, anti-romantic "Mermaid."

3. Three cheers for the stalwart members of the Art Fair committee who said, "No kitsch."

4. Josette Altman's saxophone player, belting jazz out of a silent picture.

5. That dialogue of light and dark, flat and round, in the nudes of Andrea Lakin's photographs.

6. Those glowing colored-glass, soldered boxes that seem grown in a garden, not painstakingly made by Irene Brum.

7. Ralph Warnick's creature cartoons, one of which is the chief delight of my year-old nephew.

8. The interplay of veins in a leaf of that pen and ink "Begonia" by Jane Feldman.

9. Peter Berlinrut's book, The Colloquists, hand-crafted at the type-writer.

10. Here's to those who baked the cookies and cupcakes, tarts and pies.

11. The blue and green gestures, the yellow riff in George Greene's abstract acrylic, "Two Chairs."

12. One box fashioned by Michael V. Mack, which presents wood so boldly and with such integrity, cleanness and unadorned simplicity it is an accusation.

13. Praise to the committee providing "spatter-painting" for the kids.

14. The embossed aluminum-foil

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Halloween in Roosevelt Treat Trick

A chill in the air--laughter somewhere--a screech in the night--two black cats fight, but through it all the children call, "Trick or treat, trick or treat."

Halloween this year is done. For Roosevelt it was a safe and fun time. It was this way due to the conscientious efforts made by many citizens.

Stationed at major intersections and corners were people giving of their time and energy. At the corner of Rochdale Avenue and Pine Drive stood the fire engine like a beacon in the night, lights a-flashing. Volunteer firemen next to it directed traffic and let motorists know Roosevelt was going to be a safe place for Halloween. At the other end of Rochdale was the ambulance with the first-aiders on board. They also did their part in keeping Roosevelt safe.

To all those concerned people who helped make Halloween a delicious night, the Bulletin extends thanks.

Lynn Frank

The Monmouth County Bookmobile ran into some hobgoblins Halloween night. The van appeared at its usual haunt, the store parking lot, at the usual time, 7:15 p.m. But it didn't stay as long as usual.

Several young people - or hobgoblins impersonating children - pelted the van with eggs. The Bookmobile staff decided to leave quickly, though no one was hurt.

The bombardment thus deprived many adults and children of their biweekly opportunity to borrow books (and return those already read, which might be wanted in other Monmouth County communities).

Nobody was caught, so it's not known whether the vandals were Rooseveltians or out-of-town hobgoblins impersonating Rooseveltians. Ted Marton, Commissioner of Public Safety remarked that "the kids are not criminals, but they do need to be controlled." Overall, he said, it was an "exceptionally fine and mild Halloween."

J. Dulicai & H. Socholitzky



The bookmobile -- an appreciation

By Hortense Sochowitzky

Many years ago, in my high school days, I was enchanted by the book, Parnassus on Wheels, by Christopher Morley, that sometimes humorous, sometimes serious but always graceful essayist, novelist and book lover of the early 20th century.

Parnassus on Wheels is the fictional story of a marvellous, gentle man, Roger Mifflin, who travels around rural New England in a horse drawn wagon fitted out with shelves crammed full of every sort of book. Parnassus is the name of the wagon, hence Parnassus on Wheels. (Parnassus, I then discovered, was a mountain in Greece, and now is associated with any center of poetic or artistic activity.) The horse that draws Parnassus is Peg, short for Pegasus.

The purpose of all this was to bring books, old and new, to rural residents far from libraries and bookstores. Roger Mifflin not only sells books, he spreads philosophical and literary learning and love of reading. His adventures, literary and otherwise, left amusing and delightful memories.

When I first met the County Bookmobile in Roosevelt - with its well-

stocked shelves bearing a great variety of books to youthful and adult readers, and with its enthusiastic and helpful librarian, Gloria Williams - I remembered Parnassus on Wheels, and the joy it had given me in the 1920s.

The regular biweekly visits of the bookmobile haven't altered in my mind the aptness of my immediate association with Parnassus. The bookmobile continues to be a great boon to Roosevelt readers. True, those of us who are less than five feet tall have difficulty reaching the two top shelves. And should we also wear bi-focals, we can barely read the titles. But there's sure to be someone taller, with 20-20 vision, to help out.

Our local library, though skillfully managed, simply has fewer resources to draw on. It can't possibly furnish us with the variety of subjects and titles available through the bookmobile, for requests to Ms. Williams can be filled through not only the main county library in Freehold, but also the state library in Trenton. She'll get you practically anything, if it's still in print. Even Parnassus on Wheels. She got it for me.



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Senior citizen housing nears, backers organize

A small rental housing project in Roosevelt for senior citizens came several steps closer, said Edwin Rosskam: The Senior Citizens Corporation of Roosevelt's certificate of incorporation has been signed and delivered, and several committees have been chosen. These, and their chairpersons include: By-laws, Kurt Kleinman; Architect Search, Bernie Leefer; Site Selection, Ralph Seligman; Construction, Ed Schlinski; Project Management, Aaron Datz; Tenant Selection, Fay Libove; Publicity, Sol Libsohn. Chairman is Mayor Leon Barth.

At a meeting held Nov. 13 the members met to hear about other senior citizens housing projects, to help determine what's feasible for Roosevelt. William Short, a member of the architectural firm of Short and Ford of Princeton, and one of the designers of Lloyd Terrace on Harrison Street in Princeton, gave a slide lecture on that project. Plans to visit Lloyd Terrace and Community Village also in Princeton were made.

Another meeting at which other architects will be heard was set for Nov. 27.

The corporation asked all Roosevelt residents, even those who aren't interested now in occupying a senior citizens project, to fill out and return the questionnaires distributed recently. So that it doesn't have to act in isolation from the community, the corporation called for feedback on what residents think.

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Food co-op discussed meeting set for Dec. 11

By Andrea Lakin

Rose Murphy, of Valley Road, co-founder of a food co-op in Boonton, N.J. has volunteered to organize a food cooperative for Roosevelt residents. At a brief meeting on Nov. 14, Murphy and other interested residents discussed the possibilities of a co-op, and decided a general meeting should be held to match co-op plans with the town's needs. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall. There will likely be a guest speaker from a food co-op in New Brunswick. Interested residents are urged to attend. For further information please call Rose Murphy at 448-5802.

Senior citizens hear pharmacist's warning

By Helga Wisowaty

At the November meeting of the Senior Citizens Club, Morris Forer, a retired pharmacist, spoke about drugs. He said everyone should be aware of the danger in taking drugs without knowledge of the adverse reactions that can occur. His warning of the harmful interaction of many drugs was appreciated.

The annual holiday lunch will be held on Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. at Over the Bridge restaurant. The cost to members is \$2.50, to non-members \$5.15. Please call Fay Libove at 448-2270 for reservations.

A five-day trip to Wildwood, to include day long trips to Atlantic City and other places of interest is on the agenda for sometime in June.

Senior Citizens' January, February and March meetings will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon in the Borough Hall.

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Council clears garage ground breaking

by a group of private citizens who prepared the application. Datz, who helped prepare the application, explained that the approval process was still in its preliminary stages. Still to be prepared is an inventory of every house in the town.

While noting the advantages of placement on historic registers, the council declined to officially endorse the proposal until its precise impact could be determined through further study and a routine public hearing to be scheduled during the state approval process. Members were interested in learning whether inclusion would have an impact on the town's water and sewer funding applications. Council Member Ted Marton said that residents should be able to learn whether the listing would affect property rights or their ability to alter their houses.

The council instructed the Borough Attorney to prepare a lease for 2.5 acres of borough land along Route 571 to Frank Battel for use as pasture land by Footlight Farm (formerly Black Horse Farm). The pasture is fenced and was leased to a previous owner in return for his sale of the land to the borough. The new lease will run for 10 years at an annual rate of \$100 and require that the land be maintained as pasture.

The council approved Mayor Leon Barth's appointment of Faith Sherak Pañalver to be Deputy Borough Clerk. She will take over when Borough Clerk Liz Johnson is absent or on vacation. Esther Pogrebin was appointed Borough Affirmative Action Officer.

A parking ordinance introduced by Council Member Bill Counterman was approved for public hearing at the next regular council meeting. It will prohibit parking in front of the Borough Hall so that fire and first aid operations are not

impeded. The side parking lot should be expanded to accommodate more cars as work progresses on the new garage/utility building.

Counterman reported that a washed-out section of sewer line on North Valley Road had been replaced. He noted that destructive erosion resulted from faulty initial installation of sewer lines in some areas of town. A video study of the sewer lines is planned as part of the borough's water and sewer projects. Mayor Barth said he anticipates that approval of a grant for 75% of the cost of the study will soon come from the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Council Member Magnes announced at the agenda meeting that the library is planning a poetry reading and movie nights for the approaching winter. Magnes said that the library would welcome suggestions for other programs. Interested persons may contact Magnes at 448-6402. She also mentioned that the library needs a case to display interesting documents from Roosevelt's past.

The council approved a resolution calling on Congress to continue the federal revenue-sharing program. It also provided \$200, requested by Pogrebin, to reduce the cost to senior citizens of a seniors' luncheon on Dec. 9 at the Over-the-Bridge Inn.



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First aid squad drills, resumes lunch program

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad conducting its monthly training drill in addition to the normal emergency runs it makes, this time responded to a Lake Drive home to find a simulated accident - a woman burned in a gas stove explosion.

With less excitement, the squad resumed the lunch program with the help of others in the community. Homemade soup, sandwiches, and homemade desserts are available to teachers and school children, construction workers, residents and others in the area at noon-time who wish to patronize the squad.

But the squad's Hoagie Day sale wasn't as successful as in previous autumns. Still, a goodly number of meatball and delicatessen hoagies were sold.



Maline Monk
Nancy Warnick
Beth Johnson

POETRY AND JAZZ PERFORMANCE

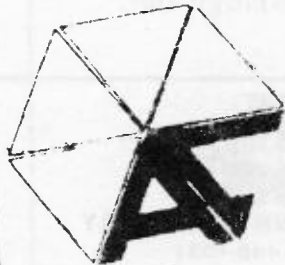
Laurie Altman will play jazz in and around the poems of David Herrstrom and Rod Tulloss Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Borough Hall.

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Learning to be an audience, or a performer

Dear Friends,

This is the last issue of the Bulletin before the school's winter recess. That seems difficult to believe!

This year we are having a rather extensive assembly program in the school. We will be having performers come to our school and the children will also be presenting their own programs.

There are a number of reasons for such a program. We'd like to present the children with as wide an exposure to the performing arts as possible. While they probably watch a great deal of television, many of them do not get a chance to see live concerts, plays or dance performances. This is an opportunity to familiarize them with these different performing arts.

It is also an opportunity for us to help them learn how to be a responsible and responsive audience. You'd probably be surprised to know that children really have to be taught to be audience members.

This year we've already had a rhythm and dance assembly performed by the Learning Guild, a ballet demonstration and performance by the Garden State Ballet Company and a jazz concert performed by Laurie Altman and three other musicians. Each performance involves children in a number of ways.

The children will also feel what it means to be performers. They will be presenting programs which they will practice in class. This gives them a chance to demonstrate their talent and an opportunity to empathize with other performers.

On Thursday, Dec. 20 at 8 p. m. there will be a winter concert in the school. All the children will be involved and you are all invited to attend.

Although you will be reading this a month after Halloween, I'm writing it the week after and feel that some men-

tion of the damage done around this holiday is necessary. In addition to the soaping of windows and the unpleasantness of the messages left us, a number of windows were broken (one of which, a plexiglass panel, was burned until it shattered.) It has cost the school around \$400 for replacements. I'm sure most of you keep your children home on "vandalism night" (called "mischief night" by misguided child advocates). It would be a great community service if next year, we could keep all of our children home. It has been unpleasant to come to school each morning to find another window broken.

Aside from that, school has been progressing well. Most of our classes have gone on at least one field trip and our third, fourth and fifth graders have already been on four field trips in conjunction with their social studies project. Parent conferences will have been held by the time you read this and this always gives us a chance for important personal contact with parents.

Reminder: With the weather becoming increasingly inclement, please be extremely careful delivering your children to school and picking them up. Please tell them not to cross between parked cars and to wait for you at the curb.

Lew Gantwerk



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Art Fair

tondo, "Summer Meadow," by Elizabeth Monath, and her blue cats as true as your dreams.

15. The wooden box by Rozinante that invited me to caress its handle, climb in and curl up and not escape to make this list.

16. Praise to the people who stay late and clean up while I make lists.

17. The rhythm of elk horns in Stefan Martin's wood engraving.

18. The rough-surfaced invention of Naomi Brahinsky's pottery pocket for flowers.

19. Those Basque-like gentlemen with their mouths open, standing mute below that astounding variety of woodcut textures in the letters of Peter Vince's "Alphabet."

20. Dazzlingly translucent colors shouting from Jacob Landau's "Isaiah."

21. A sculpted head by Jon Shahn that demands you walk around it.

22. Prestopino's joyous red nudes frolicking around Aaron Datz's simple bowls and vases.

23. Huzza! Huzza! for that member of the committee who thought of free babysitting - and especially for those who did it.

24. The chorus of threads in an Elly Bermowitz tapestry.

25. Bernarda Bryson's luminous, hovering eggs that accosted me from across the room as I first entered and followed me from then on like companions wherever I went.

Such are the reasons you should have come to the Art Fair that I happen to remember, but there are many more, such as...But of the making of lists there is no end. If you don't find these objects next year, you'll certainly find others, and you can at least say you heard from one who saw these wondrous sights.

Our trip to the museum

(Andi Berlin's first grade class is interested in involving the Borough Bulletin in their project on communication. The class submitted the following essay and wanted to see how it got into print. We thought you might enjoy seeing their essay, too. - The Bulletin Staff.)

By the Roosevelt First Grade

We went to the Monmouth Museum to study communication. We saw telephones with push buttons that were faster than the ones you dial. We saw an electronic blackboard that when you wrote on it, it appeared on a TV screen. We saw a movie about space. We even saw the first colored TV. On the way back to school some of us fell asleep on the bus.

We had a fun day.

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Teachers pact ratified; payments voted

The contract with the Roosevelt Teachers Association for the school years 1979-1980 and 1980-1981 has been ratified. The Board of Education at its regular meeting Nov. 13, approved sending the following letter to the president of the Teachers Association:

"In accordance with the agreement between the negotiating teams of the Roosevelt Board of Education and the Roosevelt Teachers Association, the Board of Education agrees to pay the Learning Consultant an additional \$300 per year for the 1979-1980 school year, and the 1980-1981 school year."

Following ratification of the contract and new pay scale the board appointed the following persons at those salaries: Louise Kelly as speech therapist, 2/5 B.A. scale, step 3 or \$3,931.42 prorated for 8.5 months; Jane Stronstorff, 2/5 B.A. scale, step 9 or \$1,218.53 for 16.5 days including 2.5 sick days, from Sept. 1, 1979 to Oct. 17, 1979; Patricia Ball, social worker, 1/20 B.A. scale, step 3 or \$578.15; and Carol Mathews, nurse, 1/5 B.A. scale, step 2 or \$2,242.60.

The board also approved several new substitute teachers: Virginia Formidoni, Mary Dalglish, William Dalglish, Wayne Dexheimer, Laura Meyer and Kathleen Hawthorne who is the school's kindergarten teacher. Laura Meyer was also approved as substitute nurse. The board authorized paying \$20.00, the substitute certificate fee, for Hawthorne.

The board approved spending up to \$1,500 for Principal Gantwerk to attend the National Association of School Administrators Convention in Anaheim, Calif., Feb. 12 - 18, 1980. The board and Gantwerk are particularly interested in a three-day session on "Creative Management of Small School Districts."

Bids will be accepted at a special meeting Dec. 4 for transportation of one student from Roosevelt to the Mercer County Special Services School district.

Until bids are received and a contract awarded, it was agreed that this one student be transported by Anderson Bus Service at the rate of \$65.00 per day, retroactive to Oct. 30, 1979.

Discussion was held on the problem of vandalism, and alarm systems to control it. Several proposals were considered, but a decision wasn't reached. Attention was called to the letter sent to all residents by George Katz, board president.

Although the State Education Department won't inform school districts of budget caps for the 1980-1981 budget until Dec. 1, preliminary discussion of the budget was to have been held in Roosevelt on Nov. 27. (too late for inclusion in this issue - Ed.) The public was invited to attend, but not to participate.



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 8 p. m. Borough Bulletin staff meeting - B. Johnson's home

December

- 2 Sunday, 9 a. m. -11:30 a. m. Sisterhood/Youth Group Breakfast & Gift Shop
 Congregation Anshei Roosevelt
- 3 Monday, 8 p. m. Deborah meeting - Borough Hall
- 5 Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Senior Citizens meeting - Borough Hall
5 Bulletin staff meeting
- 8 Saturday, 8 p. m. Early Borough Bulletin copy deadline to J. Dulicai
 Poetry/Jazz - Borough Hall
- 10 Monday, 8 p. m. Borough Council agenda meeting - Borough Hall
- 11 Tuesday, 12:30 p. m. R. P. S. early closing
 8 p. m. School Board meeting - R. P. S.
- 11* 8 p. m. Food Co-op meeting - Borough Hall
- 12 Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p. m. Bookmobile - store parking lot
12 8 p. m. Borough Council meeting - Borough Hall
 Late Borough Bulletin copy deadline to J. Dulicai
- 13 Thursday, 8 p. m. High School meeting, Connie Shally speaker
 R. P. S.
- 14 Friday, p. m. Happy Chanukah - 1st candle
- 16 Sunday, 7 p. m. Chanukah party - Congregation Anshei
- 17* Monday, 8 p. m. Planning Board Meeting - Borough Hall
- 18 Tuesday, 9:30 a. m. M. C. O. S. S. - Borough Hall
- 20* Thursday, 8 p. m. Winter Music Program - R. P. S.
- 24 Monday - Jan. 1 R. P. S. closed - winter vacation
- 25 Tuesday Merry Christmas

The cookie—you gotta hand it to 'em

By Beth Johnson

The approaching holiday season is treat time and what better treat than something good to eat. The cookie is traditionally associated with the holidays. A sweet that fits the hand, a finger food, an ornament, a good-luck charm - the cookie takes many shapes and endless flavorings. Here are some of my favorite recipes.

Old-Fashioned Walnut Balls

1 cup butter or margarine	1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup brown sugar	2 cups finely chopped walnuts
1 tsp. vanilla	Powdered sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour	

Cream butter, brown sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Sift flour and salt together and add to creamed mixture. Mix well to make a soft dough. Stir in walnuts. Pinch off pieces of dough the size of a walnut and shape into balls. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet at 375° F 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet with spatula, cool slightly to prevent cookies from crumbling when handled, then roll in powdered sugar. Makes 4 dozen balls.

Candy Cane Cookies

1 cup shortening (half butter, half margarine)	2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup sifted confectioners sugar	1 tsp. salt
1 egg	1/2 tsp. red food coloring
1 1/2 tsp. almond extract	1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy
1 tsp. vanilla	1/2 cup granulated sugar

Heat oven to 375°. Mix shortening, sugar, egg and flavorings thoroughly. Mix flour and salt. Stir into shortening mixture. Divide dough in half. Blend food coloring into one half. Roll a 4 inch strip (using 1 tsp. dough) from each color. For smooth, even strips, roll them back and forth on lightly floured board. Place strips side by side, press lightly together and twist like rope. For best results, complete cookies one at a time. If all the dough of one color is shaped first, strips become too dry to twist. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Curve top down to form handle of cane. Bake about 9 minutes or until lightly browned. While still warm, remove from baking sheet with spatula and sprinkle with mixture of candy and sugar. Makes about 4 dozen canes.

Sour Cream-Nut Cookies

1/3 cup shortening	1/2 tsp. salt
2/3 cup sugar	1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1 egg	1/2 cup commercial sour cream
1 2/3 cups flour	1/2 cup finely chopped nuts
1 tsp. baking powder	1 tbsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. baking soda	1/4 tsp. nutmeg

Heat oven to 400°. Mix shortening, 2/3 cup sugar, and egg thoroughly. Stir dry ingredients together. Blend into shortening-sugar mixture alternately with sour cream. Stir in nuts. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet. Flatten with greased bottom of glass dipped in sugar. Mix 1 tbsp. sugar and nutmeg, sprinkle on top of cookies. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.


Will the seltzer-man cometh?

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Consider seltzer: Half of the spritzer, an adult softdrink. Or the 2-cents plain, 5-cent egg cream at the corner store. The soft swoosh of a whisky-and-soda mixed in the paneled club room by a barman, not a bartender. Or the playful squirt of the circus clown, the baggy-pants burlesque comedian.

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On reading, libraries... and the Holocaust

By Freda Hepner

I am a compulsive reader. It is an addiction that I have hidden for many years. My children know about it. In fact, I began to realize my need for printed "fixes" when feeding the babies in the middle of the night. As each little one, in turn, slurped away in the 2 a. m. stillness, I devoured whatever newspapers, circulars, scrap paper with print, that was strewn around my rocker.

Later, when they were toddlers who could not bear the idea of an idle mommy, I would stand at the kitchen sink, the tap running and a book surreptitiously perched on the window sill behind the geranium. Family gossip says that I have often devoured the cereal box messages in a pinch - but that is a gross exaggeration. My children, now young adults, blame me for their own addiction to the printed word. I could hold my mother equally responsible for my problem. However, I am too mature for that!

Public libraries are obviously very valuable to someone like me. Before I moved to Roosevelt, I made sure that my special needs would be filled here. The library collection, small as it is, apparently reflects the interests of the community's readers. There are, of course, the works of Roosevelt authors. There are histories of utopian experiments, labor unions and their leaders. A high percentage is books written during and about the 1930s and 40s. Sociologists might draw some conclusions from this concentration on the volatile period of Roosevelt's beginnings. Psychohistorians might discourse learnedly about a small band of pioneers alienated from their natural habitat, seeking contact through books with others of similar ideals. However the library might be

viewed, it is valuable for Rooseveltians like me who have anxiety attacks when separated from book collections.

I have just finished reading Helen Epstein's Children of the Holocaust (Conversations with Sons and Daughters of Survivors), a G.P. Putnam's Sons publication. At the risk of sounding like a commercial, this is the best book relating to the Nazi extermination plan for Jews that I can imagine. People have read and wept over the reports of the atrocities both in documented accounts and in the media. Thirty years after the war there were still very strong reactions to the televised adaptation of Green's The Holocaust, in many countries. Nevertheless, Epstein's book, which describes the effect of that period on the children of the survivors, was the saddest and most moving.

Epstein interviewed young people in the U.S., Canada, Israel and Brazil. The physical and psychological horrors perpetrated against their parents has left permanent scars with all of them. It is the saddest of books because it reminds us that Nazism did not end on V. E. Day, but reverberates "unto the next generation." I think it's important for us to read and try to understand the long term universal effect of these horrors. Perhaps, we will try a little bit harder to prevent a "next time."

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Whither Roosevelt? A consensus develops

By Peter Berlinrut

Over the years I have listened to considerable talk about the problems that face our town and what might be the likeliest remedies or solutions. Perhaps the subject most often mentioned is house taxes and their galloping increase over the years. My guess is that they have quadrupled in the past twenty or twenty-five years. Another frequent topic (closely associated with the aforementioned) is: should we encourage in every way possible the building of more homes? How big should the town be? Another recurring matter is: what is with our utilities? What do we have to do to keep them reliable? Seldom is the year when some upset resident doesn't appear before the council with an indignant protest against the rusty water. And there is the more recent concern with the proper maintenance of the environment, especially our prized green-acres commons.

In a way, much of this talk reached a head in the past year or so when the Planning Board and members of the public (which was always invited and welcomed to its sessions) discussed the Land Use Plan and the changes in the Zoning Code. We had to formulate a Land Use Plan to satisfy a state requirement and while we were doing it we thought it might be just as well to recast our Zoning Code to be in closer harmony with the former. The result was that much of what I had heard privately over the years came out in public. Everybody had his or her say. Under the guidance of Chairman Ralph Seligman, who did his best to steer the discussions along fruitful lines, all sides were heard. I think it is true to say we reached a rough consensus about several matters. There might be a difference of opinion as to just what this consensus was so I emphasize that the version I

give here is strictly my own and speaks for no one but me.

One of the genuine boons of consensus is that it usually lops off and casts away the more unworkable extremist views. That was what happened in our sessions. At the outset there was some nebulous idea that we could ease our tax burden by encouraging the building of more and more houses and spreading the load over a greater number of bearers. That turned out not to be true. I (and others) did a little reading on the subject and learned it was more complicated than that. First, the new houses would have to be costlier than the average of the existing ones so that what they put into the pot in the form of taxes was more than what they took out in the form of expenses. Secondly, our present utilities such as school, water, sewers, roads would have to be adequate to service a given number of new houses. The moment we had to spend money for new or added utilities, the bargain would sour. That was only the beginning. The subject is complex and doesn't permit facile or obvious conclusions. I rather think that those who had held the belief that more and more homes would automatically lighten our tax load, had to modify if not abandon their notion.

Then there was an opposed kind of extremism which also fell by the wayside. It held the outlook that we were already an ideal community for the amount and kind of land we occupy and that the right course was to discourage more and more homes. One indignant resident told me once, "I don't want to live in another hideous Twin Rivers mess." The idea was that we were to become a kind of walled city, jealously guarding our little Utopia and keeping out the alien hordes. I think the consensus we reached rejected this extreme as much as the other. It was pointed out

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that we had been adding houses at the rate of two or two-and-a-half average per year for the past thirty years and that this increase had not undermined or overwhelmed whatever attractive aspects we had as a community. Whatever problems haunt us now, are not the result of hasty or excessive expansions. Nor is it a fact that so many builders are pounding at our door for permission to flood us with new houses that we have to take active measures to keep them out.

And I would guess that the consensus in town today would not close the door to a modest retirement or low income housing project proportionate to our size and number. This is in line with the contemporary trend which frowns on communities that try to keep out the intrusive world. We have every right to defend the integrity of our homes and environment but that doesn't extend as far as slamming a door shut tight to everything and everyone that would like to join and live with us. All in all, I would say that the developing consensus in town is headed in the right direction and that we won't be stampeded down any false road. As one candidate for the council said last year, "I believe in controlled growth."



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Roosevelt Road-Runner meets Officer Coyote

By Bob Clark

The Roosevelt Road-Runner came upon Etra Road by way of Hightstown's road construction detour. That's how he came upon the Coyote - and some hard times.

By day a law-abiding performer of bureaucratic tasks for the state of New Jersey, the Road-Runner apparently metamorphosed late afternoon when he crossed the border from Hightstown into East Windsor. This is the story of his descent into the nether world of criminality.

It began with a curse as a van towing another vehicle got ahead of him before he turned onto Etra Road to cross the bridge over the Turnpike. He had to get to his lair in Roosevelt fast or be chastised for working late.

The van driver with his heavy cargo must have sensed the evil behind him. Slowed to 15 mph. by the drag of the towed vehicle as he climbed the Turnpike bridge, the van driver pulled nearly off the road in the apparent hope that he would be passed.

The Roosevelt Road-Runner waited until they reached the top of the Turnpike bridge. The sun still shone brightly this early October day, and no oncoming car appeared. And so the Road-Runner ran. His speedometer shot up, up, up...to 20 mph. Beep, beep! He crossed the double yellow line with abandon, as the van eased back into its lane. If an oncoming auto going 120 mph. had rounded the bend 3 + football field lengths ahead with Wonder Woman alongside to help it stay on the road, it could have ended his spree. He passed anyway, in five seconds. But before the critter had attained 30 mph., justice descended. Why Officer, what big teeth you have! Why it's...it's...yes. Officer Coyote.

Officer Coyote and his colleagues were

determined to ensure that law and order prevailed in this part of town. Sure it was safe near the fortress-like police headquarters, and the numerous officers had long since pacified the wild Twin Rivers bunch that had threatened this tranquil suburb. Only one menace remained: the Roosevelt and Millstone commuters.

You had to be clever to catch them-- set up just before Hightstown in the morning with your trunk up or hide behind bushes watching the 571 traffic. In the evening you could spy on the distant Turnpike bridge from behind the trees in Mach Park. It was especially difficult at the end of the month because these commuters were shrewd and suspected that you had to have a good number of tickets to impress the Chief and make detective; so they were on their guard.

Occasionally you would pounce on an East Windsor resident--whoops! Well, a warning will suffice. But the Roosevelt/Millstone pack - that's another matter. Sterner measures were required or they might get the impression that they could pass over East Windsor roads without supporting the East Windsor tax base. Besides, they had no say in the East Windsor police budget..

It was no use setting up on the stretch of road in Etra itself. You had to wait much too long before a really punk driver sped there. Most Rooseveltians and Millstoners claimed that they were "decent folk" and drove carefully through Etra where houses are close to the road and children cross frequently. On either side of Etra, however, you could always count on a certain number of commuters to go eight mph. over the 40 mph. speed limit, especially on a downgrade or in the rural areas. Beep, beep.

And there was always the double yellow gambit, like now! Let's listen in as the

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Roosevelt Road-Runner

Road-Runner encounters Officer Coyote. OFFICER COYOTE (OC) (After viewing license with the notorious Roosevelt address, state car registration and outdated insurance card): "You went over the yellow line."

ROOSEVELT ROAD-RUNNER (RRR): "Yes, because the guy was towing and was pulling over and going real slowly."

OC: (His answer ready) "It doesn't matter; you can't go over the line; I'll be back." (Ten minutes later, after writing summons) "Did you find another insurance card?"

RRR: "Look, this is a state car, and they haven't given me another yet. The state is insured."

OC (Sternly): "The card is the responsibility of the driver."

If this were a serious movie instead of just a cartoon, can't you see Eric von Stroheim spitting out that line?

"Ze kard ist ze responsibility..."

RRR (Sensing that his fate was already sealed and so suddenly filled with bravado): "Look, you wrote me up on the other and didn't even bother to notice that I passed a towing van going real slowly. I'll see you in court on that one."

OC (As though he might have been nicer if "R" wasn't so smart): "You'll see me in court on another one too." (Ten minutes later again, a summons for failure to display current insurance card.)

The officer returned to the patrol car and triumphantly zipped off toward a well-deserved rest. The Rooseveltian was left to contemplate the cardboard fruits of his conduct.

Rehabilitation? Deterrence? The Rooseveltian frostily resolved to pass all stalled or towing vehicles, yellow line or not, so long as it was safe. And he planned to chew out that motor vehicle coordinator for forgetting to send

him a current insurance card: What a looney tune! And a merry malady,

(Editor's Note - The Roosevelt Road Runner, at the municipal court hearing Nov. 15, was found not guilty of an insurance card violation, but guilty of a double-yellow-line violation. He was fined \$10 and \$10 court costs, which the Road Runner considers a saving of \$10. Seems you can beep city hall after all.

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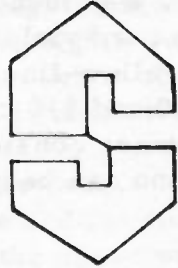
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What persists? Red water, hunters and dogs

By Arthur Shapiro

World and national issues are ever-changing. As a student taking Public Speaking, I remember debating such questions as: Should Red China be admitted to the UN? Should 18-year-olds be given the right to vote? Should the draft be abolished? Should there be federal aid to education? It seems that on the national and international levels, issues get settled. But what about the local level?

I thought it would be interesting to review some of the minutes of the council and see what some of the major complaints have been over the years:

October 1951 - George Levinson questioned the council regarding the rusty condition of the water;

August 1965 - Howard Prezant questioned the council as to "why there had been so much discolored water recently."

July 1965 - In answer to complaints, the council awarded a contract to have the roads repaired and promised strong enforcement of the dog ordinance.

November 1965 - One councilman stated that he had received "many calls from citizens concerned about the safety hazard created by hunters within the borough limits."

January 1966 - A citizen living in the estates asked for police protection at the corner of North Valley Road and Farm Lane because of "hunters and wild dog packs."

March 1966 - The council announced that a dog warden would be in town sporadically and at unpredictable hours to solve the problem of dogs running loose.

January 1968 - The council asked the residents to "please not let their dogs run loose because the streets of Roosevelt are badly littered by spilled garbage and blown papers."

October 1968 - Members of the community complained to the council regarding the condition of Route 571 and of dogs running loose.

September 1969 - The council, in answer to prior complaints, increased the fines for violation of the dog ordinance and agreed to repair Robbinsville Road.

August 1970 - There have been several complaints about dogs running loose. The council announced that a new dog catcher had been hired and that he would make unscheduled visits through the community.

April 1971 - Dave Irwin appealed to the council to please take action, "...because the dog menace has become unbearable."

I sometimes think that if my Public Speaking class had debated Roosevelt issues, I'd still be in college.



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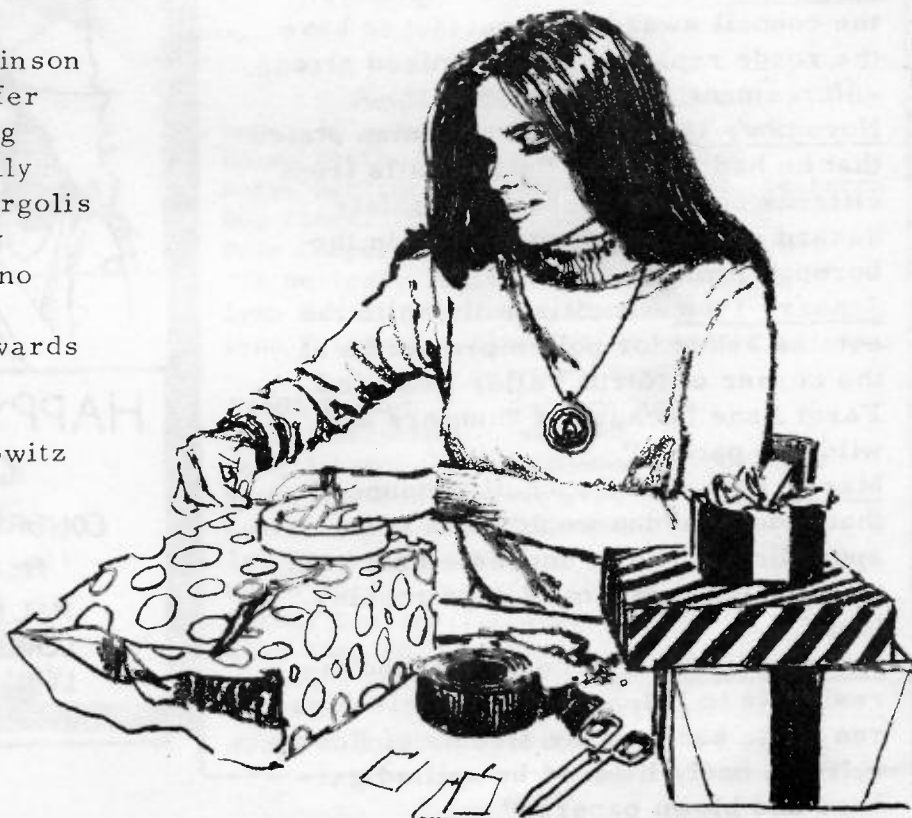
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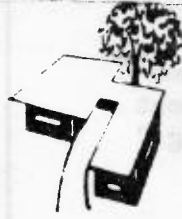
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BARTH WINS 64.5% OF VOTES; TURNOUT HEAVY

By Bob Clark and Jim Dulicai

Roosevelt voters signed up, turned out, and reelected Leon Barth mayor, culminating a door-knocking, hand-shaking campaign that ended with a flurry of increasingly accusatory literature.

Barth received 287 votes to 158 for Ralph Seligman, a 64.5% majority. That total of 445 votes indicates eight people abstained from choosing either candidate, as 453 of Roosevelt's 584 registered voters went to the polls. The heavy turnout--77.6%--exceeded even the 62.3% showing in the primary. Since that June balloting, another 85 voters had been registered.

Many voters crossed party lines to reelect Barth. Having lost the Democratic primary to Seligman, while receiving three G.O.P. write-ins, Barth ran this time on the Republican line. But he explained, "I did not change my party affiliation," and indeed he got almost 200 more votes than any other candidate on the Republican side.

All the other winners in Roosevelt voting were on the Democratic side. Running unopposed for Borough Council, Jan Terry got 307 votes, or 67.8% of the turnout, while Leslie Weiner got 275, or 60.7%. Write-in votes for Council included three for Dave Bulkin, two for Ed Schlinski, and one each for Sue Hepner, Carl Johnson, Bruce Lakin, Tanya Martin and Nancy Warnick.

For the state legislature, Democrats Joseph R. Malone III got 231 votes and Vincent D'Elia 237 to 87 and 81, respectively, for Republicans Clifford W. Snedeker and H. James Saxton, and

14 for Socialist Labor Party candidate Paul Ferguson. John R. Fiorino beat out Jane G. Clayton 240 to 89 for county clerk, and Roger J. Kane topped Joseph A. Palaia 239-68 for the Board of Freeholders, two other Democratic victories.

On the public questions, Roosevelt voters endorsed by a vote of 265 to 91 the Road Rehabilitation Bond Issue, which may provide state aid for Roosevelt's ailing roads. That was a 74.4% majority, wider than the 63.5% margin of approval (221-127) for the Higher Education Facilities Construction Bond Issue. Apparently still more popular is Sunday shopping, favored by a 314-47 (or 87%) majority.

Of the results in the mayoralty contest, Barth praised: "the enthusiasm" of his supporters as "beyond belief. It was really a group effort," he said, adding: "I am optimistic about the town's future. We have a lot of qualified people, and I will work hard to earn the support of the voters."

Seligman said he was glad to have participated and will serve out his term as Planning Board chairman. He repeated his concerns about financial obligations for water and sewer projects and stressed that "all should be involved in the decision-making process." Of his candidacy he remarked, "It's important to raise issues. People either respond to them or they don't."

Said Terry: "I have been doing my homework by attending agenda and Council meetings since the primary, and I will be ready to go to work in January."

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Weiner, who previously promised to be a "growling bear" on the council overseeing outlays, said he looked forward to serving. He summed up the campaigning: "We had a good, tough mayoral race where the issues were thoroughly aired. I think we're all better informed about what we face, and the new Council and the Mayor will have to meet our needs. The town will be watching."

CORRECTION

Something went wrong with the October issue of the Bulletin. In case you couldn't figure it out, the headline over the Principal's letter had nothing to do with Lew Gantwerk's actual letter. We haven't figured out how we went wrong, but in any case apologies to Lew for having made him appear to ask something he didn't, and apologies to our readers for the confusion.

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