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Homestead Lane Road Repairs to Include Sewer Line Replacement; Cody Parker Resigns from the Council

by Michael Ticktin

At the February 25 meeting of the Borough Council, Mayor Peggy Malkin announced that Councilman-elect Cody Parker, who had not yet been sworn in for the new term to which he was elected, had notified the Mayor and Council that he would not take office for personal and business reasons. Since Mr. Parker was elected as a Democrat, the municipal Democratic committee, which consists of Mayor Malkin and Councilman Mike Hamilton, has 15 days from the date of the municipal Clerk's receipt of a letter from Mr. Parker to nominate three candidates. The Council then has 30 days to select a replacement from among those three candidates, to serve until a new election is completed in November. The Council passed a resolution accepting Mr. Parker's resignation with regret.

In a related action, Mayor Malkin appointed Councilman Luke Dermody to replace Mr. Parker as a member of the Environmental Commission. He was also designated by the

Council as liaison to the Commission. In accepting these appointments, Mr. Dermody expressed interest in working on improvement of the Woodland Trail and putting in benches along the way.

The Council also passed a resolution authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, the Borough's engineer, to include replacement of certain sewer pipes under Homestead Lane as part of the road replacement project on Homestead Lane, Elm Court and Cedar Court that had been previously approved. This resolution was approved in response to a letter from Roberts Engineering explaining why replacement of sewer mains is simpler and less expensive than replacement of water mains. By replacing both water and sewer mains in conjunction with ongoing reconstruction of the streets under which they are located, the Borough will eventually replace all water and sewer lines in systems that are now nearly 85 years old.

Roosevelt Board of Education Circulates Petition to Save District's State Funding

by Rick Pressler

The Roosevelt Board of Education is circulating a petition urging Governor Murphy to support funding bills introduced by the Borough's state legislators, Senator Sam Thompson and Assemblymen Ron Dancer and Rob Clifton, that would ensure that Roosevelt and other school districts that meet certain criteria receive at least as much state aid in the current school year (2018-2019) as they did in the previous year. The current state education budget begins

the phasing out of state aid to Roosevelt and some other districts over the next several years.

As introduced last summer, Assembly Bill A4245 and the identical Senate Bill S2815 provide a supplemental appropriation from the Property Tax Relief Fund to the Department of Education to provide additional aid to Millstone,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 42nd edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. There will be ten issues running from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Submission Process

The Bulletin welcomes submissions for news items, information of local interest, letters to the editor, poetry, and visual arts. We ask all contributors to adhere to the following submission guidelines:

- Send your submission to the email rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com. For short messages, you can also use the contact form on our web site, which will go to the same address.
- Send your submission as a Microsoft Word attachment or as plain text within the body of your email.
- Please limit your letters to 500 words (about one page in MS Word). We will edit letters for length when necessary. Longer letters may be published in full on the Bulletin web site.
- Please include images as separate files. If you have multiple files, please put them into a zip file, if possible. Please submit only JPEG images.
- The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication (e.g., January 15 for the February issue). Submissions received after the 15th will normally be printed in the issue following the one currently in production. (So, for example, a submission received on January 16th would be printed in March.)
- Most submissions will also be added to the Bulletin web site. Allow up to one week for submissions to appear online after publication of the print edition.
- Please name your files with your last name, or the name of your organization, and the month.

It's natural that people have second thoughts about what they've written, but we want to discourage multiple submissions of the same thing, whenever possible. When this is necessary, the revised version should be clearly named as a revision.

The Bulletin board members are thrilled to see that people are utilizing the Bulletin as a forum for communicating about our community's most critical issues. And it is impressive that Roosevelt has supported this publication for so many decades by contributing both financially and intellectually. We are committed to providing you with the best publication possible—your support of our submission guidelines will enable our volunteers to most effectively meet that goal.

The MEALS ON WHEELS program delivers prepared meals to Roosevelt seniors who need this assistance. Though meals are provided free of charge to recipients, the cost to the program is \$2.50 per meal. Donations to help cover these costs may be sent to Interfaith Neighbors, 810 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

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An archive of all past issues of the Bulletin can be found online at www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm, courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org, the official website of the Borough Bulletin. To have the Bulletin sent to you by email, please send your request to rpessler32@gmail.com.

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From the Mayor

by Peggy Malkin

Editor's Note: This article should have appeared in the February issue, but was omitted due to an editing error.

Happy New Year Everyone,

2019 is here, a new year, and with it brings many possibilities. There is hope for a healthy happy year, a productive year, and a more peaceful year. I believe these are universal hopes.

Your local government is working hard to ensure that we will have a productive peaceful year in town.

We have a new council that has begun. Returning to the table are Mike Hamilton and Joe Trammell, two long-time councilmen. Also returning are Cody Parker and Steve Bowen, who have served for more than a year and ten months respectively. New this year are Luke Dermody and Lou Esakoff.

These six people have a wide and diversified background, each with different experiences, skill sets, ages, and more.

I am confident this will ensure an interesting, thorough, and successful running of the town. These residents are dedicated, conscientious, council members.

We also have a wonderful support staff.

Our Public Works Department is a professional expert team, who has tended to all the physical work in Roosevelt.

And, of course, as anyone who has ever called or walked into Borough Hall knows, a friendly, excellent, administration staff awaits. They are able to address any issue or concern you may have.

Many projects are in the works for 2019.

I'm sure everyone has noticed that the former gas station has been razed. Very shortly, council will be discussing various options for the land.

You may have seen our new illuminated signs in front of the Borough Hall. I think it's a lovely much-needed introduction to Roosevelt. We have also illuminated the mosaic on the wall there, as well.

The Public Works Building has been vastly improved, with a new roof, new paint, and the unsightly structure blocking it, removed. A few more issues need to be resolved and then it will be complete.

We have also erected new signage around town to help with speeders and the flow of traffic. There is a new stop sign and yield sign at the corner of Homestead, Oscar, and Valley. There is also a new stop sign

at the bottom of Paradise Hill, coming down into Roosevelt from the Assunpink.

Many residents have commented on the changes in town, recognizing that we have been trying to beautify, and make safer our wonderful Borough, so that it can continue to be a source of pride for us.

I want to reiterate, this is largely due to the collaborative effort being put forth by the governing body and employees, all of whom do an exemplary job.

I welcome suggestions for other projects, concerns, or interests, you may have. I encourage residents to attend council meetings, if possible. You can watch your government at work!

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone that there are only two official means of communication in town—The Roosevelt Website, which can be found at rooseveltnj.us and The Borough Bulletin.

Any other sites are not sanctioned by the town government and may contain incorrect and inaccurate information.

Here's to getting through the most difficult part of the winter with, hopefully, relative ease!
Peggy

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We will be pleased to continue sending them the *BULLETIN* when we receive their contributions which, of course, can be for the same amount (or more) as in the past.

In order to save on postage, we would encourage non-residents who have computers to subscribe to the *Bulletin* online at www.boroughbulletin.org in lieu of receiving a paper copy.

Donations from readers, wherever they may be, and regardless of the medium in which they read the *Bulletin*, are still very much welcome, since we could not publish without your support.

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Recycling 101

As a change from our continuing series of articles highlighting the native plants, this month we spotlight Recycling.

As you know Roosevelt has recycle pickup every other Wednesday. Recycling is mandatory by our Borough ordinances, as well as Monmouth County regulations. Many types of items are required to be recycled, but this article will be limited to alternate Wednesday curbside pickup items, and not other mandated items like used motor oil, computers, batteries, etc. There are basically four types of items: Paper, glass, plastic and metal. All items must be free of grease, oil, food and pet waste. We have a commingled system, so everything can go into one container. **Do not put items in plastic bags in the recycling container; keep them loose.**

Paper: Most clean paper can be put out for recycling:

Cardboard (waffle section between paper layers) should be flattened. Packaging tape and staples must be removed. Mixed Paper including: chipboard (cereal boxes), white/color paper, junk mail, plastic window envelopes, magazines, softcover books, wrapping paper/non-metallic, and newspapers including inserts must be recycled.

Loose papers may be put in paper envelopes. Remember, if you can't tear an envelope, it is probably made of plastic. Do not put out more than an 18" high stack of cardboard at once. Do not tie up cardboard, magazines or newspapers up in bundles; leave them loose.




Do not put out for recy-

cling paper that is contaminated with food, oil (pizza boxes), pet waste, or paper used for household projects (containing paint, oil, cleaners etc.). Certain paper products must NOT be recycled: waxed cardboard (milk cartons, frozen food boxes, any containers that held liquids), food wrappers, paper plates and cups, napkins, tissues, paper towels and items from food/hygiene use. Composite padded envelopes (part paper/part plastic) should be placed in the trash. Do Not put Shredded paper in recycle. The small paper pieces cause havoc in the sorting machine's rollers and belts. Millstone paper shredding is scheduled for Aug 3rd this year.

Glass: Only glass used for packaging beverages and food can be recycled, because these are all made from the same type of glass.

Drinking glasses, window glass, Pyrex® cookware, ceramics, etc. are made from other types of glass that are not suitable for recycling. Lids and caps should be trashed.

Plastic: There are many types of plastic. ♻️ Plastic containers have labels with a standard code that identify their composition type. It is usually embossed on the container with the symbol and numerical designation from 1 to 7 for the plastic in the center and an abbreviation for the plastic underneath. Our recycling service only handles the two types of plastic that must be recycled:

No. 1 Polyethylene Terephthalate  or 	No. 2 High Density Polyethylene 
Soft drink, water, soda bottles Not the caps	Detergent bottles Not the caps

By adjusting the ratio of ingredients and the reaction process used to create plastics, manufacturers can adjust its properties (strength, flexibility, hardness, etc.), which are a function of the polymer chain length and percent of cross-linking.

Regardless of type of plastic, all the following containers should NOT be put in recycle: margarine tubs, diaper wipes containers, yogurt cups (frequently #5, PP), clear salad containers, clear dried fruit and nut containers (even if they are labeled #1 PET/PETE), food storage containers, plastic packaging from non-food items (e.g., toys, tools, etc.). Plastic jars (peanut butter, jelly, etc.) should be put in the trash regardless of material code.

Please remember that recycling is not the only way to reduce your environmental impact. Many containers can be upcycled or reused. Yogurt containers can be used to store leftovers. Plastic tubs can be used as seed starting pots. You get the idea.

Plastic bags should also go into the trash, unless they are from a grocery store, in which case they can be placed in the plastic bag recycle container at most grocery stores.

Metal: Of all the metal trash that we may generate around the home, only Aluminum cans, Tin cans and Bimetal cans (tin cans with aluminum lids) may be sent for recycling.

They should be rinsed free of food. It is not necessary to remove labels. Cans can be flattened. Aerosol cans that are fully depressurized cans, meaning when the nozzle is held down and "NO"

product or propellant escapes, can be placed in the recycling container.

Aluminum foil, trays, roasting pans, cookware and scrap metal must NOT be placed out for recycling.

Finally, Please do not “wishcycle”. Wishcycling is the practice of tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can somehow be recycled. This only serves to contaminate the recycling stream and results in potentially recyclable material being trashed. Wishing won’t make it so!

References:

Recycling Guide

Look on the Roosevelt website <https://rooseveltnj.us> under “Services” and then “Public Works” for recycling information and the link to a guide “Click here for Recycling Guide”.

Monmouth County Recycling Information

<https://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.aspx?Id=4185>

Roosevelt Borough Code, Chapter 9 - Refuse and Recycling

<http://clerkshq.com/Roosevelt-nj>

Acknowledgement:

Thanks to the Department of Public Works Coordinator, Township of Millstone for his assistance in preparing this article.

REMINDER FOR RECYCLING:



Always leave at least 3 feet between your garbage can and recyclable container(s). The arm that lifts the garbage can needs enough room to operate so it can avoid knocking over other containers.

CAMP ROOSEVELT – 2019



Plans are underway for this summer’s Camp Roosevelt program. The program will offer traditional camp activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, trips, themed events and a special emphasis on community based activities, outdoor skill building and exploration. This year’s program will run for six weeks from Monday, July 8 – Friday, August 16. Camp hours are 9:00am to 1:00pm. A separate After Camp is also available from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. A detailed flyer and registration will be available soon. For more information, please contact Eric Schubiger at recreation@rooseveltnj.us.

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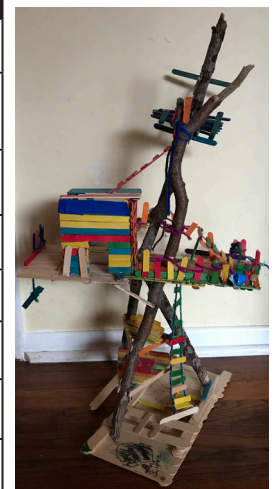
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Road obstruction	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Trees down	911 /State Police 609-584-5000
Health Emergency	911
Comcast outage	1-800-COMCAST
FloS outage	(800) 837-4966
Wildlife Issues	877-927-6337



Treehouse by Zachary Pressler

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 You can call the Monmouth County Board of Health 24/7 at
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CONGRATULATIONS to **Susan Goldfond**, Roosevelt Public School (RPS) Child Study Team member, who is the winner of two New Jersey Devils team tickets. Thanks go to **Sharlene Ellentuck**, generous donor to Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation (RPSEF) and original

drawing winner of the tickets from among our end-of-year donors, who chose to donate her winnings to support the RPS staff. Another set of tickets, to Liberty Science Center, went to winner, **Karen Otten**, RPS Kindergarten aide and Business Office Administrator.

Congratulations to the RPS staff members, and thank you to Sharlene Ellentuck and our generous end-of-year donors!



from
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RECYCLING DATES

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District's State Funding

Manalapan-Englishtown Regional, and any other school district in which the district's per pupil equalized property valuation or per pupil income is less than the state average. This designation is intended to include Roosevelt.

In addition to referencing the proposed legislation, the Board of Education's petition reads, "We, the undersigned, are requesting the support of Governor Murphy to restore the full amount of state school aid to our Roosevelt Public School."

For additional information, or to sign the petition, contact the Board of Education at rpsboe@gmail.com.

Property Maintenance Reminder

This is a reminder to the residents and property owners in town that it is their responsibility to maintain their property according to community standards. These are some examples of property maintenance issues that are becoming all too common in Roosevelt.

- Please mow your lawns. Grass height must not exceed 10 inches.
- Do not store excessive amounts of clutter in your yards. The front yard should not be used for permanent storage of equipment or debris.
- Excessive visual damage to the exterior of your home. Things such as broken or boarded up windows or hanging gutters need to be repaired

Failure to maintain your property detracts from the beauty of the community, it is disrespectful to your neighbors, and it is against the law.

The code enforcement officer has the authority to issue warnings and summonses for property owners who do not comply with the statute. Receiving a summons means a court appearance and, if found guilty, fines range from \$250 up to or greater than \$1000.

The Roosevelt Public School Spring Carnival

Come Join us for games, raffles food & fun!

Saturday, March 30th from 11am-2 pm
 2A School Lane Roosevelt NJ
 11:00am-2:00pm
 (Games & raffle entries will run from
 11am-1:30pm, raffles will be called at
 1:30pm)



We are looking for current PTA members, parents, friends, family, community members and school alumni to volunteer at the Spring Carnival.

Please consider signing up for one of the following time slots!

Email the PTA at rpspta1@gmail.com by THURSDAY MARCH 21st to volunteer.

Task	Time Slots
Set Up (6 volunteers) Help set up the carnival on FRIDAY NIGHT (3/29/2019)	[<input type="checkbox"/>] 6:00-8:00 PM
TICKET BOOTH (2 volunteers) Work the ticket booth in the main entrance and sell food, game and raffle tickets.	[<input type="checkbox"/>] 10:30 – 12:00PM [<input type="checkbox"/>] 12:00 – 1:30PM
RUN A GAME (14 volunteers) Help to reset and hand out tickets a game station	[<input type="checkbox"/>] 10:30 – 12:00PM [<input type="checkbox"/>] 12:00 – 1:30PM
PRIZE TABLE (2volunteers) Help the kids trade prize tickets in for prizes.	[<input type="checkbox"/>] 10:30 – 12:00PM [<input type="checkbox"/>] 12:00 – 1:30PM
CONCESSION STAND (4 volunteers) Help with food and beverages.	[<input type="checkbox"/>] 10:30 – 12:00PM [<input type="checkbox"/>] 12:00 – 1:30PM
RAFFLE RUNNERS (6 volunteers) Bring ticket cups/bags in from the hallway and hand them to our Raffle Caller & hand out prizes to winners.	[<input type="checkbox"/>] 1:30-2:00 PM
Bakers Bake a treat to be sold at our bake sale, please include ALL ingredients	[<input type="checkbox"/>] 10:30 drop off

From Roosevelt around the Southern Hemisphere and back

By Al Hepner

World Trip 2.4.2008 to 2.7.2008

Monday, 2.4.08

Perhaps hand written and processed boarding passes are not such a good idea. Right after I asked the British Airline representative to put through my luggage directly to Sydney so I wouldn't have to bother with it in Johannesburg, I stepped up to my assigned seat and found a man in it. I showed him my boarding pass saying with a smile 16A. He smiled back and showed me his 16A.

The flight attendant temporarily sat me down in first class. She was annoyed that it was taking so long to find out what was wrong, so she promised to keep me in first class where I was promptly offered sparkling wine and chardonnay with my three-course lunch. The pilot also promised a bumpy flight. He was right. Every time I tried to take a sip of the wine, the glass bumped my nose instead of my lips. It was a strange involuntary gesture as my glass kept going up a foot while I stayed in my seat.

I just heard that the delay was a result of everything having to be handwritten as the electricity and systems were down. Good luck luggage. I also just remembered that I'd ordered kosher meals for this trip



just to see if they're better than the usual fare, which meant that the impostor at 16A got my meal, since I didn't. The 747-400 to Sydney was full and would take 12 and a half hours. Sydney is 16 hours ahead of NY.

Tuesday, 2/5/08 Sydney 4pm but really 7am

I remained calm when picked at random by the border patrol at the airport in Sydney for a full baggage search and a zillion questions. The quarantine expert told me that I'd been earmarked forever in Australia for not declaring that I had soil left on two pairs of shoes. (Their card had asked about farm animals, not wild animals.) I'd cleaned them but not enough. I'd also not declared the bag of trail mix I'd bought in Johannesburg airport and hadn't opened yet, although I mentioned it to them before they opened my bags. When I told the bored border guard that it had been the first time I'd ever had my bags searched in fifty years of world travel, he said, "lucky you." My Australian reputation is down the tubes and ruined. Maybe I'd better not move there.

Wednesday, 2/6/08 Where are Robin Rosen Chang and Heather when I need them?

Blurry eyesight is either caused by cataracts or, hopefully, more likely by not knowing the time of day it is. It doesn't matter. The first walk I took along the wharf made me want to move there, but it's doubtful they'll let me stay even though they've washed my sandy (but not animal-farm-infested) shoes.

I read Cialis Street instead of Callis Street twice (that'll tell you where my head was). I hadn't a clue if it was Tuesday or Wednesday or what time it was without

By Al Hepner

Robin or Heather, the two who'd set my watch to the correct time. I was either going to figure it out myself, pay for their round trip here from the States, or buy a watch that already had Australian time on it.

I was resting on a park bench wide enough for three with one Australian woman reader and two Asian women talkers that had just squeezed in.

I'd walked for over two hours in the sun (well protected) along a path that hugs the wharf. Joggers and runners (wearing numbers) of all ages, gender and sizes, were exhausting to watch but beautiful.

I mustn't forget. Back on Cialis Street I had seen and spoken to a man who was sharpening knives. He was using two large grinding wheels on a motorcycle. I'd never seen a grinder mounted on a motorbike before. The last time I saw and heard of a street knife sharpener, was in the movies about Hester Street. The grinder used a sewing machine type foot pedal. While sharpening he called out on top of his lungs, "Coal, Ice, Knives and Scissors sharpened."



If it weren't for the first thing The Lonely Planet Guide says about Australia, that half the inhabitants have some cancer (protect yourself), I'd definitely move to Sydney: The Royal Gardens warning sign reads, "WALK on grass and don't feed the birds;" I love it. I'd been easily to 40



countries. None ever said “WALK” on the grass. How refreshing.

After my seat-mates left, I had a tree shaded bench to myself with greenery of all kinds around. (Where’s my cousin Tammy who scolded me for not knowing the names of the flowers surrounding my house?) There was a water fountain engulfed by two-foot leaved plants and blossoms. Narrow-leaved palm trees and a lake bordered the walks. Despite the warning, the well walked-on-grass was manicured. The garden designers of Sydney have helped nature majestically.

I went to the Art Museum of Australia and got a wonderful tour of native as well as early settlers’ art. After seven hours of walking (making up for no safari walking,) I sat down and had a croissant and four o’clock tea. The only civilized thing the British taught me. I wished I had had one of the Prestopinos or Shahns or Jacob Landau with me. My wife used to tell me that she never appreciated an art museum as much as when she’d go with her high school artist major friend. The subtleties she’d point out made the museum experience so much richer. I was bemoaning the absence of the Roosevelt artists because I felt they’d have been able to explain something I’d heard during my master’s program in linguistics. Evidently certain languages don’t have or use certain names for some colors that are

used in many other languages. Essentially, the way it was explained to me was that on some parts of the earth, certain colors or hues are less evident because of the placement of the sun’s rays on the earth at particular latitudes. Thus, some colors may be absent; hence there are no reasons to have those colors as part of the vernacular. I’d always thought how interesting that whole concept was but never thought I’d experience it. The first series of landscapes I saw at the museum had the strangest hues. Probably paler than other panoramas I’d seen at other times. I don’t know enough about color to describe what I was looking at but that’s why I missed our Roosevelt artists. I’d have loved to have heard their explanation, even if it contradicted what I’d heard. I can’t say that these scenes were weaker or stronger than those we see in the northern hemisphere, but they were strangely more interesting. I should have taken a picture of the description. Sorry folks, you’ll have to go Down Under yourselves.

Thursday, 2/7/08
Divine intervention

It appeared that the African rain had reached Eastern Australia. One day, years ago, Freda and I had gotten on a line at MOMA in New York that went practically around the corner. I think it was a Degas exhibit. We asked the guard if the exposition always attracted such a large crowd every day. He said, “Only when it rains.” So we left and returned the next sunny day and entered without waiting.

Writing post cards, buying detergent, and doing laundry in addition to going to museums must be the ticket since it’s raining. I don’t know if I used too much detergent, but

my clothes came out exceptionally clean.

After taking care of business matters like letting my grandson Peja know where I was so he could follow the progress on the map I gave him, and to make sure he didn’t forget I still existed, I headed for the Jewish Museum of Sydney. I don’t think Degas was Jewish, so I didn’t worry about a long line; I was correct. The docents fell all over themselves being helpful. The first floor depicted the history of Jews in Australia. I’d left my notebook and pencil in my bag, so I’ll have to rely on my memory.

The first boat full of prisoners that docked in Australia had about 1,200 British prisoners (who’d been offered to Americans, who’d refused them); sixteen were Jews. That prisoners were sent on an eight-month voyage to be imprisoned is pretty bad, that they were imprisoned for an illegal infraction is understandable. But the sentences in no way seemed just or even humane. “Stole a table cloth:” Seven years; “Took a watch:” Fourteen years; “Stole food twice:” Life. I’ve quoted liberally but



these are not far off. Seven, fourteen years, and life were the prevalent sentences. I wonder if the idea of jurisprudence only came into existence after 1789.

If the Lord were watching what was going on then, the following would have moved the clouds and

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mountains from a roaring laughter from above. "A prisoner named Levy or Levine had escaped from prison four times. The last time they caught him, the judge gave a verdict to hang him. The poor fellow (or should I say lucky) was hung three times. Each time the rope broke while the other convict hanged and died. Levy or Levine was given his freedom by the judge who felt that it must have been because of "divine intervention."

Of the first few thousand prisoners that came, over a thousand were Jews. The first floor of the museum described their early lives and com-

mitments to Australia after they were released from "goal."

The other floors depict the history of the "Holocaust" in a tasteful manner. That's if there is anything tasteful about any holocaust. It was clearly chronicled without any sense of self-pity or disparagement. I wouldn't have gone had I known a memorial was part of the exposition, but I was glad I was there. Probably mostly because some rude person loudly expressed astonishment at what had happened. She was close to sixty.

In the evening, I elected to stay close to the hostel for dinner since it was pouring. The waitress asked me to sit at a counter around the

corner, still in the restaurant, until a regular table would clear. I sat alone perched on a stool and high table eating dinner alone. A local couple that came later got seated before I was offered a seat at the end of my delicious fish and chips. She got the ultimate punishment, a five percent tip and a promise to me never to eat there again.

I used to have a buddy who disavowed so many stores because he'd easily feel instantly insulted. The result was that he'd have to travel five miles just to buy a pack of cigarettes. I hope I don't feel like having fish and chips anytime soon.

Power Outages

In the event outages occur due to severe weather, customers without power are encouraged to report their outage by calling 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877), clicking the "Report Outage" link on www.firstenergy-corp.com, or by texting out to 544487.

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Used Electronic Equipment

Revised 2/25/19

Used electronic equipment can be dropped off at the Goodwill in Allentown, located at 86 Route 526 (next to the firehouse). Hours are Mon-Sat 8-7 pm, Sunday 10-6 pm. Hightstown Borough can no longer accept electronics.



Sculpture by William Pressler

Submitted by
Hope Pressler

Lemon Meringue Pie

Crust:

Store bought graham cracker crust or
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
(Use gluten free graham crackers for
a gluten free desert)
1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter, melted

Preparation Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Crust:

Mix together the graham cracker crumbs and melted butter.
Press the mixture firmly into a 9-inch pie plate and set aside.

Filling:

Mix condensed milk, lemon juice, vanilla extract, and egg yolks. Save the whites for the meringue.

Pour the mixture into the crust. Chill for 2 hours.

Meringue: Beat the egg whites and cream of tartar in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until soft peaks form, then add the sugar and whip until peaks are stiff.

Spread the meringue over the pie and seal to the edge of the crust. Bake until the meringue browns slightly, 15 to 20 minutes. Chill for at least 2 hours before serving.

Filling:

One small can sweetened condensed milk
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (about 2 large lemons)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 large egg yolks, whites reserved for meringue

Meringue:

3 large egg whites
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/4 cup sugar



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Senior Group Meetings

The Senior Citizen Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Borough Hall.

At 1:30 pm we frequently have guests who speak about a variety of topics, generally applicable to everyone. Finances, health, and safety in the home are a few examples. Notices will be on the bulletin board at the P.O. All residents are welcome to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

Thank you.
Geraldine Millar, President, Seniors

Bottle Caps

For Lou Bisso

The games usually began some time after two a.m. By that point we'd been jamming, listening to music, and drinking bourbon for at least seven or eight hours. Lou, with a sudden rush of energy would gather up a heavy, complicated tangle of extension cords and floodlights and drag the whole mess out the side door and into the carport.

Balanced precariously on an up-turned garbage can, he would loop the lights over gutters, tree branches, an old clothesline, in the end haphazardly illuminating the backyard, revealing the junked Ramblers, knobby trees, and feral shrubbery that bordered the property of the old house he rented along the edge of Route 1 South.

As the nearby traffic raced south towards Princeton, Trenton, and, eventually, Philadelphia and Florida, Lou explained the rules of Bottle Caps.

He pointed toward several five-gallon plastic tubs, filled with every type of bottle and jar cap imaginable.

"I been picking these up everywhere I go," he'd explain. "You can throw 'em overhand, sidearm...you can curve 'em like this. If you hit the window it's a strike. The garbage can is home...if you get it in the can the batter is out. You bat with this—" He held up an old Louisville Slugger with what looked like black electrical tape holding it together.

"If you hit it here..." He pointed to a dimly lit region towards the

back of the lot, "it's a home run. Over there is a double, out front is a ground out, anywhere else is a single. Let's go!"

You always batted first since Lou was home team. He'd wind up and whip some miscellaneous bottle cap in your direction and you'd swing as hard as you could, wildly at first and then settling down as the night air sobered you up and your eyes grew accustomed to the bright, poorly placed lights and the black, black shadows.

You'd miss and miss. Too many to count. And then, amazingly, you'd make contact and the Snapple cap you'd barely glimpsed as it curved towards you sailed away into the night, plunking audibly on the hood of a car or disappearing silently into the nearly invisible bushes. That first taste of contact...the surprising and reassuring smack of wood on plastic or metal, was enough to send you into fits of laughter. It felt triumphant, it felt ludicrously like the best thing you had ever done.

Eventually you found yourself pitching, struggling with the aerodynamic mysteries of the endless variety of bottle caps in the tub. Soon your fingers learned to seek out the more predictable species—metal jar tops with folded down edges, ridged plastic lids from peanut butter jars that afforded a secure grip as you tried to spin them towards the strike zone.

Lou was the undisputed champion. I had pitched in college and

By Rick Pressler

could still throw with some velocity. But Lou could hit a tiny beer cap, flung at the limits of my 30-something pitching arm, nearly invisible in the loopy light, as if it were a softball tossed on a sunny Saturday morning. On the rare occasions when he missed, he invariably praised your velocity, your mastery of the sinker, your growing prowess as a practitioner of Bottle Caps.

We would play for hours until the tubs were empty except for the unthrowable items and the traffic on the highway had diminished to the occasional lone 18-wheeler. If we made it to daybreak, we'd walk the quarter mile up the road, the sun just starting to spread light behind the trees, to a McDonalds that opened early for breakfast. Dry-mouthed from drinking, sweat cooling in the air conditioning, we'd sip hot coffee and scarf down Egg McMuffins.

We'd talk about musicians we admired: Jaco Pastorious, George Duke, Miles Davis; about baseball and girlfriends; about our families and people we'd known in high school. Lou and I had shared a lot of gigs, endless rehearsals and recording sessions, some misadventures with a band in New York City in the early 1980s. All this provided for endless conversation; Lou was a great re-hasher and re-interpreter of experience. He always had a new observation or insight for even the most well visited personal history.

Nothing ever went completely away.

JCP& L Tree Trimming

In June/July 2019, JCP&L contractors will be performing line clearance tree trimming in the Borough. This work will include the routine trimming of limbs to provide four years of clearance from electric wires, selective removal of limbs overhanging the electric conductors and removal of hazard trees that pose an imminent risk to electric facilities.

American Life in Poetry: Column 727
BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE

I One of my many peculiarities is a fascination with deserted places, especially old houses, and I've written far too many poems about them. But that doesn't mean that I don't love it when others take on their own depictions. This poem by Richard Jarrette, a Californian, takes on not only the description of an old house, but what might have happened there and what might happen anywhere. It's from his book *The Beatitudes of Ekaterina*, from Green Writers Press of Brattleboro, Vermont.

Happiness

Abandoned house roofless three walls
no floor a ruin if you think house—

to brown towhees a place to scratch
in the leaves for bugs and worms,

for the male to sing a territorial song
from what remains of the chimney—

an imagination problem like the time
friends said we must be very happy

in the beautiful house we built because
they couldn't see the ruins inside us.

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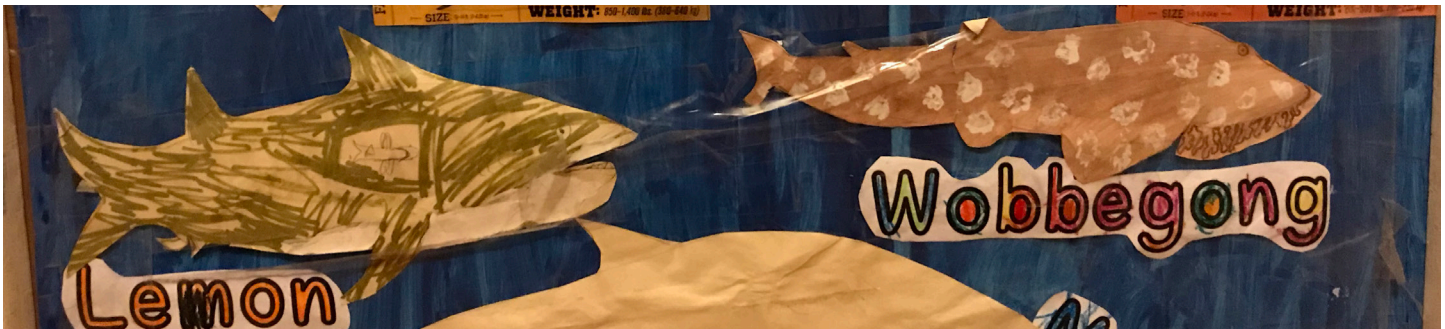
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20	Weds.		Recycling Pickup 
21	Thurs.		Early Dismissal, Roosevelt Public School
22	Fri.		Early Dismissal, Roosevelt Public School
23 Sat	8:00 pm		From Bohemia's Fields and Forests: A Piano Recital with Commentary by Alan Mallach, Roosevelt Arts Project Borough Hall, 33 Rochdale Ave. Roosevelt, NJ
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28	Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Roosevelt Public School Ken LeCompte, President
30 Sat.	11:00- 2:00		The Roosevelt Public School Spring Carnival Roosevelt Public School

APRIL

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