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T H E P O E T R Y I S S U E

Council Awards Contracts for Water and Wastewater Utility Systems; Mayor Proclaims June 1 National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Roosevelt

By Michael Ticktin

At its meeting of May 29, the Borough Council voted to award a contract for water utility operator professional services to H2O Services of Robbinsville and a contract for wastewater utility operator professional services to Lyons Environmental Services, LLC of Neptune. Both firms currently serve the Borough of Allentown.

Councilman Michael Hamilton stated that both firms were highly recommended by Allentown officials and by Borough Engineer Carmela Roberts, who also serves in that capacity in Allentown. While thanking and commending retiring water and sewer operator Toby Moore for his many years of devoted service to Roosevelt, Mr. Hamilton stated that the operation of two complex plants, including compliance with ever-increasing Federal and State requirements, had made the job too big to be handled efficiently and effectively by one person and that having the resources of the two companies available to the Borough would result in consistently good service and water and waste water meeting all applicable requirements. He praised the high quality of the water he had sampled at the Allentown water plant and expressed confidence that Roosevelt would have similar water available at all times with H2O Services in charge of our plant.

Welcome to the Second Annual Bulletin Poetry Issue

Poems come in all shapes and sizes, their language and moods rich and diverse. When the poets happen to be your neighbors—when you know something of the places, circumstances, and lives they describe—you can experience firsthand how poetry enlivens and helps to define a community.

We are grateful to all these poets, young and old, familiar and new, who have shared their work. If you should feel inspired to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard), please know that your *Bulletin* is here to help you raise your voice.

--Rick Pressler

In response to a question about the fiscal impact of the changes on utility ratepayers, Councilman Joe Trammell, chairman of the Utilities committee, said that he was “cautiously optimistic” that utility rates will not change. Mr. Trammell had previously reported that the new operators would be providing required laboratory tests at lower cost than the Borough is currently paying.

At the previous meeting of May 14, there had been discussion of the necessity for the Council to go into executive session to discuss the proposed contracts with the two companies. Councilwoman Maureen Parrott expressed her view that members of the public should have the opportunity to review the draft contracts and express their views

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 41st 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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If you wish to go, you must call the S.C.A.T. bus at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and where you wish to go.

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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I'm writing this column in the earliest days of another spring, and here's a fine spring poem from Rose King's book *Time and Peonies*, from Hummingbird Press. The poet lives in California.

In Spring

I'm out with the wheelbarrow mixing mulch.
A mockingbird trills in the pine.
Then, from higher, a buzz, and through patches of blue
as the fog burns off, a small plane pulls a banner,
red letters I can't read—
but I do see, over the fence,
a man in a sky-blue shirt walking his dog to the beach.
He says he missed it, will keep an eye out.
Four barrows of mulch around the blueberry bushes,
I'm pulling off gloves, and he's back, beaming.
"It says, I LOVE YOU, MARTHA.
Are you Martha?"

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At Sandy Hook

I pick a spot between the lighthouse
& the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge

Next to a piping plover nesting site

The New York skyline shrinks into haze
Smaller than a container ship
Heading back to Japan
Its deck stacked with bright red boxes

Instead of beachcombing
I drowse listening to the surf

Along the bayshore coves ruined gun batteries
Covered by graffiti collapse on the sand

A solitary osprey guards the tidal wetland
Now that the Nike missiles have been hauled off for scrap

Wes Czyzewski

Parking Reminder

Please park your vehicles in the right direction only. Parking on the wrong side of the street or in the wrong direction makes your vehicle difficult for oncoming traffic to see, especially in foggy or dark conditions. Vehicles parked on the wrong side of the street are subject to towing.

A WAVE OF THE HAND

for David G. Massey

Why I stride into the hospital
confident as light
seems as much an irony and mystery to me
as mutant cells marauding a body
bent on their death.

Yesterday I tried to make
the single coin of light tossed to me by one leaf
from a bank of weeds
worth a single damn.

And a rustle in the bushes as I pass
means nothing to a walker up cemetery path.

Moving today as if with purpose
through the children's wing to your bed,
I'm stopped by a stringless harp,
a harp that mocks.

I reach into its emptiness. Notes glitter
like gifts. I hold them
close. Dead space
made alive by one wave of my hand in the air
as if waiting done, meaning come.

--David Sten Herrstrom

Serviceberries

Continuing our series of articles highlighting the native species that we need to encourage, this month we spotlight Serviceberries.

Serviceberries go by a variety of names, perhaps the most recognizable is Shadbush, since their blooming signals the shad run. There are many species native to North America. In spite of their names, at least three are found in New Jersey: Common Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*), Canadian Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*), Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*). There



are a few Serviceberry varieties growing in Roosevelt's woodlands.

These small trees (6-40') are native to eastern US and Canada. Like apples, Serviceberries are members of the rose family. Serviceberries produce little tiny "apples". They are reported to be very tasty, but I cannot confirm that. Native Americans used Serviceberries to make their pemmican and in breads. One should only eat fruit from plants purchased from reputable sources to avoid identification errors. George Washington reportedly planted Serviceberries at Mount Vernon. In the early spring (late April – early May in Roosevelt), clusters of one-inch white flowers appear before the leaves unfurl. The fruit ripens in June or July. These natives provide food for birds and bees. When you are driving around, you can see a field planted with rows of Serviceberries in the southeast corner at traffic light intersection of Windsor-Perrineville Road and Hightstown-Allentown Road. There are a number of varieties available at local garden centers. If you need a small tree for a sunny spot, think about Serviceberries.



Serviceberries

<http://www.beeeculture.com/native-serviceberries/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amelanchier>

Canadian Serviceberry

<http://www.jerseyyards.org/plant/amelanchier-canadensis/>

Allegheny Serviceberry

<http://www.jerseyyards.org/plant/amelanchier-laevis/>



Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission



Calling all Roosevelt Citizen Scientists

Now, more than ever, it is important that we gather and evaluate scientific data from our local environment. In 2018 we will continue monitoring the health of our streams that began last year. We will start with a refresher training on doing a biological assessment and then we will go into the field to collect and then categorize and count macroinvertebrates. These critters will give us information about the health of our streams. We especially encourage middle school, high school and college students to join us.

Tentative date is Saturday, June 23rd

Final schedule will be posted on the Borough's website and at the P.O.

If you are interested in participating, please email the Invasive Species Committee, which is assisting with registration, rooseveltinvasive@outlook.com.

Travelling without travelling
for JM

I spoke and saw
a path leading past words
Then I talked and saw
myself in my words
And the words took on colors
My colors!
Dark green and *lapis lazuli* and yellow
All the iridescent colors of puddles!

And the puddles tugged at my elbow
as I followed them into a glen
inside a green wood where
I lay down my head and my body
alongside a river
where a hermit was sitting scribbling

And in the morning when I rose
my mother started talking words
as pungent as radishes and salt and coffee
and then they started walking me
the words did
down that Old Open Road
which was actually no road at all
but just more sounds and songs
It was awesome!
They were amazing!
And so unanticipated
the soles on the bottom of my feet
cried out loud for all and me to hear:

Walking and talking are like travelling without travelling!

And when we reached a town
all the townspeople came out
of their houses
and wanted to know where we'd been
and we told them
And they in turn told us
the many sparkling mundane details of their daily lives
And as they talked
they looked up in the air
at their own rising words and colors and songs

(which were mostly
maroon and orange and mauve)
And that's the way it went
from one town to another
and later in the Big City
too
Yes later in the city
it went the same way

And whenever we left a town
we said Goodbye!
Fare thee well!
Arrivederci!
and Do widzenia!
Take it easy!
And See you later!
And then walked
down the road
propelled by words and our new wisdom
like medieval minstrels
carrying our lutes and crumhorns and timbrels

Just sauntering from town to town
and at other times we rode in a wagon
with our feet dangling
over a tailgate rattling
with little among us
but our ways
and our wits
and our words
Words unearthed and words bracketed like the first
objects
and others strung together or interwoven
in intricate patterns
So many words spilling over
like wheat pouring from small rips in gunnysacks
And we carried smaller sacks too
some filled with bread
and others with red wine
and others with sweet potatoes.

--Ron Kostar

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
24-Hour Hotline - 1-877-WARNDEP or 1-877-927-6337

For reporting spills, hazardous discharges, and other environmental emergencies.

Breath

It lasted so long---
the long, long, long silence of winter.
Wordless snow fell and snow fell and snow fell and snow.
In dark nights, wind storms took our weaker trees.
We clung to each other.
At times, powerless, we lit a small fire in a cold lone sentence of a dark house.

begins Spring
laboring bees insistence
waters' endless trilling
quick-change finches yellowing in sweetgums ardent robins' short runs for worms oak leaves the size of a
mouse's ear proud bulls' twitching flanks tulip poplars suborning the succulence of morels

Dry broomsedge still carries a few silk stars.
Anew the redbud's grand head of hair blooms.

columbine
golden groundsel
blue bells' loud lavender
ferns' first croziers unfurl

Today, I awake without fears,
scrambling for a pencil, and
scribbling at first rosy light.

for Mary with love
1 May 2018
Roosevelt

-- Rod Tulloss

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In the Tetons

We were the last float trip
On the Snake River that season

The flow was down to beaver speed
As we huddled in black ponchos
Beneath jagged glaciered peaks

A Chicago couple
An Israeli family
And standing at the oars a guide
To whom we'd just signed our lives away

While the sky darkened through ten miles of drizzle
And with the promise of there being no return

--Wes Czyzewski

CAMP ROOSEVELT

COMMUNITY –

FRIENDSHIP – RESPECT

Calling all Roosevelt Community Members!

Do you have a skill or talent
you would like to share with
the children of the
community?

This summer, camp is back in
Roosevelt! We are excited that
this year Camp Roosevelt will
be bringing a newfound em-
phasis to the history, culture,
and skills that this unique
town has to offer.

If you have a talent, a skill, a
story, an idea, or just some-
thing you feel would be valu-
able to share with your future
community leaders we would
love to hear about it.

Please contact Camp directors
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Camp Roosevelt

(For children entering 1st grade through 7th grade)

“Community-Friendship-Respect”

The Borough of Roosevelt is proud to offer Camp Roosevelt, led dai-ly by Larisa Bondy and Gus Vuolle. The camp is based on the motto “Community – Friendship – Respect.” This program will offer tradi-tional camp activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, trips and special themed events, but with an additional emphasis on commu-nity based activities, outdoor skill building and exploration.

The program will run for six (6) weeks from Monday, July 9 – Friday, August 17 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The cost of the program is \$450 per child. An After Camp program also will be available from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at an additional cost of \$290 dollars per child. A few short bus trips are being planned which may require an additional fee. A camp calendar will be provided on the first day of the pro-gram.

A \$100 deposit is due for Camp Roosevelt and a \$50 deposit is due for After Camp upon registration, with the balance due by June 22. This is not an additional registration fee. The deposit simply assures us the amount of children attending for proper planning. Deposits will be refunded only if the program is canceled. We will only offer the program if enough children register. A parent/guardian packet of information will be available in June and must be completed and returned on the first day your child attends the program.

Registration forms are available at Borough Hall. For any questions leave a phone message for Eric Schubager, the recreation director, at Borough Hall (609-448 0539), or contact Larisa Bondy at Larisabondy@verizon.net.

Scholarships Available for Roosevelt Summer Camp

There are three, \$100 scholarships available from the Sarah Tulloss Memorial Fund to support children attending the Roosevelt Summer Camp. Sarah loved attending summer camp – doing crafts, playing games and swimming (back in the day there was swimming). If you are interested and have a financial need, please send us a brief note to P. O. Box 57, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Mary & Rod Tulloss



Poetry by students from Ms. Gazzani's third grade class.

Golden

Golden smells like money for me
Golden feels like the joy of being rich
Golden looks like the reward received from the tooth fairy
Golden is the top of the New Jersey capital building
Golden sounds like joyous laughter
Golden tastes like the wonder of joy
Golden is the color of Hershey's peanut buttery golden chocolate
Golden is the smooth taste of peanut butter

-- Connor Suk

Purple

Purple is a flower petal.
Purple sounds like royal wedding music.
Purple tastes like grapes.
Purple smells like grape soda.
Purple is like the sky at night.
Purple looks like the sky at night.
Purple looks like a color of the sunset.
Purple is like beautifulness.
Purple is the favorite color of my mom and I.

-- Zelda Marie Madrigal

Green

Green is the soft grass blanket across the soil.
Green sounds like the wind sighing a big sigh of relief, blowing all the leaves across the sky.
Green smells like the soothing spray that calms my face with essence.
Green looks like a mountain of nature right before my eyes.
Green makes me feel like I rolled in four-leaf-clovers making me feel like the luckiest person in the world.
Green taste like the delectably sweet melon I ate for breakfast.
Green is the vegetables that get me going through the day.
Green is the birth of spring coming our way.
Green is the beautiful outdoor nature all around me.

-- Amelie Petrillo

Red

Red is the gift I receive on Valentine's Day
Red smells like the beautiful rose outside my door
Red feel a moment of love
Red looks like beauty raining down on me
Red sounds like my heart thumping
after I ran a 5K
Red tastes like the kiss my mom gives before it's
time to go to sleep
Red is when all my family members gather at
Thanksgiving dinner

--Helena LeCompte

Blue

Blue is the relaxing waves
Blue smells like a raindrop coming from the clouds
Blue makes me feel relaxed
Blue sounds like rain hitting the pool
Blue tastes like a cold glass of water
Blue looks like a cool, salty ocean
Blue is a tasty Gatorade drink
Blue is the color of water.

-- Maximilian Schembry

Coffee with the Principal

On Wednesday May 9th, RPS held its first “Coffee with the Principal.” Mrs. Cohen invited Dr. Carol Funk, RPS School Psychologist, to speak with parents about how to help children through crises in what she termed, “uncertain times.”

Dr. Funk’s presentation included insights about the nature of stress, natural causes of trauma, problematic stress responses, and tips to enable parents to help their children get through critical situations and stressful or traumatic circumstances.

Mrs. Cohen is hoping to host more of these “judgment free” forums where parents can openly exchange their questions and ideas about raising children.

Roosevelt Student Wins Mascot Contest

from FC Monmouth web site

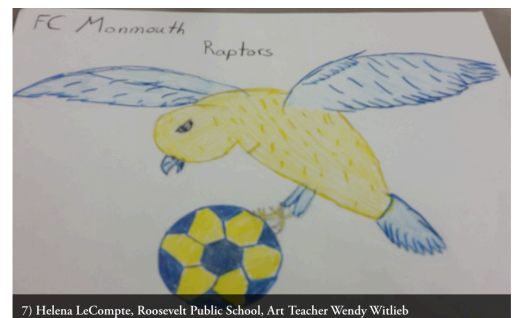
During halftime of our home opener we announced the winner of the FC Monmouth Mascot Contest. After weeks of hard work by students and teachers, we selected the best ideas and had the Monmouth County community vote their favorite mascot for FC Monmouth. After more than 2,000 (!) votes from different people, we selected the best mascot that was voted for and represented both Monmouth County and our team.

Four students braved the weather with their families. Aryanna Lake (Taylor Mills School, Manalapan, Art Teacher Allison Tumminia) who designed the Wolves together with Aidan Spezio, Olivia Covert (Lillian Drive Elementary, Hazlet, Art Teacher Stephanie Marino) creator of the Dolphins, **Helena LeCompte (Roosevelt Public School, Art Teacher Wendy Witlieb) designer of the Raptors**, and Henry Bird (Rumson Country Day School, Art Teachers Melissa Petersen and Sara McDermott) who came up with the, on social media popular, The Blu Wave.

In the end it was Helena LeCompte winning the FC Monmouth Mascot Contest! Very exciting for her, her family, Art Teacher Wendy Witlieb, and Principal Mary Robinson Cohen of the Roosevelt Public School.

Raptors are birds of prey, covering anything ranging from Eagles to Hawks and Ospreys to Owls, all animals that live and are often spotted in Monmouth County. They are also powerful but smart, beautiful

but very focused and ruthless, and on a mission to take what they believe is theirs. That combined with the pretty colorful blue and yellow design with the soccer ball made it the most popular mascot for FC Monmouth. We’ll work with Helena to make good use of the Raptors mascot idea next season!



Helena LeCompte with two of her favorite FC Monmouth players John Antunes and Zachary Pereira

WILDING SPRING

A nest of sunlight where fence meets fence at dawn
Where I pick things up and put things down.

Grazing with a beautiful, mute fawn
You kiss the cup for what it can contain.

The poet and the programmer on the lawn
Making virtual origami and friends with error.

Struck by a clanging sun outside our town
Who will love the sweet dumb things of the world?

That cunning singer David put down his crown
And buck naked in the dust road danced.

--David Sten Herrstrom

Travels: Part 4: The WHO Worker

As my niece Bella says to her grandchild uncovering her hidden face “Coucou, I’m here.” Although I’m writing this on February 2nd, I’ll chronicle this fantastic experience starting with the first full day in Livingstone, Zambia, where I was being picked up to go on a camping trip in the jungle of Botswana and Namibia.

This was the first time I remember feeling some angst. I’d traveled all over the northern hemisphere and doubtless felt some apprehension going to new continents, but Africa had never been in my sights. Although I suppose Morocco was a place I sometimes contemplated going to, first because my Belgian family had mentioned several times that Marakesh was a neat vacation place to visit.

But the more intriguing reason was that at the end of WWII, I was on my eleven-year-old knees shooting marbles on the Boulevard de la Revision, in Brussels. An old man (from my eleven-year-old perspective all people were old) asked one of my opponents if he knew a Hepner. As I peered up, my marble missed the other marble, and I saw what seemed to be the oldest man I’d ever seen. I’d never seen such a sharply featured nose over such a strong chin, with clasped lips surrounded by more wrinkles than any face deserves.

I forgave his looks when he repeated my full name as though he’d just remembered it, “Albert Hepner, I’m his cousin.” A third marbles player pointed to me and yelled “Albert” as though I hadn’t heard this extremely tall stranger. Historically to that 1946-point, European Jews had not been tall; my father at 5’10” had been the tallest of his friends. This man was over six feet tall.

I shyly rose and softly told him I was Albert. As he put his hand on my shoulder he said, “I’m your cousin Shmiel Hershman. Where do you, Max and Mirche live?” That clintched it.

Not that at that age I knew not to bring strangers home, but very few people knew our names like that.

After I brought him home and my mother and he cried incessantly with delight at having rediscovered each other alive, she on his chest, he on her head, he told us that he and his family had survived the war by hiding in Morroco. Which was the only reason I’d have thought of ever going to Morroco.

Back in Zambia, the jungle sights surrounding the hotel were left as they were, but they had carved out a modest hotel that looked as though it had always been there. The lake/river and tranquility of the place, as strange as they felt to me, were exhilarating as a quiet place can be—once I had calmed down about the prospect of the camping trip. Reading helped me calm down.

At the end of the day when sunset descended, I discovered that there was an Internet cafe. It was important for me to keep in touch, not because of loneliness as much as uncertainty. I was having a drink while waiting for dinner. I wondered what it would taste like, and whether I’d be able to eat it. It’s peculiar how a strange place makes us think that the food will also be strange. I guess that is a result of the ludicrous notion that you are what you eat. It was as though the people give birth to the place rather than the other way around.

I was trying to familiarize myself with my environment because I planned to spend a week there after the jungle safari. It struck me for the first time that I was going to not only be alone but feel alone.

The drink and the prospect of writing about the whole journey made the early evening approachable. Suddenly, a woman,

likely in her sixties, sat across from me as though we were in a public cafeteria. She began speaking as though we were finishing a conversation we had had at lunch. It was refreshing that I neither thought she was hitting on me nor that I was so lonely that I was glad someone spoke to me. Her matter-of-fact approach helped me forget that I was going to be alone. She began by speaking about her work day. By God, she wasn’t in the middle of the Zambian jungle to have fun; this was a work day for her. Wasn’t everyone in Zambia there to visit the jungle? I thought everyone that was lingering around the gentle tables gawking at the white monkeys playing in the tree above must be a visitor. I asked her what she did. The woman was a WHO (World Health Organization) worker. I felt as if I had been dropped with a parachute into a world I’d only read about. I thought how sophisticated and adult I was to have translated the acronym. Her name was Judem, and she was a consultant psychologist who interviewed people who were suffering from HIV-Aids to discover whether the system in place was working. Her deliberate answer to my question about how it was working was too clinical, as though rehearsed for people whose business it wasn’t. She was from Cape Town, South Africa, working in Zambia and Zimbabwe, which I hadn’t realized was right across the very river we were sitting next to. She oversaw much of the

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Al Erecting Tent
Picture by Heather Anne Cunningham

south of Africa and spoke of it with great ease and facility. She didn't feel overburdened, which I had suggested. Instead of answering my queries, she demured and sounded very familiar with the area as she gave me several tips: such as the wall curtain behind my bed in my room was a net to be used over me while I slept to keep the mosquitoes away. She recommended

that I eat simply and get used to bottled water. It reminded me of the very first time I'd been in London at Herald Square. I'd stopped for seemingly five seconds, when a man in a bowl hat, tipped it and asked if I was lost and if he could help. It's so reassuring when you're traveling. Even if you're not lost and don't really need help, it feels as if you'll never get lost and it's welcom-

ing. I left for my room feeling reassured that my stay in Zambia would work out very well. The bulb in my room wasn't working: so much for very well. So, no reading. I slept well for six hours under the net. The only other time I'd ever seen anyone sleep under a net was probably Ava Gardner and Errol Flynn. It felt elegant. This was only the first night.

Perusing the Day's Received E-mail Subject Headings: (a Found Poem)

What a day!
Question for You
Arts Funding – What's Next?
Just wondering
What a day! (kidney transplant updates)
Official details on Arts Funding Released
The third time is not a charm...
Your knee doctor...
Do you happen to have a chainsaw?
Driving directions to your new place
New + Now – Matisse & Membership
Why?
Suggestions for Jewish songs for Sing-Along
Congrats on your film being accepted!
Lunch outing this Friday?
Info on lawmakers' addresses
Music tonight around 7?
Possible gig spots
My website is launched!
A Significant Step Forward
Macaroon recipe from Aunt Jane
Thank you for a lovely day!
BON VOYAGE

--Judith McNally

INTERLUDE

After a visit with my friend Nancy,
I don't get much done the rest of the day.
I come home and sit in my chair
Not even really looking out the window.
Certain thoughts repeat themselves;
I am not a refugee. I am not homeless.
I am not dying slowly of something
Incurable. For this, I give thanks.
And yet I stare, fixated on nothing
But anger and sadness, the two –
A screech and a thud – jostling
For a place to call home,
And Nancy lies there, neck brace,
Feeding tube, and now oxygen.
In her room, I play a few standards
On a three-octave digital piano,
And Nancy sings along. Her mother
Is seated bedside, and she too,
Sings along, moving to the rhythm.
I play "I've Grown Accustomed to her Face,"
And at the line, "like breathing in
And breathing out," I smile a little,
While the oxygen machine whirs on.
Later, her mother thanks me,
With a gracious smile and light
In her eyes. I'm guessing she's eighty.
"Thank you," she says, "for the interlude."
She reaches out her hand.
I hold it a while, knowing
We both need something
To hold onto.

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5-6			Roosevelt Public School Early Dismissal
6	Wed.	7:00 pm	Planning Board Borough Hall
11	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Borough Hall Peggy Malkin, Mayor
13	Weds.		Recycling Pickup ♻️
14	Thurs.	Evening	Roosevelt Public School Graduation
18-21			Roosevelt Public School Early Dismissal
19	Tues.	7:00 pm	Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Business Meeting, John Vo, President
20	Weds.	7:00 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall,
22	Thurs.		Roosevelt Public School Early Dismissal Last Day of School!
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27	Weds.		Recycling Pickup ♻️
28	Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, Ken LeCompte, President

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