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Council Approves Bonds for Road Reconstruction; Water Line Replacement Tabled; Councilwoman Parrott Resigns

By Michael Ticktin

The agenda items receiving the most attention, both from Council members and the public, at the Council meetings of July 23, August 13 and August 27 were two proposed bond ordinances. The first provided for the issuance of \$310,000 in bonds and notes to finance, along with an anticipated \$210,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, improvements to the eastern portion of Homestead Lane and to Cedar Court; the second provided for the issuance of \$715,000 in bonds and notes to finance replacement of water mains “along various streets within the Borough, including Homestead Lane, Elm Court and Cedar Court.”

Municipal engineer Carmela Roberts recommended that replacement of the water mains be done prior to the reconstruction and repaving of the roads to avoid digging up the reconstructed streets for subsequent utility work. She did not, however, make any recommendation as to seeking funding for replacement of sewer lines under those streets at the same time. In support of issuance of utility bonds, she pointed out that funding is available from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust at very low rates that include forgiveness of part of the principal.

Councilwoman Maureen Parrott objected to the issuance of any bonds without making them subject to approval by the voters on the November ballot, stating that she and several other Council members had run for office pledging to impose such a contingency in any bond ordinance. She also objected to the “boilerplate” statement in the bond ordinances that the work to be done was “all as shown on and in accordance with contracts, plans, specifications or requisitions therefor on file with or through the Borough Clerk, as finally approved by the governing body

of the Borough.” She stated that no such documents were, in fact, on file and challenged the validity of each of the ordinances on that basis.

In response, Chief Financial Officer George Lang stated that the language in the bonds had been approved by the Borough’s bond counsel, that it was the same language used by municipalities throughout the State for bond ordinances, and that it was not possible to have specifications on file until the bond had been adopted and funds were available to pay the municipal engineer to prepare them. Councilwoman Parrott contended that they were illegal nonetheless because the language and procedure violated the Local Bond Law.

Both ordinances were approved by the majority of the Council on first reading at the meeting of July 23, meaning that they were formally introduced and could be voted on at the next meeting, at which time they could be adopted on second reading after a public hearing. At the meeting of August 13, the bond ordinance for street improvements was approved, Councilwoman Parrott’s objections notwithstanding.

The proposed bond ordinance for water main replacement, however, encountered considerable public opposition, mostly addressed to the issue of how utility improvements should be prioritized. Questions were raised as to why the sewer lines, which were known to be in bad condition in many parts of the system, were not included, and whether their condition should be of greater concern than that of the water lines. The question was also raised as to the cost of replacing all water lines, whether they were in bad condition or not, rather than just making repairs at those points in the system where there were known to be

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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.

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- 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.
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- 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.
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weaknesses, and setting money aside each year for anticipated repairs, at far lesser cost. Questions were also raised as to the Borough's bonding limits, and how the amount of money that might be required to reconstruct both systems might exceed both the Borough's legal bonding capacity and impose unacceptable burdens on utility rate payers already paying a minimum of \$372 every two months.

The Council took no action on the proposed water main bond issue at the August 13 meeting. Councilman Joe Trammell, chairman of the Utilities committee, announced that the committee would hold a meeting to discuss the concerns raised regarding the water main bond ordinance.

At the end of the August 13 meeting, Councilwoman Parrott submitted a brief written statement resigning from the Council and left the room. The receipt of her resignation by the Clerk, with simultaneous notice to the municipal Democratic committee, which consists of Mayor Peggy Malkin and Councilman Michael Hamilton, began the 15-day period, ending August 28, within which the Democratic committee must present the Council with the names of three Democrats--since Ms. Parrott was elected as a Democrat--from whom they must select a successor to fill the vacancy until someone is elected to complete the unexpired term. They have until 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, which will be Wednes-

day, September 12, the date of the first September Council meeting, rescheduled because the second Monday, September 10, falls during Rosh Hashana this year, to select an interim Council member.

At the meeting of August 27, the same concerns that had previously been raised concerning the proposed water main bond ordinance were again raised. Among those raising them were former mayor Bert Ellentuck, former Council members Jill Lipoti and Maureen Parrott, and former administrator Bob Clark, as well as Jeb Shahn. Councilman Trammell reported that his committee, with Councilwoman Deidre Sheehan and members of the public participating, had met and decided to recommend that water main replacements be put on hold until the Council had further opportunity to decide on the most cost-effective way of replacing or repairing all mains in the system. Since it was clear that any motion to approve the bond ordinance would not have the four votes needed for passage, the public hearing was continued and the motion to approve the ordinance was tabled. Being tabled means that it can, with the consent of a majority of those present and voting, be brought up for discussion at any time before the end of the calendar year (when all proposals that have not been acted on die) or not be brought up again at all.

At the three meetings, in addition to approving resolutions for the

payment of bills, the Council approved resolutions authorizing refunds for overpayment of summer camp fees, requesting approval of Recycling Tonnage and Clean Communities grants, authorizing a change in compensation to Borough Clerk Kathleen Hart, appointing Gerald Toppeta as custodian for maintenance of the Borough Hall, authorizing salaries for certain employees, hiring Trevor Kosa as a substitute summer camp employee, amending the capital budget, appointing Gregg Possiel as Right-to-Know coordinator and appointing Sonia Paxtor (who was already appointed by Millstone Township, with whom we share our municipal court) as Court Administrator, adopting a resolution referred by the Environmental Commission expressing support for legislation intended to eliminate the use of single-use carryout bags and encourage use of reusable bags, extending to August 31 the due date for payment of 3rd quarter property taxes, and entering into agreements with Monmouth County for shared services cleaning stormwater inlets, for participation in the commodity resale program and for up to 15 shared services provided at cost to municipalities by Monmouth County. Action on a resolution to accept a maintenance agreement with Modern Group Power Systems covering emergency generators was deferred in order to give the Council time to find out if Monmouth County could provide the same services at less cost.

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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

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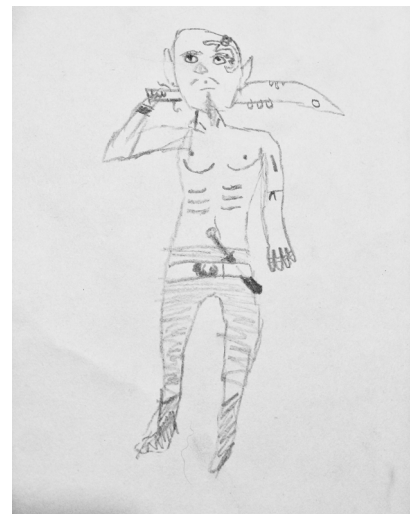
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Elf Pirate by Zachary Pressler

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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.

Free Health Services Available from the Monmouth County Health Department; State-funded Lead Safe Home Remediation Grants also Available

by Michael Ticktin

The Borough of Roosevelt is one of the 26 municipalities in which health services are provided by the Monmouth County Health Department. Free or low-cost services provided by the Health Department to residents of the 26 municipalities include the following:

- * free eye screenings and testing for body-mass index, diabetes, cholesterol and bone density
- * healthy travel vaccinations
- * hypertension screening
- * child immunizations
- * adult immunizations
- * well child physicals
- * STDI clinics
- * tuberculosis program
- * women's health, including mammography and pap testing
- * health education

Make an appointment, call the Health Department at (732) 431-7456.

Any owner of a house built before 1978 who is concerned about the possible presence of lead paint, and whose household income does not exceed 80% of the median for Monmouth County, adjusted for household size, can apply for assistance under the Department of Community Affairs Lead-Safe Home Remediation Pilot Grant Program by contacting the Community Affairs and Resource Center at (732) 774-3282. 80% of median household income for Monmouth County ranges from \$46,300 for a single- person household to \$87,300 for an eight-person household.

Roosevelt Around the Southern Hemisphere and back in 80 days.

Day 2 on the camping safari, Sunday February 2008

As in many other countries, all water on the tour was not potable. What a day, I wound up with water in my mouth during my shower; this always makes me spit all over the place to make sure I don't swallow any water. It reminded me of our teaching stint in Jinghua, China, in 2002. I had managed to keep my shower water from touching my lips. But one morning, I failed to keep the water from touching my lips, not that I drank any or that any of the water reached the inside of my mouth, just my lips. I had been so paranoid about it because I'd read somewhere that during the Communist uprising in China, Mao Tse Tung had directed his officers to shoot any soldier on the spot that had dared drink unsafe water. He knew that they'd be a burden and would die anyway. This time, I panicked so, that I jumped out of the shower, slipped on the wet tiled floor, did a pirouette to keep from falling and grabbed on to the shower curtain that ripped but broke my fall. I'm nearly sure that during the entire ballet I kept spitting to make sure I wasn't swallowing any water. If you're reading this, it means I made it. Nevertheless, remember to keep your lips sealed when you're



taking a shower. Mao knew what he was talking about.

This morning, I sat on my mattress and reorganized my suitcase, which needed to be lighter and larger (is this an oxymoron?).

Travelling alone gives one a lot of time to think, especially about one self. I learned a lot about myself: I persevere, especially when I've made up my mind to do something. I decided to lighten up on self-criticism as well as about others and to allow more things to happen. This turned out to be a long driving day. We went from Botswana to our first stop in Namibia, Mamili National Park. It took eight hours. Crossing the borders this time was less eventful. We'd go into poorly built buildings, where they'd smile, stamp the exit form, never look at your passport or your face and return it so you could use it again a thousand feet down the road to enter the next country. This was unlike entering the Soviet Union in 1988 when the border guard looked at your passport photo for at least a whole minute and would deliberately look into your eyes for three or four minutes. Eye contact for three to four minutes for me is very difficult without laughing (try it sometimes), and then without a word, hand you your passport back. Here in Africa they did smile and bid us goodbye nicely. The trip was made easier because the only other safari camper who spoke English fluently was an American who loved to tell stories about her experiences with African animals and say "Oh My God" a lot: I think this was before the expression had devolved to OMG. We got to the Kampaa bush camp (no lights, no toilets, no running water) and the camp was not fenced in. This meant you didn't leave your tent until morning under ANY circumstances. It was scary going to bed thinking I'd have to stay dry all night, so I didn't

By Al Hepner



drink all afternoon. In these parks that were national public reserves, we were not permitted to go for walks outside our area because the predator animals are not kept out with a fence. So Master, our driver, would take us out on the safari with the Land Rover and essentially tracked animals. Because it was the rainy season animals could roam anywhere, which made it harder to track them. Many animals don't migrate as much during the rainy season as they do during the dry season when they need to be near water and when they also need food from dry land. So we didn't see many animals but quite a few birds. It was amazing how the guide who was driving the Rover through deep ruts, could spot tiny flying birds at a distance. His assistant, Daniel, who was the German translator, told me it was easy: he just had seen the bird land on a branch. I was having trouble spotting the birds even after they pointed them out (I should have gotten a discount). No problem seeing the elephants though, when they were there. Although the literature promises that Namibia's Caprivi Strip is home to elephants, lions, buffalos, giraffes, red Lech we antelopes, crocodiles, hippos, pujus and spotted necked otters, hardly any were evident at first. So he drove further to find wild life through Gfane, Nanuuku and across the Jwabdi River to Muduno National Park. Despite how green it is in Roosevelt, none of this was a

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reminder or it.

Day 3 on the Camping Safari

We barely got our breakfast down and started breaking up camp when the thunderous rains came down. The prospects looked grim; first I missed the chance to take a great camera shot of the sunrise over the lake that morning. The light was just right and suddenly it wasn't. I missed it because I was concerned about brushing my teeth. The sight of one brushing one's teeth using a bottle of water is comical.

How, for instance, does one hold a bottle, a bottle cap, a tooth brush, toothpaste, and a towel in two hands? There is no table and you don't want to put anything down on the jungle grass. By the time I threw all my gear except the camera in my tent, the view was gone.

We had to break down our own tent every day and put it up in the evening. I must have looked like I was struggling a lot because a nice young man, our cook Victor, moseyed on over and helped me put it up.

The ride through the brush that day was bumpy. We did get to see a herd of elephants afar, and impalas. (You're no doubt lying comfortably in bed thinking what a knowledgeable-wild-life-hunter Hepner must be, "impalas," he says without the blink of an eye: that's because you had no idea that until people on the tour repeated it several times, I thought they were talking about a Chevy. So that's where the Chevy got



its name I triumphantly thought. This happens to me a lot; it doesn't only keep me humble, it makes me feel so stupid that I'd talk about Impalas and hadn't known until then that it was an animal. Let me tell you, it's embarrassing.)

The next day, we were in a public park in Namibia that had running water, showers and toilets. Luxurious compared to the usual night of a hose hanging off a branch that was also holding up a circular tarp for privacy. I think our towels hid more than the tarp. It took getting used to. So the public park facilities brought smiles to the eight campers.

We went out on a game drive for five hours. The trips gave you a good sense how patient animal hunters and bird watchers must be to track for hours and sometimes see nothing. One experience resulted from Master wanting us to see an active lion. There were none to be seen. He kept driving through the bush; we could hardly see anything except the foliage that flapped back into our vehicle. Suddenly we got to a crossroad and there was the tallest Land Rover I'd ever seen. It was identical to ours, except nearly fifteen feet in the air. The tires and special chassis kept the passengers way above the elephants' trunk. Those safari tourists were staying at a Hilton and the height at which they were traveling gave them a fine opportunity to look down on us tent dwellers.

Our drivers were speaking Bantu to each other, so we didn't find out until later that the Hilton driver had spotted a lion sleeping in close quarters in thick brush. We had to stay very quiet because this lion was sleeping, so Master drove slowly toward where the lion was napping. As we got there, he groggily woke

and all I remember is that as he started to stand he used one of his paws to wipe the sleep out of his eyes, just the way my friend's cat does. That was cute instead of scary.

In the evening while hanging out, Daniel, the German translator asked my age. He couldn't believe that a guy my age would venture on such an outing on his own. It also ex-



plained why Victor, the cook had come to help me set up my tent in the morning. The talk in the bush was the old man might need help. Daniel talked about having moved to Zambia and marrying a Zambian. A month earlier he had bought a property, which was built as income property. His wife, a citizen, was carrying the financial burden. Evidently, Zambia at that time expected a \$250,000 investment from foreigners to be allowed to invest. Foreigners had to wait ten years to be considered for citizenship. The wait was mainly because at that time Senegalese men would marry Zambian women to get citizenship, that way they would only have to wait five years. The privilege was abused, so they delayed access to citizenship. Whereas Jude had said the economy in Zambia was reflected in its poor infrastructure, Daniel felt it was doing well, especially in Livingstone--yet I heard that an important road from Lusaka, the capital to Livingstone was in need of serious repair. Hello New Jersey, does it sound familiar?

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It was clear from the little I was able to gather that Botswana was doing better than Zambia. Several public buildings seemed well built. The first shopping area we spent some time in that wasn't in a principal city, was well built and appeared more prosperous because people were shopping rather than just hanging out; this seemed so in Livingstone. Although Namibia's infrastructure seemed even better than Botswana's, the villages we saw from the road had thatched huts with straw peaked roofs. The structure was made of earth and dung, which needed rebuilding every time it rained. It rained a lot, so they had to rebuild every year. After a while I asked them about labor, law, and social services. There seemed to be a conscientious educational policy--compulsory education was expected for nine years. But Daniel said people paid for transport, school uniforms and he thought, for some education. It was compulsory, yet the people had to pay--hard to swallow coming from the West. The teachers were often volunteers; the main teachers being the only ones that got paid. I was told that women often married older men and found it difficult to refuse advances from younger men: hence, these young women would most often be the infected ones suspected of transmitting HIV/Aids. That evening was the first time



when I finally managed to write in my tent lying down on my stomach. I was panicking earlier thinking that I'd forget much of what I'd seen and heard, so I quickly jotted down much of what I'd learned before falling asleep. I had a feeling that life's daily, almost mundane, necessities that I often fuss about at home were looked at and dealt with differently in Africa. I don't know how yet, but I hoped this process would help me be more tolerant with myself. Good night.

Day 4, in the Jungle Tuesday, I felt more relaxed and less nervous about spending a whole night in the tent without being allowed to leave it.

Before we headed for another campsite deeper in Popa, Namibia, near Okavango River, I asked Master about conditions in Botswana. He told me that the government takes care of the indigent; they all receive some assistance. There is some form of SSA- "no one starves." It is a working democracy and officials are elected. Majority is reached at 18. Drinking is becoming a problem; driving taught by schoolteachers that don't want to fail their students isn't effective; hence they experience the most accidents in Africa. It's unfortunate that the mix of travelers didn't invite more conversation and sharing. I think I've mentioned that Heather, the only other American on the tour, only likes wild animals; people, I count myself in that group, she seemed to be able to do without. Fortunately, I didn't take it personally, until on one of those searching safari rides when we were all sworn to absolute silence so animals wouldn't run away when we approached them, I reached for my camera. Heather who was at the window looking out of the Land Rover turned toward me and threatened to throw me to the lions.



You see, my small digital camera was in a nice little case on my belt so I could easily snap it right out and shoot, but the cover stays closed with Velcro. The noise Velcro creates is highly audible when most people are quiet. What made Heather and the guides think my camera case was noisier than the Land Rover motor beats me. There's no doubt she'd have thrown me to the Lions or Impalas, whichever came first, so I kept my case cover open the rest of the trip. That's why I'm still here and not some meal for a wild animal. We got to the most westerly point in Namibia, still about 600 miles to the Atlantic Ocean. The next day we went south and got back into Botswana, where I was told we'd stay in a non-camp for two nights, but where the sites and chances for animals would be stupendous. I decided that I was going to read in my tent at night since I had fashioned a miner's light-"necessity is the mother of invention". I wore my baseball cap sideways and used the sizing back strap to fasten a flashlight to it. Now that I can read in the tent, I feel free.

Day 5 Wednesday, 1/23/08 Tsodilo Hills

The next day we were on Tsodilo Hills; we're in the jungle, don't ask me where that is. The game drive yielded ostriches, gnus, kudus, whorp-hogs and blue wildebeests. I would include some pictures but I didn't identify the pictures right

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away, so I'd have to look them up because except for the gnus, I need a world atlas. On the first day out we could be heard exclaiming, "ooohhh and aaahhhs, impalas (I was scolded for waving at an impala and yelling go). The rule is: you quietly observe, don't disturb the environment and allow those of us serious observers of animal behavior the tranquility it deserves. -One day many years ago, Freda and I took our customary walk in Roosevelt when a large family of deer walked across the road right in front of us on Homestead Lane near the Ellentuck's house. The youngest deer stayed back hesitatingly for quite a while looking at us looking at it. Finally I waved it on to let it know it had priority. It listened and crossed right away, which made us laugh and smile for weeks.

On the fourth day of our tour when impalas were seen, we heard, "impalas-impalas again!" as if we were in blasé city.

We saw a buffalo unlike our American ones. I don't know the difference; Heather does. Then we saw dung



beetles, which are about 1-1/2" long by one inch wide, light as a feather. They store dung balls about three to four inches in diameter for the dry season. They ingeniously roll the ball up a hill. This one had a hard time so it elected to bury it in the sand right there on the road; it was fascinating that the whole Rover population was watching it do its job with barely a sound.

We reached camp after our lunch stop on a road. The rain kept us from

putting our tents up, but we stopped long enough to set them up later. Then we went for a very good walk and some serious climbing (the only real walk). I think that part of what I imagined about the jungle was that some pleasant afternoons I'd be taking a walk in the jungle and how cool that would be. Now that I know better, "cool" is not the right word.

The next day we're going to a delta and would get a boat ride in a special canoe (a mokoro). The plans were that we'd spend two days and nights in a bush camp and we'd have to have all our necessities in a carryon bag only. My wet towel took up most of the room in my bag. Ten years later, I still don't understand why I had made an observation that it only took me one hour to rearrange everything, that it was incredible that I could find my tic-tacs or my Swiss army knife- there were only three pockets in my knapsack for heaven's sake, so what was so difficult.

The group dynamics were curious at best; perhaps it's the absence of any dynamism. Heather whose suitcase had still not shown up from her flight was still dependent on us for some things to wear. She seemed to take it splendidly; she put on whatever she could get with a smile. I think what amused her was her usual concern with her healthy figure. Now that none of the clothes were hers, they all seemed to fit happily.

Four Germans with little English rarely spoke to us, nor did we to them really. The educated couple, Julian a labor lawyer for a large German firm, and Anna, a veterinarian who'd decided curing human beings rather than animals would be more satisfying, was going to medical school. Anna and Julian felt comfortable enough to speak with us. This made our trip much more promising.



Master told me that day that some campers were so convinced there's no edible food in Africa that they'd bring their own food on this two-week trip- how odd. Heather and I were glad it wasn't the case in our group. To his credit, he wouldn't tell me what country some of these people came from. Master, the guide, often would list the number of days left to the trip and laugh hysterically at his own punch line, "Ten more nights on this safari-then back to room service."

Warps, reedbucks, and hippos were ubiquitous, but most often we'd see the backs of hippos only sticking out of the lake. Then we went for a two-hour safari game ride and saw a hippo come out of the water for a change. What a mass! What a mouth! What teeth? I'm so glad they're vegetarians and only crush you. I discovered this after some hippos climbed out of the lake we were looking at. We were so taken by their size that we asked to hang around and watch them for a while. Suddenly crocodiles were creeping out of the same lake. I immediately wondered and asked how it was that the hippos didn't just crush the crocodiles for lunch. That's when Masters explained how it was they could live in the same environment because hippos are vegetarians. On some levels it told me that if humans were not all in need of the same things, perhaps we wouldn't be at war so much of the time.

Tree of Heaven

This month we will again highlight an invasive species, Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*).

The Tree of Heaven was first introduced into the US in 1784 as a fast growing ornamental tree, adaptable to a very wide range of soil conditions. It was widely used as a specimen plant and street shade tree. It has a compound leaf with 10–41 leaflets organized in pairs. Young trees might be mistaken for sumacs or walnuts, but they can be distinguished by the lumps on the underside of the first pair of leaflets closest to the tree. Flowering trees are quite unmistakable. You can see a group of them alongside the east end of Nurko Road.

As with many things that seemed like a good idea at the time, the introduction of *Ailanthus* most certainly was not! The fast growing tree is not long lived. As they mature, many trees suffer heart rot, which makes them prone to toppling during storms. It also suckers badly, creating large colonies. It regrows from the base, when it is cut down. Even root fragments will sprout new trees, making it very difficult to eradicate. It produces lots of seeds, and it smells bad. No wonder it has earned the nickname “Tree from Hell”.

Although they are not intentionally planted in the US anymore, and they have been banned in Massachusetts



Ailanthus seeds

photo: E Taylor

since 2009, they continue spread. Seeds are windblown and are sometime carried great distances by rain runoff. The seeds will germinate almost anywhere even in the seams in concrete sidewalks, which is why it served as the central metaphor in Betty Smith’s novel *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.

Small trees should be cut down repeatedly. The goal is to keep them from blooming. Large specimens may require professional attention. It is worth noting that there have been reports of workers suffering gastrointestinal symptoms

and chest pain after unprotected exposure to the sap while removing *Ailanthus* after Katrina. They recovered. Everything is a poison; it’s just a question of the dose. *Ailanthus* has long been used in oriental medicine to treat a number of

ills. Additionally, *Ailanthus* is the favorite tree for the invasive spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) to lay its eggs.

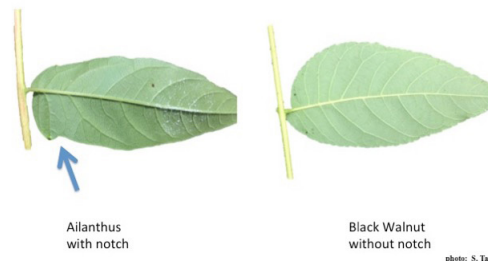
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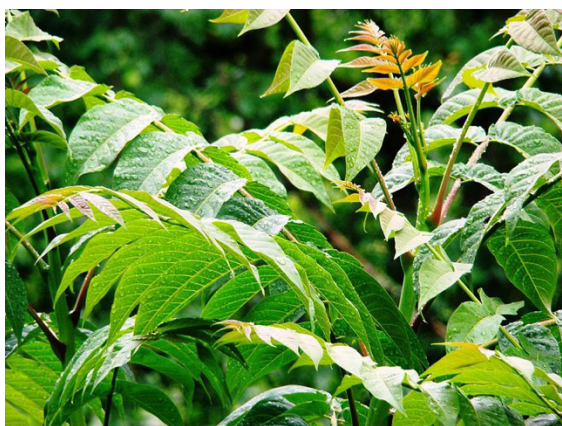
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Ailanthus with notch

Black Walnut without notch

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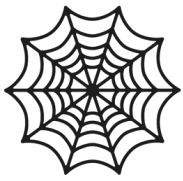
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The PTA is requesting a \$5.00 donation for cars that will be participating

All cars participating will get one bag of candy but are encouraged to bring 1-2 additional bags to refill your candy in case you run out.

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American Life in Poetry: Column 702
BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE

David Mason is the former poet laureate of Colorado and a professor of literature and writing at Colorado College. His most recent book is "The Sound: New and Selected Poems," from Red Hen press. I very much like the way in which the muddy boots both open and close this poem, in which not one but two biographies are offered to us in less than a hundred words.

The Mud Room

His muddy rubber boots
stood in the farmhouse mud room
while he sat in the kitchen,
unshaven, dealing solitaire.

His wife (we called her Auntie)
rolled out dough in the kitchen
for a pie, put up preserves
and tidied, clearing her throat.

They listened to the TV
at six, he with his fingers
fumbling the hearing aids,
she watching the kitchen clock.

Old age went on like that,
a vegetable patch, a horse
some neighbor kept in the barn,
the miles of grass and fences.

After he died his boots
stood muddy in the mud room
as if he'd gone in socks,
softly out to the meadow.

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17	Weds. 7:00 pm	Environmental Comm. Mtg., Borough Hall
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