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Wolf at the Bulletin Door

The Borough Bulletin is in trouble. We received a printing bill of \$1,350 which exhausts our account and leaves us without operating funds.

This came as an unhappy surprise because prior to this, we paid for printing in the form of a modest annual contribution the the July 4th Committee. The largest of these was \$500 that we raised from the sale of PTA Cookbooks, subscriptions and advertising. The usual methods will not come close to paying our new yearly bill.

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COUNCIL REPORT

Citizen Concern Expressed

By W.Z. Czyzewski

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, held on Wednesday, September, 11, 1985, was dominated by concern over three environmental issues: garbage pickup, water safety, and the historical landscape. After the corres-

pondence was read, and the committees had made their reports and recommendations, the public portion opened with a barrage of questions which revealed both the anxieties and the lack of knowledge of the residents.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

David Keller who was issued a N.J. grant from N.J. Council on the Arts for poetry.

Bahiru Kassahun, a senior member of the research staff of AT&T's Engineering Research Center in Princeton, N.J., was awarded a U.S. patent for the second time. The invention relates to apparatus for applying a layer of substantially bubble-free coating material concentrically about a lightguide fiber which is drawn from an optical preform. The patent was issued jointly with Montri Vereyayuthakorn.



Roosevelt 50-Year Anniversary Committee

Plans are developing for the Roosevelt 50-year anniversary celebration which will be held on Memorial Day Weekend, 1986. The following committees are seeking persons who want to get involved: historical, fundraising, entertainment, publicity, food, activities for children, and a number of others.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, October 1 at 8:00 pm in the Borough Hall. For information, please contact Lynn Friedman, 448-5186 or Carol Watchler, 448-5215.

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Much of the uneasiness was due to rumors about imminent plans of the Council regarding a Planning Board draft of a proposal dealing, in part, with architectural review policies. Residents feared that any ordinance would be a violation of their rights as homeowners to do what they wished with their property. Applause accompanied any statements of betrayal, infringement of freedom, etc. Council attempted to explain that there was no need for alarm, that the draft was still in its early stages, and that it was confusion over unknown content and procedure that was causing this misunderstanding.

The discussion then shifted to the garbage collection issue, and the possibility of receiving more bids for contracts. But the mood of the assembly necessitated continuation of the Planning Board draft inquiry. Apparently there were still those who had doubts about the timing of the Council's decision. Alarm about being excluded from the decision-making process lent the voices an unmistakable tone of antagonism.

The Mayor reiterated that there was as yet no proposal, that the subject was open to suggestions. At this point one resident proposed that a referendum be held in order that the entire community become involved. The Council agreed and made known the State's requirement for the adoption of such an ordinance so that funding for grants would be easier. It was also recommended that an abstract of the draft be made available to the public since so few people were familiar with the controversial document. Despite the obvious lack of knowledge concerning the nature of an historic district ordinance, residents continued to vent opinions about potential threats to home improvements, forced communal aesthetics, and bogus historicity. For

some the architectural integrity of Roosevelt represented a low-income consciousness; the uniqueness of the community they felt, was merely nostalgic in comparison to the surrounding contemporary developments. However, there was agreement on the need for preserving the green space.

The questioning then moved to the water problem, with residents expressing anxiety over the safety of the water as well as the monitoring of the chlorine levels. Suggestions were offered for testing the water for hydrocarbons, pesticides, and other hazardous agents; the sludge farms in Millstone also required investigation. Many residents were troubled about the health aspects of a system which could fail without warning. Increased monitoring was presented as a reasonable solution, with more checks being made at the sewer end.

When confronted by the facts of borough management, the difficulties inherent in procedural time frames, and the ritualism of the bureaucracy, the public portion of the meeting ended on a frustrated note. The room emptied as the old and new business portions of the meeting were introduced.

Other final topics on the agenda included two zoning ordinances, an application for road repair, an amendment to a Fire Department membership requirement, and the introduction of a proposed Noise Ordinance, copies of which were distributed to the remaining public.

THE YUDIN AND SARCH FAMILIES WISH TO THANK ALL THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO WERE SO THOUGHTFUL AND HELPFUL IN THE TIME OF THEIR RECENT BEREAVEMENT.

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Eligibility for CDBG Funds

By Freda Hepner

Some of you may remember that, more than a year ago, our community was deemed ineligible for Community Development Block Grant funds. We were told that grants were available only for projects that benefitted "neighborhoods" with low and moderate income residents. We do not have a "neighborhood" of that sort. The County provided officials had also sigof definitions nificantly lower for "low-moderate" income persons living in our houses that were provided for persons living in the federally subsidized Solar Village. We arqued that these differentials in illogical categorizations were unreasonable. We contended that community was built in fashion, as evidenced by the historic designation both the state and federal governments have granted the Borough of Roosevelt. Our whole municipality is our neighborhood; rich and poor living side by side.

our Congressman Smith, would not respond to a request for his intervention, we took matter to Senator Frank Lautenberg. It took a number of months, but we recently received support position. From a letter to the Senator from Stephen May, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, we learn that: "...the "service area" for an activity proposed to be undertaken with CDBG funds is generally delineated by the applicant. It is simply the area served by the activity. In this instance, if the sewer system exclusively serves the Borough, and if the proposed repairs would upgrade the system as a whole, then the service area of the repair activity would be the entire Borough...both Section 202 program for the elderly and the CDBG program now use the same definition of low and moderate income persons...Unfortunately, untilrecently, there existed some misunderstanding in the County regarding this issue. Our Newark office recently contacted the County to set the matter straight...".

This means that we are now eligible to apply for federal funding to provide the desperately needed repairs to our sewer system. We have filed an application for a Small Cities Grant with the State. Their decision should be forthcoming by November. Keep your fingers crossed.

On the health scene, you might be pleased to know that the Matawan Borough Health Department has been awarded a health services contract to provide dental services in central N.J. This includes Roosevelt. Dental hygienist Jacqueline Horton will be organizing a program to promote dental health in our community.

Additionally, at the request of our First Aid Squad, we have authorized the Monhoc Mobile Intensive Care Unit to assist our Squad in life-threatening situations. Squad officials will be able to get prompt response to calls when they feel it is needed. Remember that.

Council meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 8 pm in the Borough Hall.

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ISSUE & DEBATE

Mr. Leefer's Letter

By Gloria Hazell

On September 6/7, homeowners in Roosevelt received in the mail a communication signed by Bernard Leefer for the Committee Opposed to the Adoption of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Leefer's letter stated that "A new Zoning Ordinance will be introduced at the next regular meeting of the Roosevelt Council on September 11. It is expected to pass, despite its unpopularity with the majority of the citizens of Roosevelt."

This letter disturbed some members of the Borough Council, who claim that it is inaccurate. I met with two members, Lee Selden and Carol Watchler who shared their views.

Both members stated that the ordinance had not yet been discussed by the Council, (at the time of mailing Bernie's letter and the writing of this report.) Also, the ordinance at present is only in draft form. Lee Selden stated that Bernie acted in a way "unbefitting a Council member", as he knows that before a zoning ordinance can be adopted it has to go from the Planning Board to the Agenda meeting--which precedes a Council meeting. at the Agenda meeting it is found that there are too many flaws or concerns voiced by the Council members proposed ordinance will be tabled, or more research will be made to enable it to come before the Council at a later date.

Carol Watchler asserted that every member of the Council welcomes input from the citizens in town, either in person, at a meeting, or by telephone. She also stated that Bernie's opening paragraphs are "gratuitous." Both she and Lee agreed that a great deal of thought, discussion and consideration goes into any ordinance before it is passed by the Council. This ordinance

is only at the proposal stage according to Lee and Carol, and there are going to be problems with it which will have to be discussed thoroughly before it goes any further.

It should be made clear that neither Lee nor Carol objected to Bernie putting out a letter, that is his right. What they objected to was that Mr. Leefer took it upon himself to distribute information he knew was incorrect. His act could cause the townspeople undue worry, they said. This political maneuvering is designed to incite hysteria in the Roosevelt community, and it is completely inappropriate at this stage of the proceedings, they added.

The two Council members said finally that the ordinance may be introduced, as is, but it is doubtful. It is not expected to pass as it stands at the moment. There are many creases to iron from it. This complex ordinance affects all property-owners in Roosevelt and it is not going to be ramrodded through. Utmost consideration will be given to all aspects of the ordinance and respect shown to the wishes of the Roosevelt citizens.



PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Master Plan to be Reviewed

By Bob Clark

Having completed lengthy drafting of an historic district ordinance and sent it to the Borough Council, the Planning Board began work on updating the town's master plan at its September 4 regular meeting. Over the next few months the Planning Board will review the old master plan, prepare several new sections and determine if assumptions underlying the land use element of the old plan are still valid. Planning Board chairman Alan Mallach noted, for example, that the drafters of the old plan assumed that Roosevelt and the surrounding area would maintain a stable population. Mallach explained that growth along the Route 1 corridor indicates that this assumption may no longer be true. The board plans to consider whether existing zoning regulations in the agricultural, industrial, commercial and residential areas of the Borough continue to be appropriate.

The board approved final subdivision for six half-acre residential
lots along North Valley Road between
Farm Lane and Homestead Lane. The
board granted the subdivision after
the Borough Engineer and the engineer
for one of the applicants, PrincetonWindsor Realty, agreed on \$36000 worth
of street and drainage improvements
intended to prevent flooding on Farm
Lane.

The Board, with Chairman Mallach dissenting, denied a subdivision application seeking a variance to allow a 3 1/2 acre lot on the south side of Eleanor Lane to be subdivided into two lots of 2 acres and 1 1/2 acres, respectively. The applicant, David Glassman, had sought an exception from the 2 1/2 acre requirement for that part of the town. Residents of nearby homes indicated that such an exception would conflict with their expectations when they purchased larger lots in the 2 1/2 acre area.

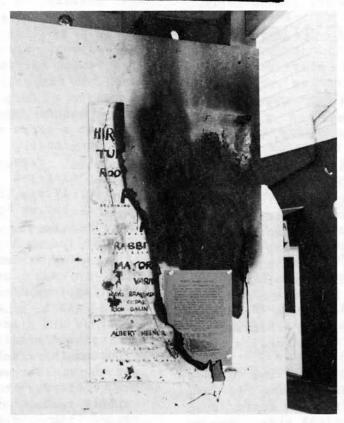


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NEIGHBORS

Making Sound Sound Good

By Adeline Weiner

One day recently I visited Paul Prestopino at his home on Farm Lane. As we talked, Sara his wife, worked at her loom nearby.

AW: Tell me something about your job. PP: For the last 15 years I've been working at a recording studio in New York as a maintenance technician which is everything from aligning tape machines to building things, fixing things, designing things or dashing into the room when something breaks down. To know what people are talking about when they have an esoteric problem, it helps to be a musician.

AW: Could you do your work without being a musician?

PP: Oh sure, many do. For the last 20 years or so people are coming to the recording business from the music side rather than the technical side. Now we like to think we're in the music business rather than the electronics business. What we try to do is facilitate making music. True it's in recorded form but still music, even if it is a beer commercial.

AW: How large is the studio?

PP: If you're talking about reputation we're smaller now than we used to be. We were one of the top three or four rock-and-roll studios in NY. The slide down started a while back when the studio didn't pour back funds for refurbishing itself.

SP: But Record Plant is still up there in reputation.

PP: It certainly still has a good reputation for quality. Record Plant Studios Limited is one of the top studios in the country of which there are quite a few. Some of them trade on how state-of-the-art and sexy their equipment is. We have only a couple of areas where we really are super state-of-the-art. For the rest...Well we are using tape machines 7 or 8 years old. There is one console I helped to install when I got there.

AW: Do you have a say about policy?
PP: Only by virtue of having been there for a long time and having a decent amount of experience by now. I'm also a very small stockholder...I mean very small. I own 1% of the company. That came about after Warners took us over and we bought ourselves out in 1976. So now we're independent, but we have no capital.

AW: Whom do you record?

PP: If you want to go back over the list, we've recorded many people of note in the pop music business. Starting from fame on down, I quess you could start with John Lennon whose stuff we did almost all of. Then Bruce Springsteen's first big album was recorded there mostly; it was started elsewhere. Currently, a big hit album, the Hooters, climbing the rapidly is ours and the recent Scandal record too. The other things studio does for a living, especially during the lean years is take in jingle business. A year ago, there was a huge "Welcome to Miller Time" campaign that was all us. Our reputation rests on the quality of our sound which in turn rests on the maintenance of our equipment and even more on the quality and knowledgeability of the staff. course there are other good studios; I don't want to shortchange them.

AW: How many are there and where?

PP: The great concentrations are in centers like Los Angeles, New York and especially Nashville. That's the biggest music-producing center in the country. They record a really tremendous amount of music.

AW: Have you ever been tempted to go there?

PP: No. We did have a guy who came in as part of the maintenance department and loved it at Record Plant. But he couldn't find a place to live in NY and landed in Nashville...he's happy there. AW: Tell me how you work your job...do you have shifts?

PP: The recording business is an around-the-clock affair. The music business as opposed to the jingle business...and people make just this distinction...is an afternoon and on through the night kind of thing. You can't expect people who are doing shows that start at 8, 9 or 10 at night or who work in the clubs until 2 or 3 AM to be creative at 9 AM. So the studio is very active at night. I've been working the 4 to midnite slot for a long time.

We have more of a maintenance facility than most. For instance, other studios might let assistants align machines, or send them out. We align our machines for every date instead of maybe once a week. We use people whose job it is to understand not just how to fix something by rote, but what the real problems might be. AW: Are you satisfied with what you're doing?

PP: That's an interesting question. One, I've been doing it for a long time. Two, it has not changed a whole lot. If anything it's moved more toward the drudgery than the creative end. I do get satisfaction out of knowing when I walk away that the machine is "right on". But it's boring, not like building goodies in the shop that might tickle someone's fancy.

AW: But you're not actively irritated by this job right now?

PP: No, no, no. Well sometimes it gets irritating. At the moment the irritation level is at a low because by all kinds of legerdemain like bank loans and whatnot, we managed to get enough money to put \$100,000 into an automated mix-out system in a mix room which turned it from an empty room into one you can't get time in.

Sure, I help out in all sorts of situations. Just the other day a guy who grew up in Record Plant, an independent engineer-producer, was trying to get a certain effect but wasn't getting it. I didn't think twice about it; dropped what I was doing and went in there and did it with

him. Being able to do something like that, a step beyond what you're supposed to know...that's just "nachis", you know, that's just fun. And it also has to do with the reputation of the studio. In this particular case, this guy knows us and likes to work at Record Plant more than at some other place. And part of the reason is us, and I like to think that part of it is me.

AW: Have you ever wanted to be a producer?

PP: If I had headed in the direction of engineer, I might very well be producing records, who knows? But I'd have to get out of the studio business first. You really can't do both. Just as for a long time I carried on being a professional musician with working in the studio. But eventually, you have to give full time to each. As a musician, I had to be available all the time. You can't tell someone "I got home at 2 AM so I can't be at the jingle session after 10 AM. The music dates slowly trickled away.

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MINUTES AGO

Bubbe and Bobby

By Arthur Shapiro

Everyone around here who follows baseball at all is excited about the prospect this year of having a "Subway Series". When I was young, kids from town rooted for one of the New York teams. Most guys, like Ezzie Weisman, Vic Lobl, Stefan and Tony Martin rooted for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Their love for the Bums was only surpassed by their hatred for the Yankees-a team favored by Marvin Block, Obiknocker Lowenthal, Oogie Levin and me! A few weird kids, like Marty Leibson, were Giant fans. Anyone who rooted for a Philadelphia team was stigmatized. Anyone who rooted for a team representing a distant city was looked upon as being from an alien planet. When my cousin Jerry came to visit from Boston, the whole neighborhood came over to see an in-the-flesh Braves fan.

Calling oneself a fan of a particular team carried certain responsibilities, such as always knowing standing, its player's batting averages of its other assorted and any statistics. At any time I could be challenged by a Bum's fan to defend Phil (now of the "Money Store" fame) Rizzuto's record against that of Pee Wee Reese, or explain why Duke Snyder was not in the same class as Joe (now of Bowery Savings and Mr. Coffee fame) DiMaggio. I was forever having to argue how much better a catcher Yogi (now of YooHoo chocolate drink fame) Berra was than Roy Campanella. But, no matter what team was yours, you closly followed both pennant races.

Probably one of the most exciting races of all, was the National League race of 1951. By mid-August, the Dodgers were thirteen and one half games into first place followed by the

Giants. All around Roosevelt the Dodger fans swaggered in a confident, cocky manner assuring me that in the World Series, the Bums would kill my Yankees who were sure to win the American League flag. Giant fans like Leibson had to hide themselves in shame!

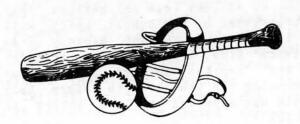
Then the unbelievable happened! The Bums hit a losing streak while the Giants hit a winning streak. And, what a streak it was! While the Bums were falling apart, the Giants were winning thirty-seven of their next forty-four games. As the pennant race went into the playoffs, everyone became excited. Even the Yankee fans! Leibson was becoming a hero! The tension and excitement built up more and more each day. Finally even the playoffs were tied and it came down to one last game-played on October 1st.

It was during that time that my Bubbe (grandmother) came to visit us for the religious holidays. On that particular day, both my parents were working, so she and I were home alone together. I remember her sitting in our livingroom, knitting, while I, like all other kids was glued to the radio listening to the big game.

Finally, it was the last half of the ninth inning with the Dodgers leading by two runs. As the Giants come up to bat it was do or die. I can still remember my own excitement as well as that of the fans and announcers over the radio. The tension was unbelievable. Then, Alvin Dark singled. The crowd began to stir. Mueller, the right fielder, came up to bat-he, singled. The crowd began to scream. After Irvin fouled out, the next batter was the first baseman, Lochman. As the

crowd got wilder and wilder Lochman smacked a double to left field sending home Dark! Amid the din and with the winning run at the plate, the Bums called time out and replaced their pitcher, Newcombe, with Ralph Branca.

Each and every fan at home and in the ballpark was on the edge of his or her seat as the third baseman Bobby Thompson came up to bat. After several pitches it was a full count! The crowd grew quiet as Branca began his motion. Then, the pitch! CRACK! Thompson hit a three run homer! As he ran around the bases pandemonium broke loose! The announcers were screaming-the fans were screaming! Next door, I could hear Stefan and Tony Martin slamming doors and cursing! Leibson was riding his bike down Pine Drive screaming at the top of his lungs! As all this was going on, my grandmother asked, "Hotta (thats how she pronounced my name) vot's goink on? Vot's all the hex-"Bubbe," I said, "Bobby citement?" Thompson just hit a three run homer! The Giants get to play the Yankees in the World Series!" To which my Bubbe asked, "Is that good for the Jews or bad for the Jews!".



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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

No Vacation for School Board

By Herb Johnson

Since the last school board meeting reported on in the Borough Bulletin, there has been a Special Meeting on June 13 and six regular meetings. At the June 13 meeting a report by Art Unger on Building and Grounds Committee actions and proposals resulted in these and other approvals: replace gym doors for \$1,375; replace garage doors for \$888; repair primary wing doors for \$880.

President Mary King's report clarified the nature of "closed sessions" as being portions of a Board meeting which deal with employment or evaluation of an employee, or with the progress of an individual student. She said that an employee or student has a right to an evaluation being aired in an open board meeting, at his or her request. She also requested the Policy Committee to improve or propose policies on student fund raising and for arranging the eighth-grade yearly trip.

At the June 20 meeting at visitor Laurie Altman's request, Ms. King explained the board's grievance Mr. Altman said he policies again. would submit a list of grievances to Dr. Sussman. Other parents requested that the grievance policies be revised to use clearer language. The board, at Dr. Dave Keller's recommendation, approved of Roosevelt students participating in the Norris Achievement National Test administered by Rutgers University and the second reading of a new policy to recognize employees and board members. Group plaques will be placed in the school lobby honoring employees who have served ten or more years at the school and board members who have served at least five years.

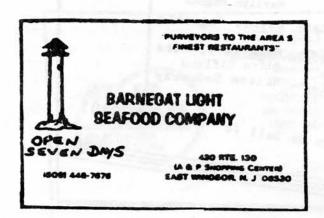
The Board approved hiring Cavalluzzo, Michael Chimes, and Thomas Kerr at \$5.00 per hour to paint parts of the school and help Mr. Lorenzo Jones, School Custodian, during the summer. Transfers of appropriations in the budget for year ending June 30, 1985 were approved. Board member John Burghardt pointed out that the Budget for that year had to be planned in late 1983 for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools in February 1984 and voter approval in April 1984, so many changes occur. Teacher and administration salaries, textbooks. teaching supplies, maintenance contracted services and new equipment costs went higher than budgeted, but they were made up for by budget reductions of 20% in Clerical Secretarial Salaries (\$2000) and Operations Contracted Services (\$2000), 31% (\$5000) in Heat, and 20% (\$53,139) in regular high school and special education tuitions. The school incurred \$51,209 less obligations than appropriated by the budget, which will go into the " current expense free balance" line, from which the transfer to the "capital outlay" account for improving the gymnasium to reduce heat costs was approved by the voters in April.

At the July 1 meeting visitor Lee Selden questioned the Board's action of recessing to a "closed session" portion at the June 6 meeting when a teacher who was a chaperone for the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC was present and could have been asked if extending the trip to a third day would cause a hardship due to family commitments. Mr. Burghardt, presiding, expressed support for the board's action and he explained that closed sessions, which

are for discussing personnel, negotiations, performance of staff and students, are to protect the board and to respect the rights of the people involved.

Later, visitor Laurie Altman stated that many Roosevelt teen-agers needed a recreation program this summer. inquired about the school planning some. Margaret Katz, high school committee chair, stated that our school sent brochures to homes of students about two summertime programs of East Windsor and Hightstown who agreed to charge the same fee for their own and Roosevelt children. Mr. Burghardt explained that our school was not mandated to conduct recreation programs. Visitor Mayor Freda Hepner pointed out to Mr. Altman that as a member of the Borough Recreation Committee he could help plan and sponsor programs for Roosevelt's children.

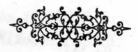
The July 18 meeting was brief. The board approved of the First Aid Squad using the school for the Arts and Crafts Fair in the fall, and the Parks Commission using the P.A. system for its September 1 Music Festival. It was reported that some parents submitted grievances to Dr. Sussman and were to meet with him on July 24; the school was to receive a \$10,900 grant from the state for installing insulation in the gym ceiling; and the Teachers Room was to be improved as the board approved for \$1,500.



At the August meetings, the board approved: electrical work, duct work, building a new asphalt basketball court by the south side of the driveway circle, converting the old one into a parking lot for school staff and guests; and work on the gym ceiling. The library ceiling replacement is held up for insurance settlement.

At the September 5 meeting, matters were of special interest. The board set the following Monday for it to meet with parents and Dr. Sussman regarding the parents' grievances. Tuition of \$12,500 for an East Windsor child to attend our school was approved. (3) Bids were read for transporting one of our special students to Carteret. Roosevelt Auto Center bid \$18,500. The Advance Reservation Service of Freehold bid \$68 per day which was much less than the other's approximately \$100 per day. but the board questioned some vague stipulations. Clarification was needed before the contract could be awarded. (4) The financial reports of the Treasurer, Howard Prezant, and the Board Secretary, Jay Cavalluzzo, through June 1985, and construction of the basketball court and parking lot at \$3,700, were approved. (5) The Board wrote to our Senators and Representative Smith urging them to oppose reduction of the presently allowed credit for state and local property taxes towards federal income taxes.

The next regular meeting of the School Board will be the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 pm in the school, open to all citizens of Roosevelt.





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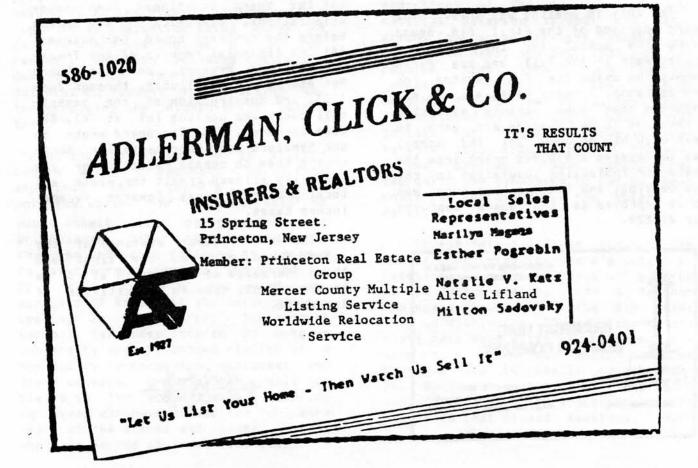
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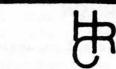
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LETTER TO EDITOR

Well, folks, here I am again.

I had hoped to retire from the world of letters, but Les Weiner's diatribe against me in the last issue of the Roosevelt Bulletin has persuaded me to take up my pen again.

As a simple matter of politesse, I will refrain from misusing the Bulletin as a forum for trading personal insults. In my reply, I plan to limit myself to pointing out only a few of the numerous errors in Weiner's letter.

The principal error, and the one on which most of the others are based, is Weiner's delusion that I am attacking Roosevelt's Historic Designation, of which he is the proud father. Attaining Historic Designation for Roosevelt was the accomplishment of his tenure as Councilman unmarred by any other.

Actually, I see nothing intrinsically wrong with the Historic Designation. Once I was satisfied that it would do the town no harm, I was not opposed to it, and I am not now opposed to it. But the same cannot be said of the proposed ordinance coming before the Council on Sept. 11. This ordinance attempts to establish one capricious arbiter group for everyone in the matter of taste.

At the public meeting preceding Roosevelt's Historic Designation award we were promised that no aesthetics would be imposed on the community. The only encouragement for restoration would be to investors who rent out Roosevelt real estate. They would derive minor tax benefits resulting from efforts to restore properties to their former depression-inspired spartan simplicity.

In response to questions from the public, we were repeatedly assured that no legislation was tenured to acquire or maintain the Historic Designation status.

So to Weiner's querulous opening salvo, "What's eating Bernie Leefer?", I can soothingly reply that it's not the Historic Designation.

What <u>is</u> eating Bernie Leefer is the superfluous and repressive legislation which has been spawned in its name by an "elite" few for the "protection and welfare of the people," despite the wishes of a large majority.

And this is something Weiner apparently knows very little about. In his literary harangue he clearly states that he had not attended any of the Planning Board meetings that dealt with it. Nor had he read any of the drafts of the proposed historical ordinance, nor the current version of it which the Council will now consider and vote on at the September meeting. He says he knows nothing about the ordinance, but he has blind faith in the infinite wisdom of the Planning Board and Council.

On the other hand, I have attended meetings. I have read the drafts-there were at least 5-I have read the ordinance in its many forms and in its now final submitted version. I cannot share Weiner's ignorance-inspired bliss. I like facts.

While Weiner staunchly defends the Planning Board's right to protect our green open spaces, the fact is that the Board specifically chooses to ignore this part of our heritage. The fact is that nowhere, in any of the numerous drafts and versions of the ordinance are our untended green open spaces referred to.

Weiner is correct in stating that the Planning "Commission," as he erroneously insists upon calling it, does not have the power to enforce aesthetics, but the fact is that under Section 10.0 of the proposed ordinance, penalties ranging from \$25 up to \$74 per day will be imposed for violations of its taste.

Regarding greedy developers, Weiner's jitters are certainly justified. But the fact is that the to-be-developed areas are specifically excluded from the more restrictive provisions of the proposed ordinance. Such matters are routinely under the control of the Planning Board by virtue of the Zoning ordinances which have existed for some time.

As a former Councilman, Weiner should know the fact that we already have on the books ordinances that protect and safeguard the very distinctive features of the town that he imagines he needs to protect from me.

My roots are deep in Roosevelt. Unlike Weiner, who likes to tell the story of how he came to Roosevelt because of cheap rent, my family came here among the first 35 original settlers in 1936 with high ideals. My parents made sacrifices, both financial and personal, to establish our family here because of those ideals.

My father came to manage the original millinery factory and after it was gone he stayed on to serve in almost every public office that a citizen could be elected to, appointed to, or volunteer for. Weiner's winsome appeal that I honor his memory sounds like a swell idea to me, and I plan to continue to do so.

Roosevelt is where I found my good wife, albeit she came later, the kid sister of another family also seeking cheap rent. Though she is a relative newcomer, arriving in Roosevelt in 1940, her roots here are deep, like mine. So, we don't need lessons in Weltschmerz from Weiner.

Before Weiner continues his quest for the wonderful way things were, he should recognize that there have been a few changes since the old Jersey Homesteads days that neither he nor the proposed ordinance take into account. The town has changed physically, architecturally, economically, philosophy, ethnically, by age distribution and by language. Yiddish was initially the official language and Council meetings were conducted in Yiddish. changes are: functional, vocational, occupational, and political, to mention just a few. There are no needle trade workers now, and no community factory, farm or commissary employing the town residents remain.

Our once fine greenbelt is now pitifully neglected and unmanaged and partially mangled by careless zoning. Only the road system is essentially in the original configuration.

Like most other Roosevelt citizens, I take these changes in stride. As for the proposed ordinance, I have no personal axe to grind and nothing at stake. We have already completed all the alterations to our home that we can foresee we would want. It was all done under the current ordinances. Under their guidelines the interests of the town were safeguarded as to open spaces, heights, depth and width of structure. Plumbing, electrical and heating systems were checked. Health and safety factors were applied. Quality of materials was controlled and factored in.

We think our home is beautiful as

well as comfortable and functional. But, I have it on good authority that the health of one of our neighbors was permanently impaired by viewing it. So, it seems that what is of value to us may be worthless or worse to a neighbor. My neighbor's permanently impaired health saddens me, but I can't see it as an excuse to censor the taste of hundreds of homeowners. And I will oppose and vote against such undemocratic and authoritarian restrictions.

To respond to each and every error and inanity in Weiner's letter would make this already too long letter far too much longer. So, I won't address the matter of Weiner's disapproval of my survey in detail.

With no knowledge of how this sort of research is conducted, he cannot be expected to understand some of the fine points. But I would like to ask who has done better, or for that matter, anything at all, to determine what the citizens want? The substantial response to my effort certainly indicates a solid interest and strong opinions by the people.

My survey needs no defense, but to cool Weiner's outrage, I would like to clarify the question regarding special interests and subsidizing the non-greedy.

The fact is that in 1984 the governing body, the Mayor and Council. did indeed award a substantial sum of taxpayer's money to a special interest group. They did this despite the fact that the underprivileged were specifically excluded from participating or benefitting. This item has also been included in the 1985 budget. So the question can be answered three ways: one way by the taxpayers, another by the Mayor and Council and yet a third way by the group that profits from the award. I suggest to Weiner that he verify this by looking it up in the public record.

In this letter I have stated some facts and what I believe to be some conclusions that could be drawn therefrom. In my professional life, I have had to deal with facts that have used scientific methods to accomplish my goals. Weiner's life as a playwright has permitted him to use more ephemeral tools.

My profession has prepared me, far better than Weiner's, to think logically. I expect the "bridges" I have built and the devices and systems I have created will stand.

Certainly one should not have to choose Art over Science or vice versa. But in matters of property values, I would pick fact over fancy every time. And I would hope that Weiner would reconsider his visceral and hysterical response to chimeras, look at the facts and accept reality.

Bernie Leefer

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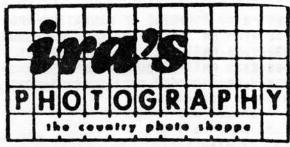
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3	THURSDAY	7:30-9:00 PM	FREE YOGA CLASSES-BOROUGH HALL
		8:00 PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION-RPS
7	MONDAY	8:00 PM	BOROUGH COUNCIL AGENDA-BOROUGH HALL
9	WEDNESDAY	8:00 PM	BOROUGH COUNCIL-BOROUGH HALL
10	THURSDAY	7:30-9:00 PM	FREE YOGA CLASS-BOROUGH HALL
15	TUESDAY	1:00-4:00 PM	SENIOR CITIZENS HEALTH PROGRAM
			COMMUNITY ROOM-SOLAR VILLAGE
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IN MEMORIAM

Rose Sarch Yudin, who had lived in Roosevelt since 1941, died on August 23rd, at the age of 67. Her parents were among the early Homesteaders who settled here in 1937. At that time Rose was working in New York and commuted here weekends. In 1941 she moved with her husband Jack, who survives her, to the house on School Lane, where she lived until her death.

She worked as bookkeeper in the hat factory in town for two years, until her first child was born. While her husband was in the army in World War II she again worked in the area, including serving as secretary of the Board of Education in Roosevelt.

Since then, she had been active in many local organizations, including the Synagogue and its Sisterhood, Deborah, and especially the Senior Citizens Club, where she played an important role. For many years she was an appointed member of the Board of Elections for school Board elections. She was a friendly, caring, involved person.

She is survived, in addition to her husband, by a daughter, Iona Rebh of Hightstown; a son, Mitchell of New York, and three grandchildren: Jeffrey, Richard and Nancie Rebh. She is survived also by two brothers, Ralph and Sam Sarch of New Jersey, and a sister, Minnie Baraban of Florida and Israel.

Rose Yudin She Whom We Call a Rose

Rose Yudin was a humanitarian. Her thoughtfulness, grace and beauty were experienced by everyone who knew and loved her. I was one of the unfortunates, I only knew her for about a year, but I guess that really I was fortunate, at least I did have the joy of knowing her, for that is what it was, simply a joy.

Rose passed over to God's land on August 23rd. We who knew her will miss her, but we will remember with wonder and happiness the kind, caring soul that was Rose.

Every time I spoke to her she was a real gem, she always made me smile just by the way she radiated peace and spoke of love for her fellow-man and nature. I can imagine that gentle lady sitting there among the angels, making them smile in the same way.

My family's love and thoughts go out to Jack, her husband of forty-five years, who will miss her most of all, but who will also have the loveliest memories.

Andrew, my youngest son said of Rose. "She was a nice person". He then corrected himself and said, "no, Rose was a <u>very</u> nice person". I think that says it all.

This small eulogy is respectfully and regretfully submitted by Gloria Hazell.

Group to Monitor Water Quality

By Becky Russell

The water situation during Labor Day week had a mobilizing effect on Roosevelt residents, raising many questions about our water system that are long overdue for answers. Due to a defective diaphragm on the chlorinator, chlorine levels dropped and coliform bacteria were present in sufficient numbers that the Council residents to boil their water, though New Jersey considered that unnecessary. Roosevelt citizens were justifiably alarmed, and many doubts and suspicions surfaced about the safety of drinking water.

An informal meeting of residents occured on Friday, September 6 to discuss this problem. The outcome of the meeting was the formation of the Water Clean Initiative (RCWI), whose purpose is to inform the public about the safety and cost of our water supply. RCWI maintains hot lines for complaints and suggestions, and periodically will publish useful information about our water and what we must pay for it. There are two hotline numbers: 448-7742 (Diana Moore) 448-8121 (Donna Suk).

Preceeding the discovery of low chlorine levels was action I took regarding a periodic oil-like odor I noticed in the hot water. Beginning in July, this odor occurred regularly on

Sunday evenings and Monday mornings, and then disappeared until the next Sunday. Several of my neighbors also noticed the oily odor—in fact, one person could taste and smell oil strongly in cold water.

After notifying the Borough Hall, I called the Monmouth County Board of Health and a man came to my house to take water samples. Then on July 23, the Trenton Times reported fuel oil and pesticide contamination in Washington Township wells. Concerned that the odor I noticed might be due to fuel oil, I notified the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and they also came to take samples. These samples showed the low chlorine levels. NJDEP also is testing for petroleum, expecting results in a month. Residents can check for odors in the water by running the hot fast and smelling the plume of steam, or by running cold water fast and overflowing into a clean glass, pouring it out, and quickly sniffing the inside of the glass. There are times when the odor is quite obvious and these procedures are not necessary. Please keep a log of the dates and times you detect changes in our water, and report them to Mary Beth Baker at NJDEP, or call RCWI at the numbers mentioned above.

At the September 9 agenda meeting, I presented a letter to the Council announcing the formation of RCWI, and requesting they schedule the water issue for the September 11 public meeting. At that meeting, councilmember Howard Chasan explained the breakdown of the chlorinator and displayed the faulty diaphragm. asked if there is a back up system, he said there is a pre-chlorinator and a post-chlorinator, and one was under repair when the system failed. He said he tested for chlorine, but since the test point was at the plant, the source of the chlorine, there was sufficient residue to give a correct reading. Chasan added that additional daily checks now occur at the other end of town so this problem does not occur again. He said we send samples once a

month for bacterial testing. He did not know about other substances we check for, stating that the borough tests for what New Jersey requires. After several residents expressed concern that we should check our water for pesticides and other toxins, he said the Council could allocate funds for that in next year's budget if necessary.

A related issue that came up at the public meeting was the sludge dumping that has been occuring on Nurko Road in Millstone. The citizens of Millstone took the operators of the sludge dump to court, but the court upheld the right of the dumpers to continue, and Millstone is appealing the decision. Roosevelt citizens are concerned that the sludge may contaminate our water, since the Raritan aquifer, from which Roosevelt draws its water, passes under Millstone. For anyone who wishes to do it, Mayor Hepner has information on contacting the Millstone citizens' group.

In a way, the low-chlorine incident has been a valuable lesson, a reminder of the more serious water problems other towns in New Jersey must face: the water supply in Washington Township is now contaminated with pesticides and fuel oil. The sludge in Millstone brings the possibility of contamination of our aquifer closer to home. And it is well known that chlorine itself poses health hazards, since carcinogenic organic chlorides (including the trihalomethanes) form in chlorinated water. Up-to-date municipal ination systems use granular activated carbon absorption to assure removal of these substances before the treated water flows into distribution. We cannot take for granted the safety of anything we consume, and we should not delegate to anyone the responsibility for our own health--it requires our active, personal attention.

SHOWTIME

By Petula Hazell (One of the players)

The latest addition to the cultural scene in town is the Roosevelt Players. Each week this little group of housewives, first-aiders, workers and high-school students leave the daily grind of life and step into the land of make-believe: acting. For the last six months, the players have been hard at work rehearsing the two plays that the First Aid Squad will be putting-on the last week in September. (Details will be on notice-boards later in the month, so keep your eyes peeled for them.)

The two plays, 'Chamber Music' by Arthur Koppit and 'Aria De Capo' by Edna St. Vincent Millay, are being directed by our own Margaret Schlinski. Margaret is well known in and out of Roosevelt for her previous plays. When showtime arrives the auditorium is bound to be packed to capacity as in preceding plays.

These players are a group of talented, fun-loving people, who through fits of giggling and forgotten lines, manage to bring the plays to life. The plays themselves are amusing, quirky and sad.

So now the actors are looking forward to opening night when, with a little nervousness and plenty of adrenalin flowing they will give a performance this town will never forget.



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Senior News

By Helga Wisowaty

We had a luncheon get-together on September 3. It was concerned with the events of the past few months, a boat ride around Manhattan, a concert at the Garden State Art Center in June and a picnic at the Soifer's home in July.

During the luncheon Faye and Leo Libove were honored. A delicious cake was served to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Sorrow came to us with the death of Rose Yudin in August. Rose was an active member of our club and joined us in many trips and celebrated many happy occasions with us. We'll miss her smile and her interest in all events. Our Sympathy is extended to Jack and his family.

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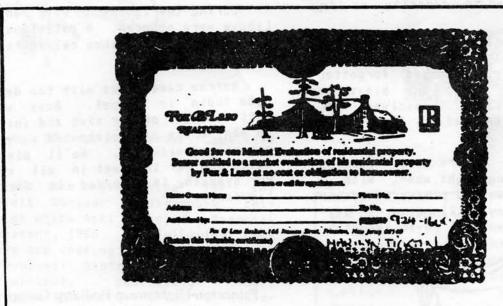
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