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LAKIN IS ONLY BOROUGH CANDIDATE;
DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 26

At press time, Bruce Lakin of North Valley Road was the only candidate who had filed to run for municipal office in the June primary elections. The deadline for filing is 4 p. m., Thursday, April 26, at the Borough Hall.

Mayor Leon Barth has said he will not run for a four-year mayoral seat, and two incumbent Council members, Ted Marton and Esther Pogrebin, have declined to say whether they will run again for three-year terms.

INFORMAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON LAND USE LAWS IS APRIL 30

The Borough Council and the Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, April 30 to discuss informally the laws that the Planning Board has developed to implement the Borough Master Plan.

Formal adoption of these important ordinances is expected to be made next month.

NUCLEAR POWER IS SUBJECT

The Public Safety Committee of the Borough Council is sponsoring a public discussion on nuclear power at the Borough Hall at 8 p. m. on Friday, April 27.

There will be a panel from the Safe Energy Alternatives Alliance of New Jersey to talk about the subject and to answer questions from their point of view.

School Budget Approved - Barely

By Lynn Frank

Roosevelt's proposed school budget of \$315,016 was approved by only a four-vote margin - 61 to 57 - as barely a quarter of the borough's registered voters turned out April 3.

The School Board election was less of a squeaker, of course, since all the candidates were unopposed. The 118 voters (out of some 435 registered) gave 84 votes to David Herrstron, 79 to Cynthia Horowitz and 64 to David Cooper, all for three-year terms. Sandra Orlando, running for the one-year vacancy, got 73 votes.

While the school budget allowed a decrease in local school taxes, some residents still opposed it.

At a March 15 public hearing on the budget, residents argued that the School Board should return some of the \$76,000 from the surplus account back into the budget. Such action would have meant that less money would have to be raised from local taxes.

Board members said they had considered using a portion of the funds from the surplus account, but they decided against that action after a report by the State indicating some major work will have to be done to improve the school building.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR*REMEMBERING THE WARSAW UPRISING*

Thirty-six years ago, in April 1943, a small remnant of Warsaw's Jews, under the inspiring leadership of 28-year-old Mordchai Anielewicz, left their mark in history by their Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Although they knew the futility of their revolt against the awesome Nazi war machine, this handful of men and women decided to make these hateful S.S. troops pay dearly to deport the people to the extermination ovens of Auschwitz or Maidanek.

With only a few small arms and with no help from outside the Ghetto walls, they succeeded in killing many hundreds of S.S. troops. The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising lasted over six weeks, and only when every building had been burned to the ground and just a handful remained alive did the survivors escape through the Warsaw sewers to reach the partisans in the woods.

Most of the survivors and partisans reached Israel after the war and established the kibbutz "Yad Mordchai" in memory of their beloved commander whose life was lost along with so many others in that heroic last stand.

In commemoration of the uprising, we mark April 22 as "Holocaust Commemorative Day." Thus do we remind ourselves and future generations that we must never forget what the German Nazis did to the Jews... and to the world.

I thank the holocaust committee of Hightstown, East and West Windsor, Roosevelt and Perrineville for their impressive and appropriate program. All who attended were inspired by the show of solidarity.

Israel Weisman

SPECIAL PICKUP IS MONDAY, MAY 21

On Monday, May 21 the Borough's garbage contractor will collect all items not normally picked up.

Washers, dryers, water heaters, refrigerators, etc., will be collected at this time. Refrigerators should be tied shut as a safety precaution.

If you have tree clippings, limbs, etc., they must be bundled and tied or placed in appropriate containers so the men can easily pick them up. All wood must also be bundled and tied. Nothing should be over four feet long.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Elizabeth Johnson, Borough Clerk, at the Borough Hall at 448-0539.

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WATER MAIN REPAIR REFLECTION

By Bob Clark

At the Borough Council's March 14 regular monthly meeting, Mayor Leon Barth announced that he would not seek reelection this year. Barth, who will complete his first four-year term as Mayor, also served as a Council member for six years.

Barth wished the Council good luck in the future. His term, as well as those of Council members Ted Marton and Esther Pogrebin, expires on Dec. 31. Marton and Pogrebin have not yet officially announced whether they will run again.

Barth appointed Roy Terry to the Planning Board to replace Steve Grossman, who moved from town.

The Council purchased a rental water pump which had been installed by Layne-New York Co. on Feb. 20 when the Borough's old motor stopped running, leaving Roosevelt without water for a few hours. Public Works Committee Chairman Bill Counterman and Water and Sewer Operator Pete Chmiel recommended that the motor be purchased for \$1,700, approximately \$900 less than a new motor. The purchase also ended the \$45 per week rental that the Borough had been paying since Feb. 20. At Borough Treasurer Howard Prezant's suggestion, the Council will search for a back-up motor which Prezant said was placed in storage, perhaps as long ago as 1966. If a motor is not found and documents prove its existence, the Council will claim insurance reimbursement.

The Council approved the expenditure of \$14,850 (less a credit of \$3,000 from the Borough Engineering firm of Schoor, DePalma & Gillen, Inc.) for a sewerage system 201 Facilities Plan mandated by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the Borough's project to repair and upgrade its system. The total study cost was set by Schoor, Inc. at \$59,344 based on EPA specifications. EPA will pay 75% of the total cost, or \$44,508.

Council members Aaron Datz and Marilyn Magnes voted against the expenditure. Council members Ted Marton, Bill Counterman and Lou Esakoff voted in favor. Council member Esther Pogrebin abstained. Datz said that he had discussed the study with James V. DeMuro of the Schoor firm and believed that some of the specific cost items should be negotiated.

In other action Datz reported that the Administrative Committee, composed of himself as Chairman, Magnes and Esakoff, has been meeting to review all municipal jobs, pay and personnel policies, as well as possible alternatives for a new and, perhaps, more efficient town government. Magnes said she plans to talk to Borough employees about their job descriptions as part of the program. Mayor Barth said he "wholeheartedly" approved of the Committee's efforts.

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Peter Berlinrut presented his 1978 Annual Report to the Council. Twenty-seven building permits and 31 certificates of occupancy yielded \$1,230 in fees, more than enough to meet all expenses of Berlinrut's office. The report concluded that enforcement of zoning ordinance violations, such as litter and visible disrepair, has been lax. Berlinrut cited legal complexities and ambiguities as the reasons. He expressed the hope that greater enforcement by County health officials and the Borough's proposed new zoning ordinance would remedy the situation.

Mayor Barth said he has been trying to obtain a written report from the County Health Officer of the County's activities in town. Council member Magnes decried the Store's blighted condition. Berlinrut said that summons procedures were being examined.

CALENDAR ON PAGE 14

Look for the Community-School Calendar on Page 14 of this issue.

TEACHERS WORKING ON CONTRACT SCHEDULE

At a March 13 meeting, the Board of Education heard an announcement by Principal Lew Gantwerk that teachers here have begun arriving and leaving at the times specified in their contract.

Prior to this "job action," Roosevelt teachers put in additional time beyond the hours called for by the contract.

While attitudes toward the children and general education are not affected by this action, the Principal said there is an effect on morale in the school and on his ability to schedule.

The Board met on March 28 with the teachers to determine whether the change in their working habits related to some problem other than contract negotiations. The teachers affirmed during that meeting that their actions are based on the issues under negotiation.

In other action at the March 13 meeting the Board discussed a report by facilities inspectors of the State Department of Education, including recommendations that could involve spending a large amount of money.

Principal Lew Gantwerk was authorized to contact an architect for discussion of costs and needs. It was stressed that the school has been monitored and approved by county representatives; the fire equipment has been checked; there is a fire alarm contract and the building is considered safe.

It was also announced that work has been completed on the reading and mathematics curricula, and is proceeding on the social studies curriculum. In science, a formalized curriculum is completed for grades six to eight and work must still be done on science for the lower grades.

The name of Sheila Jaeger was added to the substitute lunchroom aide's list.

Policies were accepted on second reading to govern school day duration, curriculum and program adoption, field trips and excursions, community resource persons, promotion and retention of students, early completion of elementary school and access to student records.

SQUAD ENDS LUNCHES: PROFITS EARMARKED FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad ended the lunch program on April 6. They wish to thank everyone who helped make it a success - the cake bakers, soup makers, sandwich stuffers and patrons.

The April 1 Pancake Breakfast was enjoyed by over 200 people, including the North Shore Antique Auto Club whose display of cars was an exciting attraction.

The profits of these events will help purchase additional first aid equipment.

Spring Flower Sale is May 12th



Garden flowers to plant, hanging baskets and vegetable plants will be on sale Saturday, May 12 in the store parking lot.

Proceeds of the sale will go to the First Aid Squad.

For more information, contact Ellie Bermowitz, Clare Levinson or Ilus Lobl.



BARRETT, STEWART HAVE TENURE

BOARD RETIRES TEACHING STAFF

By Hortense Sochowitzky

At its regular meeting April 10, the Board of Education approved contracts for the 1979-1980 school year to all the current teaching staff, except Eugenia Herman, who indicated her intention to retire at the end of this school year.

Two teachers, Bruce Barrett and Glenn Stewart, gained tenure with this contract. Appropriate steps on the salary scale will be known at the conclusion of current negotiations between the Board and the Roosevelt Teachers' Association.

The Board also rehired Elly Shapiro as School Nurse, one day per week, Pat Ball as Social Worker, one day per month, and Jane Stronstorff, as Speech Therapist, three days per week. Ms. Ball was given authorization to work four additional days, with pay, since she was not hired until Dec. 16.

Bonnie Strapp, Title I teacher, it was indicated, would be rehired, conditional upon the funds available, and the nature of the program next year.

Acting on the recommendation of the Principal and the Child Study Team, the Board approved sending a child to the Coastal Learning School.

The Board also approved paying two teachers, Ms. Barrett and Ms. Levine, for one day of special weekend work requested by the administrator at the substitute teacher rate of \$25 per day, per teacher.

The Board authorized the purchase of a Royal Bond Copier 115 for office use for \$3,500 to replace a rented copier.

Also authorized was the purchase of a John Deere #316 tractor at a cost of

\$2,492 with trade in of the old tractor.

The Principal said he is obtaining specifications for painting the exterior of the school building. He said he would organize a meeting with the Building and Grounds Committee and an architect regarding recommendations by State inspectors for changes in the school building.

The school's annual plan for Special Education, it was announced, was approved by a county representative. Formal Board approval will be considered next month. Second reading of the policy on evaluation of the administrator was also tabled for consideration next month.

The Guggenheim Museum's showing of film work being done by Roosevelt students will be May 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the museum in New York.

Reorganization of the new Board and the swearing-in of recently elected members will take place on Monday, May 21.

**"NIGHT AT THE RACES"
PLANNED FOR APRIL 29**

Congregation Anshei Roosevelt is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" on Sunday, April 29 at Liberty Bell Park.

Tickets are \$20 per person for a prime rib or fish dinner, parking, entrance fee and program.

Further information can be obtained from Chairman George Katz (443-5198) or from Lynn Friedman (448-5186).

TOWN HISTORY PROJECT DISCUSSED

By Bob Clark

At an April 10 regular monthly meeting of the Borough Council, Marilyn Magnes announced that she and Council member Aaron Datz met with the Director of the State's Historic Sites Division to discuss the Borough's application for historical designation.

A group of early settlers is providing interviews to Irv Rose and Peter Berliant. Council member Ted Marton noted that 14 former Roosevelt families have moved to King's Point, Florida, and could be expected to provide information for the Borough's folk history. At Marton's suggestion Magnes will determine whether \$1,400 in State funds for the Borough Library can be spent on archives that will include the folk history.

On the advice of Council member Esther Pogrebin, the Council tabled a request by the PTA for \$800 for its summer program. Pogrebin said she plans to meet with PTA representatives to discuss whether they have enough funds of their own to support the program.

The Council approved a request by Pearl Seligman to use the Borough Hall for a meeting on April 27 of the Safe Energy Alternative Alliance under the sponsorship of the Council's Public Safety Committee.

Council member Bill Counterman will prepare specifications for an automated alert and communications system in conjunction with first aid and fire representatives. Marton recommended that the Borough advertise for bids after the specifications are prepared. The system will be purchased in part with revenue sharing funds.

Counterman reported that the Borough will be repairing potholes. Washouts near storm drains were also discussed.

No report was made on a previous suggestion by Borough Treasurer Howard Prezant that heavy industrial vehicles be required to post a bond for damage to Borough roads during periods of thawing. Mayor Barth was to have taken the matter up with the Borough Engineer. Prezant had noted that Millstone Township has such an ordinance. He also pointed out that half of last year's \$18,000 road repair bill was for Oscar Drive, the road to the Borough's industrial zone.

Barth appointed Council member Lou Esakoff to the remaining vacancy on the Borough's Welfare Board.

Esakoff suggested that the annual 4th of July celebration be "thoroughly discussed" this year before the Borough authorizes any money. Marton commented that the PTA, and Fire Company before it, became "disenchanted" after "getting clobbered" by Council funding policies and criticisms.

ROOSEVELTIANS WILL MISS MRS. ANNA BLUTSTEIN

Mrs. Anna Frucht Blutstein, 66, of 42 Lake Drive, died April 7 at Mercer Medical Center in Trenton.

Born in New Jersey, she lived in Roosevelt many years and was a member of Congregation Anshei, the Senior Citizens and Pioneer Women.

She was employed for many years by the Princeton Borough Engineering Department.

Surviving are her husband, Jacob Blutstein; two sons, Steve Halpern of Hightstown and Jerome Halpern of Marlton; one daughter, Gail Halpern of Windsor; one sister, Esther of Marlton; and one grandchild.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ARE WE GOING TO THE DOGS?

The saying goes that dog is man's best friend. This is rather an arguable proposition. The least criticism I can make of it is that our best friend isn't too helpful or decisive, not in view of the insoluble problems that bedevil us from one century to the next. I haven't met one dog lately that had something convincing to say to Libya or Iraq or Syria to move them to accept the existence of Israel.

In fact, I am going to argue a contrary position: Whatever kind of friend dog is to man, he doesn't serve at all in promoting friendship between man and man. In fact, we are now approaching the season in which dog creates bad feelings and animosity between neighbor and neighbor. At least it is true of dogs here in Roosevelt.

You can't possibly glow with neighborly affection for me if I have a cherished canine whom I let run freely and who enjoys nothing so much as defecating on your lawn or urinating on your fragile acid-hating rose bush. It happens every day, shamelessly, repeatedly, exasperatingly, and it involves dogs whose manners in their masters' homes are impeccable. And you won't beam with gratitude toward me if my beloved Fido or Bosco or Bellerophon lavishes his high spirits on your freshly dug vegetable or flower garden and lays it waste with much dispatch.

Nor will you be inclined to hymn my praises as citizen, neighbor, thinker and general connoisseur of better things if my dog wreaks havoc with your garbage can or plastic bag, spreading its contents all over the street. Being human, you are naturally shy about the kind of inferior and unimpressive garbage you put out and don't want your neighbors to view it in all its mediocrity.

And the chances are that, being a timid soul, you would prefer to take your therapeutic walks or do your re-

storative jogging without having my people-loving hound yapping at your heels or barking his disapproval of you. Nor does it smooth things over for me to tell you that, in actuality, my dear dog Obadiah wouldn't hurt a fly or bite a blintz.

The moral of this sermon is that if you own a dog, be responsible about it. Don't inflict the penalties of his existence and his happiness on your neighbors. Can't we achieve a great human goal in which we're the one community in this great land in which people practice elementary decencies with one another, without recourse to punitive laws, policemen, magistrates, courts, jails, sentences, writs of habeas corpus and blood feuds? Let's not go to the dogs because of dogs.

Peter Berlinrut

DAVID ARNOLD TO SING TWO WORLD PREMIERES

Baritone David Arnold will sing the leading role in the premiere of John Harbison's opera The Winter's Tale (after the Shakespeare play) in two performances this summer by the San Francisco Opera.

The performances will be open to the public and to an opera panel composed of directors of the leading opera companies in the country.

On April 30, he will sing a leading role in the premiere of Harbison's The Moon in May, a one-act opera which will be staged at Harvard University. Nonesuch will later record the work which will also be heard on National Public Radio.

Arnold has also been engaged to sing "Jesus" in Bach's St. Mathew Passion, conducted by Sergiu Comissiona at Carnegie Hall next Easter.

FUNDING ATTEMPTS CONTINUED; UTILITY RATE

By Bob Clark

Borough residents packed the community meeting room in the Borough Hall on March 27 to hear Mayor Leon Barth and all six Council members explain the need for an increase in the town's monthly residential water and sewer rates from the current \$20 to \$30 starting May 1. In addition, residents learned how three applications for State and Federal aid are expected to offset future increases.

The Mayor and Council, Water and Sewer Operator Peter Chmiel and Treasurer Howard Prezant were on hand to answer questions from residents. They cited Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) directives, the need for a back-up well, deteriorating plant facilities, infiltration of water into the sewerage collection pipes and increased operating costs due to inflation as grounds for expensive water and sewer projects that will require Borough participation in various funding proposals.

Mayor Barth said costs for water and sewer work have been projected over the next five years. He expressed the hope that the rates would remain stable for at least five years. Council member Ted Marton noted that the water and sewer system must be self-supporting. Funds do not come from local tax revenues. Chmiel said that the water plant and well work could be completed in 1980, and the sewer project could be finished in 1981.

There is no water shortage, assuming that the single well now supplying the Borough continues to function. Marton assured residents that the iron-containing "red water" experienced in some parts of town is not harmful to health. Chmiel noted that the water is tested every month in accordance with State law. Swabbing or replacing water distribution pipes and installing new filters in the water plant as part of the water project may allay the red water pro-

blem. Chmiel told one resident that the copper pipes connecting houses to the main system would not have to be replaced.

The Borough has explored a number of funding options. The funding expert for the Borough Engineer, Barry M. Silberstein, keeps track of Federal and State program opportunities for Roosevelt and several other communities with the aid of a computer. To finance the nearly \$1 million total cost of the water and sewer projects, the Borough submitted applications to three separate programs:

1. A project to replace water and sewer lines in designated neighborhoods would receive a \$300,000 grant over two years from the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program. The Monmouth County Steering Committee has approved the project. Final approval from HUD is expected in August.

2. An application is pending before the Federal Farmers Home Administration (FHA) to help the Borough finance \$350,000 to \$400,000 in improvements to the water plant and for construction of a back-up well with pump. FHA provides low interest loans at the rate of 5% over a 40-year period. It is estimated that we will learn in June whether the application is successful.

3. The sewer project calls for approximately \$600,000 to stop water infiltration into the sewer lines and to meet Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) effluent discharge standards so as to protect downstream users of the Assunpink Creek. Some of the collection pipe repairs in specified neighborhoods would be made with HUD Community Development grants described above (No. 1). EPA could provide grants of up to 75% of the remaining amount.

The Borough would have to finance at least 25% (approximately \$75,000) with local funds. The Council has al-

INCREASES EXPLAINED

readily authorized a preliminary "facilities study" in connection with the project for which EPA will provide \$45,000 and the Borough \$15,000. The State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) may reimburse the Borough for 5% of the local share. In addition, the Borough Engineer allowed a \$3,000 credit, leaving the Borough responsible to pay no more than \$12,000 of the \$60,000 total cost of the study.

All of the project costs are based upon engineering estimates. The real cost will depend upon the results of the EPA mandated facilities study and competitive bidding.

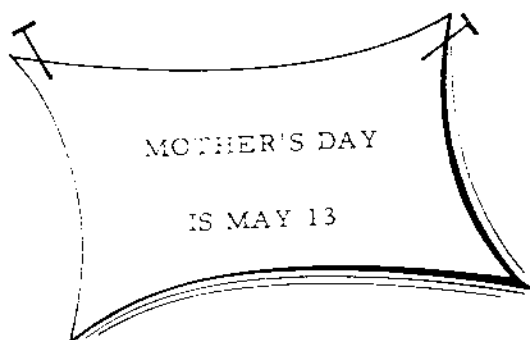
The ordinance increasing the utility rate was unanimously adopted on April 10 following a formal public hearing.

BACKGAMMON IN ROOSEVELT?

Throw the cube, on the bar, back game, gammon!

If those words mean anything to you, you're into backgammon. A lot of people are, and in this area you can find organized groups playing in North Brunswick and Princeton on Wednesday nights and in Freehold on Friday nights.

But maybe you're not into driving half an hour each way to play, or maybe you don't yet know the game well enough to warrant taking a trip. Then maybe you'd be interested in forming a group for regular (weekly?) sessions in Roosevelt. Contact: Jim Dulicai, 443-1309, or drop a note— Box 115.



Poetry + Jazz = Pleasure

By Elly Shapiro

Dozens of people gathered at the Borough Hall on March 30 to listen. The focus of their attention was a poetry and jazz mix, an evening of pleasure provided by Laurie Altman at the piano while David Herrstrom and Rod Tulless read their own works.

Most evident during the evening was the camaraderie among the artists, and their interaction with the audience. The program was free, each artist giving of his time to rehearse and perform.

Refreshments were provided by their friends (with donations accepted to defray these costs).

Here was truly the spirit of Roosevelt—community togetherness, a pleasant setting, and some of the abundant talent present in the borough. The beauty was in the sharing of talent not for money, but for the warmth and praise of the audience.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES: YOGA, 'GYPSY', TRIPS

By Helga Wisowaty

Representatives of two CETA programs came to the April 4 meeting of the Senior Citizens to teach yoga and stretching exercises.

About 20 members of the group went to Mercer County Community College for an evening performance of Gypsy.

The Monmouth County Parks and Recreation Dept. has various trips on the agenda. One trip under consideration is a bus ride to the beach. Box lunches can be purchased.

The annual meeting of the New Jersey Federation of Senior Citizens was held at Convention Hall in Asbury Park on April 18.

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER*Kids' Work At Museum May 22*

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, May 22, there will be a presentation of the films the students have created as part of their film making program. This presentation will take place at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City between 6 and 8 p.m. The Guggenheim is the sponsor of the program called "Learning to Read Through the Arts." Our program has stressed the creative and technical aspects of film making and editing. Along with this, children have done a good deal of writing and reading. The program has been very successful and this presentation will be the culmination of a great amount of work. All are invited to attend the show. The School Board is trying to arrange for as many children and their parents as possible to go to the presentation.

It is hard to believe that spring vacation has passed and we are beginning to think about ending the school year. During the second week in May we will be doing our annual achievement testing. A report on the test results will be made to the Board during the summer and results of the testing will be available to parents after the close of school.

Kindergarten Roundup: We will be enrolling next year's kindergarten children on Thursday, May 17 between 9:30 and 11 a.m. Your child must be five years old on or before Dec. 31, 1979 in order to enroll. Please bring with you your child's birth certificate and the record of immunizations.

During the recent nuclear accident and the fear and concern it caused, our sixth, seventh and eighth graders became quite involved in trying to understand and discuss what happened and the implications of that accident. One of our bulletin boards displays articles from a number of newspapers

which the children have read and discussed. It was interesting to observe the very genuine concern expressed by many of our students during this time.

Low Gantwerk

*Variety Is Spice
of Summer Program*

By Barbara Boyles

Plans are underway for another exciting Roosevelt Summer Program.

The five week program will begin July 9 and conclude on Aug. 10. Children can be registered for each weekly session, for several weeks, or for the entire program.

All children, from this fall's new kindergarteners through eighth graders are eligible for this 9 a.m. to 12 noon session.

The staff of three counselors and three teen aides have planned many interesting and varied activities for this summer.

The morning will be divided between arts and crafts, field and sports, and outdoor activities.

Each week two mornings will be devoted to swimming and fishing. Special day trips are being planned including a visit to Seven Presidents Park in Monmouth County.

The culmination of all the outdoor activities will be two camp-outs at the school campsite.

More information and applications will be available in May.

The King and Us

By Elly and Mindy Shapiro

In September of 1978, we were among the thousands who lined up at Quakerbridge Mall to try to get tickets to see the King Tut exhibit. We had followed the Boy King's travels around the United States and had anxiously waited for his arrival at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Getting tickets six months in advance gave us time to read about Tutankhamun, his treasures and the discovery of his tomb.

Around 1325 B.C. the pharaoh Tutankhamun was buried in a four-room tomb in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

Only 18 or 19 years old at the time of his death, Tut had already been King for nine years, and left a widow his very age.

The tomb remained undiscovered for a long period of time, and its very existence was questioned. The joy created by the discovery in 1922 was offset by strife among many of the people involved. So much mystery surrounded this particular tomb that it was said to be cursed.

Fifty-five pieces chosen from among the thousands discovered in the tomb in November of 1922 make up the exhibit. The pieces in the collection are made of such materials as wood, alabaster, gold and precious stones. Most were created especially for the funeral. Many were to aid the King in his passage to the next world, and make that passage smooth.

The gold mask and the dagger are two of the most outstanding. The dagger was among 143 amulets and jewels found in the wrappings of the mummy. The gold mask was slipped over his head and shoulders and remained thus until its discovery, 3,300 years after his death.

We all felt awe, first for their incredible beauty and then for the history and craftsmanship which created them.

The wait in line, and then the wait for the day to arrive were more than equalized by the beauty we encountered.

TWO ROOSEVELTIANS PERFORM IN HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION

By Ilse Riesenfeld

On March 21, 22, 23 and 24 students at Hightstown High School performed the well-known musical Fiddler On The Roof, with David Steinberg in the leading role of Tevye, and Anne Parisi as the grandmother.

Both Parisi and Steinberg had their first acting experiences with Margaret Schlinski's Children's Theater Workshop in Roosevelt. Since then they have been in a variety of school plays. David also acted at Mercer County College in the Tomato Patch Summer Workshop. He will go on to acting school after graduation.

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN SEEKS LOST BOOKS

The first buds on the trees herald the oncoming Spring.

The library at Roosevelt Public School is looking for many books which have disappeared over the years. If you come across any of our material, we would be delighted to have it returned. There is never a fine at our library, and any returns will be accepted.

We always need donations of good quality children's books, as well as books written for the more mature adolescent. If you have books to contribute, call the School Library (448-2873).

Elly Shapiro

Former Exodus Leader Settles in Roosevelt

By David Herrstrom

How does a man trained in a Methodist seminary and ordained in the American Methodist Episcopal Church come to win the "Medal of Jerusalem" as a founder of Israel? Amid his collection of mementos from all over the world, I put this question to John Stanley Grauel, who recently moved to Roosevelt.

At ease in his white mane of hair and neatly trimmed beard, he spoke in the carefully modulated sentences of one long accustomed to talking with people young enough to be his children.

After receiving his seminary degree, Grauel took a small parish on the coast of Maine. World War II broke out, and reports of Nazi persecutions led Grauel to resign and join the American Christian Palestine Committee, an organization dedicated to the establishment of the State of Israel. After a short association with that group, he decided to join the Haganah for more direct action and his efforts for those underground freedom fighters took him to Europe. His activity resulted in leadership for seven months of the Exodus. Seeking to deliver its cargo of Jewish refugees in Palestine, his ship was attacked by the British in 1947, destroyed, and its people returned to Germany.

Grauel's account before the United Nations of this bloody story stirred the conscience of that body. Evidence he presented concerning the Exodus tragedy became the focal point for the United Nations decision to recommend partitioning of Palestine and eventual establishment of the State of Israel. It was with this moving speech in mind that Golca Meir, some years later, called Grauel a "perfectly worthy Gentile."

The irony is not lost on a man who proudly calls himself a "Christian,"

though one "sick of orthodoxy." As he speaks, I notice the collection of crucifixes on the wall behind him - a Mexican one of straw, a 19th Century ivory from Italy, an exquisitely carved wooden image from Poland - juxtaposed with the menorah on the table beside us. His life itself seems a questioning of traditional categories. Here is a "philosophical pacifist," as he refers to himself, who has fought for Israel, and a Christian, who for 35 years has worked with Jews.

I asked him if his work was over now that the Muslim and the Jew had been brought together by that Baptist Sunday School teacher. Without hesitation he admitted to "grave misgivings," pointing out that Israel faces more weapons and forces than NATO. A lasting solution may not come without war with Iraq, he fears, because the present peace is extremely vulnerable for three reasons: it's "too heavily dependent on the survival of Sadat," on "the attitude of opposing Arab states," and on the "fulfillment of the commitment of the United States" to "insure the future of Israel."

In short, regarding the Middle East "peace," as well as the state of the world in general, Grauel is "pessimistic." Yet, sitting in his living room, I'm surrounded by delicate, porcelain sculptures of dolphins and whales swaying on the ends of gracefully curved wires, evidence of his concern with preserving the species for a future generation. He still speaks in high schools and on college campuses across the country, takes young people into his home and leads them on historical expeditions.

These efforts reveal his belief in the future.

Clara's Anchovy Salad Lasts

By Elly Shapiro

Antipasto is what I call it. Clara Levinson, whose recipe this is, calls it Anchovy Salad. By any name, the taste is indescribable, and those who know Clara's reputation as a cook know it could not be otherwise.

Step 1: This is the base, and may be made up to two months ahead of time. The flavors stay busy blending, and if you make it in batches, some will always be ready when you are. Combine 3 cans flat anchovies, diced (use complete contents) with: 3 jars sweet pimentos, diced; 2 large cloves pressed garlic; large pinch of oregano; 1 tsp. pepper; 4 tbsp. sugar (adjust to taste); 1 cup cider vinegar; and 1 cup oil.

Step 2: Add 1 can black olives (drained), 1 jar green olives (drained) and 1 jar sweet pickles (drained). *

Step 3: Finally, add hard boiled eggs, thinly sliced salami and cubed cheddar cheese.

Clara suggests marinating the whole hard cooked eggs in the Step 1 sauce for several days. They harden and acquire a fantastic taste, she explains. Cut in half or pieces before serving. If there is no room in your refrigerator, add Steps 2 and 3 right before serving.

*Call me if you'd like a recipe using the juice of these pickles.

ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY BAND ENTERTAINS AT REST HOME

By Arthur Shapiro

On April 1, the Roosevelt Community Band, under the direction of Ilse Riesenfeld, performed a spring concert at the Applegarth Rest Center.

The program, announced by Judith Goetzmann, was highlighted by several violin and mandolin duets by Ed Goetzmann and Leo Libove, as well as a flute solo. "The Theme From the Lone Ranger," by Debra Jelinek, youngest member of the group.

Roy Gottiaux, drummer and vocalist, sang three songs celebrating spring: "April Showers," "April in Portugal," and "April Love."

Other members of the ensemble include Lora Canape, trombone; Manny Koffler, tenor sax; Arthur Shapiro, alto sax; and Stefan Martin, clarinet.

Although the group played under the handicap of not having the use of a working piano, the audience appeared to enjoy the concert, clapping and singing to the marches, polkas and folk songs. A return engagement to Applegarth, as well as other area nursing homes is being planned.

PARISI TAPPED INTO HONOR SOCIETY

Anne Parisi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Parisi of 40 Lake Drive, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Hightstown High School, where Anne is a member of the Senior Class.

SENIORS CLUB WILL MISS THREE CHARTER MEMBERS

By Ilse Riesenfeld

The Senior Citizens of Roosevelt were saddened recently by the loss of three charter members: Mrs. Ruth Alef, Mrs. Anne Blutstein and Mrs. Rose Greenfield. They will be missed by our organization and condolences are extended to their families.

COMMUNITY-SCHOOL CALENDAR

April

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| 25 | Wednesday, 3 p.m. | Parents Advisory Council, RPS |
| 25 | Wednesday, 8 p.m. | Special Council Meeting, Borough Hall |
| 26 | Thursday, 4 p.m. | Deadline for filing petitions for Primary Election |
| 27 | Friday, 8 p.m. | Safe Energy Alternative Alliance, Borough Hall |
| 30 | Monday, 8 p.m. | Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall |

May

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| 2 | Wednesday, 2 p.m. | Senior Citizens Meeting, Borough Hall |
| 2 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m. | Bookmobile, Store Parking Lot |
| 2 | Wednesday, 7:30-10 p.m. | Borough Bulletin Staff Meeting, Clark residence |
| 7 | Monday, 4-9 p.m. | Registration deadline for June Primary Election |
| 7 | Monday, 8 p.m. | Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall |
| 8 | Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. | Early Closing, RPS |
| 8 | Tuesday, 7 p.m. | Special School Board Meeting, RPS |
| 8 | Tuesday, 8 p.m. | Regular School Board Meeting, RPS |
| 9 | Wednesday, 8 p.m. | Regular Council Meeting, Borough Hall |
| 14 | Monday, 5 p.m. | Borough Bulletin copy and advertising deadline |
| 15 | Tuesday, 9 a.m. | MCOSS, Borough Hall |
| 16 | Wednesday, 8 p.m. | PTA Meeting, RPS |
| 17 | Thursday, 9:30-11 a.m. | Kindergarten Roundup, RPS |
| 21 | Monday | Special Garbage Pickup Day |
| 21 | Monday, 8 p.m. | Regular Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall |
| 22 | Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. | Children's film presentation, Guggenheim Museum |

ANTHONY DOVE WINS CONTEST

Anthony Dove of Pine Drive won an Easter coloring contest and a \$10 gift certificate at Jamesway.

A kindergarten student, Anthony placed first in his age category for coloring a picture of a rabbit

FORMER EDITOR HAS JOB ON DAILY

Sue Ann Jones, former editor of the Bulletin, writes from her new home in Ohio that she is working for the Columbus Citizen-Journal, a daily.

Sue Ann began her Citizen-Journal job after a month of commuting by airplane between Ohio and Missouri, where she stepped in to help out her hometown newspaper (Ozark County Times) when the editor had a heart attack.

Sue Ann reports that husband David has located a fishing partner.

Compiled by Lynn Friedman
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POST OFFICE HAS NEW EMPLOYEE

Roosevelt Post Office recently welcomed a new employe, Sharon Spatt of Cranbury.



Leon Anish
Shirley Fichler

PRINCETON CLASS PROPOSES MODERATE GROWTH

By Bob Clark

Following a six-week study of Roosevelt, six graduate students submitted a written report and oral presentation to Faculty members and guests from Roosevelt at Princeton University's School of Architecture and Urban Planning on March 13.

The students studied Roosevelt at the invitation of Mayor Leon Barth as part of a workshop under the direction of Professors Michael J. Munson and Walter Bor.

As part of the learning experience, the class surveyed 24 Roosevelt households and analyzed data on the history, problems, school system and development potential of the town. The students drew several conclusions and made recommendations concerning future growth. They made proposals to help Roosevelt remain economically viable while maintaining a small town character.

The class report notes that the Borough educates 155 students with an annual school budget of \$476,206. Since State aid foots some of the bill, \$335,016 must be raised from local taxes. Fifty-five students attend Hightstown High School at a cost of between \$2,000 and \$2,500 per student. The cost per student in the elementary school is \$2,590, according to the report. Based on such costs and their projections of population and tax revenues from additional houses, the students concluded that the Borough could accommodate the gradual addition of 100 households over the next 10 years without exceeding the capacity of the existing elementary school or causing an increase in the school tax rate.

The report states that "Roosevelt is spending an unusually large portion of its budget on education basically because it is educating too few elementary school students at too high a cost per student."

It concludes that the fixed costs involved in running the school "could be absorbed by the addition of more households to the Borough." The students recognized that Roosevelt's small scale makes population projections "highly hypothetical." They recommend that the Borough explore State channels for school consolidation as the ultimate solution to the cost of education in a small town.

In assessing the residential market in Roosevelt, the report credits the Borough with "three valuable, positive assets: its sense of community, open space, and rural-countryside atmosphere." While asserting that the marketing of these assets would help Roosevelt to survive economically, the report keys its development recommendations to survey results indicating "that the Borough's inhabitants feel that all new development must be in character with the old" to insure that open space is provided.

The students proposed that the area east of North Valley Road between Empty Box Brook and Witches Hollow Road (extension of Oscar Drive) be immediately rezoned from agricultural to residential. This is the area designated for future residential development in the Borough's Master Plan, which calls for staged rezoning over the next 40 years. The students designed alternative plans with open space features for the tract.

The report discusses the hurdles to obtaining clean industrial and commercial tax ratables. It urges the reestablishment of a small grocery or food cooperative. The class also suggested that local artists try to establish a store in the commercial district to sell their works or to provide instruction with the support of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Copies of the report may be inspected at the Borough Library or the Municipal Offices in the Borough Hall.

ROOSEVELT - Minutes Ago

By Arthur Shapiro

1937 (42 years ago)

At its July meeting the Borough Council introduced for first reading several new ordinances. Included was No. IX, "An ordinance to prevent and suppress gaming houses and houses of ill-fame and to prohibit gaming for money and other valuable things, to preserve public peace and good order, and to restrain and punish indecent or disorderly conduct or drunkenness and to suppress vice and immorality." Ordinance XI licensed and regulated "...expressmen, hawkers, peddlers, bill posters, bill takers, sweeps, scavengers and itinerant vendors of merchandise, medicines and remedies..."

1951 (28 years ago)

At the February Council meeting, the chairman of the civil defense committee reported that the Borough's last test

alert was unsatisfactory because not enough people heard the siren. The solution? "Henceforth the ambulance will ride through town sounding its siren to supplement the main siren at the Borough Hall."

One month later, at the Board of Education's March 13 meeting a member of the library committee questioned the recommended rule limiting only two books to be borrowed by one person at a time. "Another member advised that the Librarian claimed that if more books were to be given out at the same time, there would not be enough books to go around."

1952 (Déjà Vu Department)

At the September meeting of the Council, "...a committee of citizens living in the area surrounding the Borough complained of the extremely poor conditions of the road known as Inlaystown Road, and requested that it be improved."

ROOSEVELTIANS MOURN MRS. ALEF

Mrs. Ruth Taubman Alef, 82, formerly of Roosevelt, died April 1 in Eugene, Ore.

Mrs. Alef was an original Roosevelt settler.

Widow of Hyman Alef, she is survived by one son, Gustave Alef, with whom she resided in Oregon; one daughter, Mrs. Shirley Marcus of Massachusetts and five grandchildren.

WHY IS MAY 21 A DAY
YOU WANT TO REMEMBER?

ANSWER IS ON PAGE 2

TWO ROOSEVELT MEN INTERVIEWED FOR TELEVISION

Ralph Seligman and Israel Weisman were interviewed for a special television show that was aired on New Jersey Public Television recently.

Willard Slosberg, under the sponsorship of Mercer County Community College, put together a study of the Federal government's involvement in the development of several New Jersey communities, and how that involvement eventually affected the economy of those communities.

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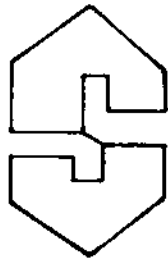
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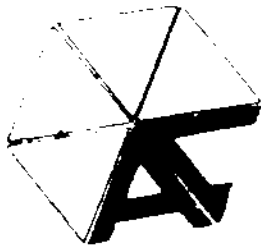
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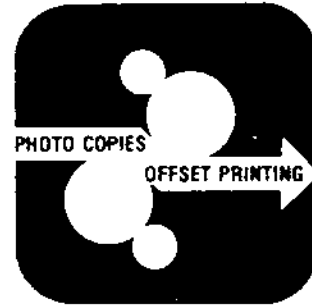
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