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Borough Council Report

Roosevelt Spirit Shines Through Stormy Weather Borough Council Reorganized for 1994

by Adeline Weiner
January 10, 1994

Nobody could remember an ice storm quite like that of January 7, 1994. The crystalline beauty of the landscape as against the bitter effects of a twenty-hour power failure, not to mention the dazzling light show that took off from a tangle of broken wires down on North Rochdale will long stick in our memories.

Mayor Lee Allen, at the January 10 Council meeting, praised the Jersey Central Power and Light Co. for its resolute efforts to repair the damage and in particular its concern for the plight of Solar Village residents. He said he was unable to list everyone who turned out to help: Council members, Borough employees, Council committee personnel, the town's Emergency management people and the tens of residents who volunteered to help out all on their own. What typifies our community is the characteristic ground swell of concern of neighbor for neighbor, especially for those who are sick or disabled, for the elderly and, in not a few cases by those who had wood stoves and fireplaces, for the ones who were just plain cold.

Mr. Allen concluded by saying "That's the beauty of living in the little town of Roosevelt."

Learning From the Storm

Rose Murphy, in her committee report thanked George Vasseur, our newest Council member, for having already saved the town from a serious water shortage when the water plant suffered a storm-induced surge of power that burned out some essential wiring. When the Borough engineer tried

to start the back-up generator, the fuel pump was found to be broken. Mr. Vasseur was able to fix it on the spot and thus spared the town not only a water crisis but a major repair expense.

There was criticism of the poor sanding of the roads by the snow-removal contractor, but Council members and Jack Rindt, Deputy Emergency Manager, agreed on the need to provide back-up snow removal by the Borough's own equipment and personnel. The Mayor urged that all the many ideas arising from the experience of this storm be formulated and put into action immediately in the likelihood of a long hard winter ahead.

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The Council Gears Up for the New Year

At the annual reorganization meeting on January 4th, after Stuart Kaufman, who was re-elected and George Vasseur, who was newly elected, were sworn in, the Council proceeded to act on a series of formally required appointments and resolutions (See pages 5 and 6).

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Public Notice

Roosevelt Board of Education

FILING OF NOMINATING PETITIONS ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION APRIL 19, 1994

The law provides that all persons who wish to file nominating petitions as candidates for election to Board of Education must file same by:

- 4:00 PM, Thursday, February 24, 1994

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Environmental Commission

To Release Visual Preference Survey Results

by Leslie Carnevale

The Roosevelt Environmental Commission will be releasing the results of the visual preference survey that was conducted by Dr. Jean Marie Hartman and her students from Rutgers University, a consultant hired by the Commission last January.

Dr. Hartman and her students gathered test data via surveys, slides and photographs taken by residents of Roosevelt, to determine what various sites and landmarks in town held the most visual appeal. She will be making her final presentation at the Environmental Commission's meeting on February 2, 1994 at 8:00 PM. The Planning Board will be invited to attend, and the public is welcome as well.

The visual preference survey was sponsored by a grant from the Office of Environmental Services under DEPE. A prior grant from OES was obtained to create a Natural Resource Index, which included studies and maps of the Wetlands, soil surveys, topography and local flora and fauna. A copy of the NRI and Visual Preference Survey is available at the Borough Hall to residents and developers for a cost of \$10.

The January meeting opened with the re-organization for the new year. Commission members were

nominated and voted into office unanimously. The officers for 1994 are Jim Carnevale as Chairperson, John Towle as Vice Chairperson, and Gayle Donnelly as Secretary. The new Council liaison to the Commission is Stuart Kaufman, and the Planning Board liaison continues to be Bert Ellentuck. The meetings will still be held the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00 PM at the Borough Hall.

The next order of business was to finalize and approve the 1993 year-end report to Mayor and Council. This included such accomplishments as the Commission being awarded over \$17,000 in grant monies, and varied environmental projects sponsored by the Commission. Some of the projects included several Clean Communities litter pick-up dates, Earth Day tree planting at RPS, donation of red cedars to the Liberty Science Center in exchange for a school trip, and handing out free housing for bluebirds during the Fourth of July celebration. The Commission also obtained free testing of Roosevelt's drinking water for copper and lead content, which in some communities could cost as much as \$5,000.

1994's budget was presented and approved by the Commission. Included in the budget are memberships in the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission and the New Jersey

Native Plant Society. Also, other available grant monies will be used for the beautification of Pine Drive. This consists of planting scarlet oak trees and ground cover in the triangle, as well as the planting of white pine trees to screen the water treatment plant.

Under old business, members of the Commission questioned Councilman Kaufman as to the status of the paving of Eleanor Lane. There has been some concern that the paving of the last tenth of a mile leading to the cemetery would be in direct contradiction of the preliminary findings of the Visual Preference Survey. One of the arguments presented in the past by Council has been the maintenance costs of upkeep to Eleanor Lane, which paving would eliminate.

However, the Environmental Commission has learned that no money has been spent over the last three years for the area of road in question. Councilman Kaufman has agreed to bring a motion before Council on this matter.

Further discussions were held regarding the appointment of a media planner for OES grant number three. Some of the ideas being considered are video, postcards and print media. The Roosevelt Environmental Commission is committed to heightening public awareness of any environmentally sensitive areas in the Borough.

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Announcements:

Will the person who borrowed my copy of the book "Roosevelt, New Jersey" by Edwin Rosskam, please return it to Mrs. H. Socholtzsky to give to me. The book is very important to me.

Ester Pogrebin

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Karen and Marvin Block and family would like to thank all those who expressed their condolences during their time of sorrow and are indeed grateful to those who prepared the Shiva.

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Computers Anyone ?

Do you have personal computers, monitors, printers that are taking up space in your home or office because you've upgraded and don't know what to do with them? Why not donate equipment to the Roosevelt Public School? In addition to helping the children, you may receive tax benefits. Consult your accountant for more details.

The PTA is looking for IBM compatible, Macintosh, or Apple hardware as well as any software that can be used in grades K-6. Our goal is to have several working computers in each classroom.

Call Mary Anne Sabogal, 426-0722, or Frances Lobman, 448-2798 for details.

Recycling Dates to Remember

**February
9, 23**

**March
9, 23**

**April
6, 20**

10 Years Later

by Maureen R. Clark

After ten years of being student, mother, housewife and volunteer, I decided it was time to rejoin the workforce. A few phone calls, one hot tip, one interview and I was employed. Look out business world, here I come!

My first assignment was to type a report. I was feeling quite confident about handling the task until it took me ten minutes to find the "On" button on the typewriter. When my employer stopped by my desk to see how I was doing, he saw me erasing a mistake. He told me that I didn't need to erase anything, it was a self-correcting typewriter. So, I put the eraser away and finished typing the report. I waited fifteen minutes and that typewriter

didn't correct a thing.

Just as I was giving up on that self-correcting typewriter, my employer came back and said "Fax this." Well, that was exactly the way I was feeling too, but I told him, "We don't talk like that in my house."

He then asked me if I knew anything about payroll reports. I had prepared payroll reports for the Pine Valley Swim Club and Roosevelt Community Summer Camp. It was wonderful to think that my volunteer work had provided me with more than personal satisfaction. I had real work experience. Clark, score one.

My next assignment was to do some data entry on the computer. I had taken a computer course not too long

ago. I knew why that flashing light was called a cursor and how to move it around by pressing the arrows. Clark, score two? Not quite.

By this time my employer was keeping a rather close eye on my progress. He looked over my shoulder and said he had a mouse. I told him "Don't feel bad". I've had them too and the plain, old fashioned mouse trap is not expensive and is very effective. He told me, "No, you don't understand. The computer came with a mouse and I want you to work with it." Well, I told him "I don't work with rodents. I quit."

Seriously, office machines and procedures have come a long way in the past ten years, and my first day of work was not as bad as I seem to remember. I enjoy working with Arnold and Norman Mayberg in their accounting office in the Concordia Shopping Center. Can you imagine a better situation for someone who hates cooking than working in the middle of a shopping center with a Super Foodtown, Chinese Restaurant, Chicken Holiday, etc?!

January 4 Annual Council Reorganization

Resolutions and Appointments

Borough Council President: Stuart Kaufman elected

Appointments for Professional Services:

Accountant: Samuel Klein & Co.
Engineer: De Muro and Associates
Wastewater/Water Services: Schoor, DePalma and Canger Group (\$3,000 fee)
Municipal Attorney: John Ross, Esq.
Municipal Court: Millstone Township Municipal Court (\$4,000 fee)
Municipal Bond Counsel: Edward Eastman, Esq. for term of 1 year

Appointments of Borough Employees and Officers:

Deputy Borough Clerk: Nancy Warnick; Registrar of Vital Statistics: Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik; Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics: Nancy L. Warnick; Purchasing Agent: Nancy Warnick; Housing Inspector: Robert Jordan; Asst. Tax collector: Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik; Water Sewer Collector: Geraldine Millar; School Crossing Guards: Margaret Schlinski, Pam Hague; Clean Communities Coordinator: Gayle Donnelly; Animal Control Officer: Mary Klink; Zoning Officer: John W. Sullivan, Jr. of Jackson Township (Warren opposed).

Appointments of Council Committees:

Administration: Sabogal, Warren, Kaufman
Finance: Donnelly, Murphy, Vasseur
Public Utilities: Murphy, Donnelly, Vasseur
Environmental/Health & Safety: Kaufman, Sabogal, Warren
Community Relations: Warren, Kaufman, Sabogal

Resolution on interest rate for tax delinquency: 18% over the amount of \$1,500 and 8% under the amount of \$1,500; with a ten (10) day grace period after each tax due date.

Assessment Search Officer:

Borough Clerk and Deputy: Deputy Borough Clerk

Bank Depositories for the Borough:

First Fidelity Bank, CoreStates NJ National Bank, and Midlantic National Bank.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Edward Miller - Three year term

Extension of Contract for the operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant to the Applied Wastewater Services, Inc. through February 22, 1994 (Warren opposed).

County Joint Insurance Fund:

Three resolutions were passed to join Monmouth County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, accept the assessment for 1994, and apply for membership in the Municipal Excess Liability program (Warren opposed all three).

CDBG Representative:

Rose Murphy appointed with Mary Alfare as alternate representative, each for one year terms.

Appointments to the Planning Board: Public Official (one year term): Michael Ticktin; Council Representative (one year term): George Vasseur; Four year term: Jeff Hunt (replacing Mel Friedman who resigned). Alternate for 2 year term: Joseph Zahora.

Appointments to Environmental Commission:

Council Rep. (1 term): Stuart Kaufman; Chair:
James Carnivale; three year term: Chris Travis; Alternate (2 year term) L. Cokeley.

Appointments to the Welfare Board:

Peggy Malkin, Director, 3 year term
Stuart Kaufman, Council Rep. 1 year term

Appointments to the Board of Park Commission:

Chris Travis, 3 year term
Margaret Schlinski, 1 year term

Appointments to the Cable Advisory Commission:

Ed Cedar, 3 year term
Eric Vuolle, 3 year term

Appointments to the Jersey Homestead Historic District Advisory Council:

Art Shapiro, Chair, 2 year term; Helen Barth, 2 year term; Margaret Schlinski, 3 year term; Dolores Chasan, 3 year term; Michael Ticktin, 3 year term; Edith Ernstein, 3 year term; Louise Prezant, 1 year term; Jeanette Koffler, 1 year term.

Appointments to the Emergency Management Council:

Ed Miller, Chairman and Director; Jack Rindt, Deputy Director; Stuart Kaufman, Council Representative; Kim Dexheimer, Fire Chief; Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik, Borough Clerk; Susan Oxford, First Aid Squad; Peggy Malkin, Welfare Board Director; Ron Suto, Utility Operator; Edward Davis, Public Works.

Appointment of the CDBG Citizen Participation Group:

Mary Alfare, Cynthia Cybert, Lynn Friedman, Scott Hartman, Judy Nahmias, Leonard Sacharoff.

Appointment of the Advisory Council on Lyme Disease:

Howard Prezant, Bruce Reimbold,
Mary Alfare, Virginia Edwards Stout, Joshua Ticktin.

SCHEDULE OF AGENDA AND COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 1994**Agenda Meeting**

January 4, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 5, August 1, September 7 (Wednesday)
*October 3, November 7, December 5, * September 5 (Monday) - Labor Day
September 6 (Tuesday) - First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Regular Meeting

January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10
November 14, December 12

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 1994

(Finance, Public Works, Utilities)

January 18, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19
October 17, November 21, December 19

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 1994

(Environmental, Community Relations, Administration)

January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26
October 24, November 28, December 26

Nursery School News

by Sandy Wolk,
Head Teacher, R.M.N.S.

During the month of January, the children experimented with mixing colors. We came up with some interesting shades, some familiar and some not.

We learned about travel by air, water and on land. Our shoe box train visited stations around our classroom and our surfboards took us on a bumpy ride over the ocean waves.

Our science week covered health and hygiene. We learned (on hopes) to cover our mouths when we sneeze, to brush our teeth twice a day and the importance of using soap to help get us clean.

We counted Jelly Beans in a Jar, made a salty, scratchy, soapy, soft, sandy, and silky snake and took a ride up and down on a roller coaster as we learned the letters J,S,U, and D.

As the month of February begins, our walk through the alphabet takes us to V for Valentine and P for Presidents, in recognition of two important

days for us to remember. We will also be making igloos to reinforce the lesson on the letter I.

We're all looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with those we love during our special tea party where heart-shaped cakes will be on the menu.

Our presidents Washington and Lincoln will be remembered in a torn paper silhouette project. The numbers 8 and 9 will be reinforced throughout the month with heart designs and necklaces made with 9 pennies.

Our science week will teach us many things about our animal friends. We will make pine cone bird feeders, compare animal coverings such as scales and feathers, and find out which animals travel in herds, flocks and schools.

At this time, I would like to thank those of you who have made generous donations of toys and games to be used in both the nursery school and after school programs. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

PTA News

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

Not much to report yet, since weather caused the January meeting to be postponed until after the **Bulletin** went to press. The big topic for that meeting was the fate of the annual Winter Carnival, so if the event has been scheduled for February, watch for an announcement on the Bulletin Board. A later date or a cancellation will be noted here next issue.

Carnival notwithstanding, the PTA's February activities will include the traditional Valentine's Day flower sale. Starting on February 1, students will have the opportunity to purchase single carnations to present to the special people in their lives, and the flowers will be distributed at the school on February 14. The regular monthly meeting will be held on February 9.

children's education is of the utmost importance, but the most cost-effective channels must be investigated. To this end, Dr. Lobman and others are still looking into mergers with other districts.

Dr. Lobman presented the Roosevelt seventh and eighth grade students' Sprint 1993 test results in East Windsor. The fifteen students tested well in most cases, standing one or two percentage points above or below the collective testees.

The budget for next year is just beginning to be addressed, but it is too premature to discuss figures.

The town has received final approval on our school building project, which means that the work can go out for bids in January.

Mrs. Teri Skye has filled the open position on the School Board and will serve on the Public Relations Committee, which is chaired by Mr. Hartman.

The meeting went into closed session at 10:15.

School Board News

Teri Skye Appointed; Costs Discussed

by Joann San Nicola

The regular monthly meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was called to order at 7:45 PM on December 17. President Mike Hamilton presided. Six members were in attendance, as well as Dr. Lobman and Board Secretary Mrs. Allen.

Correspondence to the Board included a parental request for transportation of a student from a bus stop in East Windsor to Notre Dame in Lawrenceville. Mrs. Allen reported that a jointure was arranged, thereby reducing the cost of said transportation. The request was approved by the

Board. Mr. Hamilton read a laudatory letter from Mr. and Mrs. Petrilla expressing their satisfaction with Mrs. Repetti, the fourth grade teacher. It's always gratifying to hear about a good job being well done!

The Board discussed a letter from Mr. DeMalvilain about our escalating school costs. Although some of the figures quoted were called into question, Mr. Hamilton, with the agreement of the Board, expressed his pleasure that there seems to be a reawakening of public interest in school concerns, which is not only healthy but vital. The quality of our

Letter From the CSA

by Frances Lobman,
Ed.D. Chief School Administrator

In case you were wondering about the status of our building project, I have some news for you. The State has given approval of our architect's plans and specifications. We have now "gone out to bid." That means that we have advertised the project, distributed specifications, and collected bids from general contractors, electricians, plumbers and so forth. We will open the sealed bids early in February. The lowest qualified bids are the ones that will be awarded the contract.

What has taken so long? There were approval questions beyond our control. For example, New Jersey Historical Society considerations, DEPE (Department of Environmental Protection and Energy) compliance items and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) building codes all contributed to the need to re-work and re-think portions of the project. Moving from each agency's review to each architectural revision to each Department of Education re-review took time. As recently as the end of December, there was one plumbing fixture item that stood between approval and non-approval.

What and why are we building? Our second grade room and the Resource

Center (for small groups) are "carved out" from a portion of the library. These are considered to be substandard instructional areas, or areas that do not meet the code. The Department of Education has given us a limited amount of time to correct the substandard situation. One classroom and one small-group instruction room will be built to meet the need for compliance. The library will be refurbished. We hope to (volunteer availability permitting) re-open the Monmouth County Library System within the facility so that Roosevelt residents may once again profit from a convenient source of reading materials. We are planning to create an art/music room from the unused balcony area over the gymnasium. Our substandard health area will be brought up to code and, because responsibilities are shared by main office staff when the nurse is not present, the main office will move to that general space.

When will work begin? It is very likely that construction will begin in March or early April. Construction vehicles may be entering and leaving Pine Drive and School Lane. We hope that there will be minimal disruption to residents. The new construction area may

block the path of those who walk along School Lane and around the school sidewalk to the Memorial. We ask you to plan an alternate route during this time. If there is a problem, please let me know and I will do my best to remedy the situation.

On another topic, people have asked, "What is the police car doing in our parking lot?" The State Police are providing, at no charge, a substance abuse awareness program for our older students. The program is called Project DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). In cooperation with Miss Toth and her health curriculum, Trooper Alyson Honrath has been a guest speaker in our fifth- and sixth-grade classes on Tuesday mornings. The program lasts approximately fifteen weeks. Trooper Honrath, who is usually assigned to the Princeton/West Windsor area, is an educational liaison only for Roosevelt. If you were to call the State Police with a problem, Trooper Honrath would not be the responding officer. In this way, she is uniquely an educator for our youngsters. So, if you see a police car here on Tuesday mornings, wave and say hello.

January School Board Meeting Report

by Joann San Nicola

The regular monthly meeting of the Roosevelt Board of Education was called to order at 7:43 on January 20, 1994 by President Hamilton. He and the other members set a light-hearted tone for the meeting by expressing their delight that Dr. Lobman was back safe and sound. She was visiting her father in Santa Monica when the quake hit. According to Dr. Lobman, it was everything we heard about and more!

Mr. Hamilton went on to say that the school had been well taken care of during the storms--salting, sanding, and

ice chopping were done to ensure everyone's safety.

On January 19, there was a Pre-bid Meeting for the work on the school. Fifteen contractors attended, and approximately ten more are interested in submitting bids. Sealed bids will be opened on February 4 at 3:00.

Mr. Hatzfeld reported that discussions about installation of security lights on the school grounds are on-going. The cost of such lights would run approximately \$920.00 a year.

Mr. Hartman gave an interesting presentation regarding community use of

the gym during non-school hours. It was the consensus of opinion that local civic groups such as the senior citizens would enjoy the facilities. Concerts, environmental groups, theater productions, film viewing and sports were all mentioned as possibilities. Mr. Hartman will continue to look into this.

Dr. Lobman told the Board that the survey for possible regionalization has officially begun, with a meeting on January 13 with New Choices Educational Services Associates and Superintendents from Roosevelt, Upper Freehold, Plumstead and Millstone.

School "Report Card" for Monmouth County - Where Do We Stand

by Gilbert C. de Malvilain

Sources

The recently published New Jersey School Report Card, provides a good deal of information, enabling us to compare our school costs with other communities in the county in the same category. In order however to have a complete picture, other data was obtained from the State Report on Property Taxes, the Monmouth County Board of Taxation and our own Budget Publications.

The costs per pupil given in the Report Card include non-instructional expenditures, such as transportation and debt repayment. They were also calculated by school districts, rather than individual schools and since RPS is considered a school district, comparisons were made on that basis.

Do we pay a great deal more for our school than other communities? The facts are that starting with #1, Roosevelt's school cost per household of \$2,595 (1992/1993 budget) we paid 152% more than #10, Deal with school costs of \$1,030 - the highest in taxes, lowest in school costs. Looking at the top six communities, we paid 13% more than #2, Upper Freehold with school costs of \$2,288 and 94% more than #6, Avon with \$1,336 in school costs. The argument - given our size and circumstances - that we pay a great deal more for our school than others, is entirely valid. We do not have the tax base nor the wealth of the other communities - with Upper Freehold, in the same situation as we are - and yet our costs exceed all of them.

The nine other communities in this study were chosen at the low end of the population scale - around 6,000 or less - to come as close as possible to

Roosevelt's position and that was a truly difficult endeavor. No other factors were considered other than that. The communities chosen are as follows, in order of school cost/pupil:

- 1- Avon - \$10,772.00
- 2- Roosevelt - \$9,796.00
- 3 - Sea Girt - \$9,296.00
- 4 - Spring Lake - \$9,265.00
- 5 - Upper Freehold - \$8,707.00
- 6 - Brielle - \$8,294.00
- 7 - Bradley Beach - \$8,215.00
- 8 - Spring Lake Heights - \$7,973.00
- 9 - Deal - \$7,822.00
- 10 - Union Beach - \$5,891.00

The average cost per pupil comes to \$8,903, only slightly above that of \$8,571 published for the State as a whole. The choices then form a good cross-section of the County as well.

Basically, average school costs per pupil for the state as a whole, are as follows:

- High School - \$10,902.00
- School District - \$8,571.00
- Middle School - \$7,360.00
- Elementary School - \$7,046.00

Having school costs per pupil as well as property tax figures for these communities, it is possible to arrive at some decent conclusions as to where Roosevelt stands, but there are other factors that come in to muddy the waters. We know for instance that some communities pay for utilities out of property tax revenues, while others - such as we - pay on a fee basis, a method that is not subject to a State Cap. There appears to be six such communities in the group who have a very high percentage of municipal

expenditures compared to ours, providing their residents with a tax advantage we do not have. If we add our W/S costs to the Municipal Budget, our total costs are comparable to the others, as will be seen later. This has a considerable impact on how we look at the percentage of school cost against the total Municipal Budget.

As far as other factors are concerned, a case - but for one exception - can be made for communities with larger populations paying less than we do. The one exception is Avon, with almost three times our population, pay \$243 more per child/household than we do. For the rest, comparing our population of 884 to that of Union Beach - just over 6,000 - we see that their cost per child is \$1,039 less than ours, but there are exceptions in that too.

When comparing communities for instance, with essentially the same population levels - around 2,500 - such as Avon, Sea Girt and Deal, we see school costs per household running from \$2,838, to \$2,450 and \$2,059 respectively - from the highest to the lowest on the selected list in total cost per pupil, not counting Union Beach's \$1,556. Effectively, population is not always a determining factor when it comes to cost, unless an increment of population can be added to a community such as ours, without having to expand existing facilities. If the number of teachers who possess a Master's Degree can be taken as a measure of the quality of education in a given district, then Sea Girt takes the honors

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Borough Council Report*(Continued from page 1)***A Call for Harmony at the Top**

In the public discussion that followed, Mike Hamilton, School Board President, welcomed Mr. Vasseur and thanked the entire Council for their devoted service to the community, noting that seldom do our hard-working, unpaid municipal officials receive acknowledgment from their constituents. He then made an urgent plea for an end to the current discord within the Council that he felt "must impact on the ability to make good decisions." He deplored the "washing of dirty laundry in public" and urged that a way be found to address the issues and find a solution.

When asked for comment, Councilman Warren responded that he feels systematically excluded from the decision-making process of the Council. Mayor Allen said that Mr. Warren tends to absent himself from important meetings for which all members receive the same notification. He maintained that in his view differences of opinion make for better decisions in the long run, but that when the majority agrees on a policy, the group is then obliged to pull together despite initial disagreements.

Council Business for the Month of January

At the regular January 10 meeting, in place of his regular committee report, Mr. Warren offered his reasons for his opposition to a series of motions on reorganization matters. Mr. Allen urged that in the future Mr. Warren express his views at the appropriate times.

In response to questions about the status of the Roosevelt Auto property on N. Rochdale Avenue, the Mayor was only able to announce, for legal reasons, that our municipality will be the first to apply for a grant under a new state law, the Industrial State Recovery Act (ISRA). Our Borough

attorney is filing for an initial sum of \$75,000 that he feels confident will be forthcoming.

Utility Affairs

Mrs. Murphy, Chair of the Utility Committee, reported that of a dozen or so companies who responded to the call for programs to manage the Borough plants, two were considered eligible to present proposals at a special meeting of Council Committees on January 18. These were selected in consultation with an advisor from DEPE. A final decision will be reached and presented for public discussion on February 14 at the regular Council meeting.

A report was received from the NJ American Water Co. whose audit on privatization of our water and sewer systems was completed in December. In advance of a presentation to the Council on January 31, the summary they submitted suggests that in their view, it is not in their best interest to purchase the sewer system. They do propose the purchase of the water system for a suggested sum of \$300,000 but with no estimate yet as to possible savings to the consumer.

The Graywater Project

As regards the plan to reduce the burdensome utility debt by processing outside waste (graywater) in our new sewer plant, a report was made by our attorney of a meeting in November with nine DEPE officials. At the meeting also were Mayor Allen, Council Members Warren and Murphy and resident Arlene Stinson, to determine the feasibility of accepting graywater into the Borough's sewer treatment plant. DEPE had previously advised that such graywater treatment projects were relatively routine throughout the state. They said that after routine approval regarding adequacy of the plant and sewer lines, the only addi-

tional approval needed will be for the separate site proposed by our Borough for a receiving facility other than at the plant site. DEPE offered to assist in planning for the second site's security, size, the placement of the receiving tank and for odor and spill control.

Residents with property near the industrially-zoned area where transfer operations are likely to be sited were assured that opportunities to safeguard the transfer process will be available during a month-long trial period.

Prezant Honored

Also at the December meeting, Howard Prezant was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his long years of service to the community both as Borough Treasurer and in the past few years as Council Member, and most recently as its President.

Other Business

The ordinance authorizing the establishment and promulgation of a Personnel Code for the Borough that had been held over for action by this year's Council, was introduced. It will be published and ready for public hearings at the regular February meeting.

The filing of an application to NJDOT for another request for discretionary funds, this time for \$82,450 to repair North Valley Road was authorized. This opportunity arose because unused funds were returned to DOT by other municipalities. Council Member Vasseur voted against the motion because of the 10% cost to the Borough for engineering fees that typically accompany the use of such grants.

Purchase of separate Action Health Insurance for Firemen was authorized at a premium of \$537.00.

Planning Board News

By Bob Clark

At the Planning Board's reorganization meeting on January 12, George Vasseur attended his first meeting as the Borough Council's representative on the Board, replacing Stuart Kaufman. Jeffrey Hunt, who had been an alternate member, was appointed by Mayor Lee Allen to replace Mel Friedman, whose term had expired. Mayor Allen appointed Joseph Zahora to fill Mr. Hunt's alternate seat.

With seven out of eleven members and alternates present, the Board unanimously elected Gail Hunton Chairwoman, Bert Ellentuck Vice Chairwoman and Ann Kassahun Secretary. Michele Donato will remain the Board Attorney, and the official newspapers will be the **Asbury Park Press** and the **Messenger-Press**. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, except the September meeting will occur on the third Wednesday, so as not to conflict with Yom Kippur.

After reorganizing, the Board granted a variance to Michael Block allowing him to construct an 18 ft. by 25 ft. carport next to his house on Lake Drive. The far end of the carport will lie within five feet of the neighboring property line. The variance granted an exception to the 25 ft. side yard clear-

ance required by the zoning ordinance, as well as the maximum 240 sq. ft. allowed for accessory buildings. Chairwoman Hunton, Mayor Allen, Councilman Vasseur, Mr. Hunt, Michael Ticktin and David Leff voted in favor of the variance. Harry Parker abstained.

Those voting in favor of the variance concluded that it would not harm the intent of the zoning ordinance and could be granted due to special circumstances. They noted that no neighbors objected, the carport would sit at the end of an existing driveway, and the structure would be open at the sides. In addition, Board members commented that the house neighboring the carport lies close to Lake Drive, and the Blocks' house sits well back on its lot. This leaves a lot of room between the two houses, even with the carport.

Turning to other matters, the Board discussed priorities for 1994. Mr. Parker, who also serves on the School Board, said the School District's studies appeared to indicate that regionalization would not occur in the foreseeable future because other districts did not see any financial advantage in such action. He concluded that

regionalization will not happen until it is mandated by the State. As a result of Mr. Parker's assessment, the Board decided to go ahead with its impact study of the fiscal and other effects resulting from various development and non-development options for the northern 500 acres of farmland. Previously, the Board had decided to wait until the school regionalization study was completed. Board members indicated they intend to plan for the area in its entirety. The Board also plans to continue its review of the Borough's zoning ordinance.

Mr. Hunt commented that the Council should have run revised paving plans for Eleanor Lane by the Planning Board for its comments. Mayor Allen explained that the State Department of Environmental Protection and Energy required construction of a large, raised culvert across the drainage ditch by the Cemetery. He noted that this substantially raised the grade of the roadway and required an asphalt "cap" in order to avoid extensive erosion. He added that the views near the Cemetery will remain essentially the same in their important elements: vistas of fields and woods.

School Report Card

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with 72%, followed by Roosevelt with 61% and the rest ranging down from 43% for Brielle to 15% for Spring Lake Heights. There is no sure measure however, for the intangibles, such as, dedication, imagination, initiative and inspiration in dealing with the education of children.

Another factor that has been at the forefront in any discussion of quality of education, has been class size. One can not be too sure that the figures

given in the report are all that reliable, since that given for Roosevelt is 9, when in fact it should be 11. Various-ly, if the number of pupils in the entire mix of schools is taken in consideration, then the average class size is close to 12. Be that as it may, the entire list ranges from 11 for Avon, to 14 for Upper Freehold, with no classroom being unduly crowded.

In the overall picture for the ten communities, we were tenth in population, tenth in net property valuation, seventh in property taxes - not counting W/S fees - first in school costs per

household and first in the proportion of taxes going to the school, 78%.

At a time when the trend over the entire State is a dramatic reduction in property tax increases since 1990, Roosevelt - for the 1993/1994 tax year - is going its own way, with an additional 40% in property taxes, 26% going to the school budget, and everyone else staying under the State cap. Deal had no increase and Bradley Beach saw a reduction of 2.5%. We have now clinched the #1 position.

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Roosevelt Weather Almanac

by Ron Filepp

I like snow squalls, how about you? They are more than flurries but less than a steady snowfall. They are tentative and tantalizing. Offering up expectations.

There were snow squalls in Roosevelt on December 11th. There was no accumulation, which is how snow squalls should be. But the created anticipation was no doubt welcomed by those who love snow.

Would we have a white Christmas? Meteorologists tell us the odds are long for snow in our area on December 25th. But as the day approached forecasters offered the possibility.

At a party in town on the 23rd the weather became the subject of conversation. A weather proverb was offered by Kevin McNally. The proverb says that years ending in 3 have snow on the ground on Christmas Day.

On the 24th temperatures started to cool. Clouds thickened. At a Christmas Eve celebration some 25 miles east of Roosevelt a listener heard a radio report tell of light snow in New York City. It was announced on an intercom to celebrants throughout the house that there was snow to the north. A reply a moment later proclaimed a steady snowfall had arrived outside the door.

The snowy drive home to Roosevelt brought little risk of slipping and sliding. The next day only the lightest covering of snow was in Roosevelt. But it was enough to help perpetuate the proverb told by Kevin McNally and the wonder of a white Christmas.

We had more snow in December. The night of the 25th brought another very light snowfall and on the afternoon and evening of the 29th we received about 3 to 4 inches. The snow on the 29th was light and easy to shovel or blow for those who bothered.

A rule of thumb says that one inch of rain is the equivalent of 10 inches of snow. Of course this ratio is based on a certain type of snow. Light snow will be deeper than wet snow because the wet snow is compressed under its own weight.

Our total precipitation in Roosevelt in December was 4.57 inches. The average for our area in December is 3.68 inches.

The first three weeks of January was an active period for weather. We had rain on the evening of the 1st. Monday, January 3rd, another rain storm changed to an ice storm overnight leaving a coating of ice on everything. The 4th was a windy day and the freezing rain continued. Portions of Roosevelt lost power at 6:55am on the 4th. Power was restored about 5 hours later. Many schools were closed in the area.

This ice storm was only a prelude to the weather we would have starting overnight on Friday the 7th. Freezing rain that day clung to everything from bushes and trees to cars, buildings, and the roads. Perhaps the most ominous sign of things to come was the ice on the overhead power lines.

By late Friday night the ice was taking its toll on power in Roosevelt. At 11:40pm we lost power on Pine Drive. As we looked outside Robin and I could see the sky to the east flashing with lights from blue to red. Cracking and an undulating hum that sounded like it was out of a 1950's B science fiction movie filled the air. A call to 911 revealed that a transformer in town had blown.

There were more flashes observed after waking in a cold house at about 5am on the 8th. Later, a conversation with a state trooper, who was helping to check on the well being of some of the elderly during the power outage, revealed that transformers had blown

out overnight in the surrounding area as well as in Roosevelt. The power came back on at 6am for about 15 minutes.

While drinking hot tea and coffee to stay warm we sat and watched the birds at our feeders for a while. The ice was taking its toll on them as well. Many finches lost tail feathers. It was surmised that while drinking water their tails froze to surrounding ice and when they moved they tore the feathers. They looked a bit ragged, some with ice hanging from damaged tail feathers, but they seemed to be getting around without difficulty.

There was at least one nice thing about the weather. The ice on the tips of twigs acted as prisms and small drops of red, green and blue could be seen decorating trees in town.

On the night of the 8th temperatures fell quickly to the mid teens and the lack of electricity in many Roosevelt homes left many in town without heat. While some residents got their power back in the late afternoon, others had to wait until around 11pm. Why did we get freezing rain and not snow? Our temperatures seemed cold enough for snow. Keith Arnesen, a meteorologist at Rutgers University explained in an article in The Home News that "...the freezing rain was the result of varying air temperatures at different altitudes. Snow fell from high clouds but was transformed to rain at lower altitudes. The precipitation turned to freezing rain and ice because the temperature at ground level was below freezing."

The next challenge offered by Mother Nature in January was an Arctic Blast that arrived on the 14th. The front passed through during the day bringing a very light covering of snow. The cold came blowing in that night with temperatures plummeting to 11 degrees overnight into the 15th.

There was more heavy weather coming our way in January. On the 17th snow was falling by 10am. By 11:30am it had turned to freezing rain. Later the rain became heavy and melted some of the earlier accumulation of snow and ice. Then on the 18th temperatures began another precipitous fall. The high for the day came overnight and the low was recorded late that night. We were in for another deep freeze with temperatures in the single digits. There is little doubt the winter of 1994 has broken some records. The beginning of February is about the midpoint of winter and the following proverb gives a method for predicting the second half of the winter's weather. "On Candlemas Day (February 2nd), the bear, badger and woodchuck come out to see their shadow at noon; if they do not see it, they remain out, but if they see it, they return to their holes for six more weeks of winter."

On average, February is the snowiest month in New Jersey. Native American lore for this region designates February's full moon as the Snow Moon. "As August, so next February" this proverb would indicate a warmer than average February since last August was a bit warmer than normal. We deserve a break after a bitter January, but don't pack away your winter clothes.

New Jersey Weather Event
February 1, 1935 bitter cold in the area with readings of -8 in Freehold and -7 in New Brunswick.

Weather Word

Shower: Intermittent precipitation, either rain or snow, of short duration, which may be light or heavy. Source: The Weather Book - Jack Williams

ROOSEVELT WEATHER TABLE December 1993					ROOSEVELT WEATHER TABLE January 1994						
Day	High	Low	Avg.	Precip inches	Day	High	Low	Avg.	Precip inches		
1	44.0	23.0	33.5	0.00	1	46.0	20.0	33.0	0.00		
2	55.0	40.0	47.5	0.00	2	47.0	32.0	39.5	0.20		
3	54.5	39.5	47.0	0.00	3	35.0	30.0	32.5	0.00		
4	59.0	39.0	49.0	0.00	4	37.0	25.0	31.0	0.48		
5	55.0	41.0	48.0	1.25	5	34.0	23.0	28.5	0.17		
6	46.0	31.0	38.5	0.60	6	29.0	20.0	24.5	0.00		
7	50.5	34.0	4.3	0.00	7	32.0	24.0	28.0	0.67		
8	50.0	40.5	45.3	0.00	8	34.0	15.0	24.5	0.67		
9	49.0	28.0	38.5	0.00	9	24.0	14.0	19.0	0.00		
10	57.0	38.0	47.5	0.00	10	24.0	13.0	18.5	0.00		
11	45.0	25.0	35.0	0.50	11	37.0	14.0	25.5	0.00		
12	37.0	23.0	30.0	0.00	12	34.0	31.0	32.5	0.00		
13	48.0	30.0	39.0	0.00	13	39.5	31.0	35.3	.074		
14	50.0	23.0	36.5	0.00	14	39.0	34.0	36.5	0.00		
15	47.0	42.0	44.5	0.00	15	18.0	11.0	14.5	0.13		
16	50.0	44.0	47.0	0.09	16	14.0	4.0	9.0	0.00		
17	38.5	24.0	31.3	0.00	17	44.0	12.0	28.0	0.00		
18	46.0	25.5	35.8	0.00	18	34.0	3.0	18.5	1.60		
19	45.5	39.5	42.5	0.23	19	18.0	-3.5	7.3	0.00		
20	48.0	30.0	39.0	0.00	20	15.0	2.0	8.5	0.05		
21	54.0	36.0	45.0	1.50	21	20.0	0.0	10.0	0.00		
22	39.0	34.0	36.5	0.10	22	29.0	12.5	20.8	0.00		
23	40.0	32.0	36.0	0.00	23	34.0	19.5	26.8	0.00		
24	38.0	18.0	28.0	0.00	24	47.5	30.0	38.8	0.00		
25	36.0	22.5	29.3	0.00	25	43.0	30.0	36.5	0.00		
26	24.0	20.0	22.0	0.00	26	30.0	14.0	22.0	0.40		
27	23.0	13.0	18.0	0.00	27	36.0	3.0	19.5	0.00		
28	28.0	22.0	25.0	0.00	28	55.0	36.0	45.5	0.65		
29	25.0	14.5	19.8	0.00	29	44.0	33.0	38.5	0.80		
30	24.0	11.0	17.5	0.30	30	36.0	25.0	30.5	0.00		
31	34.0	9.5	21.8	0.00	31	33.0	20.0	26.5	0.00		
				Total Precip	4.57					Total Precip	6.56

Crumbs From My Table

Dogs, Bread, and Beer

by Rebecca Reuter

My dog Frances lived with me for fourteen years, and for most of those years, every time I made a batch of tortillas, Frances stood by to eat the first tortilla that came off the fire. Tortillas spend only a few seconds on a very hot surface before they're cooked properly. If the fire's not hot enough, the bread becomes dry and stiff; if it's too hot, the bread chars in an instant. The best test is to throw a small tortilla on the surface, see how it comes out, and adjust the heat. Then toss that first circle, crisp as zwieback or speckled black, to the dog. Warm bread. Smiling dog. The dog is gone but the ritual persists. I peel the first bread from the

pan and turn, arm arched, preparing for the toss. Shiny linoleum, uninterupted by any dog shape, smiles back.

The recipe for bread is always two parts flour and one part ritual. The earthy smell of grain, the animal smell of yeast, the growing lump of dough that yields like flesh: the scents and sensations remind us that we are creators. It's what separates us from animals, right? We create, even if it's in a food processor, a small lump to be handled like a living thing. We roll it over and over, cover it with a small blanket, keep it warm and watch it grow. Then we cook it and eat it. Well, some hunt their food, some raise it at home.

An alternative to raising a colony of yeast at home is to use baking powder as a leavening and make a "quick bread." I make my tortillas according to a baking powder recipe I learned in New Mexico. The only difference is that I use a rolling pin instead of a wine bottle to roll them out now. It's convenient to have a rolling pin around, but sometimes, too, I long for a recipe that requires me to empty a wine bottle first. The tortillas produced from this recipe are not the paper-thin type served in restaurants around here. They are fat and chewy, like the big pita breads that wrap souvlaki sandwiches. It's the baking powder that does it.

QUICK BEER BREAD

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Oil a loaf pan.
Into a medium bowl put:

2 cups white flour
1 cup whole wheat flour
2 tablespoons sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons baking powder

Use a wire whisk to mix them thoroughly together.

Pour in: 1 12 oz. beer Everything will froth madly. Mix quickly and lightly with a large spoon, just until moistened. Scrape the mixture, which will be lumpy, into the loaf pan. Don't try to smooth it out, except in an offhand way. Bake forty-five minutes to one hour, till golden on top. Remove from the pan to cool slightly. The bread should respond with a hollow "thunk" when tapped on the bottom with your knuckles. Eat warm. Toast leftovers.

Beer Bread Variations - Add any one or combination of the following to the dry ingredients: chopped herbs, garlic, grated cheese, bits of cooked ham, cracked pepper, red pepper. Or replace the beer with 1 1/2 cups of seltzer and use cinnamon, raisins, chopped nuts, or other "sweet" additions.

TORTILLAS

Mix:

4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt

Add:

3 tablespoons vegetable oil and mix in. Pour in: up to 2 cups water, enough to make a dough. Knead till smooth, divide into twelve balls and let sit, covered with a clean dish towel, for ten minutes. Roll each piece of dough into a 7 or 8 inch circle and cook one at a time on a very hot dry skillet or griddle, cooking one side till it is spotted with brown, then turning and cooking the other side. Slide into a folded towel to keep warm and soft.

*If you have a question about cooking or baking that you would like to see answered here, put it on a postcard and mail it to me P.O. Box 652, Local. I will try to answer it or find someone who can.

School Report Card

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Measured against the same six top communities, our school costs at an average of \$3,263 per household, are 39% more than #2, Upper Freehold; 62% more than #3, Brielle; 103% more than #4, Sea Girt; 124% more than #5, Bradley Beach and 130% more than #6, Avon. For the real kicker, there is also 217% more than #10, Deal.

To again recap our position in the mix of ten, we are still tenth in population, as well as net valuation; now fourth in property taxes paid - not counting W/S fees -; definitely first in school costs per household and first in the proportion of taxes going to the school, 70%. In addition, we are first in the overall municipal tax rate/100, at 3.603 vs 1.042 for Deal, with all the others somewhere in between.

Now it is time to take a stroll through the real world. Everyone, to be sure, understands that the wheels of government are liberally greased by a myriad of taxes, monies that come out of every citizen's pocket. So it is with municipalities of every stripe and size. The functions performed by these entities are called services, running the gamut of police protection to the shuffling of mountains of paper work. Somewhere in there, there is such a thing as water and sewerage treatment plants that are a part of the infrastructure. So it is with us.

Our W/S utilities, owned and operated by our municipality, are subject to a user's fee, or a "rent." A tax for sewerage by any other name still smells like a tax one has to pay, except in the cases of Eleanor Drive, Nurko Road and part of North Rochdale. The fact is that we probably pay a lot more for those municipal services than anyone else in the entire county.

The W/S costs seen as a tax rather than a "rent" and added to the official Property taxes collected, cost per household for 1992/1993 came to

\$5,002 and an effective tax rate/100 of 3.88 rather than 2.567. For 1993/1994, costs have climbed to \$6,180 and an effective tax rate/100 of 4.77 rather than the 3.603 currently stipulated. What, one may ask, has that to do with the school budget? Well a great deal actually, for it seriously reduces the level of funds available at a time when the school is under the pressure of State mandates to improve their physical environment, as well as to repair the degradation of years of neglect.

By law, the School Budget has to be submitted to a public vote. So, what happened last year? Well, the electorate saw fit to reject the budget. Not because they do not want a school, but simply because it costs too much. The next step - again by prescribed procedure - was for the school budget to be debated in the Borough Council for a compromise to be reached. Seeing no alternative and to avoid costly litigation, the Council passed the budget on to the County authorities, all proper and legal under the controlling State rules, that determine how much is to be spent on education.

Mayor Allen, however - at a council meeting improperly and out of his jurisdiction took it upon himself to castigate the electorate for their lack of civic responsibility. In essence, the voters of this community have to feel that they have lost control of the situation, that the Will of the People here is a joke and one does not have to reflect very deeply to understand why they are indifferent to the politics of this community.

We have become by far, the most expensive per household community in Monmouth County, if not in the State, vis a vis the ten other communities surveyed, we are first in property taxes, first in tax rate/100, first in school costs, first in the percentage of taxes going to support the school, first in the percentage of tax increases and still solidly tenth in population and net valuation.

Baking powder is a mixture of acid and alkali ingredients which react, in the presence of moisture, to make bubbles of carbon dioxide gas. The bubbles form quickly in the batter, first when liquid is added to the dry ingredients, and again in the oven when the batter is heated. That's what "double acting" means. Because the first "action" occurs the moment that liquid hits the baking powder, it's important not to stir a baking powder batter any more than is necessary to moisten it. Stirring breaks bubbles and lets the gas escape. This is acceptable sometimes, as when making a flat bread like a tortilla, but spells destruction for a muffin, pancake, or quick loaf. Be gentle, but be quick.—Baking powder does not keep indefinitely. Look at the bottom of the can for an expiration date and replace it after that date. It only costs a dollar, while a recipe that fails wastes money and time.

Baking powder cuts down prep time, but baking loses some of its mystique when the bread is raised with chemical leavening. If you make quick bread you can't watch a mound of yeast-raised dough growing on your counter, but you can still have some of the yeasty flavor and aroma. Beer froth has been used as a bread starter for a couple of thousand years, according to Harold McGee, in his book *On Food and Cooking: The Science and Lore of the Kitchen*.—The yeast from the beer multiplies in the dough and releases gas, creating bubbles that raise the dough. The special flavor produced by fermentation of yeast in the dough can be faked by adding a beer, an already fermented product, to the batter. The stronger the brew, the stronger the bread.

Et Nos in Illis... And We Change Too...

by Peter Warren

New Kids on the Block... Benjamin Nulman, Abigail Cloughly Schwendeman.

New House in Town... Bill Warren's and Jane Gallagher's on Oscar Drive.

Moving Out... No one.

Moving In... Marthe DiGiorgio (not Milly, who stays on Lake Drive) to Solar Village.

Switching... Motti & Cynthia Albini to the Goldstein house on Farm Lane.

On the Market... As of November 15, 14 houses for sale.

In Foreclosure... Five additional houses.

Oboeist... Bob Cayne, in Shore Pro Musica's performance of Lehar's The Merry Widow.

Installed... Bill Counterman, as Master of the Hightstown Apollo Lodge of the Free & Accepted Masons.

Named... As Trustees to the Joe Brown Foundation, Leon Barth and Connie Herrstrom.

On Safari... Ed Davis, to Green Bay, Wisconsin; the De Malvilains to California to the wedding of their daughter, Annette; the Friedmans & Nahmias to the Bahamas; Edmund & Paula Haemmerle, to Homestead, Florida; Howard and Louise Prezant, to the Florida Keys; Nestor & Mary Ann Sabogal, to Jamaica; John and Kathleen Towle, to New Mexico.

Performing... As Confederate sergeant in the film Gettysburg, Erik Plumb; as member of the cast in HHS performance of Noises Off, Ed Cedar.

Remodelling... Rosse's, to put a restaurant in front, where the liquor counter now stands.

Awards... At HHS, first marking period: High Honors to Christina Henderson and Eric Nachtman; Honors to James Edelstein, Alemayehu Kassahun, Dustin Horowitz, Victoria Estok, Harris Kaufman, Dara Ticktin, Bryan Unger (also Garden State Scholar), Meira Yeger. At Kreps, Honor Roll: Kathleen Alfare, Jessica Hamilton, Dawn Miller, Lauren Kaufman, Shoshanna Grunwald.

Noted... 20 Evening Grossbeaks at his feeder, by birdwatcher Mike Hamilton (odd because it was morning, and pretty far south for them).

Applied For... By Borough Engineer Jim De Muro, at request of Borough Council, \$82,450 Department of Transportation grant to improve 0.19 miles of North Valley Road Between Farm land and Homestead Drive.

Flowing... November: Sewage 155,000 gpd, Water 121,000. December: Sewage 231,000 gpd, Water: 110,000



William Margolis

William N. Margolis, the mayor of Roosevelt from 1963 through 1967, died Jan. 9 at the Bartley Manor Convalescent Center in Jackson. He was 86.

As mayor, Mr. Margolis was instrumental in working with state officials in the conservation plans which led to the establishment of the lakes and protected woodlands of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Margolis lived in Roosevelt twice. He first moved to the Borough

in 1941 with his wife, Mars, and their baby, Jonathan. Three years later their daughter, Susanna, was born. The family lived at 14 Farm Lane.

It was at their house, at an impromptu party on the night of VJ Day, where the idea was born to change the name of the Borough from Jersey Homesteads, and to re-name it after the president who had died the previous April.

In 1948, the family left Roosevelt for the Washington, D.C., area when Mr. Margolis was named the assistant

director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The Margolises later lived in New Brunswick and Highland Park, before returning to Roosevelt in 1961, when they bought the house at 13 Tamara Drive. They lived there until 1988, when ill health forced both of them to move to the nursing home in Jackson. Mrs. Margolis died in 1989.

William Margolis was born in 1907 in New Brunswick, and attended public schools there. Even in grade school he was a skilled public speaker. As a ten-year-old he won a prize as a "junior four minute speaker" in the campaign for Liberty Loans during World War I. At New Brunswick High School he was on the debating team.

He attended Rutgers University and then read the law while clerking at the Newark firm of Weinberger and Mintern. After being admitted to the Bar he worked for that firm, and then practiced law privately in New Brunswick.

He became a federal labor conciliator in the early 1940s, and by the end of that decade he was the nation's leading labor mediator. From the electric utility strike which all but paralyzed Pittsburgh in 1946, through the nationwide telephone strike of 1947, the East and Gulf Coast dock strike of 1948 to the steel strike of 1949 he was "the nation's No. 1 labor peacemaker," as the New York Times put it.

His legal background and speaking abilities were part of that success, but growing up as a poor city kid had its advantages, too. He once settled a coal miners strike after winning the confidence of miners who offered him a plug of chewing tobacco, and were amazed that he could stand there, chewing and spitting with the rest of them. They didn't know that in the slums of New Brunswick, smoking and chewing started at about the age of 9.

At the end of 1949 he left the government, returned to New Jersey

and opened a private practice as a labor relations consultant. Mr. Margolis is survived by a sister, Gertrude Barnett, of Elizabeth; Jonathan, a columnist and correspondent for the Chicago Tribune; Susanna, a free-lance writer in New York; two grand-children and one great grand-daughter. He was buried next to his wife at the Roosevelt cemetery on Jan. 11.

Jonathan Margolis

On Tuesday, January 11, 1994, relatives and friends gathered together in the Roosevelt cemetery to mark the passing and celebrate the life of William "Bill" Margolis. Bill's children, Jonathan and Susanna who are both talented writers are able to contribute a much more detailed and expansive view of Bill's life, but as one who knew him as a friend and fellow member of the Roosevelt Borough Council during his term as mayor, there are a few observations I can make. Bill

Margolis was a man who loved his family, his politics, a good cigar and a drink, a song and a joke, and a lot of conversation.

Bill was a long time resident who was here early in the history of the town, left and lived elsewhere for an extended period and then returned. Although he was not a member of a Pioneer family, he shared many of the beliefs of the original settlers. He believed in American democracy, he believed in the ability and duty of the government to help those who could not help themselves, he believed in the dignity of labor and its right to organize, and in the ability of the law to protect and defend that dignity. He showed his dedication to these beliefs through active participation in national politics and local government. He served for many years as a councilman in Edison Township where he lived before returning to Roosevelt and as Mayor from 1964

to 1967 here in Roosevelt.

Bill had many strong beliefs. He believed that any subject worth discussing was worth arguing about. He believed that any Democrat, even a yellow dog, was a better candidate for political office than any Republican. As Mayor of Roosevelt he had strong opinions concerning the protection of the local environment and the physical quality of life in the community. Being a vocal official in a vocal community, he had many opportunities to promote and defend those views in the public forum. Like other Rooseveltians who have had the opportunity and luck to have been the mayor of our town, his tenure was marked by friction, argument, and service to the community that had as many detractors as admirers. But it will undoubtedly be remembered as yet another of those halcyon eras of our Golden Age.

Bert Ellentuck

School Board News

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The committee on Positive Behavior has made good progress, and the input from the Student Council has been very valuable. The children came up with ideas that the adults hadn't thought of. It pays to go to the source!

Dr. Lobman made mention of the leaks in the gym and library. Mr. Hatzfeld and Mr. Parker had done an inspection and thought that perhaps the condition was not too difficult to fix.

Mrs. Allen reported on the up-coming school board election, to be held on April 19. At the said election, three members will be elected for three years, and a proposition will be submitted for voting taxes. Geraldine Millar, Rose Murphy, Florence Johnson, Mildred DiGiorgio have been appointed to oversee the election, with MaryAnne Perrine as an alternate. Election officials are chosen from a County list, and have taken a course on the operation of a voting machine.

Mrs. MaryAnne Sabagol and Mrs. Paula Haemmerle spoke at the public session. Mrs. Sabagol prefaced her remarks by saying how pleased she was with the school, and how happy her daughter is at RPS. She was concerned, however, about the frequent number of half days, and asked the Board to consider a longer school day. She feels that a school day even forty-five minutes longer would be advantageous to the children. The Board was receptive to her ideas and said they would look into it. The difficulty, of course, lies in

the contractual area.

Mrs. Haemmerle asked who would be in charge of the new expanded library. Dr. Lobman stated that she wasn't sure, but that right now two teachers use unassigned periods to handle the library and do the book ordering. About \$500.00 a year is spent on new books for the facility.

Mrs. Haemmerle also asked about summer school at RPS. We don't have a summer session here, but Dr. Lobman said that in cases where it is deemed necessary, she makes all due effort to see that the children are enrolled in a nearby district.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.



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Roosevelt Arts Project 1993-1994 Season

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1993-1994 calendar of events, featuring two artists never presented before by RAP, the premiere of a new play by Leslie Weiner, a group show by Roosevelt visual artists and the return of your favorite musicians and poets.

At all events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$5.00, only \$3.00 for students and seniors. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and the Bulletin for additional details.

Saturday	February 5, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. Peddie School	Laurie Altman - Jazz
Sunday	March 13, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. Roosevelt Factory Hall	Art at the Factory - The Artist as Social Commentator
Saturday	April 16, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. Peddie School	Roosevelt String Band - Songs of Freedom
Saturday	May 7, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. Borough Hall	Grant - A New play by Leslie Weiner.

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances and exhibits. For additional information, call David Herrstrom, RAP President at 443-4421 or any of the RAP trustees or artists.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible in part by your support and a generous grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation.

Review

by Laurie Altman

Two truly outstanding musical events took place as part of the ongoing Roosevelt Arts Project music series. The last Sunday of October featured Jazz pianist and Roosevelt resident

Roy Meriwether and his Trio, while the December concert featured a solo concert by composer, pianist and guitarist John Parrott, also a Roosevelt resident. Roy Meriwether's concert was wonderful. Roy is one of the jazz scenes pre-eminent greats, being featured most recently at such fine New York City jazz clubs as Bradley's, the Knickerbock, and Fat Tuesday's. He is a virtuoso; a musician of astonishing

technique, yet one who always plays under control. Moving fluidly from single line passages to more incisive two hand patterns Roy's music always swings, carrying you breathlessly along with him, yet shows simultaneously incredible sensitivity and dynamic range. His compositions are always innovative and full of rhythmic fluctuations, while his choice and arrangements of standards such as Lionel Richy's "Lady" or Miles Davis' "Four" showed great creativity and imagination. His bass player and drummer showed great sensitivity towards Roy's every subtle nuance and change of mood, and the three musicians showed themselves to be a tight cohesive ensemble. My only negative comment -

Roosevelt residents - where were you? The small crowd should have been augmented by a large outpouring of people, for here was an opportunity to simply walk down the block or around the corner to enjoy a truly remarkable concert by one of the finest jazz pianists performing today. If the Arts Project can ever get Roy to find time again, don't miss him!

Blues musician, singer, and composer John Parrott's concert in December was equally wonderful. John's music showed great range of style and content, yet carried each of us along on his wonderful musical and personal journey. Opening on guitar in the first

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set with his "I Come From Down South," John's works and musical images carried us to "Tennessee" and to city life in "Empty Tenement Windows." The love of his grandparents was beautifully captured in "Smiley and Lily" while his first set ending "Disappearing Song," no longer than a brief minute and a half was a gem of precision and feeling.

The second set had John on piano and it sustained the same high level of quality. From "Down at the Mission (where the bums all stay)," to the acerbic "Family Bible" to his amazing city suite dominated by "Caseworker," and the great "Kelly's Blues" (Rich Folks say) John's music continued to transport us by his wit, his wisdom and insight and musicality into his own very special world of imagination. The reprise of "I Come From Down South" gave the concert a perfect sense of unity. Don't wait so long for the next one John. Bravo!

Steppes

This was how peace had come -
toward the end of all the fighting -
a reminder woven of peace in days
long past - or perhaps
there had never been a peace,
not like this one, not like this one
figured out step by step,
some of the steps remembered
from time gone by, and some of
them -
like this last step that fell into place
so deftly that it could stay here
to be - after all -
peace.

Judith McNally

The Ryan Life

by Lauren Sabogal

Ryan is a Lab, he's being trained for 6 months for
CANINE COMPANIONS

Description of Ryan:
he's yellow
he's almost 15 months old
he weighs about 85 pounds
he makes a mess
he's a boy
he goes to college on
March 19, 1994
he does yoga
his nose is pink and then it turns black
he's got silky ears
he snores when he sleeps
he has a friend, Durum.

A canine companion is a dog who helps a handicapped person who is in a wheelchair.

Ryan and Gayle Donnelly will be participating in Monmouth County's Library Program "Dog Days of Winter," held at the Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, on March 5, 1994.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Our community seems to be sustained by a belief in apocatastasis, despite all evidence to the contrary.

El Supremo has returned to earth from his suite in Atlantic City; whom he entertained there, how much he spent and how this trip benefitted us remains a mystery to the Council. His fans have, however, been privileged to see him frequently on statewide television.

To let everyone know who is boss, he advertised in November - without the courtesy of notifying the incumbents - for the positions of municipal attorney, auditor, insurance agent, engineer, consultant engineer for sewer plant and zoning officer - on the pretext that he "wanted to save money for the Borough" and subsequently fired our insurance agent and zoning officer without cause and without giving the incumbents a chance to present a proposal.

This, of course, is nothing new. He fired me and Howard Prezant from the Council two years ago. It does, however, anticipate his new personnel policy which has not yet formally taken effect and which states:

1. In the Employee Acknowledgement Form "I have entered into my employment relationship with the Borough voluntarily and acknowledge that there is no specified length of employment. Accordingly, either I or the Borough of Roosevelt (i.e., El Supremo) can terminate the relationship at will, with or without cause, at any time;

2. 101 Nature of Employment "... the Borough of Roosevelt (i.e., El Supremo) may terminate the employment relationship at will at any time, with or without cause;"

3. 205 Probationary Period "Either the employee or the Borough of Roosevelt (i.e., El Supremo) may end the employment relationship at will at any time during or after the probationary period, with or without cause or advance notice;"

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Is that clear? Of course, no employee in his or her right mind would sign such an agreement, and if they aren't in their right mind, they should be terminated!

On the other hand, did you know that the Borough has been employing convict labor? Neither did some Council members. Reason for secrecy - "it might upset the public."

The proposed personnel policy is in the interests of Applied Wastewater Services who benefit (even if we do not) by firing Ron and Ed who earn \$59,000 a year and hiring AWS for \$104,000 a year. AWS, if you remember, was the company which El Supremo hired (without observing the state law on competitive bidding) on a month-by-month basis to train Ron and Ed in the new equipment and which, without achieving this goal, or even reporting to the Council on progress toward the goal, has earned themselves \$61,000 in the past 15 months. AWS, in addition, has cost the ratepayer \$40,000 (and climbing) in DEPE fines through their negligence.

Now the plot thickens. Last summer, some public-spirited citizens (identified here only as Joan, Paula and Teri) called on Senator Singer. The Senator introduced them to the top brass of the New Jersey-American Water Company who, in turn, showed an interest in discussing possible purchase of our water and sewer utilities.

Despite resolutions from the Council, El Supremo (1) did not invite New Jersey-American Water Company to carry out the preliminary investigation (an "audit") they proposed; (2) did not answer their suggestion to present the audit at the December 16 Council meeting, and (3) did not (as of January 15 and contrary to his statement at the January 10 Council meeting) invite them to a special meeting of January 31.

On October 21, El Supremo wrote New Jersey-American "Please be advised that Councilmen Prezant and Warren are not authorized to act as agents of the Borough in this matter and any further contact with them, without the prior approval of this office, could jeopardize any future negotiations." "Not authorized? By this Office?"

The obvious solution is to fire AWS, stop El Supremo from meddling, and put Ron Suto and Ed Davis back in charge of the water and sewer utilities under the supervision of Schoor Depalma and Canger, and an advisory council made up of residents who are either qualified engineers or licensed water or wastewater operators.

Peter Warren

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Councilman Peter Warren has eagerly publicized selected accomplishments of the reigning Borough Council during recent months, and he has publicly challenged Lee Allen to justify the Mayor's spendthrift governance. I applaud Peter's zealous defense of the Roosevelt taxpayer. However, it seems curious that Peter makes so much fuss over a couple of thousand dollars (a few dollars per household) given that he worked together with Lee in recent years to raise Roosevelt's annual expenditures to unprecedented levels.

Very shortly after Lee, Peter and the others took office, they expanded the sewer job to the tune of about \$100,000 (about \$300 per household). They did this by taking money from Borough savings with no immediate effect on taxes or utility rates. (Is it any coincidence, however, that taxes increased more than 500% last year!?) Shortly after that, these fresh new Councilmen extended the duration of the sewer bond to 40 years from 20 or 25. They could have used this gimmick to reduce our monthly payments, as you or I would use a long-term home mortgage. Instead, they expanded sewer expenditures. But this was not without cost. The unpublicized downside is that each household will pay an additional \$11,000 or so over the life of the loan. Considering these discretionary expenditures supported by both Lee and Peter, I find it difficult to extract anything of substance from Peter's current attacks on the Mayor.

Now, Peter and Lee will both tell you that the originally contracted sewer upgrade would not have been sufficient to comply with the state's mandate. They will tell you that they had to expand the job and spend more money. However, a quick review of chronology, of recent inflow and infiltration (I/I), and of current Council business belies their assertions. First of all, the work extensions were ordered even before we knew if they were necessary. Secondly, recent I/I figures show that we would have fallen within state limits even without the additional work. Finally, and perhaps most convincingly, the Mayor and Council are currently exploring how best to use the excess capacity of our upgraded sewer system. Clearly, we have spent far more than required to appease the state.

This analysis begs the question: How were costly work extensions justified if not to meet state requirements? I do not know the answer, and I will not suggest any malice intended. However, Lee and Peter both hold the conviction that Roosevelt will gain financial advantage through residential development. They both seem willing and anxious to pay in advance for the sorts of improvements that would ordinarily be required of a developer. They pay with our money.

One hears talk these days of saving \$1,000 annually per household with the addition of 150 or so homes, but this fallacious assertion overlooks the money already spent. Further solicitation of development will only continue to be costly and unproductive. I suggest that all further projections of the financial impact of development should fully account for previous expenditures that will ease development, especially when such expenditures cannot be justified otherwise. These expenditures include extensions of the sewer job and, to a limited extent, physical expansions of Roosevelt Public School, which will be completed under the bond passed about a year ago.

In addition to full accounting, I further suggest that operating budgets for the school and for the Borough itself should no longer be implicitly regarded as fixed expenses. Human minds and human lives cannot be treated as commodities, as can human waste. Indeed, one cruel irony of our current crisis is that our school operates on a bare-bones budget despite our oppressive school taxes. We cannot pay competitive salaries to our experienced teachers, and our school lacks many of the material resources found in neighboring districts. Thus, we might wish to view any additional residential tax base as a source of additional funds rather than as a means of reducing tax rates. In any case, by incorporating a comprehensive approach in our analyses of the costs of development, we will achieve a truthful assessment as we project its purported benefits.

The inescapable truth is that residential development will have little impact on household expenses. I will not argue a few dollars one way or the other. Basically, however, when we consider all prior and future expenses, we will see development as a financial wash for those of us who lack a direct interest in real estate. We are certainly wise to plan exhaustively for the advent of a developer's solicitation, and I applaud all involved for their efforts in this regard. Whatever the merits of development, however, they will not materialize as general financial gain. We should not be forced to continue to pay for this misguided vision of nirvana.

Kind regards,
Henry John-Alder

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