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Borough Council Meeting Ends Waste Facility Investigation 1995 Budget Adopted

More Rooseveltians made statements at the April 10 Borough Council meeting than at the March 27 "nuclear waste information" meeting at the Borough Hall. Near the end of the four hour meeting (after describing 8 correspondences received by the Council, reports by 9 committees, and the adoption of the 1995 municipal budget, which followed a public hearing on the budget) Council member Paul Hoogsteden presented a resolution not to pursue further investigation of possible siting of a low-level nuclear waste storage facility in Roosevelt. He read a long, impassioned explanation of why he supported the resolution. 🗣️ Two Council members, Rose Murphy and David Donnelly, spoke against the resolution and, the other three, Stuart Kaufman, George Vasseur and Nestor Sabogal, gave their reasons for being in favor of it. 🗣️ Ten members of the public - nine

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**Borough Council Report**  
 by Herb Johnson  
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from Roosevelt and one from out of town- spoke about the radioactive waste facility during the first public portion of the meeting. Joann San Nicola asked the Council to take steps that would protect Roosevelt residents' rights to get information when individuals are invited to give it. Referring to the meeting where people from Pennsylvania, Montgomery Township and Millstone barraged John Weingart, Siting Board Director, with arguments against the safety of nuclear waste storage, Miss San Nicola said, "Our rights to get information were denied." 🗣️ Brad Garton asked two questions: "Can we have a fair search for the facts?" and "Can the State shove this project down our throats?" Council President Rose Murphy, was presiding as Mayor Lee Allen's was required to appear in court pick-up truck was stolen in north Jersey, assured Mr. Garton that the State could not force

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BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT RESOLUTION #59/95

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council that the matter of the investigation by the Borough of Roosevelt regarding the New Jersey Voluntary Plan for siting of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility not be pursued further for the following reasons:

1. The information presented by the representatives of the Siting Board does not provide sufficient evidence to allow us to be satisfied, beyond a reasonable doubt, that a facility constructed here would be safe over the extended period of time during which it would be in use. Even if we could be assured of a high probability of safety, there would still be reasonable doubt, since any accident at any time in a period extending over hundreds of years, occurring in a populated place such as the Borough of Roosevelt and its surrounding area, would be highly detrimental to public health, safety and welfare, and therefore destructive of the ends towards which municipal government is directed, and there is no history of safe operation of even the best designed facility over such an extended period of time.

2. The perception of danger is likely to be at least as detrimental to Roosevelt property values as the current high level of taxes and water/sewer fees, and very likely more so. Tax and municipal utility rates may eventually be brought to more normal levels by an appropriate amount and type of development and/or by school regionalization, but it is unlikely that the perception of danger could ever be eliminated, regardless of the validity of claims that the facility would be safe.

3. If a facility were built, it would preclude development in the northern area in accordance with the master plan and, because of the perception of danger, mostly likely in the area east of North Valley Road that has already been zoned for limited residential development as well. It would also have a detrimental effect, due at least to perception, on agricultural production in Roosevelt and nearby communities.

4. Approval of the facility would create enmity between Roosevelt and neighboring towns at a time when inter local cooperation must be encouraged. The Borough of Roosevelt is obligated to deal in a fair manner with the residents of nearby communities who would share the risks of any facility but would have no significant share of any financial benefits that Roosevelt would receive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided for the New Jersey Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board.

An apology:

We regret that our highly popular "Crumbs From My Table" feature does not appear this month. Rebecca Reuter has been so preoccupied with baking cakes, cookies, et al for her sister's wedding last week, coupled with her approaching graduation from Trenton State College, that she has not had the opportunity to write her monthly piece. She promises that next month's will appear as usual.

school board election results

By Mary Alfare

Just under 20% of Roosevelt's registered voters turned out for the Annual School Election of April 18. The total of 116, including 13 absentee ballots represents the lowest turnout in recent history. In addition, some twenty ballots were partly invalidated due to errors in not following directions printed on the ballot.

The budget was passed by a vote of 79 to 34. Henry John-Alder (77 votes), Maureen Clark (89 votes) and Lauralynne Cokely (68 votes) were returned to the Board with three year terms. Incumbent write-in, Allen Newrath won the one year term with 32 votes over 6 for Chris Martin.

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The Planning Board's determination to limit residential growth in the Borough to only that number of dwellings that would bring the number of students in the Roosevelt Public School up to its current capacity has met a developer's response that the Board's approach would not allow profitable development that could help the community lower tax bills and utility rates. Robert Fourniadis, Vice President and General Counsel for Calton Homes, Inc. of Manalapan, attempted to persuade the Board at its April 12 meeting that it should recommend zoning that would allow 167 "fairly moderately priced" (\$160,000 to \$180,000) homes on three tracts in the northern farmlands.

In an informal "informational review," Mr. Fourniadis said Calton Homes' proposal for 1.25 houses per acre on the Nurko, Cuzzolino and Brottman properties would generate up to \$1 million in annual tax revenues and a voluntary contribution of \$5,000 to \$7,000 per lot to pay off some of the debt on the Borough's renovated sewer plant. He mentioned that he is "under contract" with Peter Nurko, who attended the meeting and owns 82 acres bordering Millstone Township south of Nurko Road, and Paul Brottman, who also attended the meeting and owns 29 acres along the east side of North Rochdale Avenue (Rt. 571). Mr. Fourniadis said he was "negotiating" with the Cuzzolinos, who owns 22 acres adjacent to the Nurko property. He added that Calton had decided against negotiating with the D'Amico family, who own the remaining tract that lies south of Nurko Road (along the western side of



North Rochdale), because "the overwhelming majority of that property is wetlands and is probably not developable."

Board members pointed out that the 167 houses would provide enough children to fill the school, leaving no more school capacity to accommodate other development anticipated for Roosevelt. They maintained that having to expand the school — perhaps to provide additional classrooms and teachers for each grade level — would substantially undercut the financial benefits touted by Mr. Fourniadis. Fourteen buildable lots exist elsewhere in town, and the planned community development (PCD) ordinance for the Nottermans tract east of North Valley Road would allow another 54 single family houses. Mr. Fourniadis volunteered that Calton Homes has had discussions with the Nottermans that were "not progressing that well."

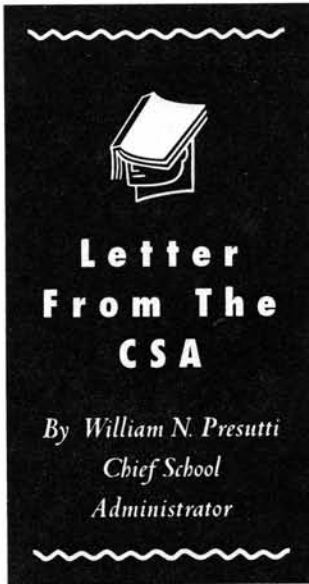
Meanwhile, significant additional development could occur in the 137 -acre Beer tract, which lies north of Oscar Drive and along Roosevelt's eastern border with Millstone. Mr. Fourniadis said Calton

Homes had talked to Beer representatives but, "They don't want to sell." There would also be room for still more development in the area north of Nurko Road on both sides of North Rochdale. Mr. Fourniadis said he had rejected building north of Nurko Road because some lots there already have houses and power lines are too close.

Board members also criticized Calton Homes' sketch plan, which served as a beginning point for discussions. The plan showed curved roads and cul-de-sacs lined with lots. Open spaces lay primarily in the wetlands on the periphery of groupings of lots rather than interspersed among the lots. The "view shed" coming into town from the north could be jeopardized by development of the D'Amico property, as well as land north of the Brottman tract along the east side of North Rochdale. While roads from the Nurko and Cuzzolino plots would open onto Nurko Road, the proposed Brottman property lots would require an additional road opening onto busy North Rochdale.

Board member Bert Ellentuck emphasized that to maintain the character of the community, new development should have open space "buried right into the heart" of it. He added, "What I see [in the Calton plan] is a standard suburban residential development [of the type] that has been built since 1957." Mr. Fourniadis countered that the sketch plan's disbursement of open space was mandated by the large amount of wetlands in the southern portions of the Nurko and Cuzzolino parcels and the desire to have an "economically feasible" number of lots. He offered that conservation easements that would prevent struc-

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I can hardly believe I am beginning my third month in Roosevelt. Time is flying by and the school year is quickly coming to an end. I have truly enjoyed these

first few months. I have gotten to know the children and feel "at-home" in the community. Thank you for making me feel so welcomed in Roosevelt.

Many exciting things are taking place at the school. The month of May and June are filled with many curricular related field trips from Sandy Hook to Philadelphia to the Camden Aquarium. Thanks to the cooperation of many parents, the majority of these trips do not require a bus since parents volunteer to drive. Thank you for helping to enrich our school program. The Health Fair is scheduled for May 18, Field Day, June 8, 1995.

A special thank you to Gayle Donnelly for all her help in planning the "Earth Day Celebration" at the school. It was a great day for the entire

school.

Over the last few weeks, the staff has been working on revisions to the Social Studies Curriculum. We have begun to infuse the "History of Roosevelt" into the curriculum and are planning to implement this change in September.

The inventory in the library is moving along very nicely thanks to numerous volunteers who have given a hand. A meeting with the representative from the Monmouth County Library will be scheduled in early May.

Graduation has been set for Saturday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there. It is such a special time for the students. As the staff and I begin planning for the 1995-96 School Year, I look forward to involving the community in our school as much as possible. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Together....we can make great things happen!!!!



Roosevelt Community Summer Camp

By Margaret Schlinski

The Roosevelt Community Summer Camp is opening the 1995 camp season on Monday, July 10th (the first Monday after July 4th) and will close on Friday, August 11th.

THE REGULAR CAMP

The RCSC regular weekly program is available to all Roosevelt Borough youngsters entering Kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall. This specified age group of K-5 is not written in stone. If an older child wishes to attend, please do.

The program includes recreational swim, theater, athletics, arts and crafts and special camp projects.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are pool days. Campers meet at the Pine Valley Swim Club pool for swimming. Arts and crafts projects are worked on at pool side. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays regular camp meets at the Roosevelt Public School. All camp days begin at 9:00 am and end at noon. Juice is provided by the camp.

(No Snacks Please)

THE NURSERY CAMP

(pre-K camp)

Our Nursery program is in it's fifth year. It has been a great success and has allowed the camp to extend it's program to younger children. The nursery program is for pre-K campers three to five years of age.

This program includes arts and crafts, music, games, free play stories and many special camp activities. The Nursery Camp is available to all Roosevelt Borough youngsters as well as any children from Millstone Township who have been enrolled in the Cooperative Nursery program during the past school year. Nursery Camp meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Roosevelt Public School Kindergarten room.

There is no pool activity. Juice and snacks are provided by the camp. Registration is limited in the Nursery Camp. Children are registered on a first come first serve basis.

All registrations must be in no later than June 1st. Fill out the registration form and send with a fifteen dollar registration fee (per family) to the Borough of Roosevelt. Payment and scheduling can follow.

Remember get Nursery Camp registration in as soon as possible.



Nursery School News



*By Marsha Agress
Head Teacher, RCNS*

The month of May is a busy month for all of us at RCNS. The children will be making special Mother's Day cards and presents for their moms. They will also make flags for Memorial Day, when they learn that we set aside this day to remember all the men and women who died in wars fought to keep our country safe and free.

We will make projects this month that begin with the letters P, Q, R, S, T and U. For the letter P we will paint and plant flowers, as well as learn about pussywillows. The children will all ask a question for the letter Q, make rulers and recipe books for the letter R, make sunglasses, sprout gardens and plant as well as paint sunflowers for the letter S. We will learn our telephone numbers

when we make telephones for the letter T. We will also paint and assemble Thomas the Train. The concept "upside down" will be reviewed for the letter "U". Numbers through 9 will

also be reviewed.

The children will start practicing for their graduation/promotion program which will be the morning of June 16th. We also hope to be able to enjoy

the beautiful spring weather by going outside to play in our RCNS playground. ☀

Roosevelt Board Of Education News

By Joann San Nicola

This agenda meeting is being reported in lieu of the regular meeting which will not be held until April 27th, too late for inclusion in this issue of The Bulletin.

The meeting was called to order on April 6th at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Harry Parker. Three members were present.

The school budget for 1995-96 was presented to an audience of four by Mrs. Lauralynne Cokeley, who, using the overhead projector, did a magnificent job. The presentation was clear, concise and thoroughly comprehensible. It was obvious that the budget committee worked very hard and successfully to keep costs down. The budget was passed.

Other matters addressed were the possibilities of sharing a computer teacher, the Student Recognition Program of Monmouth County, at which Hannah Stinson, 6th grade, received an award, and the school calendar for the rest of the year. Because of our lack of snow days, the last day of school will be June 19th, with graduation being held on the 17th.

A French teacher has been hired for the period of 4/25 - 6/30 at a cost of \$22.67 per hour.

There will be a Board reorganization meeting on May 4th, two weeks after the April 18 election.

In the continuing fight against the unfair penalty levied against our school district, Mrs. Skye and Mr. John-Alder will be attempting to set up a meeting with the State Superintendent.

The public portion of the hearing was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. ☀

More summer Camp News

*By Frances G. Duckett
609-448-3212*

For those of you who are new in town, Roosevelt will be running a summer program for kids this summer - unlike last summer, when it was cancelled because the school building could not be made available. In the summer of '93 we had a lot of fun in the art classes, with ceramics, jewelry making, wood assemblage, sewing pillows, mural making and our insect zoo etc. These activities could be offered at an especially low cost because the community chipped in.

We painted on paper donated by the Ernstein family, sculpted with clay donated by Mr. Shahn, and sewed with cloth donated by Ms. Donnelly. Can you donate anything to the camp this year? If so, leave it on the porch of #10 Homestead Lane. Besides any kind of art supplies and craft materials, we can use playable sports equipment. We are especially eager to locate a kiln we can use or rent for two firings during late July or early August.

By the way, if anyone is insecure about signing up for camp, Ms. Schlinski has a video she made in '93 showing a slice of life at RCNS. Once again, I'd like to thank all the great people who made donations to us in '93! ☀

Our March lull is just a peaceful memory, a busy April is already in the bag, and the PTA is now focusing on several upcoming major events.

To help gear us up for tackling these projects, our first May happening will be the Second Comedy Club Trip, a fundraiser set for Friday, May 5. The \$11.50 fee will cover the cost of a 2-hour cocktail party and full comedy show at the Princeton Hyatt's "Catch a Rising Star" club, and tickets are available from Mary Anne Sabogal (426-0722). Then we're off and running with Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8-12), when we will be presenting RPS staff with small token gifts on each morning of those 5 school days. Next up is the Kindergarten Roundup on Wednesday, May 17, where PTA parents will provide refreshments for the incoming kindergartners and their parents.

We'll don our aprons again on the very next day to prepare healthy lunches for all RPS students in conjunction with the school's annual Health Fair. This year, reports our super nurse Joy Marko, the theme for the day-long Fair will be First Aid. Joy will teach each class a different first aid technique, including bandaging, use of pressure points and anti-choking measures. Parents will be invited to watch their youngsters demonstrate their newly learned skills.

Hot on the heels of the Fair will be our Second Town-Wide Garage Sale, now expanded to 2 days - May 21 and 22. All Rooseveltians with treasures to sell will have two more weeks to sign up for a spot on our Yard Sale Map, which will be distributed to all the bargain-hunters coming into town for the big event. PTA mem-

bers will be on hand at the Post Office for two more Saturday mornings, May 6 and 13, to accept your \$6 fee and get the details on your sale. And remember, if you don't want to have a sale at your house, but you do want to clear out some of those gems you unearthed during spring cleaning, the PTA will adopt these items as donations and sell them at one of our "stations" on Yard Sale day. Please call Dianna Moore (448-7742) or Ellen Silverman (490-0557) if you need information or help with arrangements.

In addition to planning these May doings, PTA members played a big role in some April events at RPS. First, Gayle Donnelly's lively Earth Day activities on April 24 were fueled by healthy snacks provided to all by PTA parents. A few days later, the group once again organized, sponsored and supplied refreshments for the annual School Dance. Although our terrific long-time disk jockey, Mike Cedar, was on hand once more to "spin the platters", some organizational improvements,

including early and late "shifts" for K-3 and 4-6 grades respectively, and the presence of assigned chaperons, made this year's dance even more enjoyable than usual.

This seems an appropriate time to deliver sincere "thank you"s to Mike Cedar for making the dance such a memorable event, and to David Brahinsky, who created his own memorable event for the children in the form of a wonderful concert/sing-along assembly on March 17. Thank you both so much for sharing your talents with our students! Another big "thanks" goes to RPS School Board member Lauralynne Cokeley, whose lucid presentation on next year's school budget at our April meeting enabled even our least mathematical members to get a grip on the facts. A great and much appreciated job, Lauralynne!

At our May 3 meeting, the group will tackle the remaining projects for this school year, including our sponsorship of the all-school trip to the Philadelphia Zoo on June 2; organizing of the latest incarnation of the Roosevelt Art Fair on June 3 (interested artists can still grab a spot by signing our list at the Post Office on May 6 or 13); the annual Field Day festivities for all our students; and, our role in the sixth grade graduation. The Nominating Committee will also present its slate of officers for the '95-'96 school year at this time. All members are urged to attend.

A final note: the new, improved Roosevelt Telephone Directory (including P.O. Box numbers) is already being distributed. If you haven't ordered your copy yet, please contact Mary Anne Sabogal at 426-0722. ☼



PTA

News

By Alison Edwards
Petrilla

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Roosevelt to accept the facility.

Sol Libsohn related that the *NY Times* reported two weeks ago that the State of New Jersey "broke all its promises" to people in Edison who lost their dwellings and nearly lost their lives in the natural gas pipe line explosion there last year. He expressed the view that we cannot trust the State.

Bert Ellentuck questioned Councilman Kaufman's accuracy in his report on the Environmental Commission and asked the Borough Clerk if there were minutes which would confirm the Commission's comments. Mrs. Bieracka-Olejnik said, "Yes." In addition Mr. Ellentuck asked the Council to table Councilman Hoogsteden's resolution in light of the Siting Board Director's not getting a "fair chance" to be asked questions. When Councilman Hoogsteden's resolution was moved later, Councilman Donnelly moved to table it also. The motion to table failed with only Council members Donnelly and Murphy voting for it.

Board of Education member, Scott Hartman, said he agreed with most of the resolution but he asked that reference to school costs and regionalization be removed on the grounds that it might make school children feel guilty about high school taxes motivating people to want the

nuclear waste facility here. Chris Martin disagreed, expressing confidence in students' ability to understand that taxes are for important purposes, one of which is for public schools, and tax problems must be considered.

The Council and audience were lectured at length, for nearly five minutes, by a man who said he lives three and a half miles away but did not identify the municipality in which he lives. The crux of his argument was that money is not important if health is endangered.

Maureen Parrott responded to the visitor's statement by saying "If Millstone people feel money is not important, they can give Roosevelt \$2,000,000 a year and we'll stop looking into having the nuclear waste facility here." She added, "I think the Borough government has an obligation to explore the safety and feasibility of siting the facility here." She referred to three houses near hers that have been foreclosed, and said her house's market value has gone down \$42,000 since she bought it and is now worth \$20,000 less than owed on the mortgage. The \$600 she and her husband pay each month for Roosevelt taxes and utility fees have made them consider bankruptcy. She appealed for serious efforts to address the serious problems many families are facing.

Bernarda Shahn, near the end of the meeting, reminded the

Council of Mrs. Parrott's remarks and called for inspired efforts to improve the situation that affects all Roosevelt taxpayers.

Three other people spoke during the first public portion. Cliff Fischer, who had at the February Council meeting, objected to consideration of the nuclear waste facility in order to lower taxes, now asked the Council to tell what it had done this year to lower taxes. He had learned from attending the budget workshop, and from the study of the proposed '95 budget, that the utilities rates were to stay the same and municipal taxes were to be raised \$24,000 more than in '94, all of which was needed for the increase in road maintenance expenses anticipated. Councilwoman Murphy explained four ways reductions were made, but the Council had agreed more road repair was important. Grants might be received to cover at least part of these costs. In any case, she pointed out, all that is budgeted is usually not spent, leaving surpluses to offset the following year's costs.

Chris Martin mentioned that he heard the discussion at the April 3 Agenda Meeting of a proposal to keep from losing the \$18,000 balance of the \$54,000 offered by the Community Block Grant Program for re-building the southern end of South Rochdale Avenue. He urged that we "not drag our feet on it." Then he

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**Be a good
Citizen!
Attend Borough
Council
Meetings the
second Monday
of each month.**



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questioned why the Department of Environmental Protection found Roosevelt's sewer treatment plant only "conditionally acceptable" and the water plant "unacceptable."

Councilwoman Murphy replied: "Three reasons for unacceptability are: well #3 was not functional as a duplicate water source; we do not have a second lime feeder; and, we don't have a fence around the water storage tank." The sewer plant did not have a backup de-chlorinating device and four other minor deficiencies were found.

Eleven Roosevelt residents and two from Millstone spoke during the second public portion. Kirk Rothfuss and Mark Czeresnia complained that the Chair would not allow public input on the nuclear waste facility resolution before the vote, so that there was no chance to present information that could have affected the vote. Mr. Czeresnia added his feeling that "we're sitting on a time-bomb at the gas station. We're going to need a lot of money to clean it up." Council member Murphy replied that a \$54,000 contract was awarded at the last month's meeting to conduct remedial investigation of hazardous wastes at that site. Borough Attorney John Ross explained that the State will pay for the clean-up of all toxic wastes found.

Arlene Stinson praised the

Council for studying the nuclear waste issue carefully and deciding to close the subject.

Mary Alfare stated that she had been opposed to having the facility here until her husband, who is a college chemistry professor, persuaded her it could be safe. She deplored the fear tactics, the hysteria and the obnoxious Millstone residents who took up so much time when the Siting Commission people were here to explain the details. She said it "blocked our chance to learn." She praised Roosevelt citizens for their intelligence and for having the highest rate of volunteers of any community in New Jersey, saying, "We can study issues and reach intelligent decisions without Millstone people telling us what's right and wrong."

Pearl Seligman read a three page letter from Jonathan Margolies, a "former Chicago Tribune news reporter who grew up in Roosevelt and is returning to live here." He wrote, "So while I have some qualms about how this project (the nuclear facility) would affect Roosevelt, I am by no means committed to opposing it." Several copies of the letter were left on some chairs.

Roger Staib, a member of the Millstone Township Committee, and another Millstone resident thanked the Council and promised to cooperate with Roosevelt. The second gentleman said that he likes to come to Rossi's delicatessen and hopes

people will continue their good neighborliness.

Kevin McNally expressed disturbance that children at school were, reportedly, harassed by other students because of their views about the nuclear facility. He appealed to parents to prevent that.

Brad Garton indicated deep respect for Councilman Hoogsteden's position opposing the facility. He agreed the "quality of life" in Roosevelt was very important. He deplored the recent scarcity of one of those qualities and the lack of tolerance for diversity of opinions. Millstone residents at the March 27 meeting with John Weingart had jeered at Mr. Garton's wife, Jill Lipoti. One woman had angrily shouted "You should be ashamed as a mother" for her statement that the storage facility could be safe. Mr. Garton pointed out that as a Department of Environmental Protection official who supervises programs dealing with radiation, Ms. Lipoti is well qualified to make statements about safe disposal of radioactive waste.

Bernarda Shahn called for everyone to work together, with deep respect for each person's situation, to solve Roosevelt's high costs while preserving its good quality of life.

Louise Roskam made the final comment from the public. "To speak in support of this town's *modus operandi*, I wish everyone could have been at the din-

ner yesterday for the kid who wants to be in the Special Olympics. It was wonderful and shows how good our quality of life is. There's no place in the world I'd rather live in than Roosevelt."

At the budget hearing, six residents asked questions, registered complaints and/or made suggestions. Bert Ellentuck took the floor three times. He asked why "uncollected taxes" were so high. (ANSWER: \$30,000 is owed for one property.) "How can anyone see how much surplus gets appropriated for the operating budget?" (His suggestion: Print an explanation.) "Why are 'Capital improvements' going up from \$55,000 to \$90,550 when only \$8,000 was spent in '94?" (ANSWER: The \$38,000 appropriated in 1994 for Farm Lane storm drain replacement was not spent and is being carried over to the 1995 budget. Three other capital projects were added: emergency generator for \$14,500 and storm drain replacements on School Lane for \$23,550 and Pine Drive for \$14,500.)

Mr. Ellentuck indicated he could see the reasons but "I wanted to get my licks in!" He later asked for a budget packet to be prepared for the public to show also how much the municipal government spends each year on each item. A Council member replied that expenditures are already shown.

Harry Parker asked why the

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The First Aid Squad is pleased to report that the March blood drive was our most successful drive in recent years, with a total of forty-two Roosevelt residents and friends coming out to donate blood! Blood drive coordinator and First Lieutenant Marilyn Magnes said that the success may be partly attributable to the fact that the drive was scheduled in March instead of February, as has been the practice in the past. Holding the drive in the early spring may have meant that fewer residents were suffering from winter colds, and may have contributed to the unusually low deferral rate.

We hope to raise our turn out to fifty at the next drive, scheduled for the fall. Look for details in the coming issues of *The Bulletin*. If you missed out on the blood drive in March and want to donate before the fall, you can contact Centra State Medical Center to find out what evenings the Red Cross van is available in the Center's parking lot to accept your donation.

DEFIBRILLATOR ARRIVES

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the certification of six squad members as EMT-Ds. This means that we have received the specialized training required by the State to administer de-



fibrillation to a patient who is experiencing a cardiac crisis. We have purchased a semi-automatic defibrillator for our squad, and we are now fully equipped to utilize this life saving technique when the appropriate situation arises.

PLANT SALE MAY 13TH

We still need your help, however, to finish raising the funds to pay for this equipment. On Saturday, May 13th, the First Aid Squad will hold its annual Mother's Day Flower Sale in the Post Office parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to noon. You may recall that last year's Flower Sale was the kick-off for the defibrillator fundraising campaign, and all of the proceeds from that sale were dedicated to the purchase of our defibrillator. We raised \$1,200 last year, and we have applied for a matching grant from Prudential Insurance Company, but

even if we receive this grant we are still approximately \$1,200 short of the funds we need to pay for this equipment.

Help us complete our defibrillator fundraising effort, and come out to the flower sale in full force again this year. Once again, our selection of beautiful bedding flowers and sturdy vegetables will be supplied by Roosevelt resident Steve Estenes, and our hanging plants will be supplied once again by D'Agostinos of Hightstown. We also plan to sell the squad's own, special brand of fertilizer, courtesy of Squad Captain Elsbeth Battel and Footlight Farms, for those serious growers.

At the flower sale we also will have copies of the Roosevelt 50 year memorial book on sale for \$35 each. Finally, we will be resuming sale of the special, limited edition "Reassurance" prints that the late Stephan Martin prepared for the squad a number of years ago. Only a limited number of this print are still available, so come early to purchase yours, or contact a member of the squad for further details. Help us top off the success of our March blood drive with an even bigger success in this year's Mother's Day plant sale.



This is a sad article. The Borough Council has voted unilaterally to halt any further discussion concerning the proposed low-level radioactive waste storage facility. While I appreciate the thoughtfulness shown by the Council members in reaching this decision, they were unfortunately operating from a set of mistaken premises. Too bad, for it would have been nice to discuss the real risks associated with a low-level radioactive waste storage facility, and compare those risks to alternative (quite possibly more risky) uses of the land. It would have been nice to ascertain the actual movement of property values or trace real population health problems around existing nuclear facilities (the literature reveals surprising conclusions, by the way...). It would have been nice to explore the ethical dimensions to a "NIM-BY" viewpoint, or debate the larger environmental issues involved in the siting process. It would have been nice to remind the Council members that for every "mother and daughter losing sleep" over the rad-waste proposal, there is probably a corresponding Roosevelt family worried about having a home in which to lose sleep. But we can't do these things, because the inquiry was closed, the discussion was killed, the dialogue was stopped.

Perhaps you agree with the Council's decision not to pursue further information gathering about the radioactive waste site. Perhaps the curtailment of discussion was indeed for the "common good" of the community; perhaps it wasn't. No matter, the decision was made. The events leading to that decision, however, were utterly wrong. I had some strong reactions to those events,



In / tolerance

By Brad Garton

particularly to the form of the debate that unfolded. What follows are several observations and personal comments about the debate. Obviously, my subjective responses are colored by my direct involvement in the discussion. In the process of sorting out my personal reactions, I have tried to locate these reactions in a wider

frame of reference. I may not have succeeded, but I do know that many of us were deeply affected by the occurrences surrounding the debate.

Personal Reaction Number 1: My most immediate reaction came as a result of the disgusting March 27th meeting with John Weingart and Jeanette Eng (invited to Roosevelt from the Low Level Radioactive Waste Siting Board). The callous and irresponsible behavior of the Roosevelt anti-nuclear fanatics and their goon squad from Millstone was nothing if not appalling. Jeez, from the concentrated effort to interrupt any sharing of information or concerns it would seem that some major blasphemous act was about to be committed. What One True Religion holds sway here in Roosevelt that would justify such destruction of the heathen? Here I thought we had moved to a town with a relatively liberal history, a history steeped in tolerance and open-minded (although often skeptical) acceptance of differing points of view.

Speaking of open minds, I was rather amazed at how quickly minds became closed to any discussion of the rad-waste site. It seems that the words "nuclear" or "radioactive" trigger a mental pathway in some humans that precludes any further discussion, no matter that new information might reveal conclusions far different from the folkloric canon. I've always felt that if we let our intellects be ruled by knee-jerk reactions, then we become a bunch of people walking around with jerky knees. Here I thought we had moved to a town where people could stand tall and proud, no matter what set of political beliefs they held.

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On April 10th the Borough Council decided to adopt a resolution effectively stopping the process of looking into Roosevelt as the site for all of New Jersey's and Connecticut's so-called low-level nuclear waste. What transpired in the process was a sad and contentious civil war between our citizens and local public officials that no one is proud of.

Even though we were not in agreement over the proposal to site a nuclear dump in Roosevelt, we are all in agreement on the first of every month when we sit down to write out our checks to pay the water/sewer bill or the bank for our mortgages. Clearly something must be done, but no option should be considered that would offer as a trade-off a part of what we cherish most as a town.

During the course of my involvement in the fight to oppose non-life affirming options for tax relief, I made many friends and a few enemies as well. I had no intention of ever trampling on anyone's rights as a citizen, and I did not appreciate the many times I felt that my rights were abridged as well. If I inadvertently insulted anyone in this process, I hereby offer my sincere apology and extend an olive branch to all so that we may all move forward together as a town to defeat our common foe, high taxes. I will continue to wave to you as we pass by in the hopes that you will begin to see that this was a war of ideas and not one based on character assault. I believe that most people feel as if they are well intentioned, and I have always felt that they are.

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C o m m u n i t y

By Michael Hamilton

I do not underestimate anyone's pain when I write out my several thousands of dollars of checks in the beginning of every month just to have a roof over my house for my family of five.

Well folks, it's either put-up or shut-up time in Roosevelt. While it is not easy to shoot down ideas for change as evidenced by this last fiasco, it is infinitely easier to pull down an edifice than it is to build one. But, it is time to come up with ideas for positive change that we all can embrace, and like many of you I have many.

Over the last few months, a great many of our residents have approached me to give me ideas for change. I have never heard so many good ideas in my life, and I took the time to listen well and write them down when I got home. It has occurred to me that we have a vast untapped resource right here in front of us, The Citizens of Roosevelt,

a tangible asset that we have not used to our collective advantage. As you look around you, you will find that we have a tremendously diverse and well educated population motivated for change. What more do you need? You need to find a way to use this collective input, creativity and energy for change. How can that best be done? I am glad that you asked.

A month ago I helped to organize an open town meeting based around receiving more information on one and only one topic and inadvertently stumbled upon a wonderful vehicle not only to educate, but to encourage local dialogue. I was most impressed with the interest and the quality of the questions everyone asked on the 22nd of March. It has been said by critics in our community that no one has the time or the interest to attend public meetings of the School Board and Borough Council. I do not believe that this effect is due to the public's apathy as evidenced by the March 22nd town meeting, or either of the last two Council meetings.

In defence of the public, it is profusely boring to sit through a public meeting where a host of unimportant items are discussed at great length while looking for the proverbial needle in the haystack of the one issue that you were hoping to give your input on, only to find that it was being tabled or that there was no public portion allowing you to speak before the vote. There are times on the School Board and Council when your representatives believe it or not, are even more bored than you while sifting the wheat from the great volumes of

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Finally, I was personally repulsed by the impugning of my wife's (Jill Lipoti) integrity by the anti-nuclear monomaniacs (it's probably not appropriate here to discuss exactly what was said to Jill at the March 27th meeting - it was indeed repulsive). Based on her experience and expertise (PhD. in environmental science from Rutgers; five years as the person in charge of the New Jersey Radiation Control Program; a personal and professional commitment to the environment unparalleled by anyone I know), she recommended that we take a serious look at the low-level site. Now follow the simple logic of intolerance: because Jill disagreed with the tenets the One True Anti-Nuclear Faith, she was necessarily branded as being either too stupid to recognize the plain truth (she doesn't have all the FACTS!) or as being motivated by some form of selfish greed ("afraid for your job, Jill?"). How else to reconcile her heretical views? Doggone, if ever there were an expert in the field of radiation protection who would have the best interests of Roosevelt at heart, it would surely seem that Jill, someone who raises her family in the town, would be that person. Because of her dis-

senting opinion, the anti-nuclear advocates completely discounted what she had to offer. Here I thought we had moved to a town where people actually thought about the implications of their statements and the consequences of their actions. I guess I was mistaken.

Personal reaction number 2: I am concerned that the local circumstances related to the rad-waste debate are symptoms of a larger systemic malaise. Admittedly, my reactions to the events surrounding the debate are rather extreme; in particular I don't take kindly to verbal assaults on my family. Even without this added personal dimension, I am quite worried about the future coherence of our society. The vehemence of the personal attacks, disinformation and dissembling rhetoric used by the anti-nuclear opposition seems an instance of a wider social phenomenon; a fundamental insularity that threatens our ability to make consensual decisions.

Our system of government is predicated upon a continuing political dialogue. We discuss, we consider, we choose. Often we get into arguments - and, we surely have seen our share in Roosevelt - but never have I seen thinking people in this town endorse the closure of discourse.

This is exactly what happened with the rad-waste debate. It would seem that the obvious disagreement among many people about the relative merits or problems of the proposed low-level site would suggest that further investigation might be warranted. The absolute fear fostered by the opposition could only be satisfied by a complete lock-out of alternative opinions. Close off information gathering, kill any dissenting knowledge - sheesh, perhaps we should burn all the books as well.

This attitude of intolerance, the employment of "last resort" tactics as standard operating procedure in political debate is strangling civil discourse at all levels of government. Perhaps I'm being overly apocalyptic, but we are now being constantly bombarded by simplified ideologies telling us how to think and what to say. From Rush Limbaugh, Jenny Jones and "Geraldo!" to the horrid contractors of Newt & Co., the muscles of bigotry and intolerance are being exercised. My worry - truly now located here in our own backyard - is that by succumbing to the blindered beliefs of ideologues, we are losing our capacity to act as informed and critical citizens.

The only way to survive in a diverse, multi-cultural (and here I'm using "culture" in a very broad sense) world is through mutual respect and tolerance for dissenting viewpoints. By endorsing the use of a misinformed mob mentality to achieve our goals we run the very real risk of building a world where mob mentality rules supreme. Do we really want to live there?

Personal Reaction Number 3: The incidents that surrounded the rad-waste debate also caused me to take a hard look at my own past actions. I have strong feelings about local (and global) issues, and I often state them as forcefully as I can. I believe in the power of words to change us, and I hope that my exhortations have always conveyed my conviction that an open political process is of paramount importance. I probably suffer from an academic intoxication with language, and it has been easy for me to overlook the context of verbal hostility that I helped to build. If words do indeed have power, then I must certainly apologize for my own contribution to a climate of incivility in town. The extreme polarization that seems to accompany every major political issue confronting us must be addressed if we are to maintain our social integri-

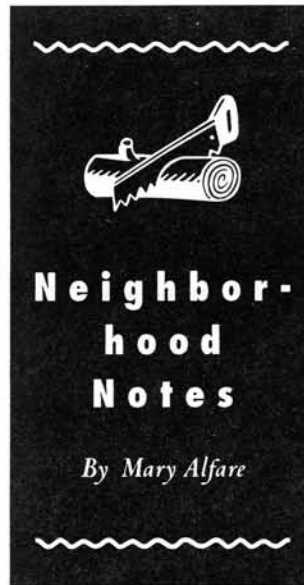
ty. Of course we can continue to maintain deeply rooted beliefs and opinions, but we have to recognize that the form of our actions in the service of those beliefs becomes the foundation of our social structure.

So, I'm not going to mince words now because (to use a slightly paradoxical construction) we must not tolerate intolerance. The unconscionable actions of a few have done real damage to the small society that is our town, and to the greater society that is our country. Am I being overly dramatic? Consider what actually happened in our enlightened borough: John Weingart and Jeanette Eng both received death threats while leaving the March 27th meeting in Roosevelt. My wife's character was viciously assassinated - not by "outsiders", but by our neighbors; people we thought of as friends. Children at our school were pressured into signing an ill-informed, little understood petition and hassled because of their parents' political beliefs. Our collective ability to engage in critical inquiry and reach rational decisions was trashed by a crashing wave of fear and hysteria.

But they - we should be PROUD of all this! The folks who quashed the process are

HEROES! They saved the town from the chimera of NUCLEAR stuff! They should be given MEDALS and AWARDS! I just hope that in their acceptance speeches they remember to explain to the destitute homeowners of Roosevelt how they guaranteed years of economic woe through their unwillingness to even explore a real solution to our tax problem.

Maybe you can put aside the experience of the past few weeks, and maybe we can proceed as a "community" with no acknowledgment of the responsibility we share for what transpired. I can't help but feel a growing sense of shame, however. I am ashamed of the anti-nuclear leaders for engaging the mechanisms of zealotry and demagoguery in their misinformed crusade to convert us all to their quasi-religious belief system. I am ashamed of the people of Millstone for bringing their prejudice and "TV talk-show" tactics into our town. And, I am seriously ashamed of all of us for teaching through our actions the terrible lesson of intolerance to our children. I am profoundly depressed.



☞ From Margaret Schlinski: Roosevelt

Community Summer Camp & Nursery Camp are back in business. Register early.

☞ From RPS: 59 students, grades I-6, completed the 600 Minutes Reading Club sponsored by Great Adventure.

Hannah Stinson, grade 6, received the 1995 Dr. Norman J. Field Student Recognition Award, for Roosevelt, sponsored by the Monmouth County School Boards Association.

☞ From Kreps Middle School: April Students of the Month: Dawn Miller (grade 8) & Sean Parker (grade 7). This means that one-third of the Roosevelt students at Kreps have been so named so far this year including Dylana Possiel, Shoshana Grunwald, Katie Alfare and Cassie Hatzfeld.

Honor Roll (2nd Marking Period) Grade 7: Jeanette Castro, Kate Freedman, Cassie Hatzfeld,

Elizabeth Carroll, Dylana Possiel, Joanna Giordano and Ronit Yeger.

Grade 8: Katie Alfare, Shoshana Grunwald and Jessica Hamilton.

☞ From Hightstown High School:

Meira Yeger, Grade 10, has been accepted into the Who's Who of American High School Students. Acceptance is based on academic and extracurricular achievement. Meira was recommended by the National Cheerleading Association.

☞ From and for Senior Citizens:

Ralston Purina is sponsoring the Pets for People Program which provides dogs and cats from humane shelters, free of charge, to senior citizens. The program will pay for certain veterinary costs including shots, neutering and spaying. For information call Purina Consumer Affairs at 1-800-345-5678.



roosevelt arts project

art at the factory

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Come to the show

may seventh 1995

Saturday, May 7, 1995 at 3:00 p.m.

Art At The Factory II, Roosevelt Factory Hall, Oscar Drive.

We ask only for a suggested contribution of \$5.00, only \$3.00 for students and seniors.

For additional information, call David Herrstrom, RAP President at 609-443-4421 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.

Clean Streets = Clean Waterways

By Gayle A. Donnelly,
Clean Communities Coordinator

On Sunday, April 2, seventy volunteers picked-up one ton of litter. We found lots of litter and are moving deeper into our Green Acres and cleaning up our woods. Thank you to all the volunteers!!

A special thanks to Liz Allen for organizing the "tree hunt" during our litter pick-up. The contest was to find the largest tree (circumference) in Roosevelt. Luke Freedman and Travis Impellizzeri won with the maple tree in Ed miller's backyard, 16 1/2 feet. They also measured the sycamore tree, at Produce Paradise, in the Assunpink which measured 19 feet 9 inches.

If you know of dumping, let's get it cleaned up! With "Big Garbage Day" on May 22, we have a means of disposal. If you know of an area that needs cleaning up, please call me at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

Nonpoint Source Pollution or people pollution is contamination of our waterways and ocean that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil, and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed from streets and lawns into stormwater drains that flow into Empty Box Brook, the Assunpink River and eventually to the Delaware River.

Each one of us, whether we know it or not, contributes to nonpoint source pollution through our daily activities. If you see "blue" fish on Roosevelt's storm drains, they are there to remind us to be aware of the effects of storm water runoff. The 5th and 6th graders stenciled these fish for an Earth Day project. You can help by keeping the curb in front of your house clean.

The Monmouth County Planning Board has donated a stream water testing kit to Roosevelt's Environmental Commission. Through testing stream water, the Environmental Commission can make informed decisions when drafting local and interlocal storm water controls for development and for agriculture. We are testing 4 locations for dissolved oxygen, PH, nitrates, phosphates, ammonia and chlorides.

We are testing the first Sunday of every month. May 7 is our next test date. Kirk and Jane Rothfuss are our stream water testing coordinators, 448-3713, with Holly Conover and Jim Edelstein assisting. If you would like to get involved with this project, call the Rothfuss's or come to our Environmental Commission Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 3, at 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

Earth Day Pledge

By Judith McNally

This is our Earth.

I promise to do anything I can to make this Earth a cleaner, healthier place for all.

I promise to recycle, not to litter, and to love the trees and animals on this Earth

I realize that if I break my promise, the Earth could be in much worse shape than it is now.

Most of all, I promise to help the Earth be the wonderful, beautiful place it can be, if we all work together.

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 chaff. Wouldn't it be refreshing to be able to attend a meeting where you could speak your mind and ask questions at any time and hear guest speakers from all sides of a single important issue without having to wade through all of the red tape?

I propose doing just that, holding open town meetings to address a single timely issue as part of an educational series at RPS open to anyone. This would not be a School Board or Council function, as this would load it down with all of the baggage attached to public bodies. The issues could be explored thoroughly through this series and your input and creativity could be harnessed so that we could move ahead expeditiously in order to address our town's problems. Once the issues were explored thoroughly through however many meetings it may take, the matter would then be brought immediately to the public body who's jurisdiction it is to handle such matters, and informed decisions could be made promptly by informed public officials without the added bureaucracy of creating a host of committees and subcommittees and

all of the red tape that public bodies inadvertently add to these matters in an effort to be careful.

I would suggest that the first series of open town meetings address issues which would provide us with tax relief. I believe that the first meeting could be one entitled "School Costs That Drive Taxes, What Can Be Done." A representative from The NJ Dept. of Education could speak on behalf of the State, a School Board rep. could speak about what the Board has done and what is currently in process, representatives from other school districts who may be willing to regionalize or share services with us could be invited to speak, as well as our Superintendent. Representatives from districts that have recently regionalized could be brought in to discuss the practical realities of regionalization. The whole complexity of the issue could be laid out and your valued input and direction as a public body received. Topics such as the advantages and trade-offs involved in regionalization could be explored thoroughly and openly. The meetings could last as long as you wish. Follow-up meetings could be put together to continue the process

until a consensus for change is agreed upon. The matter would then be referred to Council or the Board, or where both parties are involved, a joint Board-Council meeting, where action would be taken quickly. If this whole nuclear issue has taught us anything as public officials and citizens, it is that the problems are immediate and severe enough to warrant careful, quick action.

My door is always open (figuratively of course for any burglars out there) and I would like to hear your comments. We need to work together to develop a consensus for positive change and we need to learn to tap into our greatest asset, our citizenry, in order to move ahead quickly. I am more hopeful and positive than ever that we can solve our tax problems. All of the tools and knowledge and resources are there, we just need to use them effectively. I have taken the liberty of asking our new Superintendent Bill Presutti to look into contacting a wide range of speakers concerning the issue of how to address school costs. I have suggested to the Borough Council that we establish a Council to Board, and Board to Council liaison to help ar-

ticulate these matters so that we can work together as a whole to better represent your needs as a public.

Other topics that could be discussed are development, shared services and the like. In my opinion, this could be an ongoing regular series with a future orientation as well. I think that it is not too late for us to become the model community that our planning fathers envisioned. It will take hard work and sweat and a lot of discussion, but it can be done and it is worth it. This is a very special place to live and raise a family and I wouldn't change that for anything.

I am eagerly looking forward to facing our problems head-on in an open public forum. I am even more eagerly anticipating writing a mortgage check that does not look obscene, and enhancing the quality of life for all of us and our families in a healthful way.

Please call me, we need to work together.



Roosevelt
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**Weather**  
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Almanac



By Ron Filepp

**DO NOT TRY
 THIS AT
 HOME**

Rain at this time of year often comes from thunderstorms. It's estimated that approximately 100 people per year are killed in the United States as a result of being hit by lightning. Considering that few people are outside during a thunderstorm it becomes clear that the risk of being hit by lightning is rather high if you're one of the unlucky people who are outside during such a storm.

Getting indoors is a good first step toward avoiding a lightning related injury. Once inside there are things you can do for further protection. Stay away from electrical appliances, televisions, plumbing fixtures and telephones. Don't wash dishes or take a shower or bath. Don't talk on the telephone. The electrical charge from lightning can follow the path of any wire or pipe entering the house and put you at risk of injury.

It's with those warnings and notes of caution that I relate that in my invincible teens I snubbed my nose at Mother Nature. I didn't wash dishes or talk on the phone during a thunderstorm. On a few occasions, when the heavy rain of a thunderstorm came my way, I stripped down, went outside with a bar of soap, and took a real shower. Luckily, I'm still here to tell the story.

Since making those very dangerous forays into heavy weather, I've learned a safer way to enjoy the rain - a very civilized way to pass a rainy day. While Robin and I were in the Lake District of England a little over a year ago, steady, soft rain started to fall one afternoon. We were in the tiny, ancient town of Cartmel. We went to a small tea room to get out of the rain and have tea and scones.

The tea room was in a small house. Only twelve people could

be seated. Two elderly gentlemen joined us at our table and we talked the afternoon and rain away.

Weather Table

January 15 - February 15

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	68.5	44.0	56.3	0
16	65.5	40.5	53.0	0
17	69.5	50.0	59.8	0
18	58.0	39.5	48.8	0
19	57.0	34.0	45.5	0
20	64.0	32.0	48.0	0
21	62.0	50.0	56.0	0.07
22	54.0	42.0	48.0	0.27
23	50.5	40.5	45.5	0
24	53.0	34.0	43.5	0
25	54.0	29.0	41.5	0
26	58.5	34.0	46.3	0
27	56.0	32.0	44.0	0
28	59.0	34.0	46.5	0
29	60.0	30.0	45.0	0
30	54.5	42.0	48.3	0
31	56.5	36.5	46.5	0
1	54.0	32.0	43.0	0
2	55.0	32.0	43.5	0
3	58.0	26.0	42.0	0
4	69.5	40.0	54.8	0
5	40.0	23.5	31.8	0.05
6	56.0	26.0	41.0	0
7	63.5	37.5	50.5	0
8	58.0	32.0	45.0	0
9	73.5	43.0	58.3	0.06
10	54.0	38.0	46.0	0.28
11	60.0	34.5	47.3	0
12	70.0	41.0	55.5	0
13	62.0	42.0	52.0	0.77
14	57.5	38.0	47.8	0
15	56.0	37.5	46.8	0.15
Total Precip				1.65

One man asked us where we were going next. We told him Scotland. Both men looked sad. They suggested it always rains there and we would be better off staying in the Lake District. Undeterred, we were rewarded with sunny days in Scotland.

There are six official measures of liquid precipitation. Drops that are less than .02 inches in diameter are considered drizzle. There are three categories of drizzle: light, moderate and heavy. Rain is made up of drops larger than .02 inches in diameter. The official rain designations are also: light, moderate and heavy.

Falling raindrops don't take the classic tear drop shape. Raindrops are flattened on top and bottom. They look like hamburgers - food for plants.

"Near the surface, quick to bite, Catch your fish when the rain's in sight."

This proverb does not refer to the following, but it could. Water is not the only thing that comes down in rain. Over the centuries there have been reports from around the world of fish, frogs, grain, snakes, stones and fungi falling from the sky during a rainfall.

One report in the New York Times in 1931 stated that a rain of perch in Bordeaux was so heavy "motor cars were compelled to halt." The next time you hear someone say it's rain-

ing cats and dogs it might be worth taking a look.

Waterspouts and other wind phenomenon are probably responsible for lifting the fish, grain, stones etc. into a rain-storm. There is another theory that suggests there is a layer just above the earth's gravitational pull where all these things and life forms exist. Occasionally the layer is disturbed and items fall to earth.

NASA could put this resource to use. Imagine the cost savings. Food would no longer have to be lifted from the earth's surface. Astronauts in the space shuttle could just cruise down to the bountiful layer of food, open the window and grab a bite to eat.

RAIN EVENT

The most rain ever recorded in a twenty-four hour period is 73.62 inches on an island in the Indian Ocean near Madagascar on March 15-16, 1952.

WEATHER WORD

A "fogbow" is a colorless rainbow that can appear on the face of dense cloud banks. There are no colors in a fogbow. Light hitting the tiny droplets merges into white. The resulting effect has been described as the ghost of a rainbow.



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tures between lots "was one idea that was talked about." Mayor Lee Allen, who also sits on the Planning Board, noted that the economics of Roosevelt "are much different from when Jersey Homesteads was planned during the depths of the Depression and the community was built at a loss." But he added that the historical town "appears unique" and the Board would "want something that could be said to be unique to Roosevelt." Board member Jeffrey Hunt said financial gain was "not a concern which outweighs all others."

John Towle, who was defeated in a run for a Council seat last year, said he has lived in Roosevelt for four years and worked for Calton Homes for "less than four years." He said 167 was the approximate number of lots needed in the development "to make it work." Messrs. Fourniadis, Nurko, Brottman and Towle departed without saying precisely what Calton Homes would do next, and the Board continued to discuss its options.

Chairwoman Gail Hunton said, "I think we all feel the urgency" regarding the proposed draft PCD ordinance for the northern farmlands." Mayor Allen stated he had "serious reservations about the economic viability" of the proposed ordinance. He added, "I am al-

most convinced we are engaged in an exercise in futility." Ms. Hunton replied that Calton Homes "deals in formulas." She added, "I wouldn't judge the PCD ordinance based on their interpretation of it." Mr. Ellentuck noted that the cost of the land is a factor in the developer's determination of economic feasibility. He said staying with the lower number of units (110 to 120) allowed by the draft PCD ordinance might make the landowners ask "more reasonable" prices for their land.

Board member Paul Henry said he did not think the Calton plan could "get any worse," and if the Board went with it, "we might as well forget planning." Ms. Hunton called the Calton proposal "extreme" and said, "We might as well put 2-acre lots out there." Councilman Stuart Kaufman, who also sits on the Planning Board, said there was "no rush," but added "What the Council wants from the Planning Board is something so that when people have questions, we have answers."

In other business, Edith Walls applied for a side-yard variance to add to the width of her Tamara Drive home. Mr. Ellentuck pointed out that an important dimension, showing the degree of encroachment on the side yard, was missing from the plan submitted to the Board. The applicant was asked to submit the measurement for

the next meeting.

Mr. Ellentuck complained that members receive insufficient notification about applications that will be on the Board's agenda. He said Board members should have an opportunity to review the applications and study supporting documentation before the actual meeting. To insure this, he requested that the Board not act on any variance application until the meeting following its submission to the Board. The Board took no vote on this request.

Mr. Ellentuck also asked the Board to review the Borough's fence ordinance. He said a fence on the property line intrudes more on neighbors than a house addition that might encroach a few feet into the side yard. He offered to look at the fence ordinance's language and make some suggestions. He also pointed out that there are some violations around town of regulations concerning shrubs planted near intersections.

Mr. Kaufman said the Council had sent a letter to Zoning Officer John Sullivan regarding issues raised by the Planning Board and asking him to attend Board meetings.



Our Children's Voices

Note: We continue to publish samples of RPS's participation in the Writing Workshop Program. The following were done by 4th grade students.

"MAINE"

Maine, Maine.
 Rocks all over, ocean all around,
 Beautiful shells scattered around,
 Trees for birds in all directions,
 Maine, Maine, Maine.
 Beautiful colors of the sky repeating
 themselves,
 Lobsters climbing over sandy hills,
 Mountains touch the clouds and reach
 the sky,
 Maine, Maine.
 Bird sounds fill the air,
 Ocean talks to all sea life,
 Trees blowing to and fro in the wind,
 Maine, Maine, Maine.

by Jessica Drewitz

"SWIM"

Swim, Swim, Swim,
 Make some magic for him,
 Show him the meaning,
 Make sure he's succeeding.....

by Cristine Feigenbaum

"THE VACATION"

Splash, Splash, Splash, Splash in the wa-
 ter
 I go tasting and smelling
 the cool blue water,
 Splash, Splash-having fun
 I am angry, I am not
 Splash, Splash as I hit the water
 Splash, Splash, I have fun as
 I throw the red ball
 Splash, Splash, Splash, Splash.

by Jimmy Carroll

"FLOATING IN THE CLOUDS"

Floating in the clouds
 White I see
 Blue now
 Everything's changing
 Colors white and blue
 White clouds
 Blue sky
 Floating in the clouds
 looking down at the earth
 Getting further and further
 in the clouds
 Everything's changing
 Colors white and blue
 White clouds
 Blue sky
 Floating in the clouds.

by Leah Howse

"THE TREE"

I sit under the shade
 beneath the tree
 butterflies, birds,
 and squirrel I see.

I feel the wind on
 my hair,
 leaves are falling
 everywhere.

I see a bird's nest
 high in the tree.

Now I know, beneath
 the tree I can feel
 like me, me.

by Katy Hamilton

Roosevelt Survives The Spring of Ninety-Five
Three cheers for our community minded people!

By Herb Johnson



Oh Roosevelt, fair Roosevelt,

How blessed your people, streets and
 homes!

Your common woods and public school!
 And precious heritage preserved in poems!

The mighty state set out its bait:
 Two million per year to store nuclear waste.
 It seemed it might be an ideal solution,
 So serious officials proceeded with haste.

The elected officials took action with care,
 They called for state speakers and information.
 They invited all residents and even the
 neighbors,
 To listen with them to state explanations.

But serious citizens were wary of the lure,
 They called earlier meetings and studied
 the facts,
 So then the officials could hear from
 them too,

That everyone's health means more than
 lower taxes.

Roosevelt's responsible officials, I am sure,
 Would soon have gotten through the nu-
 clear maze,
 But Nancy and Mike Hamilton, Arlene
 and Art Stinson,
 Teri Lee, Pearl, all the protesters, deserve
 praise.

So come on people now, smile on your
 neighbors,
 Everybody get together now, what do
 you say!
 Let's send up three cheers for officials
 and all the people,
 Hip-hip, "Hooray," hip-hip, "Hooray,"
 hip-hip, "Hooray!"



**Senior Citizen
 News**

By Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

Jeanette Koffler called the Senior Citizen's meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. on April 4th. Before the meeting, many members had their blood pressures checked at 1:00.

Mary Alfare joined us to explain the need for Roosevelt residents to meet in order to learn more about the low-level nuclear material facility being discussed. We appreciated her coming.

A nutrition center in the Clarksburg Community Center will be available to seniors on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30 - on. The charge is \$1.50.

We plan a trip Cape May in June. We'll have lunch at 11:30 a.m. and see a show at 1:00 p.m. We'll leave Roosevelt at about 9 a.m. and look forward to a good day.

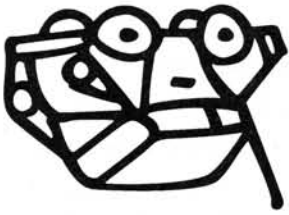
Rabbi Joseph Solomon came in to see Tony Wisowaty on a recent visit to Roosevelt. He was a neighbor for many years. It was a pleasant visit. The Rabbi now lives in Maryland.

Membership in our club is open to all seniors, age 55+. If interested, call President Jeanette Koffler at 448-2259.

Ana and Gonzoalo Quijano were our hosts - delicious refreshments.

'til next month.





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tax rate went up 300% from '91 to '95 (from \$.26 to \$.79 per hundred). Council member Murphy explained that there was a 20% decrease in evaluations town-wide from 1993 to '94, expenditures increased, while 1991 was artificially low because the state made all municipalities use their surplus to reduce taxes. Mr. Parker also asked what was spread by the water plant. (answer: "It's anthracite coal granules from the water filter medias. Yes it is safe.")

Cliff Fischer asked why \$6,500 was budgeted for recreation wages when none was spent in 1994. (ANSWER: It's an advance for Summer Camp wages, which we will be repaid by tuition. The Roosevelt summer recreation program was cancelled in 1994.)

Mike Hamilton asked if \$13,000 for "Legal Expenses" was enough? (ANSWER: "Can't be sure, but only \$9,300 was spent in 1994.")

Joann San Nicola asked why "Emergency Management" expenses went from \$1,000 to \$3,000. (ANSWER: The county's charge for the 911 emergence phone service was not for a full year in 1994.)

Chris Martin, candidate for the school board, asked if the budget could be amended. (ANSWER: "Yes, but a major change would have to be advertised first.") Also were there other meetings for the public

to make suggestions about modifying the budget, beside the one workshop open to the public on February 6? (ANSWER: Suggestions could be made at each Agenda and Regular meeting, and by phone or in person to Council members. Mr. Hoogsteden said he had surprisingly few telephone calls about it, even after the extensive discussion of the budget and tax proposal was on the front page of *The Bulletin* in March.)

All Council members voted for the budget.

Under New Business, a motion was made to return or cancel the possible additional Community Development Block Grant of \$18,000 for Tamara Drive repair, because "we can't go out to bid and get it spent by the June 30 deadline, and we can't get any next year if we don't clear the balance." Council members Hoogsteden and George Vasseur voted against it after Councilman Vasseur pointed out that \$11,000 worth of paving repair could legally be done without competitive bids. Voting for cancelling were Council members Stu Kaufman, David Donnelly, Rose Murphy and Nestor Sabogal.

Councilman Kaufman moved that Abe Schlinski be hired at \$5.05 an hour as a part-time laborer to work seasonally. The motion passed with only Councilman Vasseur opposed.

Everyone approved of Rebecca Reuter as alternate representa-

tive to the Community Block Grant meetings, and Nona Sherak and John Cordo as the Cable TV Advisory Committee.

The front entrance to the Borough Hall is not currently usable because the construction official found errors in the plan for the new concrete sidewalk. The resolution to pay bills was passed with the exception of the mason contractor's. Architect Bert Ellentuck agreed to draw up specifications and plans which will permit Arthur Stinson to complete the ramp.

Mayor Lee Allen arrived at the meeting in time to declare May 1995 "Older Americans Month".

Utilities Committee Chairwoman Murphy reported that Applied Wastewater Services has begun operating our utilities. All the media in the four filters have been replaced, but rusty water continues after back-flushing. A large amount of sediment was found in the aerator tank. The Council recessed to have a closed executive session to discuss a personnel matter related to the utilities.



P O E M S

BLUE RAZOR

By Mike Hamilton

it was the season of
stillborn crocuses,
nodding children,
necks bent in supplication
to the frozen earth.

Mute frogs
their mouths agape, were
stuffed
with the chloroform
of His silent wisdom:

Where He focusses,
the wind blows darkness,
like a blue razor.

a numb angel
spreads forgetfulness
with wings of virgin snow,
the way the memory of a loved one fades,
driving them ever deeper
into oblivion....

DANCING WITH THE TREE

By David S. Herrstrom

As if eloping, I prop a ladder to the lower story
then pivot to lodge myself in a crotch of the tree
whose branches are distinct as dreams
of our own body. I tune my limbs to its springing.
In the riddle-solving body-thought of climbing
I ask, and the tree answers,
a fresh suggestion for every move. Places to stand
discovered in our slow dance
through the light-mapped world where hands grasp
their own meaning. My grip's fit to a limb reciprocated
by its outward pressure ripening into my hand,
and I am comfortable in this house of movement
with my body the tree.

For the upper story of the world
is a sweet-scented equilibrium of cantilevers
like lovers giving and resisting. Not reaching
toward the unattainable air
but being body offered, I accept
our graceful, vertical walking to the music of space.

Kevin McNally has suggested: "with the current situation, it may be appropriate to print the attached quote from Walt Whitman which appeared in the 1855 edition of "Leaves of Grass"

This is what you should do: love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulge toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men... *re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss what insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem.*

-Walt Whitman

TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was sent on March 31 in the hope that it would be read out loud in Council the following week. Normal procedure precluded this, thus I decided to send it to The Bulletin since a number of people, having heard about it, asked to see it. My hope is that, by the time it appears, the point will have become moot.

Dear Mayor Allen, Council Members, and Members of the Planning Board and Environmental Commission:

I am a current resident of Roosevelt and have been since 1976. I am not in favor of the low-level nuclear waste facility idea for many of the reasons others cited at last Monday's information gathering meeting. The subject of this letter, however, is not the facility as such, but rather the impact of our even having the current conversation.

The discussion is based on the idea that we are simply gathering information, and no open minded person can be against information. Information, however, in itself, is not neutral - it has consequences, effects - social, emotional, psychological and spiritual effects.

I am writing to ask you to stop the very process of information gathering regarding placing this facility in Roosevelt as soon as possible for three reasons which I think are terribly important, reasons that are rooted in these dimensions of our lives, the social, emotional, psychological and spiritual.

Socially, the simple process of gathering information concerning this idea has already begun to tear us apart. One resident asked that we not take support for the facility personally, but that is naive. This is a personal issue. Those of us who are dead set against it take this issue very personally, as personally as we would take an invasion by a foreign army. Did the Resistance fighters in France take the Vichy support of the Germans personally? You bet. Thus it is already the case that residents are pitted against residents - and it is merely the idea of such a facility that has been introduced. Should the process continue, the social rift in this town will widen and deepen, no doubt reaching a



point where it can never be healed, thereby making life in this town forever intolerable for those who love a sense of community, of people working together for a common good that we have had in Roosevelt

for so many decades in spite of our many differences and arguments. This argument is different from all the rest. It is already tearing us apart. If allowed to continue and fester, the wound will become a permanent scar.

Psychologically, I have already seen a profound effect. Those people who are against this idea are hurt and deeply saddened that fellow Rooseveltians would even contemplate such a thing. And we are angry. Very angry. And scared. Anxious. I'm certain that sleep patterns have been affected. Stress levels are high. To allow this process to go on would be to further exacerbate this kind of emotional destructiveness and the consequences it has for physical health. One may argue that having to pay high taxes is also painful, and who can disagree? But this new idea has much more serious implications.

Finally, there is the reason em-

anating from the spiritual realm. I have always been proud to live in Roosevelt, despite our difficulties. But now, when I write down my return address on bills and letters, I feel a pang of shame. I have become ashamed to say that I live in Roosevelt, New Jersey, a place that is considering a nuclear waste facility. This, I think, is a symptom of spiritual depression - and I am not alone, for this kind of feeling was voiced in various ways at the meeting on March 27th and afterwards. We who feel this way cannot believe that any human being would want such a facility - not anywhere, no less in their own abode. Many of us have been fighting against the human race's propensity to develop nuclear energy for our entire lives. I know I have, through my college teaching and children's music programs. I am known by many youngsters in town as the man who sings "Garbage, Garbage, Garbage," and nuclear garbage is not less nauseating and poisonous than air, water, land and media garbage. This is a political, social and scientific struggle, but is based on a profound spiritual sense that our use of nuclear energy in production of electricity and weaponry is fundamentally antithetical to the value of life - it is not for nothing that we say "L'Chaim!"

- that I fervently support.

Given these reasons, not to mention dozens of others that are perhaps even more important and that other people in town have and will continue to articulate, I am not averse or ashamed to plead with you to stop this process now. Please do not let it go any further. Things will only get worse here.

P.S.

I'd like to thank those thoughtful persons in town who have made the point moot at this time. For those who still think that information is neutral and that the desire to stop the gathering of it in the present case is illiberal and narrow minded, I offer two stories which, I think, speak to the point from different angles:

The first concerns a gentleman from Central Asia who was transfixed by the appearance of some beautiful red fruit in the window of a shop and spent his last kopeks on them, only to find that later, as he began eating them under an azure blue sky, that they were genuine red pepper pods. But, since he'd spent his hard earned money on them, he felt he had to finish them. To say he had trouble speaking and swallowing for the rest of the week is an understatement.

And then there was the son of Rabbi Adam who wanted the help of the Baal Shem Tov to conjure up the Prince of the

Torah to solve certain difficulties in the teachings. The Ball Shem refused to help for a long time but finally allowed himself to be persuaded. They fasted for a week, immersed themselves in the bath of purification, and then carried out the proscribed rites. At one point the Baal Shem cried out that they would die unless they watched through the night with unflagging spiritual intentness - but, Adam's son could not remain awake and fell asleep on his feet. They buried him with great honors.

David Brabinsky

TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to express my deep disappointment with the Council's vote on the low-level storage facility and to state my hope that we will reconsider this matter slowly, methodically, and rationally. At issue is the financial viability of the Borough of Roosevelt - no less. There is simply too much at stake here for us to dismiss this opportunity without giving it more serious thought. We got far enough into the process to identify some of the most important concerns (e.g., safety, management), areas that had been brought to our attention by Mr. Weingart himself. However, we then allowed ourselves to be ruled by a frenzy of fear, fueled in no small part

by misleading information distributed by anti-nuclear groups (e.g., NIRS). It is now time for a thoughtful renewal of the process.

Nobody will accept a threat to our safety in exchange for reduced taxes, but the safe management of a storage facility would be an amazingly good mechanism for us to preserve all of the things evoked by those who cherish Roosevelt as the borough it is. Given the tremendous upside potential of a huge infusion of cash, we should cite our concerns about a storage facility not as reasons for its hasty dismissal but as items to be resolved (if possible) through intensive negotiations. That approach would be in the spirit of the siting process and in the best interest of Roosevelt. If concerns cannot be resolved acceptably, then we abandon the process. Simple as that.

We know that nuclear material can be handled safely, so the question becomes how to insure safe handling long into the future. We know that people of unquestionable integrity would welcome a storage facility in their own communities, so the question becomes how to insure managerial integrity long into the future. Clearly, these are not trivial concerns. But, please, let us not give up even before we have started.

Henry John-Alder

TO THE EDITOR

What do we learn from the recent controversy over radiation waste?

First of all, coverage was excellent, with three well written articles in *The Bulletin* and 22 articles in four regional newspapers.

Going back in time, two years ago, I made a "prefeasibility" study on radiation waste siting in Roosevelt for the Borough Council. At that time, site had to be at least a mile from a school and inside a 200 acre area: therefore, it could not be considered at all in Roosevelt.

Therefore, I was surprised when Michael Ticktin called me last February about siting to say that the criteria had softened. Either radiation had become less dangerous or the Siting Board was more desperate; and, it now offered a lot of money. It was still a crucial decision. Michael wrote in the March Bulletin "Whether or not to accept this facility may well be the single most important decision that the citizens and officials of Roosevelt will ever be called upon to make."

Instead of giving residents a chance to absorb the implications and study them together, the borough government made, in my opinion, a mistake by calling a meeting, with too little advance notice, for March 27 to listen to representatives of the Siting Board, who could

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not be considered by any stretch of the imagination, an unbiased source of information. The board accepted with alacrity because this was its first municipal invitation.

Alarmed by this precipitate action, a group of residents organized an unofficial pre-emptive informational meeting, held at the school on March 22. They were astonished by the turnout - about 200 people from Roosevelt and surrounding areas.

On March 25, an Asbury Park Press editorial stated "... (Roosevelt Borough) Council officials created the wrong impression when they quietly made initiation inquiries to the Siting Board. This wrongly conveyed the message that the decision to site a hazardous facility in Roosevelt would not be an open process."

The March 27 meeting compounded the impression that the process would not be open. The meeting was held at the Borough Hall instead of in the larger school gym which the school offered for the meeting. It was so over-crowded that one person said he would have cleared the hall if he were a fire marshal. The Council did not invite the borough attorney and borough engineers. The floor was turned over to the Siting Board instead of having the meeting moderated by a town

official. Worst of all, when a resident suggested that residents be allowed to question the speakers after each presentation instead of at the end of the meeting, the mayor shouted that he was in contempt.

The manner in which the March 27 meeting was conducted generated unfavorable publicity and did not improve relations with neighboring towns. Twin Rivers and Millstone sent resolutions opposing the site; Millstone sending copies of the resolution to 14 other municipalities, the Governor and the Siting Board and resolving to "expend whatever funds are necessary to prevent the location of this facility (in Roosevelt)."

The mayor of Upper Freehold stated at the meeting "We are opposing it. You have to be very careful of what the state promises you."

In connection with the siting, borough officials made statements both untrue and harmful to the image of Roosevelt. Broadcasting the following statements around Monmouth and Ocean counties can only hurt real estate values in Roosevelt. Alarmism should not have been used to support the radiation citing.

According to the Examiner "The mayor (of Roosevelt) said the primary reason representatives from the State Siting Board were invited to speak was a financial one."

"We are a poor community,"

Mayor Allen told the Asbury Park Press, ignoring income census figures that show we are far from poor - we are too wealthy, for example, to qualify for future municipal community development block grants.

The Asbury Park Press also wrote "Additionally a number of houses have recently been abandoned by owners who could no longer afford to live in town, (unnamed Roosevelt) officials here said."

This theme was picked up in the Examiner, quoting "an unnamed resident "... we are losing our homes here," she said, referring to some foreclosures that have resulted from the town's tax rate..."

This is completely misleading. No houses have been lost by foreclosure because of the property tax rate. Houses have been vacated by people who died, divorced, lost jobs in the recession or got jobs elsewhere; and, there have been foreclosures on a few of them. No houses have been "abandoned." Property taxes and utility fees are being paid, thank goodness, by relatives or mortgage companies. And, people are continuing to buy houses in town.

Peter B. Warren

Editor's Reply

Since Mr. Warren has seen fit both to address his letter to me and to mention me by name, I believe I have a

right of reply. I think the Council acted properly in deciding to get information from Mr. Weingart about the low-level facility. In view of our difficult financial situation, all options must be looked into, and it is certainly reasonable to start an inquiry about a program by asking the person who is in charge of that program. I also think that Council members acted properly in deciding not to pursue the matter further once they were satisfied that, all factors considered, such a decision would be in the best interest of the community.

It was most unfortunate that some people incorrectly perceived the Council's original action, which simply involved arranging an open public meeting for the purpose of getting initial information, as secretive, or as the first step in a pre-determined process intended to result in the eventual acceptance of the facility. I suspect, though, that had the Council begun its inquiries without an open public meeting, that would only have enhanced the credibility of the allegations of secretiveness and conspiracy.

I would also suggest that, in addition to making clear what we don't want, we should also make it clear what measures that might improve our financial situation we are prepared to consider. The one position that is truly inconsistent is to be both against our high taxes and utility rates and against every proposal that anyone ever suggests that might conceivably alleviate them. The financial pressures that many of our residents are facing are very real, and demand our continuing attention. Nickel and diming the school and municipal budgets will

accomplish little; the problems are structural and a structural solution will have to be found.

Michael Tickin

TO THE EDITOR

I think that some people who live in this town have the mistaken notion that they live in cinder block houses. In fact, we all live in glass houses. And, everyone knows what people who live in glass houses should not do.

I am disturbed at the manner in which we have handled the discussion of the low-level nuclear waste disposal facility. Some people have seen fit not just to state their own position and to argue the merits of the ideas expressed by others, but to attack the morals and motives of anyone who did not agree with them. I am particularly distressed to hear that children in our school have been harassed because their parents were perceived as being on the "wrong" side of this issue. What good does it do to "save" our town from the threat of nuclear waste if, in the process, we destroy the sense of community that makes this town worth living in?

I don't know the motives of the people who first suggested this idea, but I can imagine a strategy that would have made Machiavelli proud. You have

a community with a serious problem that no one seems able or willing to seriously address. Suggest the worst possible solution to shake and wake everybody up, and maybe they will begin to take the problem seriously.

I applaud everyone who worked so hard to organize and inform the community on this issue. I only hope that, if the idea of the waste site is rejected, its opponents will not think that the problem has been solved and stick their heads back into the sand. I would like to see the energy that was devoted to the waste site continued into an effort to research and discuss positive solutions to our mutual problems. If you don't want high taxes and you don't want nuclear waste, what do you want? What are the alternatives? Development? School regionalization? There seems to be as much, and as passionate, opposition to these proposals as there was to the waste site. Are there any ideas out there that have not been considered in the past that should be looked into more thoroughly? In private conversations about this issue, I have encountered a number of individuals with very interesting and creative suggestions. But, where is the public forum where they can receive a serious (and respectful!) hearing? Can we find a community consensus on one or two alternatives that we can

then direct our Council and Planning Board to pursue?

We are likely to face other major, and potentially divisive, issues in the near future. I fear that if we don't handle them any better, we won't have much of a community left. I can only hope that if the people who were doing the shouting this time find themselves on the "wrong" side of the discussion of development or regionalization, they are treated more civilly by their former allies than they treated others this time around.

Kevin T. McNally

TO THE EDITOR

I want to say "thank you so much" to all the wonderful friends and neighbors who have been so supportive of my efforts to raise money to send my son Joel to the Special Olympics. It was a great thrill for my family when Joel won a spot on the Gymnastics team, but taking him and his brothers and sister to stay in Connecticut during the Olympics in July will cost a lot of money, and I'm now a single mom.

So far, I have held two bake sales and the April 9 Spanish Dinner at the Borough Hall to raise money for this purpose, and I'm about halfway to my goal. I could not have gotten so far without all of you and I

thank everyone so much, especially the Roosevelt Girl Scouts who helped out at the Spanish Dinner.

I am planning some other fundraising activities for May and June, and I'm optimistic that with the kind of help I've been getting from the people of Roosevelt, Joel will be a very proud member of the Special Olympics Gymnastic Team.

Sandra Ortiz

TO THE EDITOR

I have filed to run as a candidate for mayor as an independent. This means that my name will appear on the ballot in November, but not in the June primary. Between now and November, I will study the budget and the other issues that face our town. I will ask advice from everyone who can help me. If you elect me, I will attend the Rutgers local government administration seminars. In other words, I am already starting to prepare myself for the heavy responsibilities we face if you elect me.

Like everyone of you, I have the objective of lowering our property taxes and utility fees. We have a better chance to succeed if everyone on the Council works hard, works together and we work closely with the members of the Environmental Commission, the Planning Board

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and the School Board - and, if we have your help.

I would like to have the support of every voter, whether you are Democrat, Republican or Independent both in November and afterward..

George Vasseur

TO THE EDITOR

As of April 13, 1995, I am an official candidate for Borough Councilman. My first and foremost objective is to reduce property taxes while maintaining a high quality of life in Roosevelt. I am also interested in helping to manage the affairs of the Borough more efficiently, thus saving the money of taxpayers.

I believe an open door policy needs to be achieved in the Borough Council to get the public more involved in matters which face our town. With your assistance, and hard work from the Council, we can change things in Roosevelt for the better.

I will be running as an independent candidate and would appreciate the support of everyone and hope to see a large turnout in November.

Cliff Fischer



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mon 1 7:30 PM Council
Agenda Mtg.

tue 2 1 PM Blood Pressure
Check Boro Hall
2 PM Roosevelt Senior Citizens
Mtg.-Jeanette Koffler, 448-2259
6 PM Roosevelt Comm. T.V.-
Cable Ch. 8
7:30 PM First Aid Squad-
Michael Stiles, Pres. 426-4185

wed 3  Recycle
No Yoga Class
7:30 PM Roosevelt PTA Mtng.-
RPS- Vinnie Jackson 426-0311
8 PM Environmental Comm.-
Jim Carnevale, Pres. 426-1728

thur 4 7:30 PM Board of Ed.
Agenda Mtg.-RPS- Mike
Hamilton, Pres. 443-5227

fri 5 PTA Comedy Club
Trip- Mary Anne Sabogal-
426-0722

sun 7 8 AM Stream Watch
(Volunteer Water Testing)-Kirk
Rothfuss-448-3713
3 PM RAP Program-Art At The
Factory II, Roosevelt Factory Hall
David Herrstrom-443-4421

mon 8 7:30 PM Council
Action Mtg.

tue 9 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8

wed 10 7 PM Yoga Class-
Synagogue
8 PM Planning Bd. Mtg.-Gail
Hunton, Chair, 426-4338

sat 13 Rabies Clinic-Boro
Hall-448-0539
First Aid Squad Flower Sale-Post
Office
Stefan Martin Memorial Benefit
Concert-Rogers School,
Hightstown-
Chris Martin, 448-2118

sun 14 Mother's Day

mon 15 7:30 PM Council
Comm. Mtgs.
8 PM Synagogue Board Mtg.,
Michael Ticktin, 448-03636-

tue 16 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8

wed 17  Recycle
1 to 2 PM-Kindegarten Roun-
up-RPS-448-2798

thur 18 Health Fair at RPS-
Joy Marko Nurse, 443-3759
7 PM Yoga Class-Synagogue
7:30 PM Board of Ed. Action Mtg.

sat 20 Town-Wide Garage
Sale-RPS PTA-Diana Moore
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sun 21 Town-Wide Garage
Sale-RPS PTA-Diana Moore
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mon 22 Large Garbage Pick-
Up- 448-0539
7:30 PM Council Comm. Mtgs.

tue 23 6 PM Roosevelt
Comm. TV Cable Ch 8

thur 25 7 PM Yoga Class-
Synagogue

mon 29 Memorial Day

wed 31  Recycle

*Please call Jane Rothfuss at 448-3713
to put your organization's events on the
calendar.*

**All meetings and
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