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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET ADOPTED

by Herb Johnson

**T**he 1998 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Roosevelt was approved at the March 9, 1998 meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council. The Mayor and Council members assisted by Auditor and Municipal Accountant Gerard Stankiewicz and Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Edward J. Debevec, answered about thirty questions or comments from five or six of the ten residents present at the public hearing.

When asked by this reporter, "Why does the Council want to increase the budget appropriations by 5% rather than by the CAP Law's index rate of 2.5% even though the 1997 Current Fund had a surplus of \$477,000 at the end of the year?" Mayor Lee Allen replied, "If we were to have a major problem with either our streets and roads or our municipal building, we would not be able to absorb that with our tight budget. We expand the amounts in our budget line items so that if we have to react to an emergency situation, the budget would have enough

to get a major portion of the work done before we needed to borrow money to do it. We increase our budget each year to the full amount allowed by law." The New Jersey CAP Law states that a municipality may increase its appropriations above the certified index rate, up to 5%, if the municipality passes an ordinance which states that the additional amount is needed "in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens." The Mayor added, "We want to be able to handle extraordinary expenditures in the most cost effective manner possible."

Vincent Vignuolo raised an objection. He said, "What makes you think that if it has not been needed in the five years you have been Mayor, that an earthquake will destroy our roads or some other catastrophe will occur? If it has not been needed for emergencies in the last five years, why do it now?"

Borough Council member Rose Murphy, who is also the Council's Chairwoman of the Administration

Committee, responded by saying, "We have been increasing the possible appropriation amount each year to the maximum amount allowed, without increasing the tax rate, in order to build up reserves, which we have not had. In 1991, Governor Florio made us use all our reserves to artificially lower taxes. They made us use money we had collected for the school. We owe the school over \$300,000, which we don't have. By increasing the CAP limit, we are building up an account; so, when the time comes that we have to pay the

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**FREEZER FOR THE  
ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**PLEASE CALL HELEN BARTH  
AT 448-2798**

**IF YOU HAVE ONE TO DONATE  
THANK YOU!**

**May 2nd and 3rd will be the  
TOWNWIDE YARD SALE Weekend.  
Get Ready!**

## 4TH OF JULY

Volunteers are needed to plan Roosevelt's 4th of July Celebration. Please contact Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 if you can help.

## BOY SCOUT NIGHT

Tuesday, April 28th from  
7:00-8:00 p.m. at the  
Roosevelt Elementary School

There will be sign-up for all levels of Boy Scouts. The Tiger Scouts will include those boys going into First grade next year, while Boy Scouts will include those boys going into Sixth grade and up through High School.

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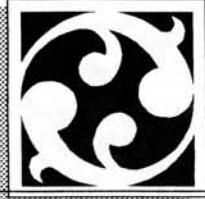
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## PLANNING BOARD NEWS

# Board Reviews Zoning Amendment

by Bob Clark

At its March 12 meeting, the Planning Board reviewed a proposed amendment to Roosevelt's zoning ordinance prepared by a committee of four of its members: Mayor Lee Allen, Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin, Bert Ellentuck and Harry Parker. The draft amendment would permit a planned retirement community development as a conditional use in the planned community development district located east of Route 571. A developer could build two units for each gross acre for which he obtained development rights but could not exceed 350 homes altogether.

The draft ordinance would prohibit separation of any adult community from the rest of the Borough by gates, fences, walls, berms or other means. The design would have to "promote integration" of the adult community "with the existing community."

Rumson developer Sydney Israel had asked the Board to recommend a zoning amendment to the Borough Council that would permit him to build an adult community on the 135-acre Beer tract bordering Oscar Drive. By obtaining ownership or development rights from the 30-acre Hoffman property northeast of the entrance to Nurko Road, and possibly other land in the area, Mr. Israel would be able to cluster the houses on 50 x 100 foot lots in the dry area of the Beer tract. He would devote the rest of the land to open space, maintenance buildings and recreational facilities.

With David Leff absent and Board and Council member Jeffrey Hunt abstaining, the Board voted to refer the draft amendments to its Planning Consultant, Alan Mallach, for his comments and the addition of an affordable housing element in time for the Board's April 8th meeting. Mr. Hunt said he did not think he would support the amendments because the existing ordinance would be changed without a referendum, and the loss of open space would change the character of the community. He acknowledged that high property taxes are a major concern and that the clustering concept preserves open space. He noted, however, that a large

portion of his constituency is concerned about the impact of such a substantial population increase on the character of the community.

Vice Chairwoman Gail Hunton called the proposal "admirable." She said the community "should try to approach change in a positive way and not in a fearful way." She noted that the Office of State Planning favors cluster development as a means of preserving open space.

Kim Dexheimer, whose house sits on about six acres in the affected area, expressed concern about the increase in allowable units from 114 approved under the current PCD II zoning for both sides of Route 571 to 350 for the east side alone. He also said so many new residents could demand that the Borough provide a greater level of services than it presently provides. He added that the Borough would require more emergency services. Mr. Ticktin replied that property tax rateables would more than double. Meanwhile, the fixed costs of the Roosevelt Public School would remain about the same, even though the total cost of some services, such as garbage removal and first aid, would rise with the population. Therefore, Mr. Ticktin predicted a significant drop in the tax rate and similar relief for water and sewer utility ratepayers.

The Board tabled until its April 8th meeting consideration of Mr. Ticktin's draft master plan reexamination report. Board Chairman Joseph Zahora reminded the Board that it needs to recommend a new site plan and subdivision ordinance. A model ordinance prepared by the State Department of Community Affairs may serve as a guide.

Ms. Hunton and Mr. Zahora reported that two potential buyers of the Notterman tract east of North Valley Road had expressed an interest in proceeding with its development under the terms of the borough's Planned Community Development ordinance (PCD I). Ms. Hunton said she and Mr. Zahora encouraged the

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## Letter from the Chief School Administrator

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*by William Presutti*

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Once again, I am pleased to announce that 45% of the students from Roosevelt who attend the Kreps Middle School have made honor roll. Congratulations and keep up the great work...**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!!!** This wonderful news supports the results of the Student/Teacher Ratio (STAR) Project that states that students who were in small classes during the early grades continue to reap benefits as they move into larger classes in high school. Below please note the major findings from the study:

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### STUDENTS WHO WERE IN SMALLER CLASSES PRIOR TO HIGH SCHOOL

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- ★ receive better grades
- ★ are more likely to take foreign languages and advanced academic classes in high school
- ★ have better high school attendance
- ★ are less likely to be held back a grade
- ★ spend less time under suspension

On Monday evening, March 16, students in Grades Five and Six participated in the Roosevelt Public School Invention Convention. The students did a wonderful job and were very creative in their approach to solving problems. One parent commented that he saw at least three inventions that could be patented - very impressive. I would like to thank our three distinguished judges, Mrs. Claire Sacharoff, Mr. Robert Mueller and Mr. Leon Barth as well as Mrs. McArdle for organizing this event.

Earth Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 22. The committee is in the process of planning this special day. Please watch the bulletin board for further information. The Spring Concert will be held Thursday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. I hope you can attend.

The school is looking for a used freezer. A small chest-type freezer would be best due to space considerations but a small upright would also be welcomed. If you can help, please call Helen Barth at the school at 448-2798.

**TOGETHER...WE MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!!!!**

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## THE ROOSEVELT SUMMER CAMP ART PROGRAM

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by Ellen Silverman

To alter an old parable slightly, "If spring comes and we are definitely seeing signs of it, can summer be far behind?" And in Roosevelt, among many other wonderful things, summer means the Roosevelt Summer Camp. It begins the first Monday after the 4th of July and continues for five weeks. Children from 4 to about 12 years of age are eligible. Activities include drama, art, swimming and so forth. More specific information will be available shortly.

But right now, in preparation, before the Art Program begins, we need your help to give us that special spark. Please call Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 if you can donate any items to this worthy cause as detailed below.

As we explore making things from wood both big and small, we will need your donations of hand tools: screwdrivers, saws, hammers, pliers and other things for our construction crew. We will need materials: nails, screws, bolts and other things to help our projects stay together. Also, scrap wood, tiles, old blinds, paint and a long pole to make our tepee stand up straight.

All artists like to know what goes on and how things work. So, donations of small appliances, clocks, mechanical toys that no longer work are much needed.

Why? So they can be taken apart and investigated and maybe something new will be created.

All artists need to draw and paint from life so they can learn what things look like. So, here is a call for volunteers to model. Both people, plants and animals are needed for life-like images to be created. Mirrors both large and small would be great for the creation of self portraits that really rate.

For jewelry making and small sculptures, we would be thankful for donations of all sorts. Your donations of beads of all sizes and variety will always be welcomed. Materials such as needle nose pliers, wire for bending, pin backs and costume jewelry would add greatly to these projects.

There is nothing like a good artistic adventure into materials that you can sew, knot and sometimes hug a lot. Donations of tools and materials are always needed to help make these soft sculptures. Examples of these items are: sewing machines, yarn, materials, knitting needles, crochet hooks, patterns especially for craft items (like stuffed animals) and costumes.

Thank you so much for your donations to the Summer Camp Art Program.

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## PTA NEWS

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by Ellen Silverman

The Balloon Man came and there were games, food and prizes for everyone. Was the Winter Carnival fun? You, bet! Thanks go to all the hard working PTA members who made it work. I want to extend a special thanks to all the teenagers who show up every year and run the games for the carnival. We could not do it without you.

In March the PTA was busy supporting the Health Fair, sponsoring an assembly called Theater Sports - Improve Your Mind, providing something to munch on at the Art Night and a Bulb fund-raiser.

May 2nd and 3rd will be the **TOWNWIDE YARD SALE** date. So now is the time to start collecting your yard sale items and planning your retail season. Don't forget to get on the map! You can pick up an application at the Borough Hall, Rossi's Deli or the School's office. The deadline to be on the map is April 26th. Being on the Map not only tells people where you are, but that you are a supporter of the Roosevelt PTA.

Don't forget that **ROOSEVELT PHONE BOOKS** are out. If you have been unable to locate one, call Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 or Diana Moore at 448-7742.



## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

by Frances Duckett

The March 12 meeting of the School Board began at 7:45 and was attended by members Hamilton, Ticktin, Ellentuck, Cokeley, John-Alder, Silverman and Newrath, plus C.S.A. William Presutti, C.S.B.A. Karen Minutolo and five members of the public.

The audience participation segment turned out to be the longest part of this meeting, with Councilman Paul Hoogsteden explaining that a great deal (\$360,00) of the Borough's so called surplus was designated all along for the school, and explaining that the only difference there would be if the School Board were holding this money might be a slightly higher rate of interest, as the School Board is allowed to hold CD's and the Borough is not.

Nona Sherak asked the Board to schedule an unused snow day for the week before Passover. She is concerned that the water utility will not be able to complete the valve repairs on April 7 as planned, and the next available date would be Friday. That Friday, many citizens of Roosevelt are expecting guests. Mr. Presutti promised to check it out if the work cannot be done on the 7th as is planned. School has to be closed on that day.

March is "Music in the Schools Month." Mr. Presutti reported that RPS students sang along with a huge televised concert. Performances in music by RPS students are part of the March 31st Art Night. Miss Cecelia Ticktin asked why second graders are not permitted to join the chorus. She did not receive an answer.

Ms. Sherak expressed dissatisfaction with the Kreps School and asked if private funding could be found to bring 7th and 8th grades back to RPS. She pointed out that they used to fit in past years. (This reporter remembers a head count of approximately 125 K-8.) Ms. Cokeley explained that there are no such private funds.

It would take 10 years to recapture the outlay for an addition to the building; but after that, there would be substantial savings according to studies the School Board has made. However, Mr. Hamilton mentioned that there could be "negatives in socialization" since the 7th and 8th graders would have too few peers.

In other developments, the Board approved the cost of transporting two students to the Career Center at \$70/day, with the total amount not to exceed \$700. Mr. Hamilton abstained on this vote.

**RECYCLING  
DATES**

**April 1 st, 15 th & 29 th**

**WATCH YOUR SELF**

**The speed limit on  
most streets in Roosevelt  
is 25 m.p.h.**



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## VIEWPOINT

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### About The School Board

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by Frances Duckett

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**B**ecause I report on the Roosevelt School Board for this newspaper, I feel that I know the Board and its problems better than most Borough residents.

Serving as they do without pay, the current Board members are public spirited. They are intelligent, well educated, conscientious and unfailingly courteous. With one exception, they are parents. As homeowners who pay school tax, they are not big spenders.

Although both the basic mandated and non-mandated portions of the budget passed last year, they work with a background of the nickel and diming that was perceived as being required in order to make this happen.

Because almost everything is mandated by the State or Federal governments, and because we do not set the tuition we pay to East Windsor, there is not a heck of a lot of leeway in the RPS budget. The school teachers' contract has a year to run.

Last year, substantive work was done by this School Board on regionalization. Districts nearby with good high schools rejected their overtures because it was felt that union with us would cost rather than save them money. The State has been making noises about forced regionalization. Our School Board doesn't want to be forced.

Mr. Presutti and Ms. Minutolo have obtained many lucrative transportation jointures and have recruited several tuition paying students.

These savings have made little or no dent in a tax rate that is still \$.60 per \$100 more than the State average.

What could be done to reduce school taxes? 1. The addition of ratables by the Borough, something over which the School Board has no control. 2. Receiving additional State aid, which actually happened this year....the affluence of Roosevelt having been overestimated. 3. Foot dragging on mandates. Our School Board is far too law abiding for that! 4. Letting the building crumble for lack of maintenance, which would be penny-wise and pound-foolish. 5. Laying off the French teacher, and having combination grades such as a 2-3 and a 3-4 to maximize the use of teacher time. This is done currently in Princeton and used to be done in Roosevelt.

This particular School Board is so deeply interested in educational quality that they are unlikely to give much time to cost cutting unless forced to do so by a negative vote. They have shown little or no interest in getting other organizations to use the school in off hours, thereby getting more bang for the buck out of the building.

If any low-tax advocates were to be elected to the School Board, they'd be up against the same mandates, costs and contracts. Perhaps they'd take the ax to the internet connection or the School Board Retreat but the effect on our tax rate?

*Good luck to anyone who wants to try!*

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## The Foreign Language Program at RPS

by Renee Antoniou, French Teacher

I am glad to have the opportunity to introduce you to the foreign language program at RPS. I teach French to the children in grades 3-6. Each class receives instruction one class period per week.

In each grade I generally teach a similar unit of study that then builds from year to year and covers such topics as food or clothing. However, the extent of the vocabulary items and the complexity of grammar and sentences increase with the age of the students. So while third graders learn "Eat the banana", fifth and sixth graders will expand the sentence to "I eat the banana and drink the apple juice at my house." I also combine the contents of the units as noted in the example above. This overlap of units requires consistent recall of previous material which builds a greater language base.

The fundamental exercises of the class are based on commands or questions given in French by either myself or another student. So, for example, in the "places" unit the command "Run to the grocery store" will be given in French. Then I ask the class and the student, "Where are you/is he?" The method of instruction enables me to constantly monitor the students' understanding and requires their consistent participa-

tion. It also allows for 85% of the class time to be conducted in French so the repetition of material is there to encourage a deep level of learning.

This year we have explored units of time, food, money, numbers and places. Meeting only one time per week doesn't allow us to cover a large amount of material. However, what we do learn, we learn very well.

In the sixth grade I am teaching with special emphasis on Paris. We looked at important sites in Paris, learned how to read the subway map and how to handle and exchange money. We also read advertisements of events to determine the date, time, price and the nature of the event. We will continue to concentrate more on Paris in the last quarter of the year.

Last year, with the help of Mr. Presutti, I wrote a French curriculum which included grades 3-6. The curriculum was used as a model for others in the County.

I've been teaching at the Roosevelt School for three years and I've really enjoyed it. I look forward to more successful years in the future. Thank you for your interest and support.

### RCNS NEWSLETTER

by Ginny Weber

During the month of April, we will continue to explore things that happen in the spring. We will learn about the transformation of a caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly as well as see a frog develop from a tadpole.

We will also celebrate Earth Day this month. Recycling and keeping our community clean and beautiful are very important, as the children will discover. To understand how things could be recycled, the children will be provided with a variety of objects that might ordinarily be thrown away to create their own works of art. You can be sure that their creations, as well as their explanations of them, will be quite unique. Perhaps we will have an art show for all to see and appreciate!





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potential buyers, Paul Casini and Les Franklin, to obtain the full Board's reaction to their development plans. Mayor Allen noted that he hopes to find a way to finance retention of the Notterman tract as open space. Ms. Hunton pointed out however that Roosevelt was no longer eligible for farmland preservation funding, which had been earmarked for other Monmouth County areas.

The Board reviewed plans for repaving North Valley Road from Farm Lane to several yards north of Eleanor Lane. The Board unanimously passed Mr. Ticktin's motion requesting that the Council and its engineer provide more detailed and informative plans. Mayor Allen said he thought such plans already existed. The motion also asked the Council to address the fact that the outfall from a catch basin infringed on Harry Parker's private property. It also asked that yield signs be relocated to control traffic more safely near the triangle. Lastly, it called for a more visually pleasing alternative to rip-rap for erosion control. Mr. Hunt expressed concern that any realignment of Homestead Lane at the northern edge of the triangle with the entrance to Eleanor Lane would facilitate speeding along Homestead.

Mr. Hunt said there was "absolutely no need to put curbing around the triangle." Mr. Ticktin pointed out that the Tamara Drive triangle has mountable curbing. Mayor Allen said curbing may help to preserve the integrity of the road edge and prevent erosion. Ms. Hunton said there are ways to prevent erosion besides curbing.

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## Senior Citizen Club News

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*by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary*

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President Jeanette Koffler chaired our meeting on March 3rd. Trips were planned to various places, Rova Farms, for one.

Millie DiGiorgio did not attend as she was celebrating her birthday (March 4) with her son Harry who was visiting her from California. We are sure it was a great reunion.

The sixth grade students from RPS and their teacher joined us for refreshments but we didn't have time for our usual games with them. We enjoy having them.

We had a catered luncheon in the Community Room at the Solar Village and it was enjoyed by all.

*til next month.*

## WATCH YOURSELF

The speed limit on most streets in Roosevelt is 25 mph, on School Lane it is 15 mph. Please be aware of your vehicle's speed. Our neighbors are very important to us.

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

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## ■ BREAKING BREAD

# RANGES OF ROOSEVELT

by Robin Middleman

I love to bake cookies. That's the one thing I missed after our stove went wonky several years ago. We discovered just how wonky our stove had become on, yes, that most opportune of days for kitchen disasters, Thanksgiving. The bird was half raw. This event just confirmed my aversion to and resultant ineptitude at roasting animal carcasses. (I prefer an extravagant meal of side dishes.) But cookies, that is another matter.

One day out of desperation, before we got a new stove, I made a batch of chocolate chip cookies in our toaster oven. It took all day. You can only bake six small cookies at a time. It was like using a Betty

Crocker Bake-It Yourself toy oven. And the cookies were flat and lifeless.

Finally, in October 1996 our lovely new stove arrived. That December I indulged in a weekend of cookie baking. First, chocolate chip cookies, some with walnuts, some just with chips, and a special batch with walnuts, chocolate chips and dried cherries. Then on to the biscotti, a kind of cookie I had always wanted to make. They are labor intensive, but this particular recipe is especially good, a delicious variation: a moist biscotti that is charged through with crunch of almonds, tender bits of apricot and a subtle undercurrent of white chocolate. The recipe follows. Enjoy.



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(*Breaking Bread continued*)

## ALMOND-APRICOT BISCOTTI (from *Bon Appétit*)

(*makes about 40 cookies*)

- 2 3/4 cups sifted all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) chilled, unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 3 1/2 ounces imported white chocolate (such as Lindt), cut into pieces
- 1 2/3 cups whole almonds, toasted
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon apricot-flavored brandy
- 2 teaspoons almond extract
- 1 6-ounce package dried apricots, diced

Line 18 x 12 x 1 inch cookie sheet with foil.

Butter and flour foil.

Combine first 6 ingredients in food processor.

Process until fine meal forms.

Add white chocolate and process until finely chopped.

Add toasted almonds and chop coarsely, using 6 to 8 on/off turns.

Beat eggs, brandy and extract to blend in large bowl.

Add flour mixture and apricots and stir until moist dough forms.

Drop dough by spoonfuls to form 12-inch long strips on prepared sheet, spacing evenly. Moisten fingertips and shape each dough strip into 2-inch wide-logs.

Refrigerate until dough is firm, about 30 minutes.

Position rack in center of oven and preheat to 350°F. Bake until logs are golden, about 30 minutes. Transfer sheet to rack and cool completely.

Reduce heat to 300°F. Cut logs from sides of pan if necessary. Transfer to work surface. Using heavy sharp knife, cut each log crosswise into 3/4 inch slices.

Arrange half of cookies cut side down on cookie sheet. Bake 10 minutes. Gently turn cookies over and bake 10 minutes longer. Transfer cookies to racks. Repeat baking with remaining cookies.

Cool cookies completely.

VARIATION: I have substituted orange juice for the apricot brandy. Either work very well.



## ROOSEVELT WEATHER ALMANAC

by Ron Filepp

### That Was The Winter That Wasn't

A February correspondence from California described a vastly different winter than the one we had in Roosevelt this year. Friends who live in the northern part of the state suffered with rain nearly every day from late December through the middle of February. More storms were sloshing through California as February continued into its second half.

Winds gusting up to 90 miles per hour blew down trees around the family's home in the deep woods during one of the many storms. Trees, so large that they had to be taken out by a logging company, fell into the road that leads to their home. A tree fell on one of the two outdoor tanks they rely on for water and destroyed it. Telephone and electric services were out for two days. Roosevelt's winter, happily, paled by comparison.

The coldest day of our winter was January 1. The low that day was 14-degrees. Temperatures would drop into the teens on just one more occasion before the end of winter. March brought a six-day cold snap that began on the 11th. Despite the colder than normal temperatures the mercury never fell below 20. What happened to Roosevelt's winter?

I had been on the lookout for the missing season on several walks. On the night of February 14, I found myself walking in the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area. The forecast called for it to be one of the coldest nights of the season to date. Surely, I thought, I'd find winter that night.

A few days earlier high temperatures were in the fifties. Then, as I was walking in the Assunpink on Roosevelt Road, I saw a gray mist hunkered against the side of the wooded hill that disappears into the water at the south shore of Stone Tavern Lake. I imagined the mist to be this year's winter. Now, on this cold

Saturday night walk along the same route, winter made some tentative moves to come out from behind the trees.

The sky was clear. There was little wind that night, just a slight soft breeze that frequently brings cooler air up out of the woods along Roosevelt Road toward Route 524. Quiet permeated the area. Only one hoot from an owl and an occasional rustle were heard in the woods. The greatest threat to a walker came from the horse droppings on the road hidden by the dark. All along the streets from Pine Drive in Roosevelt to the end of Chambers Road in Millstone Township winter was in the air. Not in a dramatic way, but in a retiring manner. This was our El Niño winter. Gratefully, it seemed reluctant to impose its most destructive powers on our area.

#### Earthshine Makes Moonshine

After the new moon on April 26, look for the emerging new moon. If the atmosphere is stable, you may see the "old" or dark portion of the moon held by the brightly illuminated "new" portion of the moon. The atmospheric stability that enables us to see the old portion of the moon is usually an indicator of fair weather. Thus the proverb, "If the new moon holds the old moon in her lap, fair weather."

Not just atmospheric stability enables us to see the old portion of the moon. While the sun illuminates the new bright portion of the moon, the old dark portion is illuminated by Earthshine. Earthshine is light that originates from the sun, is then reflected off the earth to the moon and then back to our eyes. The faint reflected Earthshine is only visibly reflected off the moon when the atmosphere is calm and stable.



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#### February 15-March 15

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	36.0	18.0	27.0	0.00
16	45.0	20.0	32.5	0.00
17	50.0	38.0	44.0	0.00
18	52.0	45.0	48.5	1.03
19	54.0	43.0	48.5	0.14
20	43.0	34.5	38.8	0.00
21	52.5	42.0	47.3	0.02
22	50.0	32.0	41.0	0.00
23	45.0	35.0	40.0	0.00
24	41.5	40.0	40.8	1.75
25	53.5	37.5	45.5	0.45
26	56.5	37.0	46.8	0.00
27	58.0	32.0	45.0	0.00
28	58.0	44.0	51.0	0.00
1	54.0	44.0	49.0	0.05
2	57.5	40.0	48.8	0.05
3	51.0	41.0	46.0	0.32
4	52.0	34.0	43.0	0.10
5	49.5	32.5	41.0	0.00
6	51.5	27.5	39.5	0.00
7	56.0	37.5	46.8	0.00
8	41.0	42.5	41.8	0.07
9	64.0	43.0	53.5	1.90
10	54.0	31.0	42.5	0.00
11	36.0	23.0	29.5	0.00
12	36.0	20.0	28.0	0.00
13	43.5	20.0	31.8	0.00
14	52.0	30.0	41.0	0.00
15	48.0	31.0	39.5	0.00
Total Precipitation			5.88	

#### WEATHER EVENT

Man-made "tornadic" vortices resulted from an oil depot fire in San Luis Obispo, CA that started on April 7, 1926. The fire burned through the 11th. It engulfed 900 acres and sent flames 1000 feet high. One of the resulting vortices traveled 1000 yards. Along its path it picked up a house and carried it 150 feet before dropping it. The two occupants were killed.

#### WEATHER WORD

Dew Point is the temperature at which the relative humidity reaches 100%. When the temperature reaches the Dew Point, moisture in the atmosphere condenses into rain.



## ■ NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

### **MOVING OUT:**

The Orlen family from Homestead Lane.

### **ENGAGED:**

Danielle Ceceil Anning and Eugene Deliso of Pennsauken have announced their engagement and plan an October 3 wedding. Danielle is the daughter of Ed and Rose Murphy of North Valley Rd.; Eugene is the son of Jennie Deliso of Browns Mills.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF:**

Traci Ann Mitchell, born February 27, to Kelly and Franklin Mitchell of Farm Lane, and big brothers, Brandon Tyers (12 yrs.) and Nicholas Mitchell (2) and big sister, Allison Mitchell (4 yrs.). The proud grandparents are Mary Ann Froelich of Freehold and Franklin Mitchell of Jackson. Traci is the great granddaughter of the late Maline and Robert Monk of Roosevelt.

### **FOND FAREWELL TO:**

Ferris Stout, 14 year resident of School Lane, who died February 22 at the age of 77.

Condolences to his family and friends.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Roosevelt Public Library needs volunteers to staff the library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday evenings on a rotating basis. Call Helen Barth at 448-2798 if you can give some time.

The First Aid Squad needs members. The squad pays for training. For information call Beth Battel at 448-7701.

For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire Department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

### **FROM RPS:**

February Students of the Month in Physical Education: Reuben Alt, Briana Parsons, Heather Cordo, Lian Garton, Christina Iacono, Danielle Petrics, Jillian Rindt, Andrew Unger, Larry VanBrunt and Gabrielle Velasquez.

February Students of the Month in Health: Eric Cokeley, Corey Conover, Michael Cordo, Jan

Czyzewski, Nicholas Gates, Julia Grayson, Justin Lenart, Mollie Marko and Jennifer Rindt.

### **FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Second Marking Period Honor Roll: (grade 8) Shaun Conover, William Edelstein, Brandon Lugannani, Matthew Marko, Alicia Moore, Molly Petrilla, Haley Reibold and Sarah Skillman; (grade 7) Ilan Grunwald, Katherine Hamilton, Leah Howse, Wesley John-Alder and Christopher Wong.

### **FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:**

Second Marking Period - High Honor Roll: (grade 9) Joseph Chesier, Hannah Stinson and Victoria Taylor; Honor Roll: (grade 12) Avery Cayne, Jack Cummings and Rachel Tickin; (grade 11) Kathleen Alfare, Shoshana Grunwald and Jessica Hamilton; (grade 10) Elizabeth Carroll, Kate Freedman, Joanna Giordano, Sean Parker and Ronit Yeger; (grade 9) Naomi Cayne.

Five Roosevelt students took part in the very professional production of *The King and I* presented by the HHS Drama Club to SRO audiences on March 13-15. Joanna Giordano took to the stage as one of the wives and as one of the Royal dancers as well as working as a lighting crew assistant. Hannah Stinson worked in set construction and was part of the Make-Up crew. Vicki Taylor also worked on set construction. Katie Alfare and Brian Taylor played in the pit orchestra.

Elizabeth Carroll and Joanna Giordano have been nominated to *Who's Who In American Highschool Students*.

Elizabeth Carroll was named Student of the Month in Biology for January, and Student of the Month in Red Cross Club for January and February.

Katie Alfare will spend two weeks in Burianna and Madrid during Spring break with three of her classmates as part of a Spanish exchange program. The students will live in the homes of and attend school with students there.

*To have items included in this column, call Mary Alfare at 443-4243 or mail to P.O. Box 58, 08555. Please include contact name and phone number.*



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## THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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by Wayne Cokeley, President

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### ROOSEVELT EAGLES: THE RETURN OF THE FLYING SCAVENGERS

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As a naturalist moving to Roosevelt years ago, one of the most outstanding wildlife features of the borough was our colony of Roosevelt Eagles - AKA the Turkey Vultures which hang out on our water tower. Every afternoon you could go to the pool near the base of the tower and watch the big birds come gliding in to settle on the walkway railings. As darkness fell, they would gracefully slip down to the woods behind the factories where they roosted for the night. Their big dark hulks would protrude from the branches until the following morning when they would awkwardly flap out onto the fields looking for an updraft to carry them across the countryside looking for something deliciously dead.

The buzzards were a part of the Roosevelt scene. A dead deer in the soybeans became an African veldt scene. Birds sitting on the playsets of the school forebode the homework to come. I even have a tee-shirt portraying them on the tower—truly a local landmark. Whether having a colony of carrion eaters as a landmark is a desirable thing is a matter of opinion, but in my book it beats other manmade alternatives.

When I counted the birds in the winter of 1993, there were over 250 of the birds as well as a few Black Vultures which decided to stay here for the winter. By 1995 the colony was so big that part of it would roost in the tall trees behind Pine Drive. Those were the days of plenty for vultures in Roosevelt. Raccoons were dying everywhere from rabies and distemper. Cars clipped deer on Rochdale Ave. nearly every other day. It seemed that there was plenty of carrion to go around.

Then disaster struck. In 1996 something was happening to the colony and we humans in the borough could only watch the birds disappear. Counts over the winter of '95-'96 showed a decided drop in bird num-

bers at the tower. My assumption was that the birds were dispersing the huge colony out over the countryside to new roosts and that numbers would fall back to old count levels. But by the winter of '96-'97 all of the birds were gone. It looked like an end of an era for Roosevelt. Perhaps encroaching development in the surrounding area had eliminated yet another species from the Roosevelt biota.

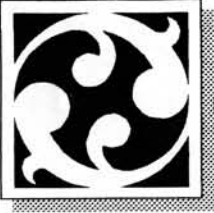
***Birds sitting on the playsets of the school forebode the homework to come. I even have a tee-shirt portraying them on the tower—truly a local landmark.***

At the Environmental Commission meetings in '97, we spoke frequently of the buzzards. The ornithologists at Rutgers suggested that perhaps an avian disease had decimated the roost. Others proposed that the painting of the water tower a few seasons before had driven the birds away. Or maybe the harsh, snowy winter of '95-'96 had taken some toll. Another theory was that the wholesale ruin of the natural community along

Nurko Road in the past few years had done the job. In any case, no matter what the cause, the vultures were long gone and nobody expected them back.

Then in late summer of 1997, a pair of birds once again appeared on the tower. Whether these were home grown buzzards out of the nest on the Ellentuck's property or a totally new pair, we will never know. But apparently the lure of the tower was still there and birds were returning.

It's now January 1998 and I have just made a visit to the old roost. I am happy to report that as of today there are over 20 Turkey Vultures and at least 2 Black Vultures using the roost. More than likely these are birds which have been here before and have decided to haunt their old hangouts. It is nice to see the group on the rise again and I hope they continue to flourish. The Roosevelt Eagles are one of the things that makes our municipality distinctive. Long may they soar.



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school back the \$300,000 plus that we owe them, we'll be able to do it without going out and borrowing it, which would cost the taxpayers even more."

Mr. Vignuolo then said, "You are talking about apples and pears." He contradicted Mayor Allen's statement that "when everything else is going up but taxes stay flat, that is a decrease," by emphatically declaring, "When my taxes stay the same, that is not a decrease." Councilman David Donnelly commented, "You are right. Congratulations." Then Councilman Paul Hoogsteden explained that the extra increase in the budget was \$11,129 and it was being used to appropriate \$2,500 for senior citizens activities, increasing the fire department's budget from \$10,000 to \$17,000 and having about \$2,000 for youth recreation programs. By the end of the hearing, Mr. Vignuolo congratulated the Mayor and Council and told them that they had proposed a reasonable budget.

Robert Eisner asked how large the Borough's reserves were. Mayor Allen said, "After we appropriate money from our surplus for this budget, we will have about \$127,000 as surplus held in reserve." The Mayor asked the Auditor to comment. Mr. Stankiewicz said the 1997 Current Fund surplus balance was \$477,088. Mr. Eisner asked, "What was it at the end of the previous year?" The answer was, "\$445,160 on December 31, 1996." Mayor Allen asked for the comments to be restricted to the subject of the CAP Ordinance. Council members Donnelly, Hoogsteden, Hunt, Murphy and Stiles then voted "Yes" for passing the ordinance. George Vasseur was absent.

The public hearing on the Municipal budget then began. Nona Sherak asked, "How much money did the Borough get from the Summer Day Camp?" Mr. Hoogsteden said the income was \$8,078. "We made that much!" Ms. Sherak exclaimed. "No, the expenses were \$6,775" Mr. Hoogsteden added, along with the comment that 43 Roosevelt children attended the camp for one or more weeks.

Michael Hamilton, referring to the budget sheets available for the public, which had four pages of "Anticipated Income" and nine pages for "Appropriations"

for the Current Fund, and two pages entitled "Dedicated Water/Sewer Utility Budget," pointed out that no amount was entered under "Miscellaneous Revenues - Section A: Local Revenues" which included "Interest on Investments and Deposits." He asked, "Where would interest from funds in Money Market accounts be shown as revenue?" Mayor Allen said, "We do not anticipate any of that as revenue. It comes in at the end of the year as Unanticipated Revenue because of the volatility of the interest rates. It is not reasonable to project how much it would be." The Borough Accountant said it does not appear anywhere in the budget. It ends up in surplus as Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated. Mr. Hamilton asked if he had a figure on how much it was. Mr. Stankiewicz responded, "For the Current Fund alone, it was \$27,092." He answered the next question about the water and sewer fund's money market earnings, "I don't have the exact figure but I'll guess'timate it was three thousand bucks."

Mr. Eisner asked what had the rates been for the Borough's money market earnings. When he was told they were three and one half percent, he estimated that the average money market fund balance may have been over \$850,000 through the year. This reporter asked the Council members if they were aware that sheet 39 in the budget introduced in February showed that the Current Fund Assets at the end of 1997 included nearly \$822,000 with total assets being \$929,000." He added, "This sheet, which is not included in the budget available to the public, also shows that liabilities includes \$540,000 as School Tax Levy Unpaid, of which about \$372,000 is School Tax Deferred. Doesn't this help clarify that the Council has much more than a half million dollar surplus to work with during the year?" Mayor Allen cleared up the matter by pointing out, "As Paul mentioned before, the Council collects taxes for the School and the County as well as the Borough. It pays the County quarterly the same month taxes are due. It pays the Board of Education monthly, which means that the Council sometimes has more than a month's payment

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for the school on hand. However, the Current Fund Surplus of \$477,000 is all that the Borough government has to appropriate for any municipal purpose. This year the budget shows that \$350,000 of that surplus is put into the 1998 budget as Current Surplus Anticipated. The \$127,000 remainder is held as surplus reserve. At any one point in time, four times a year, we are sitting on top of one quarter of the year's taxes for the school, the County and the Borough, and that is why they are kept in the cash account to generate income for the community and keep the tax rate from being higher."

Mr. Eisner suggested that the Borough could earn a higher rate with CD's than with money market funds. The Accountant said the Borough is restricted by New Jersey Statutes preventing the use of brokers. Mr. Hamilton said later that the School Board is permitted to keep its balances in higher earning accounts. He added, "If the Council will transfer the Deferred School Tax to the Board of Education soon, it will generate more income for the community than the Borough is able to with those funds. In that way the cooperation of the Borough Council and the Board will be able to keep the overall taxes people pay for school and municipal purposes lower."

Mr. Vignuolo raised questions about the plans to relocate the fire trucks. He pointed out that if they are kept in the garage adjoining the Borough Hall meeting room, OSHA may require the Borough to install a \$25,000 vent system to draw fumes out of the building, but if they are kept in the garage behind the parking lot by the Borough Hall, they can be vented with approved vent tubes which would go straight out the back of the garage. He and others complimented the Mayor and the Council members for their efforts as volunteers who do their best to serve their community. The 1998 Municipal Budget was then passed with all affirmative votes.

Committee reports were brief. Jeff Hunt, Chairman of Community Development, said that a Nurko Road resident volunteered to help with transportation for senior citizens to appointments with doctors. The ad hoc committee planning a youth activities program is to meet at the Borough Hall on April 3, Friday at 7:30 PM.

The Mayor appointed Rod Tulloss to the Environmental Commission. Mr. Vignuolo asked if there were

any way he could allow his grandchild to practice archery on his property facing the farm field by Eleanor Lane without violating the weapons ordinance. In response to comments about problems with dirt-bikers, Michael Ticktin advised that the Department of Environmental Protection has issued a model noise ordinance which the Borough could adopt. Mayor Allen said that laws to protect public property would be used to deal with the problem.

Jeff Hunt abstained and Paul Hoogsteden voted "No" but the other three members of the Council present passed a motion to authorize the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission to have aerial spraying of pesticides over parts of Roosevelt until October.

Rose Murphy's resolution to support S-60 and A-494 to allow municipalities to collect impact fees for schools and other public services required by the development and thus to "protect local taxpayers from being forced to subsidize developers' profits," was passed, all in favor. It cited studies which show that for every dollar collected in taxes, new residential development costs between \$1.04 and \$1.67 for basic local services, including schools.

The Council passed a resolution to accept the Division of Local Government Services' offer to permit self-examination of its annual budget. This cost-savings measure became effective on February 11, 1997. The Council certifies that its budget meets all 12 of the requirements, one of which is: All estimates of revenues are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated.

Another resolution amended the budget to show that the Borough can anticipate \$516 more than expected when the budget was introduced in February for State Aid in terms of Energy Receipts Tax for a total of \$56,447. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes was the line reduced by \$516 so that the budget stayed balanced without increasing appropriations.

In that regard, the Explanatory Statement attached to the introduced budget shows that the Council was entitled by law to increase the budget \$2,220 more than it did. It would have aided the Council to achieve what the Mayor said it was trying to achieve, to increase the

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## LOOSE LEAVES

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by Ron Kostar

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# Eating and Education

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There's a restaurant in Princeton a lot of people rave about because it serves such large portions that the sign hanging above its front door may as well read Gross ist gut. The waitresses at X-Marks the Spot (name changed to protect the stuffed) carry stacks of pancakes on their shoulders that would make General Schwartzkopf sit up and salute and cheeseburgers so big that your average person has to use both hands to hold them. Their salads, all green and orange and purple, are ripped from at least a half head of Iceberg lettuce, and their drinks are served in tall, inexhaustible glasses.

Personally, I rarely ate at X-Marks the Spot, and now that I think about it I don't think I avoided the place because I suffer from a Small Man's eating complex. No. I stayed away, and still do, because X's "Meal Few People Can Finish" always made me feel a little sad and, for some reason, long for faraway places. A 16 ounce sirloin steak and three egg meal suffered at 8 am in some muddy town in the middle of Nebraska can have the same effect, though at least in Broken Bow, Neb. you can survey the exotic surroundings as you stuff yourself dizzy.

Anyway, for some reason not eating at X's often reminded me of a little ice cream cone I once had in Paris.

Years ago, an old flame took me to a Parisian glacier -- I think that's what the French call them -- and ordered a raspberry ice cream. When she handed me the cone, though, I thought she was making me the object of one of her cryptic, caustic French jokes! For how tiny the whole arrangement was - from the miniature sugarless cone to the purplish scoop of glaze which, upon careful scrutiny, I found to be no bigger than ... well, an average American marshmallow. And how disappointed was this graduate of Carvel's large

chocolate cones and Buxton's Banana Splits when I started nibbling my undersized glaze!

Ahh, but something very strange, and maybe even slightly miraculous, soon took place, and in no time my disappointment melted as I savored what I still think of as my most memorable ice cream cone; and what my girlfriend called, with characteristic Gallic arrogance, not just the Emperor but the very Essence of Ice Cream.

Anyway, all of it -- the hefty cheeseburgers and Nebraskan steak and eggs and Carvel chocolate double dips and French raspberry glaze -- came back to me recently upon walking around, or more accurately getting lost in the new Shop Rite off Route 130. I mean, is this warehouse of a supermarket Overkill or what?! I mean, do people really need a fruit and vegetable section that they can get lost in for a week? And is a 50 aisle store really navigable? My gosh, where do you buy transfers in order to get from the vegetable to the bread to the dairy section?! And why is the meat section situated in East Windsor when the cash registers are ringing five miles away in Jamesburg?

In short, why is the place so gross? So big?

Sure, I can hear that little voice too, the one that's saying: "It's progress, man, and don't worry about it. And by all means, don't resist it. You'll get used to it. You'll just start living and shopping on a bigger scale. You'll adjust."

And the voice, of course, is probably right. I will get used to it, just as I and I presume we can get used to just about anything.

Like the great but little known songwriter from New Jersey, John Gorka, says: "I'm from New Jersey / I don't expect much. / If the world ended today / I'd adjust."

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budget base of CAP controlled appropriations to the "fullest amount allowed by law," so that it would more fully be prepared for necessary expenditures which could not be anticipated before the need arose.

The last business was Payment of Bills, which included \$84,649 to the Roosevelt Board of Education this month, about \$32,000 less than last month's payment. Mr. Hamilton explained that the Borough sends the larger amount for its February and August payments, and then one tenth of the balance each month thereafter for the other ten months. Those amounts should produce about \$1,081,000 for the 1998 payments to the School Board, about \$80,000 less than the 1997 amount.

This reporter complimented the Mayor on how effectively he conducted the Council meeting and budget hearing. He requested a meeting to be shown how surpluses for the funds are determined. In 1997 \$53,000 in Delinquent taxes and \$1,496,000 in Current taxes were added to \$494,000 approximately in "Other additions to Income" to produce the total income of \$2,488,526 including the January 1st Surplus Balance of \$445,000. Those first three amounts were considerably less than the previous year's amounts, 95% of the 1996 Current taxes and 92% of the 1996 "Other Income." How the "other income" could be so great is a puzzle over which we may ponder and perhaps report on next year.

The profusion of numbers in this report may be a mathematician's joy, but to most of us it must have been a nightmare, if many readers continued this far. Future reports, until next March, shall be more about "scarlet ribbons, in gay profusion lying there," and other imaginative matters with which the Council deals, or over which it ponders.

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And I agree, we do adjust. Afterall, what's the alternative?

In fact, the second time I shopped in the new Mega Shop Right I thoroughly enjoyed myself, resplendent if not slightly manic in the midst of its vast eclectic diversity, whipping my shopping cart from Spanish to Kosher to Chinese to Polish sections like some mad voyeuristic trans-ethnic food sampler.

But the place is still probably too big.

Which leads to the real point of this column, and that is one about the relationship between eating portions and education.

Personally I like our small elementary school. I like that our younger kids can walk to school, and I like that its teacher-student ratio is something like 8 to 1. I think that learning is enhanced by diminutivity. Most so-called experts agree that kids learn better in small groups and that individual attention helps everyone learn better, particularly those kids who need it the most.

Socially, too, a small school has it all over the departmentalized Supermarket school, where many of the other kids might seem like just so many frozen chickens in the Meat section and where kids need to get transfers, or "passes", to visit other departments. Kids in a small school don't get departmentalized as they do in a bigger school, nor do they get separated from kids of other ages. Consequently, they may really start to develop a sense of being part of a group larger than their own age group, a real sense of community instead of an artificial sense of loyalty that we skeptically used to call "school spirit".

If the center of social life is, as I suspect, education and eating, serving small tasteful portions in small groups is the best way to go. When it comes to ice cream cones, salads and Social Studies, kleiner, as my high school German teacher would say, ist gewöhnlich besser.



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## ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 1997-1998 SEASON

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The **ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT** is pleased to announce the remaining events of our 1997-1998 season, featuring an art exhibit, special evenings of music and poetry and the return of your favorite string band performers.

At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$5.00 for students and seniors. This year, we will ask \$10.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert and for Laurie Altman at the Peddie School\*. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and *The Bulletin* for additional details.

**Friday     April 24 and 25, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.**  
**and         Borough Hall (two nights)**  
**Saturday**

**ROOSEVELT STRING  
BAND: In Concert**

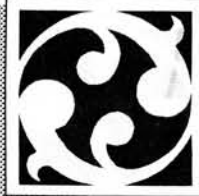
**Sunday    May 3, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.**

**ART AT THE FACTORY**

Also during the year, **RAP** will be sponsoring **THE ROOSEVELT ARTS EXCHANGE**, a series of workshops for adults and children presented by members of the community. The Arts Exchange recognizes that not all artists are performing artists, and it will provide a venue for townspeople to share their talents. Workshops may be offered in the theater arts, culinary arts, or woodworking, as well as the art of collage, garden or haiku. The Arts Exchange will offer you new opportunities to meet with your neighbors, exchanging talents in a participatory setting. Watch for details.

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances, exhibits and events.

*The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible entirely by your support. Donations given to the Roosevelt Arts Project, other than for admission to an event, are tax-deductible. We appreciate your continuing support of our efforts to bring the highest quality art and performances to Roosevelt.*



## ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT NEWS!

### OPEN MEETING

On Sunday, **April 19, 1998** at 9:30 a.m., the Roosevelt Arts Project will hold an open meeting in the Borough Hall to seek ideas and proposals from community artists, musicians, playwrights, poets and others with suggestions not only for the 1998-1999 season of events but also for the general direction the Roosevelt Arts Project might go in the years ahead. Join us to share bagels, coffee and your good ideas.

The Arts Project has several aims in the events it sponsors. For the past several years, it has offered community members involved in the arts a chance to bring new works to the public. And we encourage collaboration between artists, as the events of past seasons have demonstrated. In addition to providing Roosevelt with thought-provoking and enjoyable entertainment during the winter and spring, RAP hopes to contribute to the Borough's cultural resources alone and in cooperation with other organizations in the community.

As in the past, proposed events will be considered by the Arts Project Board of Trustees. Members of the RAP Board are:

David Herrstrom, President	David Keller
David Brahinsky, Treasurer	Deborah Metzger
Robin Middleman, Vice President	Jacob Landau
Judith Trachtenberg, Secretary	Naomi Brahinsky
Bernarda Bryson Shahn	Laurie Altman
Alan Mallach	Fletcher Grayson
Robert Mueller	Richard Lloyd

In addition to discussing the series of events, we also hope to hear your ideas for special projects such as publications, our postcard series, workshops, an open night of music or poetry or art or theater or.....

The Board of RAP also invites suggestions on ways to improve our process for designing each series and selecting each event. Please feel welcome to come on APRIL 9 to express your ideas to make RAP more accessible and inclusive.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible, in part, by admissions, postcard sales and your support.

*As always, the Roosevelt Arts Project's Poetry event brought forth poetic gems that bear repetition. It was held at the Borough Hall on March 7th and for those who were not present, we will give you the opportunity to read what you missed hearing by printing the poems in our pages from time to time.*

### THE COAST ROAD

*by Dina Coe*

How lucky we are to be walking  
a road that is the rock of our planet itself,  
grassless and worn—

On one side,  
horses lean in silhouette;  
the turf lifts to bare a tooth of cliff  
drained of color as light sinks below.

On the other, deep-pink pipes of foxglove  
pull us through green hedges to the hay  
a blond bull wades to his withers.

Before us or behind,  
the little castle is the same,  
a charm that goes with us  
long into the summer night—

and how lucky we are  
to walk on an old planet  
on a road like poetry.



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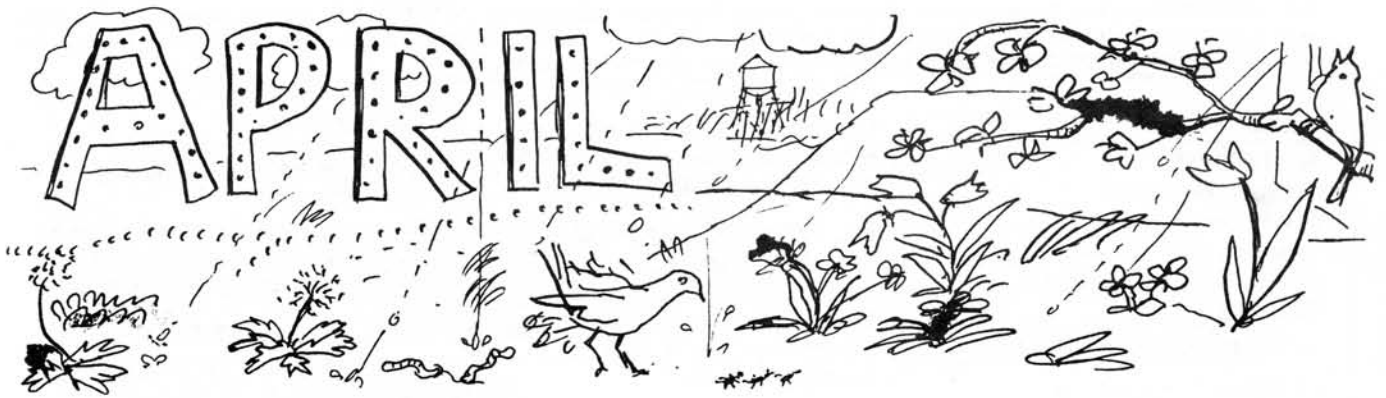
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Wed.4/1	Jump-A-Thon, RPS, during school hours. <b>RECYCLE.</b>	Wed.4/15	<b>RECYCLE.</b>
8 p.m.	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Chairman Wayne Cokeley, 443-6287.	Mon.4/20 8-4 p.m.	Hydrant Flushing begins, see insert.
Thurs.4/2	7:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Lauralynne Cokeley, President, 443-6287.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.
Fri.4/3	RPS Pizza Day.	8 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Michael Ticktin, 448-0363.
Sat.4/4	8 a.m. Stream Watch (Volunteer Water Testing), Kirk Rothfuss, 448-3713.	Tues.4/21 2:30-9 p.m.	School Board Election, Borough Hall, 448-0539, or RPS, 448-2798.
Sun.4/5	Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks ahead 1 Hour).	8 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, Diana Moore, President, 448-7742.
Mon.4/6	RPS Closed.	Wed.4/22 All Day	Earth Day Celebration Events, RPS.
7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.	Thurs.4/23 7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, Lauralynne Cokeley, President, 443-6287.
Tues.4/7	RPS Closed.	Fri.4/24 8-4 p.m.	Hydrant Flushing ends, see insert. RPS Pizza Day.
8-4 p.m.	Valve Replacement, Water Service Interrupted, see insert.	7:30 p.m.	PTA Dance, RPS, Diana Moore, President, 448-7742.
1 p.m.	Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall.	8 p.m.	Roosevelt Arts Program (RAP), Roosevelt String Band, Borough Hall, David Brahinsky, 443-1898.
2 p.m.	Roosevelt senior Citizens, Borough Hall, Jeanette Koffler, 448-2259.	Sat.4/25 8 p.m.	RAP, Roosevelt String Band, Borough Hall, David Brahinsky, 443-1898.
7:30 p.m.	First Aid Squad, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Captain, 448-7701.	Mon.4/27 7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.
Wed.4/8	RPS Closed.	<b>WED.4/29</b>	<b>RECYCLE.</b>
8 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Joe Zahora, 426-4187.	<div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">NON-PROFIT ORG.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: fit-content;">           U.S. Postage PAID Roosevelt, NJ Permit No. 6         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">           E C R W S S Postal Customer Roosevelt, NJ 08555-0221         </div>	
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Fri.4/10	RPS Closed. Passover Begins. Good Friday.		
Sun.	4/12 Easter.		
Mon.4/13	RPS Closed.		
7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.		
Tues.4/14	Iron Sludge Removal from Water Plant, see insert.		