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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Adult Community Debate Continues

by Herb Johnson

At least 102 members of the public attended the August 10, 1998 Roosevelt Borough Council meeting when the "Second reading and public hearing of Ordinance #97-24, an amendment to the PCD-II Ordinance" was on the agenda. Twenty nine of them spoke about the amendment which would allow an adult community of 350 houses to be built east of Route 571, north of Oscar Drive. Twenty one of them opposed the amendment or asked for impartial studies to be obtained about the fiscal and social impacts which such an addition would have on Roosevelt's 330 home community. Eight people, including four Planning Board members, spoke in favor of adding such an adult community as long as the list of eleven revisions or considerations proposed by the Planning Board's consultant, Alan Mallach, were made. The agenda showed that the Mayor and Council had also received input from the community by means of letters from 30 addresses representing 36 persons and a letter signed by about 16 people from 9 addresses. Councilman Paul Hoogsteden said about one third of the signers were in favor of the amendment, one third were opposed and one third wanted more information before a decision was made. The letters were on display. Michael Hamilton commented later that his reading of the letters revealed that only 2 of them supported the adult community. Mr. Hoogsteden said two letters had one-third of the signers.

Members of the public who spoke during the public hearing on the PCD-2 amendment ordinance were, in the order of the first time they commented: Joseph Zahora, John Towle, Lorraine Hartley, Jessica Hecht, Ed Moser, Peggy Malkin, Marilyn Magnes, Nona Sherak, Jeff Ellentuck, Michael Ticktin, Judith Trachtenberg, Kim Dexheimer, Mary Alfare, Kathleen John-Alder, Mary Helen Hannigan, Ann Baker, Rod Tulloss, Leonard Guye-Hillis, Tom Curry, Peter D'Amico, Vincent Vignuolo, Gail Hunton, Mellisa Hecht, Arthur Shapiro, Tim Hartley, Dinah Coe, Mr. Block, Michael Hamilton, Sol Libsohn and Harry Parker.

The Council members discussed the proposed ordinance and favored Alan Mallach's advice to revise it and to pass some other measures to insure financial benefits before accommodating any developer's plan to build the proposed adult community. Jeff Hunt made a motion to table the ordinance until all issues are resolved. That action would have resulted in the need to have the ordinance introduced again and then have a public hearing a month later. Only two members of the Council voted affirmatively. Then Councilwoman Rose Murphy moved to table the ordinance and continue the public hearing at the September 14, 1998 regular meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council. That motion carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here We Go Again!

As this first issue of the new publishing season reaches you, we wish to thank those who have already generously contributed. This makes it possible for our paper to exist.

We hope to hear from more of you soon. We need you in order to be able to pay for the printing and postage necessary to put the paper out each month. All else, of course, is done by us volunteers.

Let's hear from you so that we know we are winning your approval even though we cannot offer you tote bags, frequent flier miles or anything other than our desire to do our best to give you an informative and interesting publication.

Farewell and Welcome!

from the Board of Directors

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to graphic designer Deirdre Sheean for a job well done these past three years. Despite family and work obligations, our paper went to the printer and was in each one's post office box usually in the first week of each month. We applaud her roundly. But now, she needs to concentrate on other projects and so, in the words of the Woodie Guthrie song, "So long, it's been good to know you, so long..."

At the same time, we extend a warm welcome to Toni Adlerman with this first issue. Actually, this is her second time around. She had functioned long and hard two designers back. We are pleased to have her on board and look forward to working with Toni again.

Please remember...

to be a good neighbor and pick up after your dogs. Dogs are not allowed to run free; there is a leash law section of the Borough's dog regulation's ordinance which states that dogs must be accompanied at all times by their owners if unleashed on their own property. Otherwise, they must be on a leash no longer than eight feet.

The Fall Semi-Annual Litter Pick-Up

Sunday October 18th
10 am in front of the Post Office
(see page 9 for details)

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Back To the Drawing (Planning) Board

by Bob Clark

During its busiest summer in memory, the Planning Board had to go back to the drawing board to reexamine how many school-age children new houses would add to Roosevelt's population. The Board also began to help the Borough Council answer a multitude of questions raised by residents who, after a year of regular coverage in the *Bulletin* and the *Examiner*, reacted to officials' serious consideration of development proposals for 500 acres of northern farmland and the Notterman tract.

The fact-finding will help Council members decide whether the Borough should change two planned community development (PCD) zones to accommodate proposals for an adult community and a separate development of single-family homes. A Rumson developer, Sydney Israel, and U.S. Home want to build 350 age-restricted units north of Oscar Drive on the eastern side of Route 571 in the PCD II zone. The Matzel & Mumford Organization of Hazlet want to construct 65 four-bedroom houses on the Notterman tract east of North Valley Road and south of Eleanor Lane.

So far, only the adult community proposal has advanced to the stage where the Council is considering zoning amendments recommended by the Planning Board. Jeffrey Hunt, the Council's representative on the Board, was the sole dissenting vote against changing PCD II

to permit an adult community. When the Council officially introduced the amendments in July, the borough quickly divided into three camps. Those convinced that the change would reduce significantly taxes and utility rates supported it with little or no reservation. Those who viewed the change as a death-blow to the bucolic character of Roosevelt opposed it regardless of its fiscal impact. Lastly, many residents declined to take a "yes" or "no" position until they could have more facts to illuminate the fiscal, aesthetic and social impacts.

The Council, which, aside from Mr. Hunt, appears supportive of the concept of an adult community, heeded those who expressed a desire for more information and postponed a decision on the amendments until at least its October 13 meeting. So many worthwhile suggestions for additional information were received that the Planning Board voted at its August 5 meeting to recommend that the Council defer a decision on the PCD II amendments until several issues could be addressed. Alan Mallach, the Board's planning consultant, prepared a list of 12 items that officials should examine.

During August and September, the Council, Planning Board and resident volunteers have gathered information concerning the issues summarized by Mr. Mallach. Kathleen John-Alder, a certified landscape architect, prepared a draft landscape ordinance with provisions for the management of

storm water. Ms. John-Alder asked for additional time to consult with Mr. Mallach and Board Attorney Michele Donato regarding storm water management standards.

Mr. Mallach arranged for a traffic impact analysis by Lehr & Associates, Inc. The Council made the appointment on September 14. Mr. Mallach prepared a delineation of open space areas. Regarding use of any adult community's recreational facilities by qualified residents from other parts of the Borough, Ms. Donato said officials could not mandate such access.

Mr. Mallach expanded his fiscal impact study to include consideration of the Matzel & Mumford development proposal for PCD I (Notterman tract). To assist this process, Chief School Administrator William Presutti sent data regarding school district costs to Board Chairman Joseph Zahora in time for the Board's September 9 meeting. Mr. Mallach will review the information and incorporate it into his fiscal analysis.

The Board asked its attorney to consider the impact of an adult community on the remaining undeveloped land in PCD II. Ms. Donato advised the Board at its September 9 meeting that the uniformity requirement of the State Land Use Law might prohibit restricting an adult community to just one portion of zoning district. However, she advised that if officials approved such a community in one location, they could deny

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SCHOOL NEWS

Letter from the Roosevelt Nursery School

by Ginnie Weber

We are so happy to be back at RCNS! Welcome to all the new students. We are also very pleased to see some familiar faces again this year. We started school this year with a wide variety of activities about getting to know each other and learning that we all are very special individuals.

As September progressed, we discovered the many uses of apples. Not only are they delicious, but they are wonderful for apple

painting. We even conducted a science experiment with them.

We celebrated the beginning of autumn with a leaf art project and corn cob painting. The students made some great designs!

We can't forget Muppet Day is in September. We all made a Cookie Monster with lots of cookies for him to eat.

In October we will discover Columbus Day. We will also make a variety of pumpkin projects as

well as spiders and ghosts to prepare for Halloween.

Our annual trip to a pumpkin patch is this month. It's a favorite of adults and children alike.

Halloween will be celebrated at our school on Thursday, October 29th. We'll have special treats and activities. A costume parade will culminate the day's festivities. Everyone is welcome to watch our parade in front of the school. Just be careful...there will be quite a few Halloween critters about!

SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB NEWS

by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

President Jeanette Koffler presided at our first meeting of the new season on Tuesday, September 1st.

Member Florrie Johnson has agreed to take on the task of taking care of all the details involved in arranging for the monthly luncheons to be held at 12:30 on the fourth Thursday of every month. They will be held in the Solar Village's Senior Center Room and it will be a time for meeting and enjoying one another's company.

Many trips are being planned - one to Rova Farm for lunch on September 15. There too, everyone enjoys the companionship shared and the delicious food that is served.

On the third Tuesday in October, the 20th, we will go to Delicious Orchards. The bus picks us up at 9 a.m.

And finally, on December 20th, we will go to a Dinner theater with a bus picking us up about 9 p.m.

'til next month.

RECYCLING DATES

OCT. 12TH

OCT. 28

NOV. 11

NOV. 25

MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY ROOSEVELT BRANCH

HOURS:

MONDAY:

7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

**350 NEW BOOKS
HAVE BEEN ADDED
TO THE COLLECTION**

COME AND BROWSE!!

Letter from the Chief School Administrator

by William Presutti

The new school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. The first day of school is always exciting for staff and students alike. I would like to welcome four new staff members to the Roosevelt Public School family - Cindy Allred, Joseph Morris, Lisa Kavalos and Maria Baggerly. Cindy Allred is the sixth grade teacher. She has come to Roosevelt via the state of Washington and brings with her a wealth of knowledge in the area of middle school education. Joseph Morris is the Technology Facilitator and will be a great asset to our school as we continue to strengthen our technology program. Lisa Kavalos will be teaching art at RPS. She is an accomplished artist and is very familiar with our community. Maria Baggerly is a teacher's aide in the second grade. As a certified teacher, she has much to offer the students. WELCOME!!!!

Over the summer, the teachers attended a two-day training session that prepared them to implement the Everyday mathematics program in our school. The students are responding very well to the new program and will be challenged in the months ahead as they become proficient mathematicians and problem

solvers. The science curriculum in grades five and six has also been enhanced as well as the primary reading program.

Thank you to Kay Drury, Helen Barth, Diana Klein and Jeanette Koffler for going to the main branch of the Monmouth County Library to replenish the Roosevelt collection. More than 12 boxes of new books have been added to the shelves. The library is open on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come in and browse.

Unfortunately, over the past month, a number of items have been stolen from the school including two very large speakers, a VCR, an ear thermometer and an otoscope (the instrument used by the nurse to check the students' ears). Needless to say, this is very disturbing. The incident has been reported to the State Police and they will continue to investigate. If you have any information regarding these items, please call the State Police or the school.

I look forward to a great school year as the Board of Education, parents, staff and community continue to work together to educate the youth of our borough...the promise for the future.

PTA

by Ellen Silverman

The PTA is back! September saw school reopening and the PTA back in full swing. On September 2nd the PTA welcomed back the staff with some welcoming refreshments. On September 14th the all important Fall Fund raiser began. September 15th, the PTA had its first meeting of the school year.

In October you can look forward to the book fair on October 21st and 22nd; and, on October 31st, Trick or Treat at the school.

I can already tell this is going to be another fun filled year.

Come join the PTA and help make things happen!

Kids' Opinions

by Ina Clark

Did you want to go back to school?

Reuben Alt and Jennifer Iacono both said they wanted to go back to school to see their friends. Josh Nulman wanted to get to know the new teachers. Mollie Marko said that summer may be boring but she prefers sleeping late.

I was bored with summer and happy to see my friends. I am enjoying school and more or less, I think everyone else is too.

Tarte des Demoiselles Tatin

by Wiska Radkiewicz

It all started one hundred years ago in the small town of La Motte-Beuvron in central France, about 150 km south of Paris. The story says that the local innkeepers, the Tatin sisters, made a culinary discovery of great importance: they baked (whether by mistake or ingenuity we will never know) the first upside down apple tart in the whole of France. The tart was named after them, it is now called Tarte Tatin.

Even today various stories surrounding this creation circulated in La Motte-Beuvron. Some claim that the sisters always wanted to conceal the fact that the person who really came up with the tart was their maid Marie. Others are convinced that the tart was invented by sheer coincidence: the regular apple tart fell face-down and was baked that way simply to avoid waste. One might infer from this gossip that people were never very fond of the Tatin sisters, but on the other hand every visitor to La Motte-Beuvron notices how proud its citizens are now of their tart; every boulanger (baker-pastry chef) in town makes a point of baking it according to the original recipe.

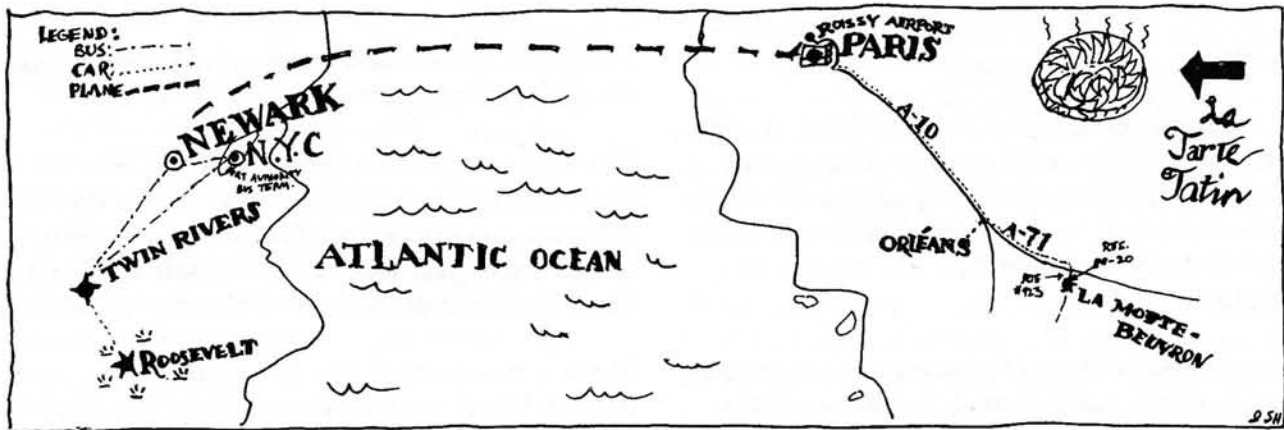
During my short visit at La Motte-Beuvron, I received at least seven versions of the tart in the course of one day which took care of breakfast, lunch and dinner. Then I went back to the lady who sold me the tart I liked the most and asked her if she would give away her secret. She did. Before I pass it on to you, I want to remind those of you who would rather check it out for themselves how to get to La Motte-Beuvron from Roosevelt:

Take your car to Twin Rivers. You can leave it there until you come back. Take a bus to the Port Authority in New York, there you will change to Grey Line to Newark Airport.

Catch the first flight to Paris (most of them leave in the evening).

Upon your arrival, rent a car at the Roissy Airport and take the highway toward Paris (around 40 km, 30 mi). You will have reached Paris when you see the sign for Porte de la Chapelle. Do not enter the city, but take the exit "Boulevard Periferique Est". You will be on a highway running around the city. Depending on the traffic, you will stay on it for about 20 to 45 minutes until you reach the Porte D'Orleans exit. This exit leads to all major highways linking Paris with the south and west of France. Take that exit and make sure to find Highway A10 in the direction of Orleans and Bordeaux. Stay on it for about 100 km until the exit for Orleans. It is a city worth visiting, but if you cannot wait to eat the tart Tatin, you need to continue for another 50 km. Right after the exit for Orleans you will change highways; take the A71 toward Clermont-Ferrand. Exit 3 is the one you need. As you exit the highway, make a right onto a small road #923, and drive for about 5 km until it meets another major road, N20. Make a left there and you will almost be in La Motte-Beuvron.

This trip should take no more than 14 hours. I do not see why most readers could not plan it as a dessert get-away for a long weekend. Just in case some of you are not going to La Motte-Beuvron, the Tarte des Demoiselles Tatin can be made as follows (I think it will taste better if I use the original metric measurements*):



Ingredients

(in French recipes, amounts are stated by weight rather than volume):

For the tart dough (pate brisee):

20 g flour
 100 g sweet butter
 1/4 to 1/2 cup of very cold
 water
 a little salt

For the tart:

6 or 7 firm apples peeled, cored and cut out into 6 parts each
 50 g sweet butter
 70 g sugar

The dough:

On a pastry board cut up butter into small pieces, mix it well with flour and salt. Use the palms of your hands to crumble the mixture until you obtain a homogeneous, finely granulated texture. Add cold water little by little, enough to make a firm dough that just cleans the board. Do not work the dough any longer. Roll it into a circle of the diameter equal to your pie plate. Put it away in a refrigerator for a few hours. The dough can be prepared a day in advance.

The tart:

Do not use a Plexiglas pie plate, it will break on a direct fire. The best is a ceramic plate with a thick bottom, a metal plate can be used as well. In this pie dish melt butter first, then add sugar to it and heat on a high flame mixing constantly until the butter caramelizes (changes to brown and thickens). Be careful to remove it from the fire soon enough because it burns quickly once it starts changing color. On top of this hot caramel arrange the pieces of apples closely, cover them with the circle of dough. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and bake the tart for about 30 to 40 minutes until the crust turns golden. When ready, leave it for 5-10 minutes outside the oven, then invert it with a quick, firm gesture on a serving plate. I do it over the sink because the juice from the apples may leak out. Let it cool off. It can be served with unsweetened whipped cream, or even better, with a very delicious and expensive sweet wine called Sauternes.

*1 pound = 445 g

ROOSEVELT WEATHER ALMANAC

Indian Summering

By Ron Filepp

Indian summer comes after the first frost. It occurs when a stagnant air mass creates a temperature inversion. That kind of weather system can trap pollutants which may lead to unhealthy conditions. Unhealthy for the body perhaps, but not for the human spirit.

The pleasant days of these little summers can stretch to a week or more. Some years bring two or three Indian summers before the cold of late fall settles in. Occasionally there is no Indian summer during fall. A proverb tells us, "If we do not get an Indian summer in October or November, we will get it during the winter."

The phenomenon is not restricted to our part of the planet. England and Europe have similar summers, but they are not Indian. Over there, several other names identify the little summers of autumn. St. Martin's summer, St. Luke's summer, Halcyon Days, Old Wives' summer, All Saints' Rest and All-hallow summer are names for autumn's temporary retreat.

Another Brief Retreat

There were three heat waves during the summer of '98 - two in July and one in August. A heat wave is declared when three or more consecutive days have high temperatures of 90 or above. The first and longest heat wave this year lasted 7 days. It started on July 18 and lasted through the 24th. The second began four days later on the 28th and lasted through July 30. Heat wave number three came near the end of August with highs hitting 90 or above on August

24, 25 and 26. Temperatures soared to 90 or higher on 20 days during the season.

The high temperature for the year was 96. The mercury hit that mark twice, on June 26 and on July 22. The average temperature for the entire three months of meteorological summer (June, July and August) was almost two degrees above the normal average.

Much is heard about how hot it gets during summer days. What about how warm it stays at night? My mother, a wise gardener, once told me that warm nighttime temperatures throughout the growing season have a significant impact on the progress of summer vegetables. I think of a string of three or more consecutive summer nights with overnight low temperatures that do not go below 70 degrees as a warm wave. This year there was only one warm wave. It started on the night of August 23 and lasted through the 28th. The warmest night of the year, July 17, had a low temperature of 74 degrees. Nighttime lows stayed at 70 or above on 20 nights last summer.

The summer of '98, like the last year's summer, was great for good weather weekends. This year rain fell on only 5 of the 26 weekend days of summer. Total rainfall for the season was just 0.50 inches below normal. June's profuse precipitation measured more than two inches above normal. However, both July and August were dry months. Those two months are normally the wettest of the year.

Twenty-four days had measurable amounts of rain last summer. The longest dry spell lasted 12 days, from July 19 to the 30th. The wettest day of the season was August 18 when 2 inches of rain fell.

Weather Event

In 1911, the Boys of October almost had to wait until November to finish the World Series. The fourth game of the series between the Philadelphia Athletics and New York Giants was rain delayed on the 18th and did not get played until the 24th the longest rain delay in World Series history. The Athletics won the series in six games.

Weather Word

Contrail is short for condensation trail. A condensation trail is a plume of condensed water vapor in the exhaust of high-flying jets. Contrails are man-made clouds. It is believed by some that under the right conditions a single contrail can create an overcast sky that covers over 100 square miles.

August 15-September 15, 1998

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	88.0	66.5	77.3	0.00
16	83.0	68.0	75.5	0.00
17	88.0	72.0	80.0	0.00
18	88.0	69.0	78.5	2.00
19	73.0	62.0	67.5	0.30
20	77.0	50.5	63.8	0.00
21	85.5	57.0	71.3	0.00
22	85.0	66.0	75.5	0.00
23	86.0	70.0	78.0	0.32
24	92.0	71.0	81.5	0.00
25	91.5	72.0	81.8	0.00
26	92.0	70.0	81.0	0.00
27	84.0	71.0	77.5	0.48
28	83.0	71.0	77.0	0.00
29	89.5	66.0	77.8	0.00
30	*	66.0	66.0	0.00
31	88.0	69.0	78.5	0.00
1	84.0	60.0	72.0	0.00
2	81.0	60.0	70.5	0.00
3	79.5	57.5	68.5	0.28
4	81.0	66.0	73.5	0.00
5	78.0	58.0	68.0	0.00
6	86.5	60.0	73.3	0.00
7	91.0	58.0	74.5	0.00
8	74.0	58.0	66.0	0.65
9	70.0	51.0	60.5	0.00
10	73.0	51.0	62.0	0.07
11	80.0	49.0	64.5	0.00
12	88.0	59.0	73.5	0.00
13	84.0	64.0	74.0	0.00
14	86.0	64.0	75.0	0.00
15	88.0	67.5	77.8	0.00

Total Precipitation 4.10

*(No high reading taken.)

The Fall Semi-Annual Litter Pick-Up

The time of the year has come once again to get out and pitch it in.

Twice a year the residents of Roosevelt come out and clean litter from the streets and roads. Please come out to help keep Roosevelt beautiful.

Meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 18th, in front of the Post Office. After our work is done, there will be food, drink and good cheer at Lennie and Michele's.

All are welcome! Thank you in advance for your help!

The event is sponsored by the Clean Communities Grant.

For more information, please call Dianna Moore at 448-5745.

Roosevelt Arts Project 1998-1999 Season

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1998-1999 calendar of events featuring a wonderfully varied array of new works, a festival of the arts in the spring and the return of your favorite performers and poets.

Unless otherwise specified, all events take place at the Borough Hall and will begin at 8:00 p.m. At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$4.00 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.

Saturday October 24 'Mo

Richard Lloyd's full length romantic comedy about overcoming stereotypes to find hope and mature love.
Read by professional actors in the Borough Hall.

Saturday November 7 "Last Graduation"

A provocative award winning documentary on higher education in prison, presented by co-producer Benay Rubenstein. Benay, a former Roosevelt resident, will lead a discussion and share her experiences.

Saturday December 5 An Evening of Storytelling

At special time, 7:30 p.m. Stories for adults and children featuring professional storytellers Jaymie Reeber Kosa, David Brahinsky and Arthur Shirpiro.

Saturday January 9 Alan Mallach - A Beethoven Concert Pianist

Alan Mallach will perform the Pathetique and selections from Beethoven's lesser known sonatas.

Saturday February 27 Laurie Altman Jazz at the Peddie School

Saturday March 13 Poetry

An evening of readings by Roosevelt poets.

Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 Roosevelt String Band

A perennial favorite, in concert for two nights.

Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23 Roosevelt Festival of the Arts

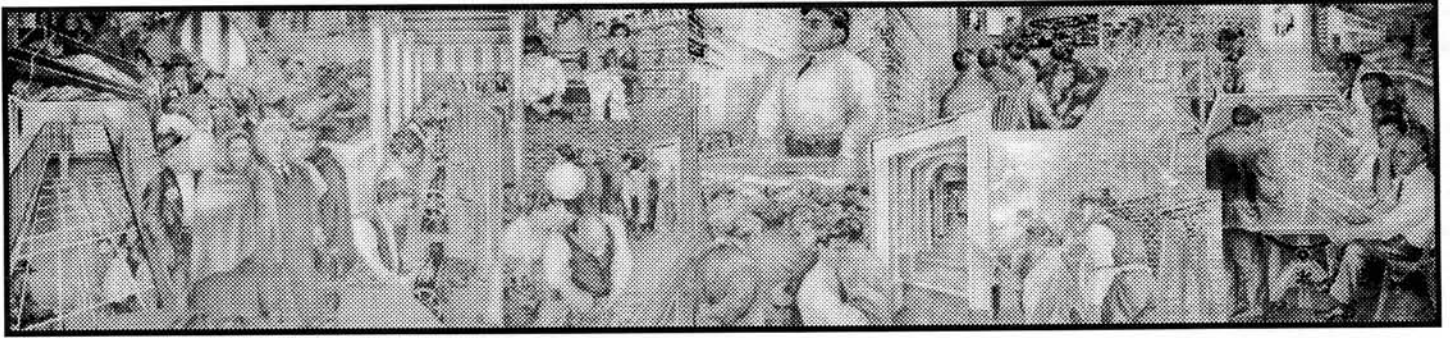
A two-day celebration of the Arts in Roosevelt with art exhibitions, studio tours, folk music, crafts, refreshments and fun at the Roosevelt Public School.

Also this season RAP will offer the Roosevelt Arts Exchange a series of workshops for adults and children led by members of the community. The Arts Exchange will provide an opportunity for townspeople to share their gifts and skills, and to share in those of others, whether it's poetry, decorative box making, woodworking or the art of collage. Watch for specific places, dates and times.

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

Beautiful three-panel postcards of the Shahn mural are available for purchase at each event or by calling Judith Trachtenberg (426-8867), Deborah Metzger (443-3759) or Robin Middleman (426-4583).

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.



Mural Postcards Available Through The Roosevelt Arts Project

The Roosevelt Arts Project proudly offers for sale our beautiful three-panel reproduction of the Ben Shahn mural from our school. The postcards are available for \$2.00 each and a small number of flat, unfolded copies, suitable for framing are available for \$10.00 each. All proceeds go to the Roosevelt Arts Project to cover the cost of these cards, enable us to produce future postcards in our Roosevelt arts series and to support RAP exhibits and events. Cards are available at the Borough Hall or by calling Robin Middleman at 426-4583, Deborah Metzger at 443-3759 or Judith Trachtenberg at 426-8867. The Roosevelt Arts Project is a tax exempt cultural organization funded exclusively by admissions and donations. RAP appreciates your support

Roosevelt Arts Project Website

The Roosevelt Arts Project website continues to grow with some 66 Roosevelt artists represented in its directory listing of current artists. This listing includes links to examples of the artistry of those listed as well as listings of upcoming public events featuring different artists, and there are even links to the commercial websites of those artists who have taken to the WorldWideWeb as a way to market and disseminate their work. Columbia University continues in the role of the website's beneficent sponsor, where we may be found at <http://woof.music.columbia.edu/~roosevelt/>. If by some unfortunate omission, you have not been listed in the Directory of Artists, you should contact either David Herrstrom or Richard A. Lloyd, and we'll see about getting you included. Also, we are ready to assist artists with converting information to being presentable on the web, and if there are those with any audio snippets of music or literature, we can call upon the assistance of Brad Garton to help with translating your audio into sound files that can be listened to on the Web.

The website also features information about past artists, and will shortly be able to feature a rendition

of Ben Shahn's mural on-line. In addition, we have endeavored to present something of an historical perspective for those visiting the site, with material about Roosevelt's past and present, including Ron Filepp's monthly weather almanac. There's even been one reported instance of a resident artist being contacted by a long, out of touch relative, who happened to be browsing the Web for their name! And, several months back, the folks at Bell Atlantic Internet Solutions advised us that they were including the RAP website within its Internet Access Service as a "best of the net" site. For further information, you're invited to contact Richard A. Lloyd at 443-8206 or David Herrstrom at 443-4421.

Remember, too, to watch for information about the Arts Exchange and our regular performances during the coming winter and spring. 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 as charitable contributions. Thank you for your support of the arts in Roosevelt.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

POETRY READING:

Ilse Riesenfeld, former Roosevelt resident and Kindergarten/Music teacher at RPS will be giving a poetry reading at the Manalapan Branch of the Monmouth County Library at Symmes Road on October 21, at 2 p.m.. The poetry concerns the various aspects of aging.

BEST WISHES TO THE NEWLYWEDS:

Dina Coe of Roosevelt and Greg McGrath of Titusville were married February 14, 1998, and reside on Valley Road.

Judith Steinhardt and Mark Zuckerman were married on June 28 at Town and Village Synagogue in New York City. The happy couple will continue to divide their time here as the bride, a psychotherapist, moves her practice to New Jersey.

Danielle Ceceil Anning, daughter of Ed and Rose Murphy of Roosevelt, and Eugene Deliso, son of Jeannie Deliso of Browns Mills were married October 3 in Mount Laurel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Haley Reimbold who won the Hightstown Elks Award for Citizenship, and Molly Petrilla and Shaun Conover who won the PTO Award for Academics at the Kreps Middle School Graduation in June. Also Molly Petrilla made the Hightstown Varsity Tennis Team as a freshman.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Augusta Chasan of Farm Lane who became 96 on September 11.

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Jonathan Mack, who grew up in town and recently returned to his Farm Lane home, died July 18 at the age of 47. 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 Monday 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

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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LOOSE LEAVES

by Ron Kostar

Walking out of Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" recently, I couldn't help but think about my parents and for a minute try and see the world through their eyes...

So this, and not the detached battle footage of WW II from Walter Cronchite's Sunday night television show "The Twentieth Century", was what their generation had suffered through in their 20's or 30's in order to deliver us from the real threat of the Madman and his Minions. And what I had done, I thought blushing, had been to repay them by cultivating the appearance of a Good Luck Troll and lecturing them about, among other topics, the immorality of the Vietnam War!

A few days later, as self-flagellation gave way to more positive feelings, my family gathered around the television waiting for President Clinton to deliver his now famous "I probably did it" speech, and I couldn't help but make another generational comparison. While my parents had huddled expectantly around their radio to hear FDR intone his informative and inspirational "This day will go down in infamy" speeches, here we were, basking in a kind of pre-superbowl sense of "would you please pass the Taco sauce, who's providing the half-time entertainment" absurdity, waiting for our President to ask for forgiveness for his personal shenanigans.

In true Growing Up Absurd fashion, in a matter of minutes we would be asked to take something sordid and insignificant seriously. We, the ever viewing TV gang, would be asked to chew on an event that was adolescent at best, and in the worse sense of the word and reality, just plain stupid. We'd be asked to view our President's explanation with a sense of sobriety and solemnity usually asked of people sitting in courtrooms and churches.

And ultimately, we would see, we would be asked to analyze and evaluate another short segment of very bad, that is to say, very self-conscious, acting.

Anyway, when the time arrived for him to come on screen, President Clinton was sweating, which was perhaps the surest sign that he wasn't John Ellway or Chevy Chase or Stone Phillips, better actors all, and all with much more competent make-up artists.

Sweating and frowning, and for the first three minutes at lease, he seemed genuinely embarrassed, even contrite.

But then he changed directions, and masks and stiffened; and began stridently condemning all those who had hounded and wronged him all these months, while defending a principle that he knew would be very difficult for anyone to find fault with - namely, his and our right to privacy.

But - and this is just my personal take on this of course (and maybe it was just the Taco sauce and chips and the beer, who knows) (and, "Hey, did the Broncos draw first blood?"). Anyway, I wasn't buying it - the contrition and outrage and all that.

After all, wasn't this the same President, our first real "breast-fed on TV, President", who through his "touchy-feely" town meetings and personal tale-spinning and unashamed airing of maudlin autobiographical campaign movies - wasn't this the same President who has done more to blur the line separating private and public life than any previous politician? And, wasn't this the same President who doesn't hesitate to reveal his private life when it's to his advantage, but now was chastising the media and other political types for prying into and divulging that same private life when it somehow didn't appear right?

Wasn't President Clinton asking us to let him have it both ways?

I thought so anyway, and I wasn't buying it.

A friend of mine, a self-avowed Victorian, albeit a progressive one, used to express her outrage and embarrassment over photographs of Clinton trotting through the streets of D.C. in his jogging clothes. "I'm sorry," Janice'd say, "but I think it's very unPresidential. I don't want my President appearing in public in his underwear."

I wasn't sure I agreed with Janice (name changed to protect the discriminating) on this one, but I do think that President Clinton's behavior has brought attention to a regressive non-development in American life.

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Development, Regionalization and the Property Tax Commission Report

By Michael Ticktin

This past month, while we in Roosevelt have been debating the pros and cons of the proposed development of an adult community in the northern part of the Borough, the Property Tax Commission appointed by Governor Whitman submitted its report. This report contains recommendations which, if acted upon by the Governor and the Legislature, or indeed if acted upon by our own Board of Education, could result in the virtual elimination of the major economic reason for supporting a development of this type.

By way of background, earlier this year, the Roosevelt Board of Education, having previously voted to participate in a regionalization study by a vote of 5 to 4, reversed itself when one member changed his vote. Though it is possible that the position of the Board has changed as a result of changes in the membership, this remains the official position. Also, by way of background, it remains the case, as it has been for several years, that Roosevelt has the third highest equalized school tax rate out of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey. At the same time, as readers of the *Bulletin* are well aware, there is currently a highly controversial proposal before the Borough Council to allow the construction of the aforementioned adult community - supporters pointing to the estimated 42% reduction in property taxes that the Planning Board's consultant, Alan Mallach, has projected as a result of the development while opponents have cited substantial potential changes to the community that they regard as having a severe negative impact on the Borough's character and quality of life.

The high school tax rate is a function of the budget needed to support the Roosevelt Public School and to pay tuition for upper grade and special education students and the ratables base from which it must be raised. This problem can be addressed in either of two ways: either the tax base can be expanded in a way that increases ratables more than it increases school costs or expenses can be lowered through sharing of costs and resources with another district. The first way is within the purview of the Borough

Council; the second exclusively within that of the Board of Education. Coordination is essential, however, because, if both were to act, approval of regionalization by the Board of Education would cancel out the bulk of any tax savings gained by increasing ratables, since the increased ratable base would have to be shared with the rest of the larger district. Thus, it is important that the Council be certain that there is no realistic prospect for regionalization before approving any major development, since it would not serve any community goal to approve such a development only to have the anticipated benefit lost because of regionalization. Now a new factor has been added that has changed the environment in which the Board of Education must deal with this issue. Among the recommendations of the Property Tax Commission were (1) that the January 1998 report of the New Jersey regionalization Advisory Panel be implemented, and (2) that regionalization be made more palatable through revision of the funding mechanism so as to eliminate cost inequities and permit equal sharing of the benefits and cost savings possible from regionalization. As part of the implementation of the January 1998 report, the Commission recommended that the Department of Education be directed to fund regionalization studies for all K-8 and K-6 districts with fewer than 300 students, all limited school districts, any district completely surrounded by another district, and all districts participating in send-receiving relationships. (Roosevelt currently meets three of these criteria and will meet the fourth if Millstone joins the Upper Freehold Regional District.)

The Commission also endorsed the recommendations of the January 1998 report that the Department of Education be directed to offer financial incentives for voluntary regionalization within a set period of time if studies demonstrate substantial educational or efficiency benefits, and to authorize the Department to require regionalization if districts do not merge voluntarily within the time allowed, unless the districts can demonstrate why regionalization is not economically or educationally in the best interest of the students. Governor Whitman has already indicated support for the recommendations to make more funds available for studies and to provide financial incen-

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Maintaining Respect and Tolerance for All

by Herb Johnson

I am keenly empathetic with anyone being threatened or harassed for his or her efforts to meet civic responsibilities. I praised the Borough Attorney for pressuring law enforcement officials to seek to apprehend whoever committed the alleged acts of "harassment or threats of violence...within the almost forty days." Regarding that part of Attorney John Ross' statement at the September 14th Borough Council meeting, I wished he would have acted immediately forty days ago when a member of the Council first felt threatened, if he knew about it then, or that the Council member would have notified him and the New Jersey State Police immediately. Such acts to intimidate people should be responded to promptly.

State Police Detective Bruncati referred only to a flat tire and "harassment during the summer." I heard Council members discuss fish parts being found in a garbage barrel but nothing about a threat of violence. Bruncati's investigation revealed that no crime was committed. Even so, I support Mr. Ross' appealing to the Monmouth County Prosecutor's office as well to be involved.

However, I criticized the remainder of the Borough Attorney's action in regards to this matter and I criticized the Mayor's action later in the meeting for denying residents of Roosevelt the right to speak about Borough government business.

I criticized the scare tactics of Mr. Ross's address to the public, as having a chilling effect on the First Amendment free speech rights which are to be exercised at Borough Council meetings. Please see "Borough Council News" in the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin for Mr. Ross' comments. The Mayor started to defend the attorney's tactics, but I asked if the Mayor could call Mr. Ross back to the meeting to advise him, the Mayor, about his restriction of Neil Marko's effort, during the earlier part of the September 14th meeting, an effort to comment about an ordinance that was on the agenda. Mayor Allen agreed with me that Mr. Marko should not have been restricted that way, but he believed he did not say or mean that Mr. Marko could not speak about the ordinance which was to be introduced, copies of which had been provided thoughtfully for the public. Mr. Marko had held up his copy of the proposed ordinance and asked if he could comment about it. The Mayor said he thought he told Mr. Marko that the Mayor and the Council are not to discuss or answer any questions about any ordinance during its introduction. The audiotape shows the Mayor actually said, "No, I'm sorry. You will have to come back next month to comment on that." Just before that directive, he said, "That proposal for sewer connections fees has been under sub-committee work for the past two and one half months, and it is being offered for introduction tonight." Mr. Marko then asked, "So, I cannot make a comment on it?" That is when the

Mayor restricted Mr. Marko's right to comment about Borough business, by saying, "No, I'm sorry..." Mr. Marko revealed later that he was aware of a provision that he believes should be included in a water and sewer connections fee ordinance to protect the Borough from losing appropriate income. After the public hearing, if the Council decides it wants to add that provision, the Borough may have to delay its passage and pay for another advertisement of another public hearing.

This is the point of the criticism of the Mayor and the Borough Attorney: Intimidations, scare tactics, public admonishments of innocent people, threats of being prosecuted to the full extent of the law, and the denial of citizens' rights costs money and stifles citizen participation. This Borough's public school, as well as most schools in this country, encourages all students to become citizens who will speak up to protest any actions like the ones mentioned here. The statement of these facts is crucial because so much is at stake. Roosevelt's borough government has shown time and time again that it agrees and it is responsive to citizens's input. Its officials nearly always show confidence that the practice of non-threatening free speech will serve our community best. The Mayor in particular shows confidence that persons like the *EXAMINER* editor are misguided in claiming that in Roosevelt "respect and tolerance for a point of view that differs from one's own has been lost in the last few weeks." Supporters of

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another elsewhere if they could cite sufficient grounds for limiting such development to one project. Board members indicated they believed there are valid arguments to justify approving just one adult community. Board member Michael Ticktin said wetland considerations, view preservation, sewer and water connection issues, and other factors provided the necessary valid arguments. An ordinance regarding fees for water/sewer connections, Borough professional consulting services, site plans, etc. was introduced by the Council on September 14. Regarding the impact on the Post Office, Postmaster Geraldine Millar wrote a letter to the Board indicating that the Post Office could accommodate up to 600 more customer boxes.

Mr. Mallach prepared draft language for a revised master plan. A committee composed of Mr. Zahora, Mr. Hunt and Bert Ellentuck agreed to review the revision language. Mr. Hunt suggested that former Planning Board Chairman Ralph Seligman provide input. A committee composed of Mr. Ticktin, Mary Alfara, Jane Rothfuss and Rod Tulloss is sur-

veying leaders of towns with retirement communities to obtain their views about the consequences of hosting such communities.

The Board expected to be prepared to present a final report of its recommendations concerning the proposed PCD II amendments prior to the Council's November meeting. The Council would have to continue its public hearing on the PCD II amendments until that time and grant the Board an extension of the period permitted for submitting comments about a land use revision. Ms. Donato expected to be able to submit her legal assessment of the amendments to the Board in time for its October 14 meeting.

Meanwhile, a demographic study prepared for Matzel & Mumford caused the Planning Board to question whether the current PCD ordinances would accomplish the paramount goal of completing residential development in Roosevelt without requiring the construction and staffing of additional classrooms at RPS. Presently, 114 three-bedroom homes could be built in PCD II and 54 four-bedroom houses in PCD I. An adult

community in PCD II could reduce the number of potential homes with school-age children from 114 on both sides of Route 571 to about 50 to 70 on the west side. If an adult community were to provide enough tax revenue to purchase development rights west of 571, then the number of additional RPS students would be determined by the development permitted in PCD I, as well as a few other lots scattered around the borough.

Matzel & Mumford asked Borough officials to increase from 54 to 65 the number of houses permitted in PCD I. On September 9 the Planning Board rejected a motion to recommend to the Council at this time that it increase the houses allowed from 54 to 65. Mr. Zahora and David Leff voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Allen, Mr. Ellentuck, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Ticktin, Gail Hunton and Paul Henry voted against it. Another motion to study the viability of the current PCD II zoning passed with only Mr. Ellentuck opposed.

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the adult community, contrary to what editor Mark Rosman worries about, will feel comfortable with opponents at concerts, poetry readings, parades, picnics, school graduation events and other social and civic events, but they very likely will not want to pay for a concert to raise funds for the Committee for Responsible Development's legal bills.

If there is one or a few people who

would let the air out of someone's tire, not realizing how drastically harmful that could be in some situations, or makes a crank phone call, and it is for the purpose of intimidating any person, an official or not, a citizen or not, an adult or a child, our government acts responsibly to apprehend and punish offenders. In the meantime, almost all of Roosevelt's people will recognize that it would be only a very small fraction of one per-

cent of Roosevelt's residents who got carried away by not respecting others' points of view. To make up for that possibility, residents are extending hands of friendship and respect in order to reassure our dedicated, persevering officials that almost all the people of Roosevelt appreciate their efforts no matter how the development problems work out, when it comes right down to the nitty-gritty or the crux of the matter.

LETTERS

Neighbors:

With the upcoming November elections offering a wide array of official and unofficial write-in candidates to choose from, we offer our full support to the two most qualified individuals of the lot. These gentlemen are Harry Parker and John Towle. We believe that Harry and John will utilize their experience in the public and private sectors to fairly, honestly and evenly evaluate the issues that will come before them. Their familiarity with the needs of the community coupled with their commitment to volunteerism will serve us well in the years to come. Accordingly, please join us in voting for Harry Parker and John Towle for councilmen on Tuesday, November 3.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Hoogsteden, Borough Council President
Rose D. Murphy, Council member
Michael T. Stiles, Council member

Dear Roosevelt,

Hello, my name is Harry Parker and I have lived in Roosevelt since 1989, and I have very much enjoyed my time in this village.

During my tenure in this community, I have served on the Planning Board for nine years and the Board of Education for seven years. Both have been rewarding experiences for myself and hopefully for the community (this borough is full of good people). Currently I am running for a Council seat in November and am asking for your vote. From my review of the other candidates running for the second seat, it is my belief that the most qualified candidate is John Towle.

Thanks for your time,

Harry Parker

Dear Roosevelt Voters:

First, a short introduction. I am John Towle, residing on Eleanor Lane for the past 8 years with my wife Kathleen and our two children. I have served for 5 years on our Environmental Commission, 2 years as Chairman. I am also a Republican candidate for Borough Council, seeking your support in the November election.

My education as an Environmental Planner and my career as the Land Development Manager for a major area homebuilder, combined with my desire to protect the future interests of this community, makes me the ideal candidate to deal with many of the issues facing Roosevelt today and in the coming years. I am confident that my knowledge of the planning and development process, experience with the various impacts and many related issues that will need to be addressed, and my level of dedication to Roosevelt would be an asset to our Borough Council.

After reviewing the other candidates, I have concluded that Harry Parker, with his Roosevelt Planning Board and School Board service, would offer experience and knowledge to complement my own, and ask that you support Harry as well. I am in the phone book and will always try and make myself available to discuss any issues that may be of interest to you in these exciting times. Thank you for your support!

John E. Towle
14 Eleanor Lane

Options For Fiscal Planning

by Henry B. John-Alder

In recent months, our community has been embroiled in a dialogue focused specifically on the merits of changing the PCD-II zoning ordinance to accommodate the likely submission of a plan for an adult community. More generally and more fundamentally, however, this dialogue is centered on Roosevelt's prospects for economic viability. Unfortunately, recent discussions have not considered the full range of options that lie before us. As such, we have perhaps heard an undue emphasis on the advocacy of adult residential development.

In very broad terms, we have three choices:

- 1) we could continue to pay our taxes and fees,
- 2) we could develop, or
- 3) we could seek a school districting formula different from what we currently have.

Admittedly, I have oversimplified, but I have captured the essence of our basic options. In my view, it would be prudent for us to discuss our fundamental philosophical approach to the future, to discuss our three basic options, before we tacitly move in one direction or the other. Such a discussion would advance our understanding of the issues and might contribute to the genesis of a community consensus.

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3. TREE LIMBS must be bundled and tied or placed in containers to allow for easy pick up and be no longer than 4 Feet.

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For years, make that centuries, the public behavior of politicians has been fair game for artists and parodists. Aristophanes and Voltaire ripped away at politicians and other public figures centuries ago, and Lenny Bruce, Chevy Chase and Dana Carvey, et al. have just followed in their bloody footsteps. Whenever anyone walks through a door emptying into the public, especially someone who is trying to affect, maybe even control other people, they leaves themselves open to the satirist's scalpel. Always have.

The problem with Clinton, though, is that he's been a Pioneer for Parody by inviting the application of the scalpel to his *private life*. And, given we Americans' somewhat uneven attitudes about sex, coupled with the TV President's tawdry, sloppy, reckless behavior, everything down to the most intimate details of our President's, and by extension our private lives is now fair game for satirists. Clinton's utter lack of seriousness about anything except his political popularity and his public image has helped create a climate in which peoples' private lives are being reduced and caricatured to a series of dirty jokes.

Is that good?

Maybe I'm jaded, but by the end of the President's speech, followed by the mandatory three hours of tiresome commentary and analysis, it was kind of difficult to take any of the talking heads seriously. All

the actors, from the politicians to the media stars to the so-called consulting experts, reminded me of actors in an unusually long "Saturday Night Live" skit, without being nearly as convincing or entertaining. And original? I don't think so. Chase and Belushi and the others imagined these guys' antics decades ago!

The democrats looked like working people who used to work and used to believe in an abiding principal and program, but are no longer trustworthy. And, the Republicans looked either frighteningly anal (see Hatch's Collar, for crying out loud!), or overfed (to wit, Falwell's Torso!), and most looked as though they're still dressed in the morning by their mothers.

The first group seemed to be struggling mightily to forgive our unabashed Hedonist, while the latter was ready to drag ol' Dimmesdale out of the Oval Office and grill him at the stake.

I know which side I prefer. But, siding with the lesser of two batches of bad actors, both with one eye on the polls, seems to be a bad choice; and, thinking back to Spielberg's great realistic movie, not at all what the soldiers in "Saving Private Ryan" were asked to fight, and in many cases, get blown up for.

The whole lurid mess - the speech that is, not Spielberg's movie - was an embarrassingly bad show. Thanks to the Pioneer of Parody.

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tives. She has not endorsed involuntary regionalization, but we have already experienced the withholding of State funds due to administrative costs being deemed excessive. While we could certainly argue that it was unfair to penalize us because no one was willing to accept us into a regional district, that argument will not be persuasive so long as we ourselves are unwilling to regionalize.

Ultimately, it is up to the voters of Roosevelt to decide whether they choose to address the tax situation through regionalization or development, or whether they agree with those who reject both alternatives and

are willing to have taxes be as high as necessary in order to avoid either change. Though neither the Council nor the Board of Education has seen fit to allow an advisory referendum on the issue before it, voters can still affect the choice in the traditional way - by supporting candidates favorable to their position. If the end result is that there is to be change, it is essential that both public bodies make their decisions with full awareness both of State policy and of each other's policies. It is therefore in everyone's interest to allow a reasonable time for relevant policy decisions to be made before doing anything that may be undermined by later events.

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At the September 14 meeting, the Mayor announced that three more letters about the proposed adult community were received. The one from Mary Alfare had a petition with 140 signatures representing 94 homes in Roosevelt in favor of "proceeding with negotiations for the adult community." Postmaster Geraldine Millar's letter said the Post Office could accommodate 600 additional boxholders. Bernarda Shahn's letter shared some of her views and described a plan offered three years ago to promote the building of an artists' mall in the area being considered for the adult community. During the public hearing, which about 40 people attended, 17 members of the public spoke at least once about the proposal. When Peter Nurko, who owns property west of Route 571, complained about unequal treatment, Mayor Lee Allen explained why property east of Route 571 was determined to be most suitable for the project. He then reassured Mr. Nurko that he would be compensated for his development rights. Freda Hepner soon questioned the Mayor on his plan to compensate Mr. Nurko. Mayor Allen said he had no figures of how much would be paid, but, he added, the State of New Jersey is expected to aid in preserving "open space" such as Mr. Nurko's by sharing the costs of a municipality buying that space's development rights. Councilwoman Murphy explained that nothing about any development is certain yet. No land has been purchased. No applications to build have been made. Furthermore, before Borough money could be used to preserve "open space" by buying development rights, it would have to be approved by the voters in a public referendum. Mr. Hoogsteden gave Mrs. Murphy credit for being the first person to promote the building of an adult community for the purpose of lowering property taxes and water/sewer rates, over two years ago when the PCD-2 Ordinance was being considered.

Pearl Seligman asked if a time-line for development had been drawn. When told, "No", she inquired as to what commitments the Council has made. Mrs. Murphy responded that none has been made. Mrs. Seligman repeated the answer in an astonished tone.

Neil Marko asked if a developer was required to acquire 75 percent of all the "northern 500 acres" before building. Mayor Allen said the PCD-2 Ordinance provides for the option of developing on either side of Route 571, in which case the developer would only be required to make reasonable offers to purchase land or building rights from property own-

ers on one side until 75 percent of that side was acquired.

Henry John-Alder suggested that lowering school taxes by means of regionalization could be an alternative to allowing an adult community development for the purpose of reducing taxes. Councilman Hoogsteden held up a newspaper article which reported that Roosevelt's Board of Education voted against regionalization. Mr. John-Alder, a member of the School Board, said that the motion to consider regionalization lost by only one vote and now the Board has some new members. Reenah Petrics pointed out that a serious problem with regionalization is that the people of Roosevelt would have only one vote on the regionalized school district's Board of Education. Harry Parker, a member of the Planning Board who served on the School Board until last year, said that regionalization is not an option because no other school district wants to regionalize with Roosevelt.

Michael Ticktin repeated his request for a referendum to see how much the public supports or opposes various measures. Council members have stated that they believe it is their responsibility to ascertain citizens' positions and take actions without a referendum.

Paul Prestopino explained that he has lived in Roosevelt 49 years, since he was 11 years old; he loves this community; he feels that the addition of the proposed adult community would change it drastically. The Mayor responded that the community has "tremendous expenses on the horizon"; it faces a water plant improvement that will cost \$1,500,000 and other added expenses. He closed the public hearing with an appeal for everyone to keep in mind that each person's "quality of life" is not determined in the same way as any other person's; he hopes there is a "middle of the road where the majority of people in town can be satisfied"; the Borough Council appreciates the public's input and it will take actions to be fair to all the Borough's residents as a whole. No announcement of the alleged expensive water plant improvement had ever been made before at a regular council meeting. At the June 8th meeting of the Borough Council, the second reading of an ordinance to increase water/sewer rates by \$10 per month was tabled until the next Regular Meeting of the Council. When this reporter asked for any Council member to explain the need for the rate increase, the Borough

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Attorney advised the Council that it did not need to discuss the ordinance if it is being tabled. Not only did Mayor Allen say at the August meeting that he did not remember such a thing happening (that a public discussion of an ordinance which was advertised was cancelled by tabling the motion), but no action has been taken on the rate hike proposal to date.

Others who spoke about the adult community project at the September 14th meeting included Susan Jones, Lois Hunt, Robin Filepp, Nona Sherak, Sidney Israel and Vincent Vignuolo. The Borough Council then approved of Rose Murphy's motion to amend the introduced Ordinance #97-24 in accord with the Planning Board's recommendations, and to advertise that the public hearing on it will take place on Monday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall. The motion included mentioning that the minimum age for residents would be changed from 18 to 21 years and all other safeguards proposed would be in effect.

Early in the meeting, before committee reports, the Mayor called on Joseph Zahora, Planning Board Chair, to present information that the Planning Board wanted to present in public. Mr. Zahora discussed the proposed amendments to the PCD-1 and the PCD-2 ordinances. He distributed copies of a list of time lines for eleven tasks which are to be accomplished before the PCD-2 amendment is approved. These are the tasks, who is responsible for at least initiating each task and the status of each: 1. Landscape Ordinance, Kate John-Alder (19 page draft presented 9/10); 2. Storm Water Management Language, K. John-Alder (to confer with PB attorney before 10/14); 3. Traffic Impact Analysis, A. Mallach (waiting for traffic count data from Council); 4. Delineation of Open Space Areas, A. Mallach (add to scaled map in PCD-2 Ord); 5. Resolve issue of recreation facilities, Planning Board (PB) (to assist on sharing is illegal); 6. Add PCD-1 to fiscal impact analysis, A. Mallach (data received from school CSA); 7. Impacts on remaining undeveloped land, PB (estimate land acquisition costs; other ordinance changes needed); 8. Amend appropriate fees, Council (for water/sewer connection; escrow; site plan; subdivisions, etc.); 9. Impact on Post Office, PB (letter received from P.O.); 10. Amend Master Plan, A. Mallach & PB (review at 10/14 PB meeting); 11. Citizens Committee on Social Impacts, M. Ticktin (include Mary Alfare, Jane Rothfuss and Rod Tulloss). Some are done. All are to be done by November 9th.

Regarding PCD-1 affecting the Notterman tract, Mr. Zahora said the Planning Board opposes increasing the density from 0.5 to 0.6 houses per acre. Michael Ticktin explained this change in position by saying that the Borough Council vote against limiting the average number of bedrooms per house to 3 made it unfeasible to approve a change to increase the number of 4-bedroom houses from 54 to 65.

Under Committee Reports, Councilman Vasseur said: "Rabies shots for cats and dogs will be given in the Borough garage on Saturday, September 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. Every dog must have a 1998 Roosevelt license as of October 1st, and get the rabies shot or its owner will be summoned to pay fines." Jeff Hunt said the First Aid Squad will park the rig at the Post Office on Saturdays for 10 weeks from 8 to 10 a.m. some days and from 10 to noon other days. The goal is to encourage people to join the squad and sign up for CPR and EMT courses soon. Michael Stiles said the North Valley Road improvements were completed. Rose Murphy wanted Veronica Vignuolo and Mary Alfare to be thanked for attending County meetings as Roosevelt's Community Development Block Grant representatives.

Under Old Business, the Council approved of the final adoption of Ordinance #46A-38, a Salary Ordinance amendment to fix a maximum salary for the Clean Community Coordinator, Dianna Moore, at \$1,000 per year.

Under New Business, the Council introduced 3 Ordinances, passed 4 resolutions and 4 motions. An intriguing sequence took place. The motion to accept the resignation of Edward Debevec from the position of Borough Treasurer was approved. Then a resolution to appoint Ana Debevec as Borough Treasurer was approved. Her letter of application was posted on the bulletin board as correspondence. She wrote that she has been doing the Treasurer's work for Mr. Debevec for years and has a good working relationship with Roosevelt's two clerks. The final part of this sequence was the approval of Ordinance #46A-39, a Salary Ordinance amendment to list the two salaries for the Borough Treasurer and the two salaries for the Chief Financial Officer. Each position is paid about half of its salary from the Water/Sewer Fund, and slightly more than half from the Current Fund. During the final public portion of the meeting, this reporter asked first if Mr. Debevec was going to continue as Chief Financial Officer, and then how

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Ordinance #46A-39 changed the Borough Treasurer's salary. Councilwoman Murphy replied that there was no change; the ordinance was simply to separate the CFO's and the Treasurer's salaries now that they were to go to different people. A check of the salary ordinances of recent years shows that the CFO's and the Treasurer's salaries have been shown separately for years, and each being paid from the two funds. Not only that, the Treasurer's salary, if this ordinance is adopted next month, will go from \$5,966 to \$10,000 a year.

The CFO so far this year has had a salary of \$5,544 for the Current Fund position and \$5,382 for the Water/Sewer Fund position. His salary is to be reduced, effective 1/1/98, by \$4,034. An explanation for these discrepancies may be found next month. It would be an understandable error if each set of salaries were listed for the wrong position, but that was not the case. Not one of the four salaries in the present ordinance is the same as any of the four salaries in the new ordinance. Furthermore, no ordinance to revise Mr. Debevec's 1998 salaries has been introduced before this one. The number of Ordinance #46A-39 shows there was room for one other amendment between it and the 1998 Salary Ordinance #46A-37, which was adopted on December 8, 1997. That one other amendment was #46A-38 to set the salary of the Clean Communities Coordinator.

The other two ordinances whose introductions were approved of at the September meeting were: 1. #24-16 to set a fee of \$3,685 for each new sewer connection and

\$1,815 for each new water connection at a Single Family Dwelling or each unit of a Multi-Family Dwelling, and 2. #97-25, a 14 page amendment to Article XI of the Zoning Ordinance, to list new non-refundable fees and escrow fees for applicants submitting a proposal for development to the Planning Board.

The three Resolutions approved were: 1. #90/98 to urge Governor Whitman to approve legislation which would enable local governing bodies to adopt "Time Growth Ordinances" which many townships desire to slow up urban sprawl (Mr. Hunt voted "abstain"); 2. #91/98 to appoint Lehr & Associates to conduct assessment of traffic impacts associated with an adult community north of Oscar Drive and with a development of the Notterman tract allowed by PCD-1 for up to \$2,000 (Lehr's bid to do the first for \$1,150 was posted; the Council decided to request the second region also); 3. #92 to approve of Meco, Inc. doing drainage work improvement of the Borough Hall parking lot for \$1,200.

Nate Kostar, Adam Axel and Orlando Ortiz have written the Borough Council before its August meeting, and again for the September meeting, to request use of the Borough Hall for a Halloween Dance for about 60 students in the 7th through 10th grades. Their recent letter was posted and it showed the names of several parents who agreed to be chaperons. Although it was not on the agenda, Mrs. Murphy made a motion that the Council respond. She expressed concern for the youth of Roosevelt but felt that the

problem of the youths charging admittance fees until they raised enough to cover their expenses, and the uncertainties involved with the twenty out-of-towners expected and other out-of-towners who may try to attend, was enough to cause her to be opposed to granting use of the Borough Hall. Mayor Allen agreed with her that the school would be a better place, but he wanted to be sure the youth had a place for the dance. The Council approved of the motion to urge the students to request the School Board to grant them use of the school's large multi-purpose room, to be sure all students know that attendance at the dance is limited to those who get tickets from the sponsors in advance, and to inform the Council if the School Board cannot let the students use the school.

The other motions approved unanimously were: 1. Accept the resignation of Ralph Warnick as Zoning Officer, effective October 1, because he is now teaching some night school classes as well as his day time educator's job; 2. Place ads for the position to encourage a Roosevelt resident to apply as well as consider if the Millstone Township Zoning Officer can serve Roosevelt satisfactorily; and, 3. Approve of Vincenza Jackson and Mary Lee Ramirez as School Crossing Guards at \$10 per hour. More applicants for Crossing Guards are needed.

A very unusual event occurred right after the roll call which showed the Council's six members were present. The Mayor introduced Borough Attorney John Ross to read a statement. Speaking to the Mayor, Council members

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and the 40 to 50 people in the audience Mr. Ross read: "On this date, I have requested the State Police and Monmouth County Prosecutors' Office to commence a criminal investigation relating to property damage, acts of harassment and threats of physical violence that various Roosevelt Borough officials have been subjected to within the last forty days. I am using this opportunity to admonish any individual or individuals who have participated in one or more of the criminal acts that any individual who is determined to have participated in any of the criminal acts or who participates in any future criminal acts will be prosecuted to the full extent under the law." Copies of that two sentence statement were given to the two reporters present so that if they were careful, they could repeat the legal language accurately. Brian Donohue, the Examiner staff writer, or his editor, decided to add in parentheses a comma and three words to clear up the legalese in the second sentence after the first use of the phrase "criminal acts". The Examiner's version inserted at that point: ", (and to declare)" before "that any individual who is determined to have participated..." Review of the tape recording of the meeting shows that Mr. Ross did not pause or insert any words at that point. Readers who compare the Examiner's version with the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin's version can feel assured that the Bulletin's is correct.

A phrase which Mr. Ross included to begin the second sentence diminished the impact of the rest of the sentence. Apparently sensing that effect himself, after reading the statement, he made a few informal remarks, the first of

which was to repeat the gist of that phrase, which was: "Even though I have recommended that there be no discussion of the various specific acts at this meeting and until the investigation has had time to progress..." He explained to the public that he asked the members of the Council not to speak about the incidents, which left the public in the dark about this alleged threat to our elected officials. However, the *Examiner* was able to learn many of the details the next day. To help clarify this matter for readers who did not see the Examiner's story, here is part of it: "On Tuesday, State Police Detective Peter Bruncati said police investigated one report of harassment involving a resident who is involved politically. The resident reported having been harassed during the summer and believed the incident stemmed from political views regarding the adult community that has been discussed as a development proposal in town. However, Bruncati said a police investigation revealed that there 'was a plausible explanation' for the incident in question and it appeared that no crime had been committed. The detective said another Borough official reported this week that the air had been let out of a tire on his vehicle. However, Bruncati said he has not seen any correlation among the criminal mischief reports that would lead him to believe there is a conspiracy." Further quotes show that the State Police are accustomed to investigating criminal mischief reports "all the time in Upper Freehold and Millstone townships."

Mr. Ross concluded his informal remarks by stating that if two or more persons were involved in the

crimes, it shall be treated as a conspiracy. Conspiracies are liable for extreme penalties. His statements left at least one of the Council members and some, if not all, of the public stunned. One of the Council members said, after the Agenda Meeting the week before, that he was told that another Council member had been telling people that he was suspected of putting fish parts in the offended Council member's garbage barrel, and that it seemed to be an ominous threat on the safety of the person who discovered the fish heads.

At the last public portion of the September meeting, Neil Marko asked for efforts to get all children to obey the law of wearing safety helmets when riding a bicycle. He urged the Mayor to ensure that Roosevelt will not be handicapped by the year 2000 computer problems. He asked if action was taken to stop people from firing guns in or near the edge of Roosevelt this past weekend, and if the community can allow taxes and water/sewer fees to be paid electronically.

Nona Sherak then asked if the Borough Council has bought an emergency generator yet for the Borough Hall, in case of hurricanes, windstorms, the year 2000 computer bug or other problems caused by electric power outages leaving many homes without light or heat. The answer again was, "no."

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt again ended with harmony and good spirits, even though no group singing occurred and no beverages were consumed.

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Mon.	10/5		Last day for voter registration & change of address for November election, Borough Hall, 448-0539	Wed.	10/21	8:00 p.m.	Environmental Commission, Borough Hall, Chairman Wayne Cokeley, 443-6287.
		7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.			School hours. 6:30 -8:00 p.m..	PTA Scholastic Book Fair Dianna Moore, 448-7742.
Tues.	10/6	1:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall.	Thurs.	10/22	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Regular Meeting, RPS, President Lauralynne Cokeley, 443-6287.
		2:00 p.m.	Roosevelt Senior Citizens, Borough Hall, Jeanette, President, 448-2259.			School hours 6:30 -8:00 p.m	PTA scholastic Book Fair Dianna Moore, 448-7742.
		7:30 p.m.	First Aid Squad, Borough Hall, 448-7701.	Fri	10/23		Pizza Day - RPS.
Wed.	10/7	8:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Joe Zahora, 426-4187.	Sat	10/24	8:00 p.m	RAP Program, play by Richard Lloyd, Borough Hall, Robin Middleman, 426-4583.
Thurs	10/8		Roosevelt Public School Picture Day.	Sun	10/25		Daylight Saving Time ends
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Agenda Meeting, RPS, President Lauralynne Cokeley, 443-6287.	Mon.	10/26		Big Garbage Day, materials out by 6:00 a.m., Borough Hall 448-0539.
Fri	10/9		Roosevelt Public School Pizza Day.	Wed	10/28	7:30 p.m.	Recycle. Council Committee Meeting, President Paul Hoogsteden, 448-7358.
Mon.	10/12		Columbus Day - School Closed. Hydrant Flushing to begin and end Friday - schedule will be posted at the Post Office.	Sat	10/31	7-9 p.m.	Halloween. Trick or Treat at RPS.
		7:30 p.m.	Council action meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Lee Allen, 448-6978.				
Wed	10/14		Recycle.				
Sun.	10/18	10:00 a.m	Clean Communities Litter Pick-up, Coordinator Dianna Moore,448-5745.				
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