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Borough Council Report Council Acts To Fix Old Ordinances And Award New Contracts

by Adeline Weiner

The April Council meeting lasted a brief forty minutes, due perhaps to the absence of two Council members and the fact that no members of the public were present.

Still, a considerable agenda of new business was enacted including the introduction of three ordinances that mainly serve to clarify and remove inconsistencies in previous Borough regulations. A series of resolutions were adopted to award contracts and make temporary appropriations.

Sewer Lines and Scenic Pathways

An important contract was awarded to Marvec Construction Company for replacement of sanitary sewer lines between Rochdale Avenue and Tamara Drive. The Council was pleased to note that the low bid of \$55,015 came in considerably less than the original estimate by the Borough engineers, De Muro Associates.

In this connection, the Council received a request from James Carnevale, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, asking that two of his members, John Towle and Chris Travis be invited to a pre-

construction meeting with the contractor to discuss ideas for coordinating the digging and tree removal work with the Commission's plans for the creation of scenic walkways and safe passages for children. The Board of Parks Commissioners will also participate in the planning before construction begins, according to Peter Warren, Community Relations Chairman.

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Local Primary Candidates

by Mary Alfare

Five residents have filed for ballot positions in the June 2 Democratic Primary in Roosevelt. No local Republican or Independent candidates filed by the April 11 deadline.

Nestor Sabogal and David Donnelly are candidates for the two Full Term Borough Council seats; Howard Prezant for the Unexpired (1 year) Term Council opening.

William COUNTERMAN and Mary Alfare seek the two Democratic Committee positions.

Full Term - Borough Council

Nestor Sabogal lives on North Valley Road with his wife, Mary Anne, and his daughter, Lauren. Attracted by the rural setting, they moved here two years ago from East Windsor.

A graduate of Jersey City State College, Mr. Sabogal has a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in management. He has been employed by K Mart Apparel in North Bergen for five years as Labor Relations Manager.

Over the years, he has been involved with many organizations, and on the executive boards of some. He has served as President of the

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Bulletin Board

Synagogue News

by Michael Ticktin

Klezmer Band to Return

Congregation Anshei Roosevelt is pleased to announce that the Odessa Klezmer Band, which was so well received at our Chanuka party, will be with us again on May 17, 1992 when we celebrate Israel Independence Day. The program, which will include the serving of Israeli foods, will begin at 5:00 P.M. There will be an admission charge to help cover costs. Everyone is invited to attend.

David Brahinsky to Perform

On Sunday, May 31, 1992, at 5:00 P.M., Roosevelt folk-singer David Brahinsky will conduct a program for children focusing on the Shavuot holiday. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Senior Citizen News

by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

Senior Citizen Meeting, April 7, 1992

There are many things on the agenda but this day was really for celebrating birthdays and renewing old acquaintances.

Our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon was so enjoyable that we planned another luncheon for the 24th of April.

Ilse Risenfeld and a friend came to entertain us with piano playing and violin. They were great! They played songs that were well known to the members who joined in by singing. Ilse is well known to many of us as she was a teacher at Roosevelt Public School years ago. Everyone enjoyed them and hope that they'll return soon.

Morton Rotgard joined our club. We look forward to his company.

Dessie Carter and Kitty Youhas brought all kinds of goodies - Dessie's famous cake and Kitty's strawberry shortcake. Betty Perrine also provided a chocolate cake in honor of the April birthday celebrants which included Thelma, Nick DeVito and Aglore Buote.

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Celebrating with the Community

Better Beginnings' Silver Anniversary

by Bette Witherspoon

During the twenty-five years of Better Beginnings' existence, countless community members, volunteers, not-for-profit organization members, elected officials, students, business and corporate members, individuals, and service organization members have contributed their time, services, expertise, funds, materials, concern and devotion to help others, to make a difference, and to make this area a better place to live. These people are the real "stars" of our universe!

Occasionally, we notice, and give public acclaim to these "stars", but not often enough. Therefore, in recognition of these contributions, not necessarily to Better Beginnings, but rather to the community it serves, Better Beginnings is accepting nominations for "Silver Star" awards. Twenty-five "stars" will be named, and star-shaped balloons with their name and the type of service or contribution, will be hung from the ceiling as decorations for Better Beginnings' celebration(s), including the Mayor's Charity Ball scheduled for October 3 at the newly-opened Ramada Inn. From the nominations, a "Gold Star" awardee will also be selected. Factors to be considered are:

1. Degree, type, and length of

commitment to human service (of any kind);

2. Impact, i.e., change for the better or difference made on the community/lives of others;

3. Degree to which individual demonstrates that "one person can make a difference." Unsung heroes are most welcome!

Please send your nominations by June 16, 1992, with name, address, and description of service or contribution to: Better Beginnings, Post Office Box 187, Hightstown, NJ 08520. Better Beginnings also wishes to hear from those who have contributed to or participated in Better Beginnings 25-year history. Members for a community-at-large celebration committee are also solicited. For further information, call 609-448-6226.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

**TUESDAY, MAY 19
12:30 TO 1:45 PM**

SOLAR VILLAGE

THANKS TO OUR

FRIENDS

The DiGiorgio family wishes to thank so many people for all their help in our time of need.

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad for their pleasant and efficient service.

Rose Murphy and Jeannette Koffler for all the effort and time they put in trying to get some transportation from Monmouth County that was not available to us out of our county.

To everyone who helped in organizing Harry to Princeton Hospital for radiation treatments when we were unable to supply our own transportation. It was such a nice feeling to know that so many cared. In the forty-nine years we have lived here we have always felt a closeness for our town, now we know that others think of it with family closeness too. Thanks again to Juan Castro, Gil DeMalvalaine, Lily Weisenfeld, Paul Eichler, Peter Warren, Adeenah Yeger, Bill & June Counterman, George Vasseur, Mary Alfare, Helga Wisowaty and all the others who offered their help if needed.

We also wish to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards, prayers and good wishes.

--Sincere Gratitude,

--Milly and Harry DiGiorgio

Environmentally Speaking....

by Gloria Hazell

For the past few months, for various reasons, I have not written an article for this column. But here I am again. My column is changing slightly. As well as environmental news, I will be informing you of events happening around the area, and any other bits and pieces that I feel you may be interested in will also be included.

We noticed a hole in the nose of one of our cats, but she wouldn't let us near her. Eventually a big lump erupted, and when I touched it I felt something real hard. I then realized that it was a bullet, I managed to get it out and it was a BB gun pellet. Now who ever shot it had to have been close enough to know that it was a cat that they were shooting, and the only places this cat goes are a couple of houses away from us, so that narrows the location down. Most people around us like this particular cat, and know that she is a very mild mannered old lady. I am outraged by this act, and if I find out who did it, may just lose my sense of peace loving, and take up violence towards this insensitive, inhuman, piece of fecal matter.

The reason I'm writing this is to warn others that once more we have a raving lunatic out there after our

animals. I am absolutely appalled that someone could deliberately go out of his way to shoot a pet. In my eyes all killing is wrong, the Creator gave life to everything, from the smallest insect, to the largest mammal. All have a purpose here on this wonderful earth. In the plan of things, everything plays its part in keeping the ecosystems going. Humans are the ones who are ruining the way things should be. We destroy for the sake of it, no respect is given to life, which in turn tells the Great Spirit that we no longer respect the highest power there is.

Once it was known that everything had a spirit force, no matter what it was, animal, plant, stone, water, person. The people back then respected that, and lived accordingly. We, today's people, have forgotten all that our fore-fathers knew. We often care for other humans, and occasionally for small fluffy animals, but as for insects, ugly animals, trees, anything, or anyone different to us, we care not one iota. It's a wonder we have survived for as long as we have.

Critical, aren't I? Well it's because recently I have been travelling and giving talks, on environmental issues, the Earth Changes, and Native Americans. I

find that where-ever I am, someone tells me about some horrendous act that they have witnessed, and they ask why people are like this. I'm afraid I can't tell them, can you?

Let's change the subject...

In May, in Texas, over a hundred indigenous Peace Elders from around the world are getting together to work for the good of humanity, and the earth. A thousand people are expected to participate in this event. Andy and I will be running their Childrens' Environmental program. The event called "Wolf Song II" is being sponsored by Mary Elizabeth Thunder, at the Thunder-Horse Ranch, in West Point. I have information if you are interested in joining us. It should be an earth-shattering event.

In June: The Peace and Dignity Run, will be coming through Princeton. Native Americans are running from various points in America, and along the way they will be putting on educational programs to show how the indigenous peoples are still very much alive and doing things for the earth. This event comes from a vision of a Mexica Elder, who sees the four colors of man coming together in peace and harmony.

Support the *Bulletin*

Natives of the Earth are assisting in this event so I have details. If you're interested in giving us a hand, please contact me.

I would like to share with you one of my articles that has been published in two magazines during the past few months.

“The Prejudices of Man”

Recently thoughts of this subject have been coming to me regularly, mainly because I've been speaking with a lot of Native Americans. The way they are still treated by society, is frightening. I wondered why people hate one another so much, and I came to the realization that we are all indoctrinated to hate and be scared of other races, religions, and social habits. Whites are told that Indians are lazy alcoholics. Blacks are thought of by society as being druggies or pushers who carry guns and knives and attack people. The yellow race is always portrayed as a people who have lots of kids, which tips the balance of the population, and as communists, carry a little red book

around. The Japanese, Koreans, and Vietnamese are shown as cruel people, and are still disliked by society because of the wars.

That is what we as whites are told, but consequently those races are indoctrinated too. Red people are told that all non-Indians are dangerous, especially the whites, because we steal their land, religions and anything else that they keep sacred. Of course blacks fare no better. They have the memories of slavery, Civil Rights, and the Klan to add to their history, and I guess the yellow race has the same type of history to be indoctrinated with.

When are we as people of this world going to be given the chance to decide for ourselves about other people? Why do we have to wear this antiquated millstone around our necks? Can we not be trusted to use our own experiences, our intuitions to see who is bad or good. I was brought up to believe that everyone is equal, and I was lucky enough to have friends of all races throughout my life. And yes, there are bad of all colors, including white. But I found that out for myself. When coming to this country from England eleven years ago my first friend just happened to be black, and next door to us lived a Korean family, who my kids made friends with. Yet whites who lived near to us were cold and standoffish. Now we have friends of all colors

over here, also of all religions, and ages.

People are people, they bleed the same red blood, the same salty tears, and have the same feelings inside of them. If we were blind we wouldn't be able to see the differences, we also wouldn't be able to see the beautiful flowers of various colors which live together in peace, and make a wonderful display just being together. We also wouldn't see the forests of different trees, together making a world of security and protection for themselves and us.

Why don't we all go out today and say “Hi” to someone who is different to us. Watch the shock, and gradually the smile come on that person's face. We all have to take a stand to make a change in our world. After all we all live on the same planet, and if we are given half a chance we can complement each other.

Published in Into the Light and Awakenings.

The thing I love about our unique Roosevelt community is that there are no prejudices here, we accept all races, religions, cultures and ages as our friends. Lots this month, but that's it. Have a great spring.

K. and the Haunted House

by Peter Warren

One lovely spring day last year, Tati and I noticed that the house at 40 Pine Drive seemed empty. In fact, it was empty. The State Department of Human Services, which had bought the property in 1980 had quietly tiptoed out in October 1988 without a word to anyone.

My first thought was: Get it back on the tax rolls! For 10 years, the State had paid the borough a few cents on the dollar "in lieu of taxes." Put another way, the taxpayers of Roosevelt had been contributing about \$3,000 a year to subsidize a home for autistic children and were now paying the same amount to subsidize a building which was deteriorating fast, as I found when I went in.

Thus began my descent into the Kafkaesque intricacies of New Jersey government. Governor Florio has money problems - right? The State owns a saleable property - right? So sell it!

Not quite so simple. First, Human Services had taken two and a half years - and completely missed the real estate boom - to discover that no other State agency wanted it. Then - by now it was last summer - the Treasury couldn't sell the property until the Legislature introduced and passed a specific bill authorizing the sale. When I got into the act, Human Services was in the process of drafting such a bill and sent me a copy.

In mid-summer, Senator Van Wagner introduced the bill - and then resigned. I talked with our then Senator Bennett whose staff, together with the staff of Assemblywoman Farragher, took up the bill and re-introduced it.

The bill finally reached committee January, in the waning days of the 1991 legislative session. Mike Ticktin and I went to testify at the committee hearing. The committee itself, however, was too busy on the floor to show up, so all we could do was sign a form giving the number of the bill and checking that we favored passage! Apparently it worked. On the last afternoon of the last day of the session - it passed.

Meanwhile, as the autumn leaves began to turn yellow, I called the Treasury to find out what they would do to protect the building when winter came. They sent me a copy of an order they had sent to Human Services to "winterize" the house. Human Services did nothing.

The Treasury also sent me a key. I had not entered the door since the late Sixties - I vaguely remembered a house festive with the joy and love of New Year's Eve parties, the loveliest house in Roosevelt.

Now it was spooky. The once-fine parquet floors, buckled in some rooms, were covered with grease, mouse droppings and, in one room, a pool of water. A broken window was boarded in. Vines had crept under the windows. The back yard was overgrown. The wooden deck was rotting. The dirty toilet ran continuously.

Once the bill was passed, the Treasury announced that the property would be

auctioned at a starting price of \$130,000 - a reasonable price if it were ready for immediate occupancy. By that time, I knew the condition of the house well enough to realize that no one in his right mind would pay more than \$70,000 for the pleasure of restoring it: it could easily cost \$50,000 to make it liveable again. When the house was auctioned in March, no one bid for it.

At one time, the State had done a schlock job of repairing the roof, which leaks. The skylights leak. The eaves are rotted. A sink and tub are stopped up. The house is infested with carpenter ants and termites. It needs electrical work and removal of obsolete fire alarms. The water pipes may have frozen.

To put things in perspective, the house is still unsold, unsalable and deteriorating. Human Services grudgingly did pay two contractors (whom I took the trouble to find for them) to clean the interior and to fix the furnace - a drop in the ocean of improvements needed.

After the failed auction, and having been contacted by Senator Dimon's office, now that we are in his district, the Treasury wriggles and procrastinates, banking on its protective inertia to outlast any effort to budge it. Maybe they'll try another auction in the summer, and maybe bidders will fight over it. As they assure the Senator's office, they are "anxious to get it sold."

Just thought you'd be interested, while your April 15 state tax payments are still fresh in your mind.

Men, Women and Money

by Peter Warren

Despite the title, this article is not so much about relations between the sexes as about relations between Council and town in a pathbreaking innovation, an innovation which has already brought us a variety of benefits costing nothing in property taxes and promising more benefits in the future.

Among other things, this approach has made it possible to carry out, at virtually no cost to the community, the vital Impact Study outlined by Alan Mallach when he was Chairman of the Planning Board, and which he estimated could cost upwards of \$60,000. What is more, there is a good chance of completing the Impact Study before December.

During the past year, a collective Council - Town effort has obtained four cash grants bringing us about \$16,000.

Apart from the Council's \$125,000 DOT grant to reconstruct Farm Lane, the five other grants - two from Clean Communities, two from DEPE and one from the County Historical Commission - although smaller, directly involve community action.

The Board of Park Commissioners has used the Clean Communities funds - about \$8,000 so far - to pay for equipment and beautification projects. The Board of Education is using the \$4,500 in

Historical Commission monies for installations to present our historical memorabilia.

The Environmental Commission used the first \$2,500 DEPE grant to pay a coordinator, Professor Jean-Marie Hartman of Rutgers, to prepare the wetlands analysis for the Planning Board's Impact Study, and will use the second grant to do additional wetlands. She has been able to do this study because members of the Environmental Commission literally went into the fields, compass and string in hand, to plot streams and delineate surrounding wetlands to transcribe to the coordinator's map.

Another 10 projects, totalling perhaps the equivalent of \$54,000 in dollar costs, have provided useful grants-in-kind to help the community in services rather than cash.

Professor Listokin, also of Rutgers, was so impressed by the example of a Planning Board carrying out its own Impact Study, rather than engaging a consulting firm to prepare it (at a cost of perhaps \$20,000) that he has donated his services as coordinator of the fiscal aspects of the Study.

Last year, EPA provided technical advice free of charge to our utilities operators. The County is using Roosevelt for a Lyme Disease eradication pilot study, and, in separate projects, cleaned a number of our clogged storm drains, and

provided our historical designation signs.

Closer to home, some of our own residents have tackled four necessary projects which might have cost as much as \$30,000 if we had hired them out: the property tax reassessment, which Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin carried out at a minimal cost; the codification of borough ordinances which Michael, Bob Clark and Sol Metzger are working on; and the State-mandated Emergency Management Plan for which Ed Miller has won State approval, so that we can now implement it and become eligible for State funds in case of disaster; and the water conservation study, mandated by DEPE, which Jim Carnevale and others are carrying out. And each year, our recycling coordinator brings us in a small but welcome grant for tonnage recycled.

These innovations take place against the background of month-in-month-out service to the community by the duly elected and appointed boards, by First Aid and Fire Company, by the staff of the Bulletin and in the new Roosevelt Community TV.

We have a probably still untapped potential for matching grants and in kind with community service. We are looking for them as well as rigorously tracking conventional cash grants from DOT and CDBG.

Borough Council Report

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Good Marks for Recycling

David Donnelly, Chairman of the Committee on Environment, Safety and Health, reported at the agenda meeting the good news that Roosevelt achieved an increase of some 30 tons of recycled material in last year's haul: that is, 110 tons, up from 79.9 tons in 1990.

The Council passed a resolution to apply for a recycling grant of some \$200 for which the verification of our recycling efforts now qualifies us.

Big Response

Mr. Donnelly also announced a record turnout for the semi-annual clean-up event...37 people! They succeeded in picking up half a ton of litter, including 14 tires. He heartily thanked all who participated and noted especially the contribution of Michelle and Lenny Hillis who provided refreshments after the hard work of

gathering litter from every corner of the Borough.

Protest Against Rise in Rates

Two Council resolutions were addressed to the State Board of Regulatory Commissioners urging opposition to rate increases by PSE&G (14.19%) and JCP&L (13%). Another resolution declared the Mayor's and Council's opposition to any cuts by President Bush in the funding of the Community Development Block Grant program and an adamant protest against any move toward eliminating these funds altogether, as President Bush has indicated might be possible.

Contracts and Other Matters

The Council awarded contracts to:

Spectraserv, Inc. for sludge holding tank cleanout at a cost of \$39,000. Also to Mason, Griffin and Pierson for possible use in defense litigation, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

The residency requirements of Gary Genung, who lives in Perrineville, were waived to allow him membership in the Roosevelt Fire Company, pending a successful physical examination.

Council Member Bill Counterman announced a special meeting to adopt the budget on April 27.

State Senator Dimon who chairs a Senior Citizen Advisory Council asked for two representatives and two alternates from Roosevelt. The Mayor appointed Jeanette Koffler and Mary Ann Perrine, with Robert Eisner and Leonard Sacharoff as alternates.

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS MONDAY, MAY 18

WILL BE BIG GARBAGE PICK-UP DAY !

PLEASE REMEMBER:

DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FROM REFRIGERATORS !

TREE CLIPPINGS/LIMBS BUNDLED-NOT OVER 4 FT

NO CAR BATTERIES, CAR PARTS, RIDING MOWERS, BARRELS OR TIRES !

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAINERS!

NO RECYCLABLE MATERIALS !

DO NOT PLACE TRASH ON CURB MORE THAN 3 DAYS PRIOR TO PICK-UP !

PICK-UP MAY START AS EARLY AS 6 AM !

CALL BORO HALL FOR QUESTIONS

Local Primary Candidates

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Garden State Youth Club (1978-80), and of the College Young Democrats (1980-82). He says that he likes to work at getting people involved.

Mr. Sabogal's decision to run for borough Council is based on his personal philosophy, "Having gotten so much from life, there is a responsibility to give something in return to the community." He believes that his business and management experience will be an asset to the Council.

David Donnelly and his wife, Gayle, have lived on Farm Lane for four years. Mr. Donnelly was appointed to an unexpired Council term last January and has been recycling coordinator since January 1991.

He is a graduate of St. Peter's College in Jersey City with a degree in Accounting. He is employed by the marketing division of ReClaim, a recycling company in Kearny.

Since his appointment to the Council, Mr. Donnelly has been liaison to the Environmental Commission and Chairman of the Health and Safety Committee. He continues as recycling coordinator. Under his management, recycling tonnage has increased by more than 25%.

Borough Council - 1 Year Unexpired Term

Howard Prezant and his wife, Louise, have lived on Maple Court for 39 years. They have been partners in their public accounting firm since 1972.

Mr. Prezant has served, over the years, as a member of the Borough Council for two terms and as President, Planning Board member, Board of Adjustment member, Borough Treasurer, Chief Municipal Finance Officer, Deputy Tax Collector, Treasurer of the Board of Education (1962 through present), and as a member of the Roosevelt Fire Company, Parks Commission and Lyme Disease Advisory Council.

He is also a member of the West Windsor Lion's Club, the Masons, Congregation Anshei Roosevelt and the Jewish War Veterans.

Mr. Prezant believes that his extensive experience will continue to be important in resolving the financial challenges facing Roosevelt.

Democratic Committee

William Counterman, who has lived on Lake Drive for 31 years with his wife, June, is serving his tenth and final year on Borough Council. His active memberships, over the years include: Roosevelt First Aid Squad, Fourth of July Committees, PTA, Millstone-Roosevelt Little League and Cub and Boy Scouts.

He is a member of the Clarksburg/Emleys Hill United Methodist Church, The Gideon's International, Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 F. & A.M., and the American Red Cross.

Mr. Counterman believes that as Democratic Committeeman he can "work effectively in recruiting and supporting candidates for office, who will keep Roosevelt a town that we can be proud of."

Finally I, Mary Alfare, live with my husband, Carlo and my daughter, Katie, on Lake Drive. I have been a resident of Roosevelt for 14 years.

I am a writer for the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, and a member of the Roosevelt PTA, Welfare Board, and Lyme Disease Advisory Council.

For the past five years, I have been active in promoting community involvement in elections and local government and have worked to foster stronger ties between Roosevelt and the Monmouth County and 30th District Democrats.

**RESCUE
THE
FUTURE**

RECYCLE !

**Recycling Dates
for May**

**Thursday May
14th & 28th**

Omnia Mutantur....Everything Changes....

by Peter Warren

New Kids on the Block... None.

Engaged... Cheryl Clayton of Roosevelt and Martin Borosko of East Windsor.

Moving In... The Blaneys to Britten house on South Rochdale.

Moving Out... Denise Britten.

On the Market... As of April 15, 18 houses for sale.

Median Price... Of an existing house in Monmouth and Ocean Counties 1991 was \$132,000, forecast to rise to \$140,000 by end 1992; current median listed or sales price of 18 Roosevelt houses is about at the County median.

Visiting... Author and translator William Weaver to write an article for Architectural Digest on the historic contribution of Louis Kahn to the architecture of 1930's Jersey Homesteads.

Awarded... Ed.D from Columbia to Dr. Harry Groveman, Administrator of Roosevelt Primary School; to Rossi's Lena Mitchell's daughter Tandie, at Allentown High School, gold medal in Cosmetology; in competition among 11 counties; Citation as student achiever by the Monmouth County School Board Association to 6th grader Sarah Henry, with two other County pupils.

Admitted... To Princeton University, Joshua Ticktin.

Exhibited... Paintings of Robin Filepp at the 22nd Monmouth Festival of the Arts held April 4-8 at the Monmouth Reform Temple at Tinton Falls; of Bernarda Bryson Shahn April 1-26 at Peddie School's Mariboe Gallery.

Lost... In three years since employment peaked February 1989, 12,600 private sector jobs in Monmouth County, 7.4% of peak jobs; of 277,000 jobs lost, 7.5%, in New Jersey as a whole.

Naturalized Citizens... Forty out of Roosevelt's 600-ish registered voters.

Licensed... As of April 15, 115 dogs of about 140 in town.

Rabies Cases... Since 1989, in New Jersey 1,646; in Monmouth County 65; in Roosevelt 2.

Black Bears... Number at least 250 in New Jersey, but none have yet been sighted in Roosevelt or Assunpink Park.

Recycled... 100 tons of materials in 1991, up 25% from 1990.

Contract Awarded... For replacement of 135 feet of sewer line with 12 inch PVC pipe along Empty Box Brook between South Rochdale Road and Tamara Drive to Marvec at a cost of \$55,000.

Scheduled for Completion... Reconstruction of Sewer Treatment Plant in late April or early May.

Flowing... Month of March sewerage 167,000 gpd (DEPE ceiling 250,000 gpd); water 108,000 gpd (conservation goal 90,000).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What happened to the Bulletin? It has been late reaching us, paper is wasted, which in this time of ecological awareness is completely wrong, and the size of print is ridiculous.

It saddens me to watch the Bulletin fading away, which is what I see occurring. The time, effort, and money that was put into keeping the paper alive a couple of years ago, seems to have been wasted. Back then there were fewer of us working on the publication, but we cared 100% for the Bulletin. We saw it resurrected, with assistance from Mark Zuckerman and MIRA. Maybe Mark was too efficient, because some of us left, feeling that everything was under control, and that we could have a well deserved rest. Maybe we should not have taken that vacation.

I was one of the late-comers to the group of Bulletin people. Folks like David Brahinsky, Addy Weiner, Honey Sochowitzky, Peter Berlinrut, Bob Clark, Helga Wisowaty, Lillian Warren and Herb Johnson, were the old faithfuls and when my name joined theirs on the Mast-head, I felt

very honored to be a part of the town's finest. Back then Roosevelt was a homey town, it had a 4th of July picnic with old fashioned fireworks, the new houses hadn't been built, Cemetery Road was still just that, and characters such as Reverend John and Morris Chasen were still alive.

The paper's production team was more than that, it was a family, and in all families arguments happen. Attending a monthly editorial meeting was like a family gathering, so many strong voices and opinions, all wanting their own way, yet David dealt with it all in his own calm quiet fashion, and the Bulletin was pulled together, and brought to life each month, on time. Back then, the schedule and the typed copy were taken to the lay-out/paste-up person, they did their bit and sent it to the printer, when it came back, everyone got together to collate it. It was a well oiled machine that always worked, but it was always done by hand. Computers came along with Mark, and the work-load altered, no more lay-out, paste-up, making heads, or even scheduling. Everything became automated, and now was done by a

machine, which supposedly made it more efficient. The trouble at that point though is that people are still needed to write the articles, and someone has to input the information into the computer. When no one is available to do that then problems occur.

Can it be that the paper is now too sophisticated for its own good? Is it automating itself out of business? Are the 'now' production team as concerned with its welfare? I would hate to see the Bulletin die. Too many people have put their souls into it over the years, not only on the production side, but the writers too, who have expressed their feelings in one way or another. Old or young, eloquent or not, in prose or just words, all of these people have had a say in this small paper of this even smaller town, in this great country. We have a historic town, and the paper is pretty historic too. Let's not lose it.

--Yours,

--Gloria Hazell

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3	4 7:30 PM Council Agenda Meeting-Boro Hall	5 2:00 PM Senior Citizens-Boro Hall-Jeanette Koffler, Pres	6 7:30 PM Roosevelt Co-op Ordering-Judith Cootzman-443-4948 8:00 PM Environmental Commission-Boro Hall-I. Carnivale	7 1:30 AM Kindergarten Roundup-RPS 7:30 PM Board of Education Agenda-RPS	8	9 ○ FQ
10  Mother's Day	11 7:30 PM Council Action Meeting-Boro Hall-Lee Allen, Mayor 8:00 PM PTA-RPS-Adelena Yeger Pres 443-5848	12	13 8:00 PM Planning Board-Boro Hall-Gail Hunton 426-4338	14  Recycl-ables	15	16 ○ FM Armed Forces Day
17 5:00 PM Odessa Klazner Band-Synagogue	18 7:30 PM Council Committee-Boro Hall 8:00 PM Congregation Anabei Roosevelt-Synagogue	19 12:30 PM Blood Pressure Check-Solar Village 8:30 PM Roosevelt Co-op Distribution & Pickup-Boro Hall	20	21 7:30 PM Board of Education Action-RPS-John Ord 443-1744	22	23
24 ○ LQ	25 7:30 PM Council Committee-Boro Hall  Memorial Day (Observed)	26 7:30 PM First Aid-Boro Hall-Susan Oxford 443-0525	27	28  Recycl-ables	29	30
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