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Borough Council Names Committees Water/Sewer Rates to Rise in March

by Adeline Weiner

Following an organization meeting on January 2 that was marked by grave tension between the Mayor and five members of the Borough Council, the Council was found to have the power to name the members of its working committees.

The dispute arose when Mayor Leon Barth attempted to reappoint Ed Moser Chair of Public Utilities against his express wish to be relieved of this responsibility after two years of zealous service and in view of pressing new problems on his job. Barth also tried to relieve Council President Carol Watchler of her post as Administrative Chair despite her stated preference to continue in this role. Bill Counterman, the sixth member, was the Mayor's choice for this job.

Procedure Challenged

Members were disturbed that the Mayor not only rejected specific requests but failed to consult them about their desires and interests, as, they claimed, had long been the custom. The Mayor, on the other hand, maintained that to his knowledge, his was the accepted process for the past 10 years: that as Mayor he had the sole right of assignment of Council personnel to committees. Motions to challenge the ruling of the Mayor were repeatedly rejected and the atmosphere grew steadily more heated although all parties showed admirable restraint. The

issue was temporarily resolved when Barth accepted Watchler's patiently reiterated suggestion that in view of the urgent business at hand, committee appointments be postponed for the few days needed to determine the appropriate rules of procedure.

Legal Answer

A state legislative statute, No. 40A, that was passed, it turns out, in 1987, empowers municipal bodies to appoint their own committees to carry out their

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Planning Board Membership Changes

by Bob Clark

At its January 4 monthly meeting the Planning Board reorganized and started the year with two vacancies—the public officer position previously held by Harold Haught, who moved from town several months ago, and one alternate position formerly held by Anita Cervantes, whose term expired at the end of 1988. [Haught's replacement, William Lentz, was announced at the Council meeting. See *Borough Appointments for 1989*, page 15, Ed.]

Deborah Metzger, whose term also expired at the end of 1988, was reappointed by the Mayor.

Mayor Leon Barth, also a member of the Planning Board, had decided not to reappoint Cervantes, who had chaired the Board's Farmlands Study Committee and served as its representative at meetings intended to improve communications between the Planning Board, School officials and the Borough Council. Barth declined to give any reasons for his decision not to reappoint Cervantes.

The Mayor has the sole authority to make appointments to the Planning Board.

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Remember to License Your Dog

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Editorial: Roosevelt's Hunter-Guests

The hunting season brings to town a number of guests.

There are those who come to hunt in the Wildlife Management Area, taking care to respect the attendant rules and regulations.

There are also those who seem to regard the rules and regulations with contempt, and who treat the entire area—including the Borough—as their private hunting preserve.

Hunters are licensed by the State, and are entitled to hunt in the reserved areas. People living near these areas have the right to expect protection both for their safety—of their person and their property—and for their peace of mind.

We believe that those hunters who obey the rules and respect the concerns of Roosevelt residents are welcome guests of our community. They benefit the local economy, and come here to share and enjoy the rural environment of Roosevelt.

They also help to control the size of the local deer population. The number of deer is reaching a level where many residents are concerned about the nuisance of protecting their property from grazing herds and the potential danger deer pose to traffic. There is also a serious public health hazard: deer carry ticks whose bites can cause Lyme's Disease—the incidence of which is on the rise in Roosevelt.

However, we also believe that those hunters who place themselves above the rules are abusing the hospitality of Roosevelt. These law-breakers are unwanted guests who spoil the spirit of the hunting season and endanger our safety.

For those who doubt the existence of a problem, the evidence is clear. There is a Borough ordinance, adopted in 1972, which prohibits—with few exceptions—the discharge of firearms and bows within the Borough. Yet deer entrails and hunters' blinds—semi-permanent shelters from which hunters shoot game—have been discovered within Borough limits. The local government has posted notices of the ordinance, but they disappear.

It is the policy of the *Bulletin* that an editorial can appear only with the unanimous agreement of the Board of Trustees. We adopted this policy last spring with the knowledge that such unanimity would be rare. It is not our purpose or intent to lecture our neighbors, and we seek to prevent the *Bulletin* from becoming a platform to promote a parochial point of view.

We are unanimous in our belief that the problem of law-breaking hunters merits the extraordinary step of presenting our view in an editorial. Articles on this subject have appeared in our pages, and the problem persists. We hope that our strongest possible statement will encourage firm and effective measures to control a potentially dangerous situation.

We believe that it is in the mutual interest of Roosevelt residents and responsible hunters that the law-breakers be stopped. This handful of reckless hunters has given all hunters an undeservedly poor reputation. The event of a tragic accident—for which there are precedents in towns like ours—could result in open hostility by the residents toward all hunters.

We urge our neighbors to make their concerns on this issue known, and to work with the Mayor and Council on solutions. We have some suggestions:

- Establish a working dialog between local government and the managers of the Wildlife Area to get stricter enforcement of the regulations.
- Establish a committee of Roosevelt residents who are hunters to work with the Mayor and Council to inform our visiting hunters about the concerns of residents and the terms of our regulations.
- Establish trails through the public woods, and encourage the habit of walking through them. Spot illegally placed hunters' blinds and report them.

In the meantime, let us know what you think. Write the *Bulletin*.

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work. Mayor Barth apologized for the misunderstanding, and at the agenda meeting on January 9, the following committee personnel for 1989 was unanimously agreed upon (chair in boldface):

- Administration: **Watchler**, Alt, Lipoti
- Public Utilities: **Magnes**, Lipoti, Counterman
- Public Property and Cemetery: **Alt**, Moser, Watchler
- Streets and Roads: **Counterman**, Alt, Magnes
- Culture and Recreation: **Moser**, Magnes, Watchler

[For a list of Borough appointments for 1989, see page 15, Ed.]

High Cost of Waste, Continued

At the regular January 11 meeting, Marilyn Magnes, the new Chair of Public Utilities, delivered a comprehensive report on the overall picture of our Water Treatment Plant problem. She restated for purposes of clarity the major issues facing our town. There are two aspects to consider, she said:

1. The need to improve the functioning of the plant itself, for which we have already undertaken, and begun to pay back, the sum of \$700,000 in bonds; and

2. The problem of excessive infiltration and inflow of water into the plant, to cost an estimated \$500,000 on which we have not initiated any serious action.

Strike One

Magnes went on to say that a meeting with two DEP officials was arranged by former Borough Engineer Birdsall that included Council members Magnes and Watchler and Mayor Barth, on December 19 at the office of the DEP in Trenton. The purpose of the meeting was to negotiate a measure of flexibility in the amount and quality of discharge required and a possible delay in deadlines.

Notice of this meeting was posted and four members of the community also appeared at that time. Magnes

stated that the outcome was not a success, possibly because the two DEP representatives might have been overwhelmed by the size of the delegation from Roosevelt. Their normal custom is to deal with only one or two engineers on these matters. She also mentioned that the unfortunate presence of a tape recorder brought to the table by the unofficial visitors may possibly have had a discouraging effect on a potentially frank and open dialogue. She urged that future public participation be discussed in advance in concert with ongoing plans for Borough action.

New Rise in Rates

An amendment to Ordinance 24-7 was introduced and held for public hearing that proposes to raise the water/sewer rate by \$10.00 per month to \$65.00 for most residents.

Magnes presented three large charts that graphically illustrated a six-year perspective showing estimated revenues and expenditures. In brief summary, her figures showed that if there were no increase in users' fees, our water-sewer budget would begin to be in the "red" by the end of 1990; whereas with a \$10.00 increase starting in March, we would not go into the "red" until the beginning of 1992. She warned that even this prospect will hold only if (a) the DEP does not impose immediate demands for the elimination of excess infiltration and inflow, (the half-million dollar project mentioned above), and (b) there are no unexpected costly breakdowns afflicting the system in the next few years.

Matters of Business and Welfare

Among the actions and business of the Borough Council during the past two months is a resolution, brought in by Jill Lipoti, Chair of Public Safety, who, at the suggestion of Michael Ticktin, has requested of the New Jersey Forest Fire Service that all of Roosevelt be included within the area they serve. If accepted, this should lend very substantial support to our own fire-fighting efforts.

The Council also voted to approve David Francis, Steve Leusner and Adam Lifland as members of the Fire Department, provided they pass their physical examinations.

An emergency fire truck repair of \$3,000.00 was approved, and notices listing the Borough's firearms ordinance rules were distributed recently in an effort to counteract frequent violations by hunters [see *Editorial*, page 2, Ed.].

Former Streets and Roads Chair Magnes reported that though there were a few cars parked on the street during the recent snowfall, owners responded well to her visits to warn them about leaving cars on snowy streets. She noted, however, that several residents were unhappy about what they felt was a tendency to "play favorites" when it comes to enforcement of parking regulations. It was announced that the Planning Board is preparing a new ordinance on the parking of vehicles in the Borough.

Contracts were agreed on for:

- Garbage collection for the year at \$41,600, to Intra-City, Inc.
- Work on the overflow pipe on the water tank, at \$14,000 to Proctor, Baker
- For transportation services for senior and handicapped residents, to SCAT Services.

Councilman Ralph Seligman and Recycling Coordinator Lou Esakoff, on different occasions, were bade farewell by the Mayor and Council and warmly thanked for their years of devoted effort and concern for the community.

Members of the community were urged to use the new library housed in a renovated schoolroom provided by the Roosevelt Board of Education. Although the Monmouth County Bookmobile has been discontinued, the County, to whom we pay a regular library tax, has pledged to supply the needs of the new local library, headed by Margaret Schlinski and Anne DeCocco [see *Public Library has Grand Opening*, page 6, Ed.].

School Board Discusses Monitoring

by Dolores Chasan

At its business meeting of January 19, the Board of Education reviewed the status of the school plant and program prior to monitoring by the State in February.

At stake is certification for RPS. There are two possible levels of certification [see *RPS Prepares for Monitoring*, opposite page, Ed.].

CSA Harry Groveman talked about the results of a pre-monitoring inspection, which dealt with problems in the school building. The inspectors cited flaws in the gym floor, inadequate lighting at the Rochdale Avenue entrance, absence of covers for the lights in the library, and lack of a report of inspection for the boiler. They also required the removal of the platform sides of the stage.

The boiler had been looked at by an inspection company last August. However, the written report of the inspection has yet to be received by the Board. It was mentioned that the State would accept a report of inspection by the fire marshal in lieu of the inspection company's report.

Groveman reported that the gym floor and the lighting have been modified to meet requirements. The platform sides of the stage have yet to be removed. He added that RPS has attempted to comply with State requests as they have arisen. However, he warned of the possibility that the February monitors may find new areas of non-compliance.

Ilene Levine, the RPS staff member who is the Affirmative Action Officer, made a report of all the activities to comply with this aspect of the monitoring. She also invited anyone in the community, or any member of the school population, to point out any areas of discrimination or bias in the instructional materials used at RPS. The staff is making a careful evaluation of these materials with these concerns in mind.

According to the five-year plan, RPS desired to have at least one minority staff member. Through its normal channels of advertising for staff, RPS has yet to be successful in reaching this goal. It was suggested that recruiting at the college level might be a more effective means of hiring minorities. Groveman agreed that this would be done.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Groveman expressed confidence that RPS would pass the State monitoring. Both Groveman and Board President Ed Grossman thanked the RPS staff for their efforts in preparing the school for monitoring.

Budget Given Preliminary Approval

The Board approved the proposed budget for the 1989-90 school year [printed in full on page 7, Ed.].

The budget must be submitted to the County by February 15 for its approval. Following this, there will be a final public budget hearing in March. The budget will then be submitted for approval by the voters in April.

Groveman reported that the new budget represents a 1.5% increase over the previous budget, and a 4.55% increase in the school tax levy. Board member Ed Goetzmann added that this was possibly the lowest increase in the county, and perhaps even the state. The sour note was that the State was reducing its funding level to 91%.

During the public discussion, Lou Esakoff asked the cost per pupil for educating children in the Roosevelt Public School. Groveman replied that the cost per pupil was approximately \$6,000. Esakoff argued that his arithmetic indicated the figure was in the \$9,000 range. A heated discussion followed until Esakoff was ruled out of order by Board President Ed Grossman. Esakoff then left the meeting.

Asbestos Issue Raised

David Bulkin asked about the presence of asbestos in the building. He was assured by the Board that asbestos was present only in the furnace room. This room had been effectively sealed, so there was no danger of asbestos contamination.

Committees Organized

To comply with the community involvement requirement of the five-year plan, Grossman announced the formation of three committees. Each will be composed of two Board members, two members of the community, one member of the Borough Council, and one member of the Planning Board.

One committee will investigate a sending/receiving relationship with an area school district. The second will explore possible options regarding regionalization. The third committee will study the option of maintaining the current educational structure.

Debra Allen and Bob Petrilla will be the Board representatives to the sending/receiving study committee. The community members will be Howard Chasan and Hortense Sochowitzky. Gail Hunton will represent the Planning Board. A Council representative has yet to be named.

Margaret Schliniski and Art Unger will be the Board members on the regionalization study committee. Lou Esakoff and Mary Alfare will represent the community. Bill Counterman will be the Council representative, and Mel Friedman will represent the Planning Board.

Anne DeCocco and Jan Plumb will represent the Board on the third committee. Connie and David Herrstrom and Steven Yeger are the members from the public. Jill Lipoti is the Council representative, and Leon Barth will represent the Planning Board.

Policy Manual Published

A completed policy book for the Roosevelt Public School has been presented to the Board by member Debra Allen. A copy will be available to the public in the public library. In addition, interested members of the community may view a copy of this manual by calling the Board Secretary.

Other Business

It was announced that the staff has completed a mathematics Scope and Sequence for grades K-6. Candidates for new mathematics texts to support the Scope and Sequence are being examined.

The Student Council has asked permission to hold a dance.

The Talented and Gifted program has produced a school newspaper, which will be made available to the entire community. Interested residents without children in school can get copies in the school office.

There was a lengthy discussion about extending the voting hours of

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RPS Prepares for Monitoring

by Harry Groveman

During the week of February 21st, a team of county and state education department officials will be spending three full days inspecting and assessing the Roosevelt Public School in a process known as monitoring. This monitoring process, which occurs in five-year cycles, is the means by which the state inspects school programs for the purpose of certifying that a district has met all the standards required of them.

During the last monitoring cycle in 1983, schools were certified if they were rated acceptable in nine essential elements and passed 36 out of 40 indicators.

Under our current cycle of monitoring, Roosevelt will be required to achieve an acceptable rating in 10 essential elements and pass 43 out of 43 indicators. The 10 elements that comprise the 43 indicators are:

1. School Planning: three areas or indicators
2. School and Community Relations: five areas or indicators
3. Comprehensive Curriculum and Instruction: seven indicators
4. Pupil Attendance: three indicators
5. Facilities: four indicators
6. Staff: seven indicators
7. Mandated Programs: three indicators
8. Mandated Basic Skills Tests: two indicators
9. Equal Educational Opportunity/Affirmative Action: three indicators
10. Financial: six indicators

Because of the tougher standards, about 40% of all school districts monitored thus far have been unable to attain what is known as Level I certification. As a result these schools enter what is known as Level II monitoring and must develop corrective action plans to bring any areas rated unacceptable up to an acceptable level before the state will issue them certification.

How Is Roosevelt Going To Do?

Having been at Roosevelt for only four months and having so little time to get ready certainly does not help,

but for the most part RPS should do fairly well. The Board of Education, the staff and I are committed to doing everything we can to ready the school for this process.

What makes it somewhat more difficult is that in addition to evaluating the school at present, the monitoring process reviews records from our previous years' history as well. It would be difficult to predict whether or not we will pass during the Level I process or shortly thereafter in the Level II process, but I can assure everyone that we will pass and we will be fully certified by the state.

From the results of two pre-monitoring county inspections and my own best assessments of our status, I feel RPS would easily be rated acceptable on an overwhelming majority of the 43 required indicators right now. In addition, we have already initiated improvement and/or corrective action plans in the few areas where we remain weaker.

The Real Benefit

However, the real benefit of the whole process is not whether we pass at Level I or Level II, but that RPS has the unique opportunity to be independently evaluated by a team of educational professionals who will be able to assess how we are going about the business of educating the students of RPS.

Another benefit is that it affords all of us at RPS the opportunity to show off the progress we have been making while receiving suggestions for how to do things even better.

In short, we will be getting a report card, and like everyone awaiting their report card, we are both nervous and excited. Once we receive our final report it will be shared with the public and openly discussed at the March or April Board meeting depending on how quickly the monitors' findings are completed and sent to us.

The support and involvement of this community has been wonderful during my first few months and I hope it will continue when I bring our report card home later this year.

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator at RPS.

New Staff at RPS

by Anne DeCocco

The Education/Personnel Committee is happy to report that we have two new staff members at RPS—and a promotion.

Charles Mitchell is our new evening maintenance worker, Monday through Friday. His many talents have made him a real boon to the building. He has saved us money on many jobs because of his ability to do them himself: He has put in electrical wiring, put in a cement ramp, painted the entire lobby, and the list goes on and on. Mr. Mitchell has his Black Seal license as well as his Mechanics license, which he received after spending two years at Monmouth County Vocational. During the day he is the Maintenance Supervisor at Princeton Nursing Home and is responsible for both the Maintenance and Housekeeping departments. He lives in New Egypt. We are very happy to have him on our staff.

Another newcomer is Roseanne Lozinski, the Board Secretary. She has a BA in Psychology from Newark State College (now called Kean College) and is currently a student at Kean working on her Masters in School Business Administration. She resides in Manasquan with her husband and two children and is First Vice President of the PTA at Manasquan Elementary School as well as a member of their Parent Advisory Board. She's already brought many good ideas to our Board and we are pleased to have her as a part of our team.

Congratulations go to Shirley Golden who has been promoted to take over the reception desk formerly handled by Edis Kanczucker. Ms. Golden was our part-time afternoon Aide and is handling her new full-time position with aplomb. Our best wishes go to Edis Kanczucker and thanks for a job well done.

Anne DeCocco chairs the Education/Personnel Committee of the Roosevelt Board of Education

Bob Mueller's Art Show

by Jack Cummings

When we came into the Borough Hall, where Bob Mueller's exhibit was, Ilene [Levine] thought we should not touch the paintings. However, Mr. Mueller said we *had* to touch all the paintings.

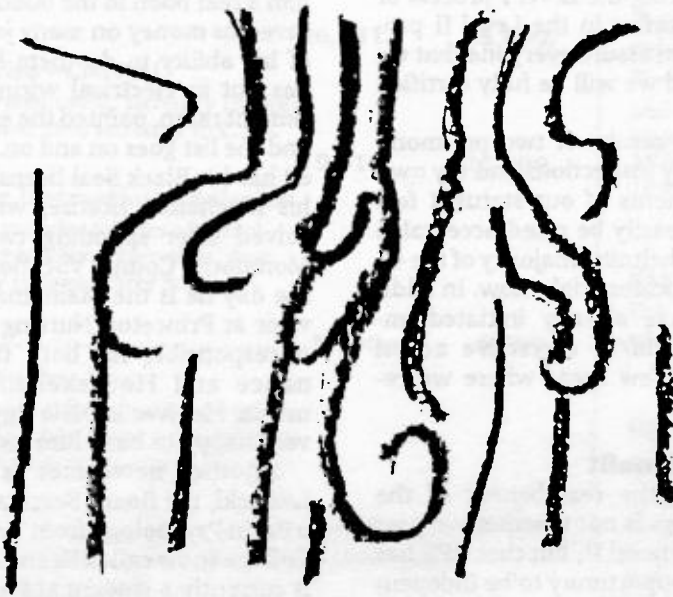
I decided to look at some upside-down. Soon everyone was doing it!

Mr. Mueller gave us a lesson about how not to call his paintings after certain real objects. We named some,

such as *The Shape of Rock Music*, *Loops of Happiness*, *Waves of Blue*, *Halls of Dizziness*, and *Robotic Fizz*. He said he might use some of them! They used to be named 1, 2, 3, etc.

When we came back to the classroom, we made abstract paintings that were just like his.

Jack Cummings attends the third grade at RPS, which is taught by Ilene Levine.



drawing by Jack Cummings



photograph by Ilene Levine

Public Library Has Grand Opening

by Anne DeCocco

On January 10th the Roosevelt Public Library opened its doors for business. Seventy-five visitors came; 16 new cards were applied for; 22 request forms were filled out; and 108 books were checked out by Margaret "Marion" (the Librarian) Schliniski. The response was enthusiastic and Margaret and I really appreciated the many good wishes that were expressed.

Henceforth, every Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM, residents can come to RPS and choose from a nice selection of adult and juvenile books, fill out request forms for even more of a selection, and make suggestions to the library volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers—would you like to be one? We don't have enough and the more we have, the more services we can provide. There's just too much work for two people. Call me if you're interested and can spare some time each week or month (448-5766).

A big thank-you goes to Morey Berger and Elizabeth Mesaros of the Monmouth County Library System who have gone the extra mile many times to help us get this project going.

See you at the library!

Wishes for 1989

by Nancy Warnick

I wish that I'd join the exercise group;

I wish that it would be in the evening;

I wish that they would change the time;

I wish that it was on different days;

I wish that I would get up and go.

The exercise group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at the Borough Hall, between 10 and 11 AM.

They're into the *eighth* year at the same location.

Wishing won't help, so grab a large towel and go on down!!!

PTA News

by Robin Carroll

At the November 17th Board of Education meeting, Carol Zaleski, PTA President, along with Mary Alfare from the Archives Committee, presented the Board of Education with the Axelrod collection. The PTA underwrote the reproduction of photos loaned to the school by Mr. Sol Axelrod. These photos will be laminated and then made available to the students and teachers, as well as be displayed for public viewing. It was especially nice to meet with Mr. Axelrod at the meeting and hear about his life in Roosevelt.

The Holiday Gift Shop was on November 29 and 30 and we're pleased to say it was a huge success. The children had a wonderful time, and the parents and teachers also gave us a favorable response.

The PTA sponsored an after-school movie in November and it was a big

hit. There were over fifty children in attendance. We're happy to be able to offer another movie to the children on January 22.

At the January 10 meeting we were pleased to have Mr. Harry Groveman, Principal of RPS, as our guest speaker. He gave a very informative talk on the ecological approach to education, which includes the home, school and community.

Also discussed at the meeting was the upcoming Winter Carnival which is set for February 11. We need all the volunteers we can get to make this carnival as successful as last year's. The children are looking forward to the carnival and we hope you'll come and lend a hand.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for February 7. We hope to see you there.

Nursery School News

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

The big story at the Roosevelt Community Nursery School this month is that we are expanding our staffing and are currently looking for a certified nursery school teacher to fill a permanent half-day position. If you are interested—or know someone who might be—please send a resume to RCNS, Box 153, Roosevelt, NJ 08555, or contact our Personnel chair Joan Grossman (448-9385).

We are also exploring the possibility of offering extended hours, and would like to thank those parents who have already responded to our informal phone survey on this matter. If you were not contacted, and think you might take advantage of an extended day program for your child, please leave a message at the school (426-9523). And remember—there's still time to enroll your youngster for our regular second semester of nursery school right now.

This month our preschoolers are learning about their bodies and their feelings, head teacher/director Arlene Stinson reports. Related projects for January include making handprints, footprints, body tracings and puppets.

Thanks again go to Ilene Levine for her useful donation of materials.

Watch the **Borough Bulletin** for more nursery news as it happens.

Chanukah Party a Hit!

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

Dreydls, latkes with sour cream and apple sauce, lighted menorahs, holiday songs and crafts—the Alef Bet Families' Chanukah party had something for everyone.

The festivities started with craft time, as our 45 youngsters, parents, and grandparents worked together making "Dreydl Men" [see below, Ed.]. Karyn Grunwald next told children the story of the holiday—with help from paper plate puppets and a host of eager young volunteers. A traditional holi-

day meal followed, then each family lighted its own menorah while the entire group sang the blessing together. Dreydl games with prizes for all the children followed.

The next Alef Bet Families get-together will focus on Shabbat. We are a family-oriented, informal Jewish education program open to all—especially those with young children—and we welcome all our neighbors to join us. Please contact Karyn Grunwald (426-9064) for information about our next event.



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Arts Project Presents “Pianofest”

by Brad Garton

Arts in Roosevelt

“I want to emphasize that this is not a concert tonight—this is a ‘pianofest,’” said Alan Mallach during the introduction to the Roosevelt Arts Project event on December 3. I think many of the reasons that I enjoyed myself so much at the “pianofest” were directly related to this statement. As a firm believer in the idea that the context in which music is presented plays a major role in the perception of the music, I find that the trappings of many Serious (note the capital S) concerts destroy the intended musical experience. The fest/concert/whatever presented by Alan Mallach, Laurie Altman and Anita Cervantes was an evening of accomplished pianists having a darned good time playing their instrument. This foundation of fun made for a very enjoyable “fest” of piano music.

Laurie Altman began the program with several original compositions and arrangements, all displaying his unerring sense of musical phrasing and gesture. I am always amazed by Laurie’s innate harmonic sensibility which allows him to take some of the sharpest dissonances this side of Arnold Schoenberg and turn them into facile (and yes, quite pleasing) musical utterances. Although Laurie’s four-hand arrangement of Mancini’s famous *Pink Panther* theme (Anita Cervantes provided the second pair of hands) was clever, I was most deeply affected by *My Father’s Song*, a piece composed by Altman several weeks after his father’s death. Towards the end of the piece, a simple repeated note in the middle register of the piano did the magic trick of transcending acoustic phenomenon to become something I *felt*—a highly personal experience set up by my frame of mind and Altman’s fluid performance. (An aside: it is precisely because of experiences like this that I became a composer.)

Anita Cervantes performed three pieces by Brahms. I had not heard Anita play before and was quite impressed. Anita has an “elegantly restrained” style well-suited to the music she presented. Her highly developed technical skills gave her the freedom to impart delicate and subtle shadings to the sound, especially during the slowly-paced and deceptively easy-sounding middle piece. The dry acoustics of the Borough Hall are such that it is nearly possible to hear the sound of the piano hammers sliding against the air. Cervantes was able to use this intense acoustic intimacy to great advantage because of her precise control over the instrument. Her use of pedalling and her superb sense of musical balance propelled her interpretation of Brahms’ phrases into much more than a recitation of notes.

Alan Mallach’s contributions to the program (besides being the organizer and “default” Master of Ceremonies for the event) consisted of several duets performed with Altman and Cervantes and solo performances of some of his own music. He also began the second half of the program with an extremely short (we’re talking 1-2 minutes) piece by Pietro Mascagni, a late Romantic composer who has become somewhat of an obsession for Mallach. After hearing this little piece, I can understand why. It was thoroughly delightful, sounding a bit like a cross between Satie and Liszt. Alan’s passionate playing (and Alan is one of the most passionate pianists I know) was showcased in his own composition *Variations on a Calypso Theme (or A Walk in Central Park)*. Mallach is at his best when engaging in florid pyrotechnics rooted in the western Romantic tradition. *Variations* had pyrotechnics aplenty—each variation building upon and twisting away from the preceding one until the entire edifice exploded in a crashing climax. I honestly don’t know what hidden recesses of his soul Alan mines for his ideas and performances. I mean, he certainly *seems* normal enough...

But seriously (note the small s), it was the enthusiasm for playing displayed by Alan, Laurie and Anita that made the evening such a wonderful success. One of my favorite moments came at the ending of a Moskowski duet performed by Altman and Mallach—the last piece on the program—when Laurie pounded out the final cadence while exuberantly singing along. Everyone erupted into spontaneous applause as Laurie and Alan embraced in the obvious joy of music. Here was an evening of terrific music performed by good friends for friends and neighbors. Isn’t that the best thing a Serious concert could be?

Broadway Comes to Roosevelt

by Bob Mueller

When I first came out to Roosevelt in the early 'fifties, every Broadway opening was obligatory. The plays by Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams and others were analyzed, criticized and evaluated as to their social significance. The arguments were passionate and pointed. You felt culturally and intellectually inferior if you didn't see the play and take a position.

Yes, Roosevelt went to Broadway in those days. But today—Broadway comes to Roosevelt. Literally.

Thanks to Leslie Weiner and all-star cast of Actors Equity players, last Saturday night an overflowing house was treated to a very professional "reading" of his play, *Upside-Down on the Handlebars*. I put "reading" in quotes because this was a directed production, performed by the actors, who went well beyond the printed scripts in their hands to bring this play to life. For myself, it was not long before I focused on the people and forgot that it was a reading, much less a play. I began to re-live the events as if it were happening now, and I was a part of it. It began to ring true to me; to creep into my life and consciousness in an important way.

This play should have a particular significance for many Rooseveltians since it deals with behind-the-scenes motivations and frustrations in a labor and management situation. Les' play is not a platform for personal disquisition because it tries—and I think with great success—to generate the human problems inherent in a moderate-sized community, whose members depend upon and suffer by a large corporate institution's structural dedication to generating the all-mighty buck.

Nicola Gerard, played with power and distinction by Ann Sachs, is an energetic woman whose liberal instincts conflict with her political ambitions. Her twenty-one year marriage with Ben, an idealistic college professor, is now being tested. Ben is turned into a very sympathetic character by Michael Swan, an actor with a wonderful sense of timing. Ben respects his fellow man (and woman), reluctantly overlooking his wife's affair with Arthur Blumenfeld, a banker given human dimension by Allan Salkin.

The union was forced to strike, with considerable financial hardship to the workers, when management of AmChem rejected demands for increase in wages and improved working conditions. Ben, ever socially conscious, has provided a white paper to Sarah Zaleski, a night student of his who is also a union activist. Sara is played by Carol Kehoe, whose range is striking, from youthful exuberance to tearful passion. Sarah and her working-class fellow-worker Gus Williams, a character that really emerges when played with the heartfelt sincerity and charm of Rick Weatherwax, try to solve the problem the union has in maintaining their position. Sara has discovered a paper that reveals the dangers to which the workers are exposed at the AmChem facility, and suggests that Ben steal it so that they have leverage for their demands for a better package and a cleaner work place.

Ben, while reluctant to break into a fellow-professor's files, eventually feels that it is important for the facts to be disclosed. His Dean, Warren Capella is played by Larry Holofcener; he not only looks the part but becomes a joking, officious Department Head. He has to be mildly blackmailed by Ben to effectuate a position advancement for a friend who has gotten a bum rap. The irony is that when Ben compromises his principles the outcome is successful, but where he stands fast, his cause is lost.

The outcome of the play is unexpected—you'll have to go see it when it reaches Broadway—and a logical sequence of events in this day of corporate raiders. *Upside-Down on the Handlebars* is a sorrowful parable of non-thinking institutional managers, but an insightful look into the very real problems facing many communities which heavily rely on a single industry.

The stage directions were read by Katherine Allgore. The play was directed—should I say "brought-to-life?"—by Victoria Liberatori, who also directs at the Princeton Repertory Company.

This was a landmark production in Roosevelt, and a personal triumph for Leslie Weiner.

Ron Orlando & Friend to Perform

by Bob Mueller

The Roosevelt Arts Project next presents Ron Orlando and Paul Prestopino in a group of Bob Dylan love songs, plus some of Ron's own. On Saturday, February 4 at 8 PM, we are all invited to the Borough Hall to hear Ron as singer and song writer.

Ron organized his first band when he was in high school, and he went on to lead a number of bands in the '60s and '70s, including *Yesterday's Papers* and *Dirt Cheap*. Most recently he played with the *Night Flyers*.

Paul Prestopino, who performed originally as backup player with Peter, Paul and Mary, and elsewhere more recently, will lend his vocal support and performance capabilities with a bewildering assortment of stringed instruments.

Contributions will be collected at the door.

Art Notes

Jacob Landau recently presented three lithographs that deal with the Holocaust to the Rider College Holocaust/Genocide Resource Center.... **Louise Roskam** received a grant from the New Jersey Arts Council for a series of photographs that preserves images of barns and houses throughout the State. She searches for interesting-looking early structures on their way to extinction, and turns them into beautiful photographs.

*Local artists/musicians/writers, etc.: please let us know about your "art notes" so that we may include them in this column. Write the **Bulletin**, Box 221, Local, or get in touch with Bob Mueller.*

Attention Seniors: Medicare/Medicaid Fraud Alert

Message to Medicare/Medicaid Beneficiaries

Because you are a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary you may be contacted through the mail, by phone, or in person at your home, club or center by unscrupulous individuals who will offer all types of medical equipment free of charge.

In some instances the medical equipment offered to you may be sub-standard, medically unnecessary or even *harmful or dangerous* to you.

Before signing any forms *consult the physician who is treating you*, who may be your attending or family physician. Ask your physician whether the medical equipment offered to you is *medically necessary*. In fact, only the physician actually treating you should prescribe medical equipment for you, should you require any.

You may also be approached by Medical Groups consisting of physicians, podiatrists, etc., who may offer free examinations.

The so-called "free" services (equipment, examinations, etc.) are billed to Medicare and Medicaid for a high dollar amount. In some instances there are services added on to the Medicare or Medicaid claim form that you did not receive.

Do not show or give your social security or Medicare/Medicaid number to anyone offering free services.

The individuals offering free medical equipment or medical services may misrepresent themselves by telling you they represent the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

Medicare and Medicaid representatives will always display to you proper identification *and will not attempt to offer or sell you medical services or equipment.*

Be aware of individuals who are using the offer of free services as a way of getting *rich* from Medicare or Medicaid through you.

If you should be confronted by anyone offering free services, contact the Director of your center or club or notify:

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Reprinted from a notice distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services

Senior Citizens News

by Helga Wisowaty

Here we are—a few days into the new year and we wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Our club ended 1988 on a high note—in November we went to Lily Langtree in Valley Forge, King of Prussia, PA. It was a delightful day and the entertainment exceeded our expectations. This show was the best we have seen. It was a combination of ice skating with professionals, who were outstanding, and a take-off on burlesque, which was excellent. The girls were lovely and wore beautiful costumes (which left little to the imagination). The men were handsome and had good voices. The food was delicious. We won't forget this day.

On December 3, we were privileged to attend the "Pianofest" with Laurie Altman, Anita Cervantes, and Alan Mallach performing. It is difficult to find words adequate to describe their playing. How lucky we Rooseveltians are to have such talented people willing to entertain us. Thanks—Laurie, Anita and Alan.

For me, Sunday December 4 was a day devoted to attending church services morning and evening. In the afternoon, my family and I enjoyed sharing the lighting of the menorah for Chanukah. The latkes were good and sharing this time at the synagogue was pleasant.

The meeting of the Senior Citizens Club on January 10 was concerned with planning for 1989. It was a day to recall the pleasant times in 1988 and to enjoy the company of good friends.

Helga and Jenny were hostesses.

Helga Wisowaty is Secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club.

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the School Board election to allow parents picking up their children at school to vote at that time. A decision on this will be reached by the Board by February.

The Board of Education is conducting a survey to determine the need to reinstitute a school hot lunch program.

Surveys were sent out in early January; results have not yet been compiled.

Members public expressed concern that the School Board's agenda does not give them the opportunity to react to motions of the Board before they are brought to a vote. Board President Ed Grossman said that in the future the Board planned to put more extensive

notations on the agenda distributed to the public at the Board's action meetings. He expected that this should serve to give the public a clearer idea of what Board actions were expected. He also invited attendance at the Board's agenda meetings, where more input from the public might be possible.

Only in an Emergency....

by Jill Lipoti

The members of the Roosevelt Local Emergency Planning Committee have had three meetings to discuss the Borough's capacity to respond to emergencies. We are collaborating on a comprehensive written plan detailing the various resources that we could depend on to respond to such things as a hazardous material spill, a forest fire, a utility failure such as a gas leak or a power outage, or a water emergency, to name just a few.

During our last meeting, we talked about the response equipment in Roosevelt, and the vehicles available in an emergency. Besides the fire truck, the ambulance, and the borough pick-up truck, Peggy Guyette offered two school busses for evacuation vehicles, and mentioned a number of other vehicles which the Guyettes would be willing to volunteer in an emergency. Roger Huth offered his assistance in training individuals in proper spill containment procedures. The idea would be to minimize the damage until a professional clean-up team arrived.

Input from Residents Requested

We quickly realized that Roosevelt residents may have skills or equipment which could prove invaluable during an incident. If you have a particular

skill, or piece of equipment which you would be willing to use to assist the town please let us know about it. For example, if you have medical skills, a school bus driver's license, specialized knowledge of chemical effects, or would just be willing to shovel sand around a storm drain to prevent a chemical spill from reaching the stream, please let us know. Contact the Borough Clerk and leave a message for the Mayor or myself, or call us directly.

Our plan is aimed at letting everyone in town know what they should do in an emergency. *If you are the first on the scene, you should report the emergency to 446-2040.* The dispatcher will then alert the appropriate personnel.

We are trying to have a preliminary plan available for the public to comment on by the spring. The public hearing would be another good time to tell us about your willingness to help. We promise to call on you only during an emergency (or during a drill to test our responsiveness to a real emergency). Your time would be appreciated.

Jill Lipoti is a member of the Borough Council serving on the LEPC. Other LEPC members are Leon Barth, Kim Dexheimer, Jack and Peggy Guyette, Roger Huth, Ed Moser, and Mark Zuckerman.

If You Want to Run for the School Board...

by Mary Alfare

Residents planning to place their names on the ballot as candidates for four seats in the Roosevelt School Board election next April 4 have until 4 PM on February 9, 1989, to file nominating petitions.

Anyone seeking election to Board of Education must meet the following qualifications:

- Must be a resident of the municipality in which he/she will be elected for at least one year
- Shall not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with or claim against the Board
- Must be able to read and write
- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be a qualified registered voter within the district

How to File

Nominating Petitions may be obtained from the RPS Secretary. Appropriate information at the top of the form is completed by the candidate. The petition must be signed by at least ten registered voters who are legally qualified to vote in that election. The completed petition must be notarized and filed with the School Board Secretary by 4 PM on February 9, 1989.

Four of the nine board positions will be decided in the School Board Election next April 4—three full term (3 year) seats and one unexpired term (1 year).

The Garden's Gift

by Robert E. Mueller

I settle into a chair, pull up a pad, a weed
 Still clinging to my hand (the garden's gift),
 Searching my brain for an unfeathered seed
 With which to poetize, to concertize things.
 The seasons of my mind must poetically shift:
 Like new-grown hair on the world's bald earth
 Let beautiful flowers erupt. Where is my sun?
 What choruses of multi-toned chirps are singing
 In my spring's mind? How get winter on the run?
 I try to analyze my internal weathers, ringing
 My brain into storms with their own springs,
 But confusion does not season my mirth
 As it does nature's passage in time;
 As chaos is conquered by nature's rhyme.

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Members and Public Express Disappointment

All other members of the Board who were present at the meeting expressed disappointment that Cervantes had not been appointed. Dennis Connaughton, the only absent member, later told the *Bulletin* that he supported Barth's decision, but declined further comment.

David Bulkin, a member of the public who frequently attends Planning Board meetings, praised Cervantes' hard work on the Board and said he was "very disappointed" that she would not be renamed.

Board member Deborah Metzger consented to replace Cervantes as the primary liaison for the Board at the meetings with School and Council delegates. Planning Board Chair Alan Mallach agreed with a letter that he received from Cervantes that the work of the Farmlands Study Committee should continue. Other members of the Committee are Barth, Planning Board alternate Gail Hunton, Zoning Board member Jonathan Shahn and previous Zoning Board member Diana Mueller.

The Farmlands Study Committee had conducted two workshops exploring future uses of land in the Borough currently zoned for agricultural use. Land use experts—professional architects and planners—participated in these workshops at no cost to the Borough, and delivered reports to the Planning Board after walking the land—with the cooperation of the owners—and taking input from the public.

Reports from the first workshop, held in the fall of 1987, led to the Planned Community Development (PCD) ordinance adopted by the Council in the summer of 1988. The PCD governs the development of the "Notterman Tract."

The second workshop, held in the late fall of 1988, studied the northern farmlands of the Borough. No report had been issued on this workshop by the time Cervantes' term on the Planning Board expired.

At press time a replacement had not yet been appointed for Cervantes.

Officers Re-Elected

In other matters, the Board elected Mallach Chair, Mel Friedman Vice Chair and Metzger Secretary. Meeting dates for 1989 were scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. The *Asbury Park Press* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald* were named publications for official notices, and John Bennett was reappointed Planning Board Attorney.

Parking Ordinance and Survey of Residents Discussed

The Board continued to discuss details of a draft zoning ordinance amendment concerning parking on private property in Roosevelt. Mallach was asked to draft a few more revisions in time for the Board's February meeting. Once a final draft has been prepared, the Board has promised to publicize the proposal and give the public an opportunity to comment before recommending the amendment to the Council. The Council would also have to hold a public hearing on the ordinance before passage into law.

Friedman reported that in December a Board committee, consisting of himself, Metzger and Cervantes, had met to consider whether a questionnaire should be sent to residents in order to elicit their opinions concerning planning issues affecting the community. He said that after much discussion the committee decided that a questionnaire would not be helpful at the present time.

No Funding for Impact Study

Marilyn Magnes, the Council's representative on the Planning Board, said that the Council has no money for a study of the impact of various types of development or non-development. She added that there is a state-mandated cap on municipal spending that would be exceeded even if the money were appropriated on an emergency basis. Hunton agreed to look into the possibility that a private foundation might fund an impact study.

License Your Dog

by Mark Zuckerman

All owners of dogs aged 7 months and older must register their pets by January 31.

Licenses may be obtained at the Borough Hall during the hours 8:30 AM-1:30 PM and 2:30 PM-4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The number at the Borough Hall is 448-0539.

For each animal, owners must present a valid certificate of vaccination and pay a fee: \$11.20 for dogs which have not been neutered or spayed, or \$8.20 for neutered or spayed dogs. For "altered" animals, owners must present either a veterinarian's certificate or a written owner's statement that the dog has been neutered or spayed.

The fee is distributed to various government agencies: \$7.00 to the Borough, \$1.00 to New Jersey Registration, and \$.20 to the New Jersey Pilot Clinic Fund. The \$3.00 surcharge for non-altered animals goes to New Jersey Pet Population Control.

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Pete Seeger Sings In the New Year

by Herb Johnson

Pete Seeger sang his heart out Saturday January 7th in a "New Year's Concert for Peace on Earth" to benefit the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament. Over 1,200 people packed the cathedrallike Princeton University Chapel, with at least twenty Rooseveltians in the left side pews.

Seeger will be seventy in May. I saw how exhausting the concert was for him when I spoke with him during the intermission and after the show. It probably has nothing to do with his age. He said he always was "played out" after a big performance.

Some of us thought his chore was burdened by being in that long stone sarcophagus-like structure where acoustics were poor, where people midway and in the rear wanted the amplifiers to be turned up and Seeger twice asked for them to be decreased. Another hardship was trying to teach us words of many choruses, and even parts for his version of the Old Hundredth tune, written for John Calvin in 1561: "All people that on Earth do dwell, Sing out for peace 'tween heaven and hell, 'Tween East and West, and low and high, Sing peace on Earth and sea and sky."

I agreed with others who wished that Pete would have more often just sung and let us join in with whatever we knew.

Throughout the concert, Seeger's remarks fostered tolerance and harmony between people of all races, religions, nations. To help this, he told the origins of many songs. His first was a French lullaby, "Go tell Aunt Rhody, the Old Gray Goose is dead." His second song came with Germans who settled in Pennsylvania, "There's a Hole in the Bucket, Eliza."

The folksinger invited everyone to come to an annual song writer's workshop three weeks away. In connection with that he told of his writing a song based on an idea in a poem his uncle wrote, "It's Midnight and I Have a Rendezvous," written by the volunteer for the French Foreign Legion about his mission in World War One. Pete's song was about rescuing the American flag which had been cast aside after being wrapped around men telling lies.



photograph courtesy of Ira's Photography

Bob Killian and three other Monmouth County people who have worked with Seeger for eight years on the sloop *Clearwater* campaign joined him on stage. They sang "Sailing Up an' Down the River" and then Killian led in singing "There'll Come a Day." It was a beautiful song. Killian had us learn the chorus: "Let the light shine out upon the land,/Let the love flow out of every one,/And the Way will break upon the darkness of the storm/Oh, I know there'll come a day."

To conclude the first half, Seeger finally used the American Boychoir

which had been waiting in their red robes in the loft to Pete's left. First he referred to the parable of sowing seeds, with the hope that everyone was rich soil that would help the growth of the seeds of brotherhood and sisterhood which he was sowing. The choir and audience hummed or sang the da-do-de rhythm background as Pete sang verses with this chorus: "Look away, look away, don't you see/One and one don't make two, they make three ... Behold the sower in the field/With his arm he scatters the seed." I didn't like the song

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Update: Letter Campaign for Direct Election of Presidents

by Herb Johnson

Here is a followup on the letter campaign in support of popular election of the President of the U.S., so that many people will no longer have three times as much power in their vote as others have. Between November 4 and November 22, letters were sent to editors of 147 large-scale newspapers in the sixteen most populated states, the 21st (Minnesota), the 28th (Colorado) and the District of Columbia.

The Washington *Times* said it would print it. Two newspapers in New Jersey, two in Pennsylvania, and one in Ohio called to confirm that the writer lived at the Roosevelt address given. A Dallas, Texas paper wrote, "Your letter was not chosen to be printed now."

To prepare for writing to organizations, I did more research. It resulted in my deciding to give up this campaign. I read parts of four books and then I found startling information in the *Congressional Quarterly Almanac* for 1977 and 1979. The background: in 1969, the direct vote plan passed in the House with 83% in favor, but it died in the Senate from a filibuster by "conservative southern and mountain state senators who feared their states would lose influence under the direct

vote plan." In 1977, the time was ripe. People were alarmed. Even though Carter had 1.7 million more votes in the November 1976 election, Ford would have been elected President in January 1977 if 4,000 voters in Ohio and 4,000 in Hawaii had switched their votes from Carter to Ford.

Senator Birch Bayh was the main proponent. He got Senate Judicial Committee approval (9 to 8) of Senate Joint Resolution 1 on September 15, 1977 and it was reported to the floor on December 6, 1977, but it didn't get voted on by the whole Senate until 1979. The two year delay was costly. Bayh felt sure of 63 Senators, and hoped for the 3 more needed if one Senator missed the vote, which did occur. Packwood of Oregon was absent.

The vote was 51 in favor, 48 opposed. Republicans opposed it 28 to 12. Southern Democrats opposed it 11 to 7. The other Democrats favored it 32 to 9. Bayh had counted on those 9 northern Democrats, 6 of whom were from the northeast, and on at least 3 very liberal Republicans who "defected" from the cause: Charles Percy

(IL), John Heinz (PA), and Lowell Weicker (CT). Bayh told the *Congressional Quarterly*: "We had always counted on all Democratic activists who were for equal rights. The defections that killed us were those who believed the large states would lose." (How is that for a new twist! Before, it had been blocked by Senators who thought *small* states would lose influence.) But actually he could point to only two large-state Senators: D.P. Moynihan (NY), and Bill Bradley (NJ). Surprisingly, the votes of Senators from states with 8 or less electoral votes were 26 in favor, 27 opposed. As I see it, those 26 showed broad-minded respect for voters' equal rights, as did 30% of the Republicans.

Now here is what got me. Why did some liberals "defect?" Bayh blamed it on eleventh hour lobbying efforts of major Jewish and Black groups: the American Jewish Congress, and the Urban League among others.

So if I still want to work for the direct election of the President, I'll first have to be sure that those groups favor equal voting rights. Isn't that a paradox?

Seeger

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but I loved Seeger's way of getting everyone involved.

In the second half, Seeger had everyone join in with whatever they knew of "To Everything, Turn, Turn, Turn, There Is a Season" and "If I Had a Hammer." He had told us earlier of his being blacklisted during the Joe McCarthy era, and about his father losing his university job because he stuck with his principles. Now he told us his father cautioned him, "Beware of the linguistic centrist," or linguistic deception or something with that meaning. Then he told a story of a missionary and his horse. It ended with the words, "Jesus Christ," and the chapel filled with laughter.

The concert was a great success for the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament. Those who care about its goals forgave it for using the chapel and for selling excessive tickets.

Afterwards Pete recalled his visit to Roosevelt 37 years ago to perform with Lee Hays and Ronnie Gilbert, regulars in the Weavers. He recalled Ben Shahn's mural in the school and mentioned that his brother lived in Roosevelt a few years. He has heard great things about Roosevelt through the years and he was glad many people from the borough were able to be at this New Year's Concert for Peace.

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Borough Appointments for 1989

Council

- Council President: Carol Watchler
- Council Representative to the Library Committee: Jim Alt

Borough Contractors

- Accountant: Joseph Faccone and Jerome Fein
- Engineer: Kevin Toolin (T and M Corporation, Middletown, NJ)
- Insurance: Allen and Stults
- Attorney: Richard Mc Manus

Municipal Court

- Municipal Court: Millstone Municipal Court
- Municipal Court Judge: Leslie B. Tinkler
- Municipal Court Clerk: Teena Bock

Borough Employees

- Water/Sewer Trainee Ron Suto
- Water/Sewer Trainee: Ed Davis, Jr.

- Water/Sewer Consultant/Trainer: William Kowalski
- Water/Sewer Utility Collector: Geraldine Millar
- Housing Inspector: William Lentz
- Zoning Officer: Paul Eichler
- Recycling Coordinator: Kirk Rothfuss
- Borough Clerk: Krystyna Bieracka
- Deputy Borough Clerk: Nancy L. Warnick
- Tax Collector: Delores Clark
- Treasurer Karen Brindock (formerly Stockman) is resigning. Advertisement for this position ordered.

Cross-Acceptance (State Planning Body)

- Representative: Ralph Seligman (State Planning Body)
- Alternate Representative: Gail Hunton

Planning Board

- Deborah Metzger: Regular Class 4
- Bill Lentz: Class 2
- Marilyn Magnes (Borough Council Representative)

Zoning Board

- Tim Hartley
- David Bulkin
- David Leff

Welfare Board:

- Jeanette Koffler
- Jim Alt (Council Representative)
- Ed Schmalzbach

Cable Advisory Committee

- Ann Kassahun
- Bill Counterman (Council Representative)

Board of Park Commissioners

- Bernarda Shahn
- Carol Watchler (Council Representative)

Proposed 1989-90 School Budget

Editor's Note: The Bulletin invites discussion of the budget from members of the School Board and the public.

BUDGET YEARS 1988-89 1989-90

Administration

110— Administrative Salaries

This account includes salaries for administrative staff and support staff as follows:

Chief School Administrator	47,532.	55,000.
Secty. to Board of Education	17,381.	23,000.
C.S.A. Secty.—80%	12,189.	13,900.
C.S.A. Substitute (stipend)	1,000.	1,000.
	78,282.	92,900.

120—Administration (Contracted Services)

Auditor	3,900.	4,100.
Attorney	2,100.	2,200.
ADP (Payroll)	1,500.	1,600.
Treasurer	1,473.	1,550.
	8,973.	9,450.

The above fees are based on services rendered.

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130—Other Administrative Expense

This account includes dues for the New Jersey School Boards Association as well as professional organizations of the C.S.A. and Board Secretary. It also includes central office supplies, postage, advertising costs, school election costs and fees for workshops and consultants.

Proposed	11,081.	11,100.
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Instruction

This area of the budget includes costs related to the instructional program.

213—Salaries—Teachers

Regular Teaching Staff	206,617.	182,000
Part-time Librarian	10,000.	0.
Substitute Teachers	6,000.	6,000.
	222,617.	188,000.

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Proposed 1989-90

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The above includes the salaries of regular teachers except basic skills, supplemental instruction, child study team, speech, etc. The reason for the reduction is the elimination of the 7th and 8th grades. The negotiated agreement is included in the 1989-90 budget.

214—Salaries—Other Instructional Staff

Includes the L.D.T.C. (17,790) and social worker (17,220)

26,941. 35,000.

215—Salaries—Clerical

Includes the receptionist, secretary to Child Study Team and 20% secretary to C.S.A.

9,514. 12,300.

216—Other Instructional Salaries

This account includes salaries of school aides assisting teachers. Two aides, four hours per day assigned three hours to instruction.

Aides 5,100. 6,500.

220—Textbooks

We have reduced this budget because of no longer needing to supply texts for 7th and 8th grades. In essence the amount remains unchanged.

Texts 4,200. 3,800.

230—School Library and Audio-Visual Software

Level budget—Study for reduction—maps, filmstrips, computer software, library books and supplies.

Library 5,800. 5,000.

240—Teaching Supplies

We should be able to reduce this area due to reduction in enrollment.

Supplies 17,000. 15,000

250—Other Instructional Expenses

Subscription, travel, workshops, speakers. We have increased this area of the budget to be able to do more staff development next year.

3,000. 5,000.

Health

410—Health Salaries

This area includes the salary of the school nurse—negotiated agreement.

4,685. 5,300.

420—Health—Other Expenses

This account includes operating supplies, travel expenses, and health services of the school nurse as well as salaries of the school physician and school psychologist.

5,900. 5,000.

Transportation

520a—Transportation—Contracted Services

Based on this year's contracts we will reduce the budget area.

Current costs are:

Middle School 19,919.90
 High School 21,920.00
 All jointures 15,812.98
 10 Private Transports 5,750.00

63,402.88

83,651. 70,000.

545—Transportation—Curricular Activities

This area includes field trips and the high school late run.

6,600. 6,600.

Operation

610—Operation of Buildings

Includes Salaries. The helper is a jack-of-all trades and covers the building from 3:30 to 6:00 PM and evenings when the building is open. Increase will provide us with an inhouse person capable of doing minor repairs and improvements.

Custodian 18,553. 19,550.
 Substitute (helper) 5,000. 10,000.
23,553. 29,550.

620—Contracted Services

This area includes contractual obligations for routine operation: termite and pest control, gardening service, garbage, Fyrfyter, boiler inspection and service contracts for duplicating and typewriters.

7,900. 7,900.

630—Heat

This account is the cost of gas for operation of the heating system. While the cost index is up, we hope conservation methods will hold costs at about the same level.

13,000. 13,000.

640—Other Utilities

This area includes all telephone, electricity.

11,000. 11,000.

School Budget

BUDGET YEARS	1988-89	1989-90
650—Supplies for Operation		
<i>Custodial supplies—light bulbs for outside and inside of building.</i>	3,500.	3,500.
Maintenance		
720—Contracted services		
<i>This account includes contracting for services for repairs and replacement to buildings and grounds. The new Retro-Fit laws and monitoring recommendations must be budgeted. Refer to five year improvement plan. Budget approximately the same as this year.</i>	33,500.	33,500.
730—Maintenance—Equipment		
<i>This account includes maintenance of all instructional and noninstructional equipment: duplicating machines, copier. A.V. equipment, computers, et al.</i>	3,500.	5,000.
740—Maintenance—Other Expenses		
<i>Materials for maintenance, i.e., wood, paint, rental of equipment, etc.</i>	1,100.	1,100.
810—Fixed Charges—Employee Retirement Contributions		
<i>This account includes social security and pension contributions for all employees in accordance with statute and reflects a closer approximation to actual charges.</i>	10,000.	16,000.
820—Insurance		
<i>This includes insurance on buildings, personnel and workmen's compensation as well as employee health insurance as negotiated. Decrease in staffing affects increases in costs.</i>		
Employee Health Insurance	37,987.	37,000.
Comprehensive Liability and Umbrella Insurance	14,850.	15,000.
Workmen's Compensation	3,175.	4,000.
	56,012.	56,000.
820b—Unemployment		
<i>Better reflects actual charges anticipated</i>		
Compensation	2,994.	5,000.
870—Tuition—1989-90 Breakdown		
	196,438.	290,568.
<i>High School—40 students @ 6,195.</i>		
<i>Middle School—8 students @ 5,346.</i>		

BUDGET YEARS	1988-89	1989-90
870a — Tuition—Special Education		
	103,072.	61,000.
<i>High Road School (2)—32,000</i>		
<i>Rock Brook School (1)—15,000</i>		
<i>East Windsor (2)—14,000</i>		
Food Services		
910—Food Services—Salaries		
<i>25% of cost of aides</i>	10,740.	2,500.
920—Food Services—Other Expenses		
	100.	100.
Student Body Activities—After School Program		
1010—Salaries		
	900.	900.
1020—Other Expenses		
<i>This account includes assemblies, graduation expenses, special music programs, some field trips, yearbook, et al.</i>		
	4,000.	3,000.
Special Education		
138—Preschool Handicapped		
<i>No longer operating</i>		
	10,865.	0.
139—Preschool Handicapped—Other Expenses		
140—Supplemental Instruction—Salaries		
<i>75% of Mrs. Sacharoff</i>	23,050.	28,500.
141—Supplemental Instruction—Other Expenses		
	500.	250.
142—Speech—Salaries		
<i>1/5 of teacher</i>	13,012.	4,800.
143—Speech—Other Expenses		
	300.	150.
144—Resource Room—Salaries		
<i>50% person reduced to 30%</i>		
	10,865.	6,500.
145—Resource Room—Other Expenses		
	525.	100.
Chapter I		
	6,143.	5,222.
Chapter II		
	600.	510.
SCE		
	8,283.	9,808.
TOTALS	1,049,096.	1,066,408.

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			<p>1</p> <p>Planning Board Borough Hall 8:00 PM Alan Mallach, chair (448-4616)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Arts Project Ron Orlando & Paul Prestopino Borough Hall 8:00 PM</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Deborah Borough Hall 2:00 PM Frieda Rockoff, Pres. (448-0674) Borough Council Agenda Meeting Boro Hall, 8:00 PM</p>	<p>7 <i>Half-Day at RPS</i></p> <p>Senior Citizens Boro Hall, 2 PM Bulletin Staff MIRA, 7:30 PM PTA RPS, 7:30 PM</p>	<p>8 <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>Borough Council Borough Hall 8:00 PM Leon Barth, Mayor (448-1870) Carol Watchler, Council President (448-5215)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Board of Education Agenda Meeting RPS, 7:30 PM Zoning Board Boro Hall, 8 PM Lou Esakoff, Chair (448-3166)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 <i>Valentine's Day</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>First Aid Squad Drill Borough Hall 7:30 PM Nancy Bauerle, Pres. (448-8275)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Board of Education Action Meeting RPS, 7:30 PM Ed Grossman, Board Pres. (448-9385)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 <i>No School at RPS</i></p> <p>Congregation Anshei Synagogue, 8 PM Michael Ticktin, Pres. (448-0363)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Blood Pressure Check Solar Village Community Room, 1 PM-3 PM</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Nursery School Arlene Stinson, Director (426-9523) First Aid Squad Boro Hall, 7:30 PM Nancy Bauerle, Pres. (448-8275)</p>				

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