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Council Hears Budget

by Adeline Weiner

At the March 8th meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council, Carol Watchler, Administrative Chair and President of the Council, introduced the results of Budget Workshop proceedings, namely a budget ordinance for 1989 and an updated salary ordinance for the year. The budget will be advertised in the Allentown *Messenger* with copies to be made available ten days before the public budget hearing on April 12.

The salary schedule reflects an increase which averages 5.5% over 1988:

Borough Clerk	\$ 13,640.
Borough Treasurer/CFO	3,225.
Tax Collector	4,750.
Tax Assessor	1,805.
Zoning Officer	1,599.
Laborer-streets and roads	8,315.
Superintendent of Public Works	7,480.
Water and Sewer Collector	3,410.
Water/Sewer Treasurer	1,525.
Water/Sewer Employee/Operator before qualifying exam	10,585
after qualifying exam	16,685.

Hourly rates were designated for water/sewer trainee laborer #2 at \$7.75 per hour; Deputy Borough Clerk at \$8.75 per hour; secretary for Zoning and Planning Boards at \$7.35 per hour; and crossing guard at \$10 per day.

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Planners Send Driveway, Vehicle Weight Limits to Council

by Bob Clark

Over vocal opposition from several owners of commercial vehicles, the Planning Board voted 5 to 1 to recommend that the Borough Council reaffirm the zoning ordinance's ban on overnight parking of commercial vehicles over 9,000 lbs. gross weight in residential areas and to add recreational vehicles to the prohibition.

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Board Approves School Budget

by Warren Craig

With only five residents on hand, the Board of Education gave a detailed explanation of its budget for the next fiscal year before unanimously ratifying it during the public budget hearing March 7 in the lobby of the school. The next step in the budget process will be a referendum by the voters on April 4.

The annual budget for the 1989-90 fiscal year as approved by the Board is \$1,066,408, which marks an increase of 1.65 percent over this fiscal year's operating budget.

School Board President Ed Grossman told the public that eliminating seventh and eighth graders enabled the Board to present a budget with what he described as a "very modest" increase over this year's budget.

RPS administrator Harry Groveman issued an eight page statement containing a line-by-line breakdown of the budget, which compared the current year's appropriation against the new budget and included a written explanation of why each line item was increasing, decreasing, or staying the same.

Administrative salaries are slated to rise 18.6 percent over the 1988-89 budget. The Chief School Administrator's salary is expected to increase by as much as 15.7 percent to \$55,000, while the salary for the secretary to the Board and CSA is ex-

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Editorial On Behalf of Our Forum

Elsewhere in this issue [p. 17] is a letter which dismisses an individual from a School Board committee because his view—long known all over town—had been published in the *Borough Bulletin*.

A direct answer to that view, by the Board itself, appeared on the same page, due to our Editor's consistent effort to offer response space in the self-same issue.

As an editorial board, we remain completely uncommitted to either side in this debate. We come into the picture only because a person was discharged from his position for writing to this newspaper. That simple fact demands our attention, since it is our aim to promote active expression of opinion on all sides of a public question; but, on the other hand, we don't care to put at risk of reprisal those who express disagreement with prevailing policy.

We are distressed at the idea that the price of public service might be that one must comply with majority opinion or keep quiet altogether.

This rings loud bells for us. We feel obliged to call to notice what we regard as a breach of freedom of speech. We also want to reaffirm our pledge to provide a fair forum for all to be heard.

What do you think? Write to us.

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**Sunday, April 2
10:00 AM at the Post Office**

**Let's get rid of those ugly bottles and papers that
line the roads of Roosevelt!**

**You supply a little time, a little energy, and work
gloves. We'll supply the bags.
Together, we'll make a more beautiful Roosevelt.**

A clean-up party will follow for the picker-uppers.

Any questions, please call 443-6315

**We wish to thank everyone for the
support we received at the loss of
our father, Samuel Sherak.**

**Nona Sherak
Faith, Ale and Stephen Penalver**

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Ordinance 131, creating the position of Chief Financial Officer required by state law, was passed and the appointment of Barry Clark, who is CFO/Treasurer, as Deputy Tax Collector as well, was approved.

Water/Sewer Plans Flow On

A report by Marilyn Magnes, Chair of Public Utilities for the Council, described the transition to the new engineer, Kevin Toolin. The previous engineer, William Birdsall, will retain responsibility for installing a generator for emergency power and for construction of an overflow pipe on the water tower. Toolin, who is perusing all previous contracts and correspondence with DEP, will review the new INI (inflow and infiltration) plan to be submitted to DEP. The goal of this plan is to reduce the volume of discharge to 250,000 gallons, at an estimated cost, given a series of options, of about \$460,000. This sum is outside the \$775,000 amount already borrowed and budgeted.

A contract for \$650 was awarded for independent inspection of the water tower tank and \$50,000 was earmarked in the budget for possible repairs. Ms. Magnes expressed active interest in investigating water-meters to measure householder usage above a given base rate. New computerized techniques to make meter inspection more economical were mentioned during the public discussion period.

New-Pool Alert

If residents are planning construction of a swimming pool, they should heed the ordinance which requires site-approval by the zoning officer as well as a building permit. The only exceptions are for pools less than 24 inches deep or with a surface area less than 250 square feet (for a circular pool, about 18 feet in diameter). If these have a permanent water-circulation system or involve any construction materials, they are not considered exceptions.

Abate (for) Insects

Jim Alt, Public Property Chair, announced advertising for mowing services and introduced a resolution, subsequently passed, authorizing the County to use the insecticide ABATE

for aerial spraying over portions of Roosevelt deemed infested by mosquitoes.

Bib Bunker Pants Subsidized

Ms. Lipoti, Public Safety Chair, was pleased to announce that a Supplementary Fire Services fund of \$457.28 will be spent to purchase four pairs of bib bunker pants that will complete the required safety gear for our team of fire fighters.

Radon testing in public buildings in the borough, including Borough Hall and the school, will be carried out shortly, reported Jill Lipoti. She also stated that the Fish and Game Law Enforcement Agency, recently contacted for aid in enforcing Borough ordinances, turns out to be located right in Assunpink. They explained that Green Acres land is under state, not local, control regarding hunting violations and that the rule is, no loaded guns within 450 feet of a residence. They offered unlimited numbers of notices to this effect and suggested they be posted 450 feet from local homes throughout the borough. Their agency is prepared to issue summonses if called at this number: **259-2120**.

Better by Letter

A letter, read early in the meeting, from Ed Grossman, President of the Board of Education, requested Borough Council representatives to serve, along with Planning Board members, on each of three Board of Education committees, to help gather data for a five-year plan for the school. Mr. Grossman discussed the matter further in the public portion, explaining in some detail that although he had initially invited individual Council members to serve, he had done so at random and would like the Council to understand that no bias was intended. Although no one expressed disagreement, Carol Watchler, supported by other Council members, did explain that the Council had asked that the request be directed to the body as a whole since such a procedure tends to provide more representative opinion rather than just the views of individuals who happen to be Council members. The three assigned to the School Board committees by the Council are Leon Barth, Bill Counterman, and Jill Lipoti.

If You Want to Run for Council...

by Mary Alfare

Candidates planning to be on the ballot for the June 6 primary election must file a notarized nominating petition before 4 PM on April 13 at the Borough Hall. Municipal positions open are two Borough Council seats and two positions each for Democratic and Republican Committee Chairs.

A candidate must be a citizen, a registered voter, able to read and write and perform the duties of the office sought, at least 18 years old, and a Borough resident for at least 6 months.

Petitions for local office may be obtained at the Borough Hall. Petitions for Democratic Party positions must have 12 signatures; two are required for Republicans.

Petition signers must be qualified voters, enrolled members of the candidate's party intending to affiliate with that party in the election, and endorsing the person as a qualified candidate. It is recommended that candidates get additional signatures to allow for any names that might be disqualified.

Independent candidates hoping to be on the ballot in the November general election must also file by the April 13 deadline, but with the Monmouth County Clerk. For information call (201) 431-7324.

Once a candidate files a petition, he or she is an official candidate and must abide by the rules of the Election Law Enforcement Commission. Candidates will be given the *NJ Compliance Manual for Campaign Reporting* by the Borough Clerk when they file. It contains campaign reporting requirements, bookkeeping suggestions, report forms, and instructions.

Recycling Notice

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Thank you,
Nancy L. Warnick, Deputy Clerk

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pected to rise nearly 25 percent, from \$29,570 to \$36,900.

According to the budget statement released at the hearing, Groveman currently earns \$52,000 as CSA, which exceeds what was budgeted for the position last year, before Groveman was hired. In addition, the CSA secretary will be paid up to an additional \$2,460 for secretarial duties for the child study team, adding up to a combined total salary of \$39,360.

Regular teaching salaries declined by \$24,167 to \$182,000 due to a reduction in staff caused by the elimination of the seventh and eighth grades. In addition, the Board has eliminated the position of school librarian in the budget, constituting a saving of \$10,000. The Board feels that the present staff will be asked to fill the void left by eliminating the part-time post.

Overall tuition costs, including special education, will rise by \$55,058 in the new budget as a result of a 10 percent increase in the cost of sending high school as well as the seventh and eighth grade students to East Windsor, and the fact that tuition for the seventh and eighth graders was not included in the current fiscal year's budget. The total tuition costs for all 40 high school students and eight middle school students is set at \$290,568 in the new budget, with tuition for special education in grades K-6 set at \$61,000.

School Board Elections to be Held April 4

by Mary Alfare

Voters in Roosevelt will be deciding four School Board seats and will have a chance to vote "yes" or "no" on the school budget in an election on Tuesday, April 4. Polls will be open at RPS during the hours of 2:30 PM and 9:00 PM.

To vote for a candidate, mark an "X" next to the name. To vote to approve/disapprove the budget, place an "X" in the box marked "yes" or "no."

Absentee ballots for the school board election may be obtained in person at the Registration/Elections Offices of Monmouth County, 300 Halls Mill Road, Freehold, up until 3 PM on April 3. For further information phone: (201) 431-7790.

While tuition costs rose partly as a result of sending the seventh and eighth grades to East Windsor, the move has resulted in savings reflected in several other areas of the budget. In addition to reducing aggregate teacher salaries by \$24,617 despite raises given to individual teachers, other reductions over the current year's budget brought about by the elimination of the two middle grades include: \$400 less for textbooks; \$800 less for library and audio-visual supplies; \$2,000 less for teaching supplies; \$900 less for student health-related expenses; \$1,000 less for "Other Expenses."

One concern raised at the meeting was the amount of the school budget surplus being used to offset an increase in the tax rate. Board President Ed Grossman noted that at the end of the current school year the Board will have spent \$75,000 in excess of the budget. In the budget currently waiting voter approval, the Board estimates that another \$75,000 of the school budget surplus will be consumed, leaving a total of only \$107,000 by June 30, 1990.

Registered voters will have a chance to approve or reject the budget Tuesday, April 4 and elect four candidates for seats on the School Board. The polling place is RPS, and voting hours are from 2:30 to 9:00 PM.

According to Peggy Loquidara of the Board of Elections, persons voting by Absentee Ballot must follow ballot instructions carefully to prevent disqualification of their vote. Completed ballot must be placed into inner envelope. Flap on inner envelope must be completed and signed, and left attached, before envelope is inserted into mailing envelope. Voters must fill out party affiliation when using the Absentee Ballot in a primary Election.

To vote for a write-in candidate in the school board election, write the full name of the candidate on the line below the listed ballot candidates, and mark an "X" in the box preceding that line.

RPS Announcements

by Harry Groveman

Kindergarten Registration

Parents of children born before November 15, 1984 who wish to register their child for Kindergarten in September should contact Roosevelt Public School to schedule a personal intake visit. Incoming Kindergarten children will be given a short developmental screening test and parent and child will get a chance to meet staff and tour the school. Intakes will be conducted from April 10 through May 12. An informal afternoon social will be scheduled for all parents and students of the 1989 Kindergarten class later on in May.

School Committees Seek Additional Membership:

Anyone interested in serving on the following committees should contact Helen Barth at RPS:

- Educational Advisory Committee
- Student Handbook/Student Behavioral Expectations Committee
- School Sign Committee

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator at RPS.

Board of Elections Needs Workers

by Mary Alfare

The Monmouth County Board of Elections needs people to work at the polls on election days, according to Peggy Loquidara.

Applicants must be registered voters, declared as either Democrats or Republicans, and must attend a class of instruction once every two years. The pay is \$75 per election.

For further information phone (201) 431-7800.

School Board Candidates

by Hortense Sochowitzky

Editor's Note:

The **Bulletin** sent each of the four candidates a survey, which asked the candidates for personal data, information on their involvement in community organizations, and responses to the following questions:

- Why are you running for the School Board?
- What is most important to you about living in Roosevelt?
- In what areas do you think public education offered to Roosevelt students may be improved, and how?
- How do you envision the future of RPS, and its function within the community?
- In order of importance, what do you see as the most significant issues facing the Board of Education, and what is your position?
- In what areas do you think the School Board could improve, and how?
- What do you feel you offer as a candidate?

The article below was composed using the responses we received. The detail devoted to each candidate was determined by the amount of detail each supplied to us. Wherever possible, the candidates' exact words are used.

The **Bulletin** canvassed the four candidates for the April election to the Board of Education with a questionnaire intended to help voters understand their reasons for running and their qualifications for serving on the Board.

Robert Petrilla, currently serving as an appointee to fill a vacated seat, and now running for a full three year term, did not fill in the questionnaire, but states that he stands by the statement he made last month, which was printed in the February issue of the **Bulletin**. We repeat that statement here.

I am committed to keeping Roosevelt Public School a viable educational facility for our children, and a focal point of community life. Since my appointment to an unexpired term on the Board last Novem-

ber, I have been involved in laying groundwork for a drug education program at RPS, and I serve on three committees: Negotiations, Buildings and Grounds, and the committee to study sending/receiving options for RPS. In the past I served 8 years on the Bucks County Planning Commission and I'm successfully self-employed.

Catherine Petrilla, not related to Bob Petrilla, is running for the one year unexpired term. She outlined her education with Bachelor and Master degrees in Education, and her current employment as teacher of English as a second language in Hamilton Township (full time) and East Windsor (part time in adult night school). She has also taught and supervised teachers in Haiti and in Elizabeth, N.J. schools. She believes that her "education and teaching experience give [her] a perspective which could be an asset to a School Board committed to improving school services." Ms. Petrilla also calls attention to her statement printed in the February **Bulletin**:

Part of Roosevelt's uniqueness has been its ability to draw the whole community into a tradition of interaction and support of its school, regardless of the number of children enrolled. As an educator, my main interest is in ensuring the maintenance of present educational standards and promoting further improvements.

Jan Plumb, at present an appointee to the Board filling a vacated seat, stresses that as the mother of four children enrolled in Roosevelt Public School she has a "vested interest in the school." She wants to be "more involved in" her children's "education and the decision making process." She is willing to work hard, and knows that she "has a lot to learn."

Ms. Plumb believes that with "imaginative teachers, small classes and a solid curriculum" the children's education "could be enhanced." She recognizes that the future of RPS "depends a great deal on the findings of the committees set up to investigate the alternatives." As a School Board member, she feels it would be presumptuous to say at this point how the School Board could be improved.

For herself, she has been secretary of the Roosevelt PTA. She has run the Nursery Group in the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp for the past two years and hopes to continue doing so in the future. She presents herself as an "organized, conscientious hard worker" and since all her children are now in school, she has time to work on "whatever task is at hand."

Susan Raufer has two children, Andrew Stakiwicz in Kindergarten and Tyler, not yet in school. She has lived in Roosevelt five years, and enjoys "the sense of community here."

Her professional training is in Immigration Law. She has a Bachelor degree in International Studies and works as program supervisor for the Refugee and Immigration Services for the Lutheran Social Services. She feels it is crucial that during a transition (the situation she finds RPS now in) "effort is made to keep the issue focused on that which is most important," in this case the education of our children. She feels she can "help the Board maintain that focus."

In addition, she says "since the school plays such a large role in the education and socio-cultural development of my children it is something in which I want a voice." She believes the School might be improved by drawing on "the wealth of talent and knowledge ... available in the community ... not limited to parents of children in the school, but throughout the community."

Asked to envision the future of RPS she says she does not come to serve "with any set ideas as to what the fate of the school should be. Since the Board has already begun the process of exploring all the options and is preparing to make a decision based on the findings," she is very "interested in being part of such a study."

She feels that the most important task facing the Board is "the development ... of a long range plan which will resolve some of the uncertainties that exist now." In the interim, she says "the children's education cannot be put on hold."

The election will be held at the school, on April 4, from 2:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Give Us Books— Give Us Wings

by Dahni Barkley

"Give Us Books—Give Us Wings" is the theme for The Year of the Young Reader which is what the Library of Congress and Governor Kean recently declared 1989. First graders in Lila Mayberg's class soared through the first of a series of planned activities to celebrate the magic of reading. Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags and assorted stuffed animals decorated the first grade classroom as students participated in a full day of reading activities. Together the fourteen students and their guests read over 250 books!

The day began with Margaret Schlinski reading *Petunia* during the regular library period. The class returned to its room and nestled in to read old favorites brought from home, selections from the classroom shelves and "new friends" from the school library. The Readathon continued with a visit from the kindergarteners. Dylana Possiel's favorite part of the day was reading to the younger children. Kindergartner Hannah Stinson talked about the experience days later. "I loved it. I really liked it a lot. It gave me the feeling I really wanted to learn to read."

In keeping with the literary theme, a pizza lunch was based on *Curious George and the Pizza*. Jeremiah Barkley's mother read *The Red Balloon*, and the class watched the video. One young visitor commented that she really liked the book better than the movie. Harry Groveman, Chief School Administrator, then read *Miss Nelson Is Missing*, one of his favorite children's stories, to the eager first graders.

Closing activities included sharing a book-shaped cake decorated with characters from children's stories which was baked by Adenah Yeger who also distributed homemade dinosaur magnets. Each child earned a Certificate of Participation. Cassie Hatzfeld learned that "Kids can read and learn a lot in just a short amount of time." Mrs. Mayberg expressed delight with the cooperation from her students and parents; future activities to celebrate The Year of the Young Reader may include Literature Day in which the children will dress up as characters from their favorite stories.

RPS Student Wins Young Author's Award

by Mary Alfare

RPS second grader Katie Alfare has won first place in the TriCounty Council International Reading Association's "Young Author's Competition" for her short story, *The Pencil And The Eraser*. Katie thinks it's "Great!" that she won. "I like to write and we have good teachers," she said.

Elizabeth Gagliardi, her teacher, had submitted ten short stories and ten poems written by her students to the competition in February. "I'm thrilled that Katie won. Because of her creativity, it looks like she has possibility for the future as a writer. Each of the children deserves congratulations. They are all winners for trying,"

she stated. Mrs. Gagliardi plans to attend the ceremony at Rider College on April 25, when Katie receives her award. Her very proud parents will also be there.

Poems, short stories, and essays were submitted to this year's competition by some 1000 students Grades K through 12, according to Ms. Cindy Hixson of the Tri-County Council. Entries are divided into appropriate grade groups and given an identifying number code before going through an intricate judging procedure. The purpose of the yearly competition is to encourage young people to write.

The Pencil and the Eraser

by Katie Alfare

Once upon a time, there was a pencil and an eraser. One day Pencil said to Eraser, "Let's take a walk."

Part 1: The Boat

When they had walked a little while, they saw a boat. Pencil drew an anchor on the boat. The captain was very angry and started to yell at Pencil. "Let's get out of here!" said Pencil. Eraser wanted to go too, but before he left he erased the anchor.

Part 2: The Car

They ran on. Then they saw a car. It was rolling happily. Eraser erased the wheels. The driver was very angry! Eraser wanted to leave. But before they left, Pencil put the wheels back on.

Part 3: The Bicycle

They ran on. Then they saw a bicycle. It was rolling along happily. Pencil drew a gate in front of the bicycle. The rider was very angry. Eraser erased the sidewalk. Now it was all dirt. The boy had a bumpy ride. The boy was even more angry when he found that the road was all dirt! "O.K.! O.K.!" they said. "We will put the road back!" said Pencil. "And we will erase the gate!" said Eraser. And they did.

RPS Student Wins Achievement Award

by Dolores Chasan

RPS student Holly Conover was selected as an Achiever of the Year by the Monmouth County School Boards Association. The honor was bestowed at a special meeting of the MCSBA on March 13.

Achiever of the Year awards are based on five criteria: personal growth, extra-curricular activities, citizenship, community service, and academic growth.

Nursery School Offers After School Program

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

Dancing, doing arts and crafts, singing, exercising—the preschoolers and kindergartners in the RCNS Extended Hours/Enrichment Program are having a ball! The noon-to-3 p.m. sessions, created and implemented by Head Teacher Linda Liotta, are designed to accommodate children 2-1/2 to 6 years of age. In addition to the regularly scheduled activities, Linda reports that Mondays feature movement and music, Wednesdays highlight games and physical activities, and Fridays are earmarked for special crafts projects.

Interested? Come visit us during any Monday, Wednesday or Friday session and see what our program can offer your youngster—and you!

Meanwhile, our regular morning nursery schoolers have been as busy as their afternoon counterparts. This month's curriculum focused on our community, and the children visited such Roosevelt landmarks as the Post Office, Footlight Farm, First Aid/Fire station, and Rossi's Pizza, and spent time with several town artisans as well.

Registration Time

Fall registration for both the morning (8:45-11:45) nursery school program and the afternoon (noon-3 p.m.) enrichment program is in progress now. For further information on both sessions, please send in the cut-out form to the right and/or call us at 426-9523. And come visit us anytime! If you are interested in registering your child, please do so as soon as possible so that we can schedule your youngster for the times and days you prefer. Space in each program is limited.

Thank-You's

Thanks this issue go, once again, to three stalwart RCNS supporters: MIRA, for its continued financial support and help with our copying chores; Roosevelt Printing (Saul and Edith Ernstein) for copying aid; and Congregation Anshei for its continued support.

State Monitoring Goes Well

by Harry Groveman

From February 21st to the 23rd a team of monitors from the Monmouth County Education Department inspected the Roosevelt Public School to assess if RPS could meet all the criteria to be certified by the State. This process, known as monitoring, evaluates school programs under ten essential elements covering 43 specific judgment areas or indicators. If a district is rated acceptable in all 43 areas, they pass monitoring and are certified by the State Education Department. If a district is rated unacceptable for one or more of the 43 indicators, they fail monitoring and have to correct the failed indicators in order to reapply for certification. While we have not received our official report from the State Department of Education, at the exit conference the monitoring team shared with school officials and Board members present that they have concluded that RPS will be rated acceptable in all 43 indicators and that they would recommend that we be certified.

We've Come a Long Way

When I started on October 1st of this year I did not believe that we would pass monitoring. However as the time for monitoring approached, that position softened. Despite learn-

ing that about 40% of all the districts monitored thus far were failing this Level I process and despite the fact that the State Department of Education as of June 1988 had serious questions and concerns about the safety and quality of the RPS program, I began to feel that the combined efforts of everyone associated with RPS have truly put the program back on track and that we, in fact, had a chance of passing. As I sat at the exit conference and listened to the team report their findings for each of the 43 indicators, I couldn't help but feel how far we have come in such a short period of time. One-by-one the 43 areas were reviewed and one-by-one we heard the phrase, "This indicator is acceptable."

As we shook hands with the monitoring team and exchanged thank you's and congratulations, I tried to assess my own feelings of joy and satisfaction. The joy I felt was for the town of Roosevelt, the staff, and the Board of Education because I knew how hard they worked to improve the school. The satisfaction was for myself because passing monitoring confirmed we are heading in the right direction.

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator at RPS.

Please Mail at Once to:

RCNS • Box 153 • Roosevelt NJ 08555

Please send me more information about the Nursery School and the Afternoon Enrichment Program.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Child's Name & Age _____

I am mainly interested in:

the current morning sessions

Fall morning sessions

the current afternoon sessions

Fall afternoon sessions

The Invention Contest

by RPS Grades 3-4

On March 7, 1989, the third and fourth graders and some fifth and sixth graders had an invention contest. Everybody made inventions or innovations.

At first we thought of problems that we had and thought of ways to get rid of them. Those solutions became our inventions. We also played Bob Mueller's invention game, which gave some of us ideas.

The judges for the contest were Bob Mueller, Leon Barth, and Lillian Warren. They chose the winners that will be going to the MIIT (Mini-Invention/Innovation Team) Contest at the David Sarnoff Center in April. (The MIIT Contest is sponsored in part by the Department of Education.)

In the 3-4th-grade division, Chris Lepore won first place for his "Space Shuttle Math Mission Game," which is a space math board game for kids. Kristen Yarber was the runner-up with "The Purr-fect Home." Her cat castle solved the problem of her dogs getting into her cats' food. In the 5-6th-grade division, Christina Henderson won first place with her "Movable Ruler," which helps people draw straight lines. The runners-up were Stefanie Miller and Rebecca Ord with the "Mail Moving Machine," a basket which moves across a rope to help handicapped people get their mail.

Honorable Mention in the 3-4th-grade division went to Avery Cayne for "The Handy Helmet," and to James Edelstein for "The Page-Keeper." In the 5-6th-grade division, Honorable Mention went to Harris Kaufman and Erik Plumb for the "New Improved Soda Bottle" and to Maureyna Henderson and Erica Warner for the "Electric Coat."

Besides all the inventions to look at, there were refreshments, entertainment, and an invention game. You should have been there. The invention contest was fun!

Grades 3 and 4 at RPS are taught by Ilene Levine.

Save Money, Eat Well

In 1981 a small group of Rooseveltians began investigating the possibility of having their own Food Co-op. Each member took on a task: where to buy eggs, where to buy nuts, grains, cheese and fruit. After a number of meetings we were ready to place our first order. Over the years we have ordered from a number of distributors in order to get the best quality food for the most reasonable prices. We order bimonthly according to the needs of the co-op's members.

The excellent quality of the products available to co-op members is a strong point for membership. Our food is fresher and less "handled" than comparable supermarket items. We also have a choice of chemically treated or "natural" items—such as sulfured or unsulfured apricots, so delicious either way. All juices are 100% natural, no sugar or preservatives, and there are many tasty combinations.

Another co-op attraction is the fine quality of vitamins that we can order. These vitamins are sugar-, salt- and starch-free, and far less expensive than those sold in health food stores.

Our ordering procedure has evolved into something of a social hour since we have been meeting at a member's house to finalize our orders *en masse*. We meet the first Wednesday of every other month at the Goetzmanns (8 School Lane). You are cordially invited to attend our next ordering meeting which will be held May 3. We find it helpful to meet as a

group for ordering purposes because we sometimes need to change the amounts purchased in order to meet the distributors' minimums. Members can order as little as one pound of cheese, one bottle of juice, one dozen eggs, or even one fruit leather; or as much as a case of herbal tea, twenty-five pounds of rice, a wheel of cheese, or a case of oranges. Being together we have the opportunity to learn about "new" foods and to offer input for future ordering.

Being a member of the Roosevelt Food Co-op requires a commitment of approximately two hours every other month. Members take jobs such as food distribution, egg and banana pick-up, order tallying and call in, clean up after distribution, mailing of new order sheets, etc. A job can always be found to fit one's schedule. The efficiency and success of the Roosevelt Food Co-op is dependent upon each member doing his or her task, a job that takes less time than going to the market.

So...how do you join? If you would like a sample order sheet, call 448-5036 or 443-4948 and we'll be glad to mail one to you (or walk one over to your house). Each household belonging to the co-op pays a one-time \$15.00 fee.

We heartily invite you to drop in at the Borough Hall from 1-3 or 6-9 PM on May 16 to see the delicious food being distributed to co-op members.

This article was the combined effort of six co-op members.

PTA News

by Robin Carroll

The Roosevelt PTA wants to remind everyone to come out to vote on April 4th. The PTA Executive Board supports the school budget and we hope all of our members will also support the proposed budget. On March 21st there was a Meet the Candidates Night and we hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable time. We want to thank all the parents who baked for us that night. We appreciate your help.

At the March 1st PTA meeting one of the topics was the upcoming school dance on March 17th. The members

present at the meeting unanimously agreed to fund the entire bill for the dance which was organized and run by the Student Council. The Student Council did a great deal of work to make this dance such a success.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for April 11th at 7:30 PM in the school lobby. We are very pleased to have someone come in to talk about Lymes Disease and answer any questions from the public. We hope everyone will come out for this important meeting. See you April 11th, and don't forget to vote on April 4th!

RPS Provides New Service

by Harry Groveman

The Roosevelt Public School is expanding an aspect of its guidance and counseling services to include Roosevelt students attending both Grace Norton Rogers Middle School and Hightstown High School. This new program involves the closer monitoring of our East Windsor population to help insure that our youngsters are receiving the programs and services they are entitled to receive.

Initially, our efforts will be directed toward trying to identify students who are beginning to demonstrate behaviors that would indicate they are losing interest in school, becoming unmotivated or disaffected and might be considered "at risk" for dropping out.

Under this new program, Joanne Cohen, our Child Study Team Coordinator, and Frances Gerber, our Social Worker, will monitor student's progress and periodically contact East Windsor personnel to see how Roosevelt students are doing. In the event that a student appears "at risk," RPS staff will be better able to serve as advocates to insure that these students receive the special attention they're entitled to receive. Parents are also invited to contact either Mrs. Cohen or Mrs. Gerber if they have concerns about their youngsters and would like the school to make some contacts on their behalf.

RPS stands committed to insuring that all Roosevelt children receive the programs and services needed, whether attending our local K-6 program or attending another program.

Pre-Passover Model Seder Set

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

The Alef Bet Families and Congregation Anshei will co-sponsor a Model Passover Seder on the afternoon of Sunday, April 16. Although the event is specially geared for young children and their families, people of all ages are invited to join in the fun and attend the holiday festivities and feast. Call Faye Nulman (426-1192) or Karyn Grunwald (426-9064) now for further details and to reserve a space for you and your family.

National Council of Jewish Women to Present Art Exhibit and Auction

The Greater Princeton Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will present an Art Exhibition and Auction on Saturday, April 29th. It will be held at Temple Beth Chaim on Village Road, near Old Trenton Road, in West Windsor. The preview will begin at 7:15 PM and the auction at 8 PM.

Included will be works by some of the known masters such as Rockwell, Neiman, Boulanger, Calder, Agam, Delacroix, Dali, Chagall, Miro, and Moses. In addition, the works of equally exciting lesser-known artists will be shown. A collection of signed and numbered lithographs, serigraphs and etchings, as well as original oil paintings, watercolors and sculpture will be exhibited also. All artwork, provided by Ross Galleries, will be professionally framed and matted. Opening bids will be at 60 percent of gallery price

and will not be permitted to exceed gallery price for the art.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded. A donation of \$7 per person is requested. Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance. For additional information please call (609) 448-8888 or (609) 275-3673.

National Council of Jewish Women is a non-sectarian organization concerned with women's issues, children, the aging, Jewish life, and Israel. The Greater Princeton Section sponsors support groups for relocated women of all backgrounds which are part of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Community Education program, monthly exercise classes for senior citizens, and is involved in education and advocacy on child care issues.

Ruth Ann Emmons Graduates Summa Cum Laude

by David Brahinsky

Ruth Ann Emmons, daughter of Paul and Shirley Eichler of 12 Pine Drive, a graduate of RPS (1966) and Hightstown High School (1969), graduated from Glassboro State College in February, 1989 after resuming her education in 1986.

She received a Congressional Teacher Scholarship award based on academic merit and graduated *Summa Cum Laude*.

Ms. Emmons has also been nominated by the Glassboro State College Department of Special Education Service for the Commissioner's Outstanding Teacher Candidate Award. She is presently teaching in the Chalick High School Special Education Department in Centerton, NJ and resides in Woodstown, NJ, with her husband Scott and three children: Daniel, age 16, Rebecca, age 13, and Erin, age 11.

Senior Citizens' News

by Helga Wisowaty

The day of our meeting this month was a combination of a brief meeting and a luncheon.

We plan a trip to Eatontown and the Temple in Tinton Falls on April 10th. We'll shop in Eatontown and enjoy the arts and crafts displayed at the Temple in Tinton Falls.

Jeanette Koffler and Nick and Nettie DeVito, through their efforts, have made the commodities available to us again.

We are very happy for Honey Sochowitzky and Gus Chasan who were honored on March 2 at Mercer County Community College. The project, "Daughters of Rachel," showed their contributions to this oral history project. Mary Alfare was instrumental in getting Honey and Gus to participate. We're proud of these Rooseveltians.

Don't forget to vote on the School Budget on April 4th at RPS—2:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Helga Wisowaty is Secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club.

How Does a Poem Mean?

by Bob Mueller

The poet John Ciardi spent a book trying to answer this question. But if you had come to the Roosevelt Arts Project's last presentation, you would have received an instant answer: it means humanity at its most intense expression.

Perhaps poetry is an acquired taste. This may be so, but the acquisition is simplified when you actually hear poets read their own poetry. As a spoken event poems become closer to song than to written stories; they lift themselves up from scratches on paper to pure drama.

Some people insist that a poem must be read—the rhythm of language is the music of poetry and to hear it you must speak poems. "What a poem is," to quote Ciardi, "is inseparable from its own performance of itself." The advantage of hearing a poem recited by the poet is that it helps short circuit many difficulties. The self-delighting play impulse of a poem shines forth more splendidly when the poet performs his or her own poems. You find yourself more alert to the poem; more involved with the emotions; wiser, in fact, listening to a poem in the mouth of the poet, whose wizardry with words juggle the very stuff of life.

Our local poets took advantage of a sympathetic audience. David Herrstrom, Dina Coe, David Keller (and *in absentia*—via tape—Rod Tulloss) were able to do a little experimenting with poetry reading—experiments not acceptable in polite poetry circles. They realized that we do not live in a society with a tradition of poetry reading. Our Yevtushenkos have guitars at their waist. Their approach afforded us several luxuries: different people reading others' poems, reading the same poem twice, putting a little music behind some, four people located at the sides of the audience reading sections of a poem. The disadvantage is that you do not see the words on the paper; see the arrangement of the ideas—a significant thing for many poems.

The evening began with Dina Coe's reading of *To Fix Those Four*, a poem that sounded like a mad, enigmatic incantation for living sanely in a world filled with the unexpected suddenness of death and the refuse and confusion

of nature and humans. Next Rod Tulloss was resurrected via a tape recording to read Po Chu-i's poem on his baldness. These words—on the messiness, combing, weight of, and shaving of hair—made as much sense today as they did in the 9th century; they were eerie indeed, coming as they did out of this modern time-crushing machine. Sticking with the hair theme, David Herrstrom read his *Unbearable Brightness of Hair*, a poem that delved into the tragical emotions attached to a young person's bout with cancer. For a moment we were able to witness a poet's deeply-felt reactions to what is certainly one of the most terrible possibilities of living in the face of death. David Keller then read *Test-Driving the Tarantula*, a fanciful relief, yet an interesting play with this insect that symbolizes an evil beauty, and how its cast-off shell is really a very benign thing—as are the memories evoked of one's early experiences with the horrible.

Sunrise, also read by David Keller and a second time by Dina Coe, is a poem that evoked the hope we all feel, even the most displaced or damned among us, when a morning sunrise lifts itself up after a desperate night of winter. In keeping with a somber theme Dina Coe read *A Do-It-Yourself Burial*, relating her grandmother's slow disappearance into the "funeral hotel," to the burial of a cat in her back yard. *What the Strawberries Are* was Dina Coe's attempt to penetrate the spirit of a wonderful neighbor Mary Jane Berlinut.

A Pearl by Dina was a pure paean to tuneful nature that transcends even the din of cars, lawn mowers, voices, barks, footfalls, planes. David Herrstrom's *To Find The White Cat In The Snow* was read in parts by four voices, accompanied by Laurie Altman's tinkling at the piano. It was a riddle within a paradox surrounded by the enigma of white on white, built in fragments that bounced off the audience from the four voices—in short, pure poetry whose fragments added up to discovery of the imagination wringing beauty out of an image as unusual as a candle on the sun.

Rod Tulloss' disembodied voice read *Two Letters*, a father-and-son poem about his father and his son. The

two parts of this powerful poem were reread by David Keller and David Herrstrom. David Keller then read *Friends, Outside, Night*, a poem of reminiscences and reflections about what the title lists. He followed it with *After The First Snow*, a poem using a fresh snowfall to carry many beautiful images and intents. David Herrstrom again brought forth some of the pain he has felt with his daughter's illness in the long, intense poem *Talking the Disease All Night*. His *Ready Or Not* demonstrated the acute personal revelation to which a poem can rise. I admired the courage of a poet who can stand naked in all of his emotions before us, revealing his innermost thoughts about his apprenticeship to pain, of which his daughter was the master.

Dina Coe's *Time, In the Back Yard* was a bucolic exploration of nature. Her *Unpopular Woman*, where she pitted herself against deer hunters, gave us a hint of one poet's reaction to the conflict of the masculine versus the feminine mystique. She continued with *Rites For A Birthday*, an intense exploration of the difficulties of merging the outside self with the inside imagination, using images of the common elements of nature.

David Keller's *Solo For Tam-Tam* was a piece, accompanied by Laurie's music, that ranged far into his childhood and experiences with music and college and love and New York and Iowa and beyond. Po Chu-i's *Madly Singing In The Mountains*, and a poem by Rod Tulloss entitled *In The Midst Of Reading Wang Wei*, ended the evening.

Rereading the above I realize that the evening sounded like it might be very depressing. On the contrary. The net effect was uplifting—that humans do after all persist and make beauty and understand living, even in the face of tremendous adversity and disappointment. Poems are composed of little kernels of our human nature, set into words like diamonds into jewels, and as such have a very salutary effect upon us. They impress themselves upon our consciousness in a vivid and important way, helping us gain insights into ourselves and into the everyday problems of living—and this can be inspiring.

And this was inspiring.

Jazztime in Roosevelt

by Bob Mueller

On Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 PM the Roosevelt Borough Hall will be devoted to an evening of jazz. This will be the next-to-last presentation of the Roosevelt Arts Project.

Laurie Altman will officiate at the piano, complemented by Ed Schuller on an acoustic bass. Need I remind everyone that Laurie's talents span classical and jazz with a forthright talent and astonishing imagination. His jazz is instilled with the complexity of his classical training, but at the same time it exhibits the clarity and directness of the jazz idiom. I personally think that he has achieved a significant departure in his jazz works, and that they are an important contribution to the form.

Ed Schuller, with whom Laurie has recently recorded another album called *Accordingly...*, is a talent in his own right. I have heard him working his supposedly-clumsy instrument: the string bass—and he makes it sing. He has over fifteen albums to his credit, and he divides his time concertizing in the States and abroad. Trained at the New England Conservatory of Music, where his father Gunther was director, Ed is one of the finest bass players in the world. Do not miss this startling concert!

RAP Issues Call for Artists

by Judith Trachtenberg

The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) is seeking musicians, visual artists, poets, playwrights and others who would like to be included in this year's RAP brochure.

In an effort to make sure no talented Rooseveltians are overlooked, RAP is inviting your participation both in our annual schedule of events and in a listing of Roosevelt artists in a brochure which will be widely disseminated to presenting arts organizations. Those who are planning RAP activities for the coming season are seeking new ideas and people so that our events continue to be fresh and of the highest quality.

To let RAP know about your work, your interest in being included in this project or about your neighbors who should be involved in RAP, please call either David Brahinsky at 443-1898 or Jacob Landau at his studio 443-4639 by April 7, 1989.

Selden Musical to Showcase in NY

by David Brahinsky

Former Roosevelt resident and playwright Neil Selden's musical *Ocean In A Teacup* will open for a series of developmental showcase presentations on Friday evening, April 7, at 8 PM at the American Theatre of Actors, 314 West 54th Street, in New York.

Abounding in colorful characters and stories of love and adventure, the play is based on autobiographical books by Ray Hauserman and Edmund Spencer, as well as hundreds of hours of personal interviews. The book and lyrics are by Mr. Selden, the music and some lyrics by Joel Krantz. The play is directed by Shep Pamplin with choreography by Wendy Tacher.

Ocean In A Teacup will run for approximately two weeks, with evening performances Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 PM. There will be special matinees on Sunday, April 9th, Sunday, April 16th, and Sunday, April 23rd at 3 PM. This last will be the final performance.

The musical is a touching, funny and inspiring story about how a Hindu humanitarian, with no resources other than the power of his love and joy, stirs a jungle village out of its torpor, provides shelter for the homeless and outcast, and inspires the spiritual evolution of many individuals including two American war veterans.

Other plays by Mr. Selden have appeared Off-Broadway and at the Roundabout Theatre, the Classic Stage Company, the Actor's Studio and the American Theatre of Actors, as well as in San Francisco, Washington and at the Berlin Festival. He received the Audrey Wood Award in 1972 and the Jean Dalrymple Award in 1988. Mr. Selden, along with his wife Lee, is one of the inspirations and founders of the Roosevelt Arts Project.

Anyone interested in helping financially with this first mounting of the play can send tax-deductible contributions made out to "Satsang, Inc." to:

Andre Louis, Satsang, Inc., 84-04 Smedley Street, Briarwood, NY 11435

Art Notes

Bernarda Bryson Shahn

was the recipient of the prestigious Women's Caucus for Art Honor Award for outstanding achievement in the visual arts. Taking her place with such notables as Louise Nevelson, Georgia O'Keeffe, Bella Abzug and Lotte Jacobi, among others who received this award earlier, Bernarda traveled to San Francisco to receive the award in February. Bernarda was cited as a woman who "has remained active in the art world since the 1920's. A powerful political conscience infused her work in the past and today, a half-century later, her creative instincts are still at work as both painter and author."

Simultaneous with this achievement, Bernarda is also a candidate for an art award from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. She attended an exhibition at the Audubon Terrace in New York City, where her art was shown along with other important American artists up for this award.

A series of concerts of a work by **Laurie Altman** for soprano and piano, based on a poem of Sylvia Plath, will be given at various universities in mid March, beginning at the University of North Carolina. Laurie's *Toccata, Fugue and Finale* for organ will be premiered in May in Los Angeles. It will also be performed at Syracuse University and the University of Texas.

Paraphrases, a piece for solo flute by **Mark Zuckerman**, will be performed by Camilla Hoitenga at a concert at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 99th Street off Broadway in Manhattan, on Friday, April 7 at 8:00 PM. The concert, entitled "Modern Music Originals," is sponsored by Phoenix Presents.

Saliba Sarsar is the guest curator for an exhibit at the Monmouth College 800 Gallery in West Long Branch. The show features the work of 22 Roosevelt Artists, and runs from April 7-26. Gallery hours are 1-3 PM, Monday-Friday.

Outdoors Around the Assunpink

Tis the Season

by Dennis Connaughton

The first rays of morning sunlight warm your back as you carefully wade into the icy mountain stream. Craftily you flick a tiny spinner into the current and let it tumble down into a waiting pool. The only sound here is a song bird's morning call—that and the raucous babble of the stream as it dashes madly along the rocks. There is a swirl in the pool as a hungry rainbow trout hammers your lure. The drag on your reel screams in protest. Then the sound changes. It's your alarm clock and it's time to wake up. It's April 8, the opening day of trout season.

Although scenes like the above do happen on occasion, early season trout fishing often can be quite a different affair.

Generally, the water is high and muddy with spring run-off. All too often, Mother Nature cooperates to her fullest and provides us with the essentials for early season trout fishing—the essentials being plenty of wind, frigid temperatures and, if we are really lucky, a blinding snowstorm thrown in for good measure.

Oh, and by the way, you'll always have plenty of company.

To the spectator it may appear that the trout fisherman is a hopelessly deranged individual. I must admit, why anyone would want to stand elbow with a hundred other anglers, cryogenically preserving worms for eternity by hurling them to half comatose fish, sometimes escapes me. Still, every year we do it, and if nature adds a



drawing by Drew Goldberg

blizzard or driving rain for good measure, well, we call this fun.

Perhaps it's because opening day is a rite of spring. This is a ritual of rebirth that compares only with spring training, the first crocus and the first pained look on your spouse's face when she surveys the homestead and wonders how much work (if any) she'll be getting out of you this year.

Yes, on opening day, thousands of winter-weary anglers will emerge bleary-eyed from their homes and take to the ponds, lakes and streams of New Jersey.

They will drive for miles over icy roads. They will bravely endure headlong slides down muddy banks into icy streams, and graciously accept the hysterical laughter of their wives and children when they casually assert that they'll be bringing home fish for dinner.

Gearing Up

Now for the good news. It is not at all difficult for a beginner to get in on the fun. All that you need is a light weight rod and reel combination. Add some split shot, a size 10 to 14 hook, some bait, and you're in business.

The debate over the best offering for trout is never-ending. At times anglers will go to extremes. I have a friend who once retrieved feed pellets from the Pequest hatchery. With the idea in mind that this is what the fish were accustomed to eating, he diligently spent the days before the opener drilling holes in them to place a hook. As innovative as

this technique may seem, I must report that he did not catch a single fish.

The best choices for bait are probably salmon eggs, small garden worms and corn—in that order. Other good baits would be dough or cheese balls.

The key to successful trout fishing is to let the bait roll naturally with the current. Worms should be hooked just once through the collar. Salmon eggs and corn should be impaled singly on the hook just up to the barb. Split shot should be used judiciously to slow the bait in the current and bring it down to the waiting trout.

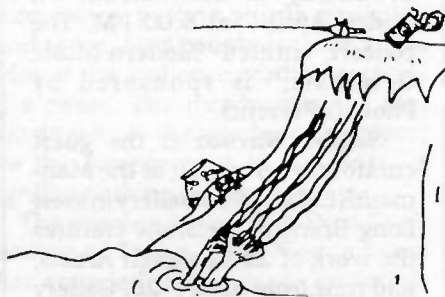
Artificial lures will also entice fish. Small spinners (size 0-1) and tiny wobbling spoons are deadly on early spring trout. Cast the lure quartered up stream into the current. Let the lure tumble into prime holding areas: pools, depressions, and undercut banks. Probing structure, such as a deadfall snag or a beaver hut, is always a good bet as well.

Where to Go

There are a number of good streams for trout angling in this area. Like most streams in southern and central New Jersey, they are not capable of supporting trout throughout the year, but are stocked heavily during the spring. The Manasquan River and Tom's River are stocked each year. The Manasquan River as it runs through Allaire State Park is a good bet any time during the season. One of my favorite spots is right behind Howell High School by the golf course. Work the area downstream from the bridge; it is always a producer.

The Assunpink pool, on Route 130 in Robbinsville, is a good place to go, although it does get a lot of pressure. The length of the Assunpink Creek downstream from the pool also receives stocking. As these are only a few spots, I would suggest consulting the stocking schedule for a complete list and stocking dates.

To fish for trout in New Jersey, you must possess a valid New Jersey fishing



drawing by Drew Goldberg

license and trout stamp. You can pick one up locally at Assunpink Bait and Tackle, located on the Imlaystown-Hightstown Road in Robbinsville. Assunpink Bait and Tackle has an excellent selection of fishing gear and bait. Ed Booth, the proprietor, will be more than happy not only to outfit you, but also show you some of the better spots in the area.

Furthermore, Rossi's Deli will have garden worms available, and you may wish to pick up a sandwich and some coffee for the road. Fishing is hungry work.

So finally, if you sally forth this spring in search of trout, I wish you tight lines and dry britches. And remember to take your children fishing with you. Why should anyone be forced to suffer alone?

Donna's Pan-Fried Trout

Donna, my wife, is a wizard at campfire cookery. Here is a simple recipe of hers that is adaptable to either the kitchen or the camp.

- 4 trout
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 to 1/2 lb. bacon
- 1 lemon cut into wedges

Rinse trout briefly under cold running water. Pat dry inside and out. Sprinkle cavities and skins with salt and pepper. Mix cornmeal and flour. In a heavy skillet (cast iron is best) cook the bacon. When bacon is cooked remove and drain. Roll each trout in the cornmeal and flour mixture. Shake off excess and place trout in skillet. Fry 4 to 5 minutes on each side, until golden brown and crisp. Trout should flake off the bone when done. Serve with lemon wedges, wild rice, and a spring vegetable.

Free Rabies Clinics Available

Please take notice that in order to obtain a dog license, your dog's rabies vaccine must be effective throughout the *entire* year. Administration of a second vaccine will not harm the dog if at least six (6) months have passed since the previous injection.

If your dog's vaccine expires *any time* within 1989, make sure to have the dog vaccinated this year. This will allow you to acquire a license for 1990.

If your dog's rabies vaccination expires during the 1989 calendar year, free clinics are scheduled for the following dates:

FARMINGDALE	April 5	6:30-7:00 PM	Firehouse, 54 Main St.
OCEAN TOWNSHIP	April 8	1:00-4:00 PM	Oakhurst Firehouse, Beecroft Place
NEPTUNE CITY	April 26	7:00-8:00 PM	Public Works Garage
WALL	May 2	7:00-8:00 PM	West Belmar Firehouse, Rt. 71
BELMAR	May 4	7:00-8:00	Public Works Bldg., 13th Ave.
MARLBORO	May 6	10 AM-12 Noon	Rear of Police Station
WALL	May 13	10 AM-12 Noon	S. Wall Firehouse, Atlantic Ave.
KEANSBURG	May 13	9:00 AM-12 Noon	Boro Road Dept., Frasee Place
ENGLISHTOWN	May 23	6:00-7:00 PM	Firehouse, 13 Main St.
ASBURY PARK	June 10	1:00-3:00 PM	Asbury Park Firehouse
NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP	June 10	10 AM-12 Noon	Public Works Garage
NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP	June 24	10 AM-12 Noon	Public Works Garage
ROOSEVELT (tentative)	October 21	12 Noon-1:00 PM	Municipal Garage

Thank you,
Nancy L. Warnick
Borough Deputy Clerk

Love of Words

The Satanic Versus The Satanic Verses

by Josef G. Solomon

So this priest in country *I* says some guy wrote a book that insulted their religion, and therefore he deserves to die. The priest orders all members of the religion to kill the guy, and offers the successful murderer a prize of several million dollars, as well as a choice spot in Paradise. The fact that the author is a citizen of country *B*, lives in country *B*, plans to remain there, and has never even been to country *I*, doesn't bother the priest at all—and apparently doesn't bother the assassin-candidates, either. A follower of that religion even announces that not only will they kill that author, they will also kill any of country *B*'s policemen who get in the way or try to stop them. They will also kill anyone who has anything to do with the publishing or sale of the book—anywhere in the world. The largest bookstore chains in America (does that also mean, in the world?) respond to this threat by removing from sale all copies of the book. Several other countries not of that religion actually ban the book.

Now admit it, Dear Reader, doesn't that sound like the plot of a work of fiction by someone with a fantastic imagination? To me, it sounds like it could be from *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

Truth is Stranger Than Fiction

Alas, Dear Reader, it's all true. And it brings up several important and difficult problems. The first problem that came to my mind was the logical absurdity of it all: Could *anyone* else possibly insult that religion more than that priest and his followers did? To demonstrate publicly—world-wide—that your religion not only tolerates murder, but even requires it, seems to me to be one of the worst insults that a person could inflict on it.

In a society that prizes free speech for everyone—that's not country *I*, and sometimes I'm not sure it even includes country *B*—what *do* you do about a work that says bad things about someone's religion? (The problem is

made worse, of course, if the religion is your own.) Do you ban it, because it offends some people? Or do you leave it alone, because it is protected speech? Problems like this are what cause some people to call some other people "fuzzy-minded liberals." There certainly are people who are fuzzy-minded, regardless of their political persuasion. However, liberals have the distinct disadvantage of being able to see both sides of the issue. If you see only one side, it's easy to know what to do (see the first paragraph).

On The One Hand ... On The Other Hand

The problem of censorship is especially difficult for Jews, who have so often been the victim of books that slandered Jews and Judaism. To give only one example, consider Shakespeare's play *The Merchant of Venice*. Incidentally, the major problem with this play is that people *don't* consider it; they just look at the mere surface of it. Perhaps that's another article. Anyway, because of the obvious difficulties, the play is not performed very often—in America, at least. It was performed in New York around 1981, and aroused the usual storm. Much of the storm was expressed in the *New York Times*, of course, in editorials and letters to the editor. One air-head actually wrote to ask what the problem was. After all, there is no record of Jews' protesting outside the Globe Theatre in London, when the play was produced during Shakespeare's lifetime. Why protest now?

And why do I say he was an air-head? Because from 1290 to 1656, Jews were banished from England. Shakespeare lived from 1564 to 1616, and probably never saw a Jew. It is possible that there were Jews who had special permission to live in England during that time. If there were any, believe me—they didn't stage protests. Not twice, anyway—because they would have been executed at the first

sign of a protest against a play (or anything else) that had royal approval. To use the fact that nobody protested against the play during the reign of an absolute monarch, to suggest that therefore there shouldn't be a protest against it in a democracy, is—well, air-headedness.

The Famous Blood-Libel

It's hard to believe that anyone could believe the accusation that Jews killed Christian boys in order to use their blood to make matzoh. (Just for the record: The Bible specifically commands Jews not to eat blood—not even animal blood, let alone human blood—so that any food made with blood is immediately off-limits.) Even so, every once in a while over the centuries, the report would be announced (never mind where, or by whom), whereupon the peasants would roar off to the Jewish houses, and murder everyone they could find. Kind of reminds you of country *I*, doesn't it? The heyday of this activity was several hundreds of years ago—but it actually went on well into *this* century.

Which Side Are You On?

Despite that history, Jews tend to oppose all censorship, even censorship of books that slander Judaism. The evident reason is that Jews have most often been the victims of censorship, as well as the victims of those books that "should" be censored. If there's no censorship, then at least Jews can publish books, just like everyone else. Jews continue to hold the utopian belief that somehow "they" will learn better than to believe the nonsense some people write about Jews. It is not easy to keep believing that, given all the evidence to the contrary.

Well, then, what do we do? Alas, Dear Reader, the first thing we do is wait until next month, because I have used my allotted space. Let us hope that the author is still alive when we resume. (Let's hope that I am, too.)

Four Hundred Demonstrate Against "US War in El Salvador"

by Herb Johnson

The sun beamed brightly all morning that last Saturday of winter, March 18, as people drove from all directions in New Jersey for the state's largest demonstration against US military aid to El Salvador.

At 10 AM people began to arrive. Those who had not seen each other in months or years greeted each other happily. Children were introduced. By 11 AM those who had trained together in affinity groups were asked to assemble on one side, meet the other affinity groups, get support people assigned, put on white arm bands, and become known by the twenty-some people who wore green arm bands designating them as the demonstration's security people. It was important that only the people who had been to training for, and had declared commitment to, non-violent civil disobedience were to be allowed to confront the military forces at McGuire Air Force Base.

Some vans and the bus which brought Hudson County people started shutting the crowd to downtown Wrightstown. The sun was directly overhead. A steady, strong southern breeze was blowing the group's two American flags out straight.

The march to the base's main gate began. It was just a mile away. The 100 or so posters and dozens of bright, imaginative banners people made for the occasion were seen by townspeople and others on the road, and finally by Fort Dix and McGuire security personnel. Many of those security people—some were FBI officers—wore civilian clothes and carried short-barreled pistols in holsters. Two of them used camcorders to videotape everyone in the march.

The sky was gray from 1 PM on. The festive, picnic mood gave way to serious anticipation as the nearly 400 protestors were told that similar rallies were being held simultaneously in New York City, Philadelphia, and over 30 other cities in the US to get our country to end its military support of El Salvador's brutal regime, which is

expected to become more brutal with the ARENA party's victory in the elections on March 19. The rally in the green field across the highway across from the main gate was witnessed by seven news media reporters. The speakers at the rally were the three organizing committee leaders, Carol Fantini, Geoff Herzog, and Lucye Millerand; Ester Cruz, who works to find sanctuary for refugees from El Salvador; Assemblyman Alan Karcher, candidate for NJ Governor; Clarence Fitch, of Vietnam Veterans Against the War; Van Gosse, Rutgers University professor; and Larry Hamm, chair of NJ Rainbow Coalition.

At 2 PM eight men and women went across the highway and hung on the base's fence eight large "We Remember" posters which listed the names of nearly 200 children, women and civilian men who were killed by alleged ARENA party death-squads since January 1, 1989. Then 26 people went across and displayed their own letter to spell out, "No Vietnams in Central America." The base had advised the protest organizers that hanging anything on its fence is a federal violation. Then the people who had taken the non-violent resistance training walked to the gates which had been locked at about 1:30. Nearly 30 military police in riot gear stood in a straight line three feet apart, with their riot sticks poised, about 25 yards behind the gate.

The NJ Mobilization against the US War in El Salvador had notified the Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Commanders by letter in February, and by telephone conversations, and by a meeting with the Fort Dix security director, Colonel Dennis Foster (at which I was present) of its purpose and plan: that people committed to non-violent direct action would walk up the line at the McGuire Air Force Base's entry stations, the line which unauthorized persons are not allowed to cross, and then step over it in an attempt to speak with as many military personnel on the base as possible.

The organizers appealed to the base's security people to avoid a recurrence of last year's violent handling of protesters who were opposed to flying National Guard troops to Honduras where they could support Nicaraguan Contras. Now the gates were locked and the protestors faced a seven foot high fence. Some threw rugs over the barbed wire and climbed over. Eight got over before the military police rushed forward, siezed them, and pushed back others as some MPs pulled the carpets down. They put plastic handcuffs on the eight whose arms were held behind their backs after the eight sunk to the pavement. Some were carried back to military vans by their feet and shoulders; others were carried by one MP at each shoulder, having their feet dragged behind. Two of the protest leaders, Ms. Millerand and Ms. Fantini, did not get over then. One jogged back to a car and returned with another strip of carpet and a blanket. The two threw them over the fence and climbed over before the MPs could stop them. When seized, they slumped to the ground, were handcuffed and carried away.

A minute later a *Burlington Times* reporter snapped two close-up photos of a man standing against the fence, looking through it at the soldiers carrying the protestors away. His eyes were moist with tears. The depth of convictions, courage and determination displayed had touched many people, apparently the military people as well as the onlookers. Many protestors then walked to an alternate main gate and tried to block that entrance to the base. Within an hour all 48 of those who took civil resistance training were arrested. Three were residents of Monmouth County.

After committing, supporting or witnessing civil disobedience to protest the US war in Central America, people went home after farewells to old friends and new friends, obviously glad they took part in the event, apparently determined to influence our Congress.

Planning Board *continued from page 1*

Under the proposed amendments, which would not become law unless passed by the Council after a public hearing, owners of such vehicles would still be able to apply to the Planning Board—for a fee of \$10—for permission to park them on their property as a conditional use. No more than one vehicle per dwelling could receive such approval.

Planning Board Chairman Alan Mallach stated, "It is very important with large vehicles that there be an opportunity to evaluate where they are parked and insure adequate screening and the like." Each dwelling would be allowed one recreational vehicle exceeding the weight limit, without having to apply as a conditional use, provided the vehicle was legally parked in the Borough before the effective date of the ordinance and the Borough Clerk was notified within 30 days of the effective date.

The ordinance would also define driveways, continue the restriction of parking on private land to driveways, set standards for driveway surfaces, limit the amount of yard space that may be occupied by driveways and provide for a menu of authorized driveway configurations.

Marilyn Magnes, the Council's representative on the Planning Board, said that the final draft to be submitted by Mallach could be introduced by the Council on first reading as early as its April 12 meeting.

Not Unanimous

Mallach, Magnes and Board members Mel Friedman, Gail Hunton and William Lentz voted in favor of the amendments, which were moved by Friedman. Member Dennis Connaughton voted "no." Mayor Leon

Barth, also a Board member, was absent. Connaughton had earlier moved to allow each dwelling to park at least one commercial vehicle so long as it did not exceed 18,000 lbs. He said the weight limit of his proposal would authorize several vehicles in town presently exceeding the existing ordinance's 9,000lb. limit. His proposal would also have allowed conditional use applications for each dwelling desiring more than one vehicle exceeding 9,000 lbs. but less than 18,000 lbs. It would also have required all semi-tractors or trailers to seek conditional use approval. Connaughton's motion was defeated 5 to 1 with his being the only vote in favor.

Mallach said that those desiring to exceed the recommended standards could seek variances from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. An application to the Zoning Board for a variance or to the Planning Board for a conditional use would require notification of neighbors and an opportunity for them to object. Mallach noted that the legal standards justifying the Planning Board's approval of a conditional use are much more liberal than the standards governing Zoning Board approval of a variance. He added that, unless "grandfathered" by the new ordinance itself, any vehicles already parked in town would not be exempt from the amendments under the "prior nonconforming use" concept.

Technical Zoning Amendments Offered

The Board also unanimously recommended that the Council adopt several technical amendments to the zoning ordinance to bring it into conformity with the state municipal land use law, make it more internally consistent and

avoid conflict with other ordinances. The amendments would also change the amount of rear yard that could be covered by an accessory building from 24 percent of yard area to 10 percent. It was pointed out that under the existing ordinance a person could construct an accessory building almost twice the size of his house.

In addition, the proposed ordinance would require Planning Board conditional use approval to build a storage building or garage in excess of 10 feet high or covering an area greater than 240 square feet. Board members thanked Mallach for providing his expertise as a professional planner without any expense to the Borough.

Recycling in Master Plan

Mallach noted that Kirk Rothfuss, the new Recycling Coordinator, had reminded him that a recycling element is required by state law for the Borough's master plan. Mallach said he would prepare a draft for Rothfuss to review and pass along to the Board for its next meeting on April 5.

Impact Study a Possibility

Magnes reported that the Council was seriously considering whether it could budget funds for an impact/viability study of whether certain kinds of development would be good or bad for the town. The amount would be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and could be sought through an emergency appropriation that would be paid back over five years, according to Magnes. It would thus be exempt from state-imposed spending caps on the town's overall budget. Hunton said that at least one private foundation had expressed interest in funding a similar study.

Shade Tree Commission Revamped

by Becky Rowe

The Roosevelt Shade Tree Commission, revitalized under the leadership of Ann Goldman, is undertaking the task of cleaning and beautifying our town. Some of our goals for this spring are:

- Organizing our "Town Clean-Up Day," a chance for everyone to come out and get all those ugly bottles, cans, and papers off the

side of the road and into the recycling bins where they belong.

- Planting flowers and maintaining flower beds around the municipal building and other Borough properties.
- Planting a new flower bed at the entrance to town.
- Pruning shrubs and trees on Borough property.

Donations of annuals, seedlings, and perennial divisions for the beds, as well as contributions of your time would make you a part of our community effort to keep our home beautiful. Our goals now are modest, but we have many more ideas which we can implement if the response to our initial aims is positive.

For information, please call Ann Goldman (426-1740) or Gail Donnelly (426-1315).

— **Letters** —

To the Editor:

With regard to the article in last month's Bulletin by Dennis Connaughton [*On Hunters and Deer*, Ed.]: Alas, I no longer love deer!

Last spring I realized that my 40-year-old evergreens (planted by my 4-year-old-daughter) that were a back-drop to the woods on the back of my lot were cut halfway up each tree!

At first I thought they were cut down for Christmas branches by a thoughtless person but then was told that the deer eat those branches from the ground up to as far as they can reach—sadly, it's true!

Now when the deer come onto my grounds I make noises to shoo them away since I am trying to save the other trees which are closer to the house.

I no longer stand at the window to enjoy watching them—now I make noises until they go away!

—Clara J. Levinson

To the Editor:

Roosevelt should keep the school playground cleaner. There's broken glass and soda cans all over it. Lots of parents bring their children there, and little kids could get hurt. When it gets warm, grown ups should clean it.

—Jeremiah Barkley

Jeremiah Barkley attends the first grade at RPS.

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To the Editor:

After reading the School Board's response to my article in the February issue of the **Roosevelt Borough Bulletin** [*The Case for an Alternative to RPS*, Ed.], one can only conclude that they did not understand what I was trying to convey to the community. That is, that if the Roosevelt School could provide our students with as good an education as they will get at the East Windsor School district, and at a competitive cost, I would have no problem.

The fact is that the East Windsor School System offers a far better education (as attested to by the seventh and eighth grades) and the community can save \$250,000.

Reference the Board's comment about other cost factors in sending our students: If they read my article carefully, I included \$25,000 for unscheduled expenses, such as a part-time Board secretary and maintenance of the building until it could be put to use.

I would hasten to remind the Board that it is already March, and, to the best of my knowledge, the committees they appointed have not met; yet the Board is going on with plans to build another bathroom for the kindergarten room. I am aware that the state mandates this bathroom, but why spend the money until the committee reports are in? Maybe the conclusion will be to send the students out. At the same time, the Board is talking about refacing the building and financing it with a bond issue. Are they for real? I suggest that the Board attend some Council meetings and find out what monetary problems the town is facing and touch base with reality.

Last, but not least, the Board's comment that decisions about the future of our school can not be made hastily is somewhat disingenuous. I remind the Board and the community that when it was expedient to "dump" two grades because the county mandated expensive building improvements, we (I was a member of that Board) moved the seventh and eighth grades to East Windsor in less than three months.

What's the problem with moving six grades in a year? Not too hasty.

Again, my reason for voting down the budget is not to save \$25,000 that might be cut, but rather to send a strong message to the Board that they can no longer procrastinate in seeking an alternative form of education for our students—the kids deserve that much and the community needs the financial relief.

On Monday, March 6, I received a letter from Mr. Grossman, the Board President, informing me that I have been removed from the reorganizational committee to which I was appointed a few months ago. I include this letter as a postscript. The reason as stated was that my bias would not allow me to be a team player. I would point out to Mr. Grossman that he appointed to the same committee two board members who signed the budget cover letter that stated, "A community-based elementary school is a tremendous asset to our town." Is that not bias? Could they be team players in view of their opinions?

—Lou Esakoff

Board of Education: Roosevelt NJ
March 1, 1989
Dear Mr. Esakoff:

I must inform you that I have rescinded your appointment to a reorganizational committee. This decision was made at a Public Meeting of the Board of Education with the support of the Board.

The motivation behind this action was your article in the **Bulletin** which clearly demonstrates that you are not willing to participate in a process. Instead of working on a team to ascertain accurate information for Public evaluation, you opted to draw your own conclusions and write an article with incomplete and misleading information. This was written after you agreed to be part of the process.

As a citizen of Roosevelt, your input to the committee will always be welcome.

Respectfully yours,
Edward B. Grossman
President

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9	10 Borough Council Agenda Meeting Boro Hall, 8:00 PM Leon Barth, Mayor (448-1870) Carol Watchler, Council President (448-5215)	11 PTA RPS, 7:30 PM Carol Zaleski, Pres. (448-5089)	12 Borough Council Borough Hall 8:00 PM Leon Barth, Mayor (448-1870) Carol Watchler, Council President (448-5215)	13 Board of Education Agenda Meeting RPS, 7:30 PM Zoning Board Boro Hall, 8 PM Lou Esakoff, Chair (448-3166)	14	15 Bulletin Deadline
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