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Lipoti Resigns from Council; Craig Appointed Public Debates Noise Ordinance

by Adeline Weiner

Due to a major promotion within the Department of Environmental Protection, Jill Lipoti submitted her resignation as Council member and Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Her advancement involves state wide responsibility and requires being on 24-hour call, which, combined with a possible conflict of interest, necessitated her withdrawal.

To fill the vacancy, the Council unanimously chose Warren Craig of Homestead Lane from among three nominees offered by the Roosevelt Democratic Committee.

Individual Council members and Mayor Barth all expressed their admiration, respect, and gratitude to Lipoti for her consistently outstanding contributions to Borough government during her tenure. Craig was sworn in and warmly welcomed to the ranks of municipal government.

Noise: How Much and What Kind

The public hearing on the new anti-noise ordinance was well attended by resident musicians and other interested parties, all of whom, though often in sharp disagreement, con-

ducted the debate with exemplary calm and clarity.

Among the musicians present, most argued against the proposed ordinance on the grounds that the ordinance would discourage informal neighbor-to-neighbor negotiation and possibly endanger the livelihood of musicians who live in town.

Laurie Altman cited the many years of security and acceptance he enjoyed in this community without this kind of

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School Bd. Receives Committee Report

by Warren Craig

Roosevelt should continue to remain an independent public school district: this is the conclusion of the Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Future of the Roosevelt Public School.

The Ad Hoc Committee, which was composed of 16 members from the School Board, Planning Board, Borough Council and the community at large, delivered its report to the Board on October 5. The Board is scheduled to discuss the report at its November meeting. It is expected that the Board will officially decide on a course of action for the next five years at a December Board meeting.

The committee was formed by the Board of Education in November 1988 to recommend whether it makes sense—economically, socially and educationally—to close RPS and enter into a sending/receiving relationship with another school district for grades K-12, to join a regional school district or to remain an independent school district. The Ad Hoc Committee

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Remember to Vote Nov. 7

Polls Open at Borough Hall, 7 AM-8 PM

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Parents: Apples Can Mean More Than Groceries

by Vinnie Jackson

We don't have to tell you the important role computers play in education today. When our children graduate from high school and go on to college or enter the modern work place, they will be stepping into a world humming with computers. It's a world where the lack of familiarity with the computer and its operation would put them at a definite disadvantage.

Roosevelt Public School is doing everything possible to prepare our students to enter this fast-paced, high-technology age. Computer education and "hands-on" computer experience in the classroom are almost essential if our children are to enjoy the widest range of academic and employment opportunities.

Ideally, we would like to put a classroom computer at the fingertips of every student. Unfortunately, computers are among the most expensive educational tools needed to provide a total learning environment for our children. There simply aren't enough tax dollars in any school budget to purchase all the computer equipment we could put to use.

However, there is a way that you can help Roosevelt Public School acquire more computers for the classroom. It is Shop-Rite's "Apples for the Students" computer program.

Shop-Rite is offering Roosevelt Public School free Apple Computers, equipment and software in exchange for their register tapes.

All we have to do, if we shop at Shop-rite, is save the cash register tapes. It's that simple. We ask you to cooperate and help us by encouraging friends and relatives also to shop at Shop-Rite so that we can get their register tapes as well.

Your PTA will pick up the tapes from the "Apples for the Students" collection boxes at our school, total them up, and present them to Shop-Rite to exchange for whatever Apple equipment we choose.

Only register tapes dated between October 1, 1989 and February 17, 1990 are valid.

We urge you to save your register tapes from Shop-Rite and ask your

friends and relatives to do it, too. Register tapes should be sent in to Roosevelt Public School weekly or dropped off at Rossi's Deli. We appreciate their help in our collection. Your PTA and Shop-Rite will do the rest.

We know we can count on your support and active participation in this community-wide effort to help improve the already high standards of our children's educational environment.

For more information contact the Roosevelt Public School.

Thank you.

Vinnie Jackson chairs the "Apples for the Students" effort of the Roosevelt PTA.

Recycling News

by Kirk Rothfuss

Beginning October 18, 1989 there are several changes to our recycling program. Please note our current recycling guidelines:

1. Only aluminum cans in the Aluminum Drums—absolutely no Aluminum foil, Aluminum siding, etc.
2. Only glass bottles in the glass drums, color separated.
3. Only Bimetal/tin food cans in the new drums for this purpose. No aerosol cans, paint cans, etc.
4. Newspapers *must* be tied with string—absolutely no paper or plastic bags should be used.
5. Please do not leave bottles and cans in paper or plastic bags.
6. We currently cannot recycle plastic. Continue to dispose of plastic in your trash cans for curbside pickup.

If you have any questions, please call me at 448-3713.

Kirk Rothfuss is Roosevelt's Recycling Coordinator.

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Council (continued from page 1)

regulation. Ed Cedar added that such a law would encourage complaints based on personal dislike or hostility. Dennis Connaughton expressed his concern that the Council would be catering to individual intolerance.

Maureen Parrott, candidate for Borough Council, added that the Council would be setting a dangerous precedent in outlawing what is annoying or disliked, and that such a law on the books would have a chilling effect on musicians who want to live here.

A Shout as Proof

Supporters of the ordinance included composer Brad Garton who maintained that having measurable limits, such as the proposed 55 dBA level at the property line, in fact allows a musician greater freedom knowing he can produce sound up to a given level without fear of complaints or interference. He emphasized the damaging effect of excessive noise by dramatically emitting a sudden loud shout and then asking hearers to note their accelerated pulse rate. (Very true). He cited hearing loss and persistent lack of sleep as similarly noxious effects of noise pollution that the community was obliged to control.

Quiet Dissent

Still another composer, Mark Zuckerman, stated he had no objection to a noise ordinance in principle, but found the proposed ordinance unsatisfactory. He doubted that any valid objectively-measurable standard could be found to gauge what is inherently a subjective experience. He claimed that the stress induced by Garton's shout was due more to the suddenness than the loudness of the sound. He suggested that volume, in fact, was not as crucial an irritant as the type or nature of the sound emitted.

Several people offered examples of less loud but more annoying types of noise such as produced by chain-saws, mopeds, lawn mowers, or Rock-and-Roll music versus Mozart, and vice versa. Ed Cedar gave a vivid example of a french-horn player who, because of constant complaints could not practice in his hotel room while he was on tour, until he thought to rehearse

under cover of his TV set turned up nice and loud. People tolerate what they are used to, he noted.

Limits Even in Utopia?

There was considerable discussion on the subjective nature of the effects of noise, the dangers of stringent regulation when unfairly used; but also, in the other direction, on the need for stated limits to meet the fact that ugly, hostile situations will arise even in friendly communities like ours. As for specific bills in response to individual problems, Michael Ticktin made the point that we sometimes get good legislation that way, as when a "fence" ordinance was passed because some individual built his too high.

Benefit Without Clause

Paul Eichler reported that the original incident that evoked the ordinance has been satisfactorily settled and that the present zoning law provides ample opportunity to get assistance from the State Police when and if needed. Council members Magnes and Counterman spoke in favor of setting up a mediation panel for handling residents' disputes. Judith Trachtenberg, a local attorney, was mentioned as offering her assistance in realizing this goal. Council member Jim Alt observed that it is as important and beneficial to the community to go through the process of presentation and debate over this type of legislation as it is to adopt it; the results are often just as practical. The Borough Council acted to pass Carol Watchler's motion to send Ordinance 134 back to committee.

Get in the Recycling Habit

By the time this issue of the *Bulletin* appears, recycling of bi-metal cans will have begun and the B & T Recycling Co. will be in process of collecting all our recyclables every other Wednesday at a cost of \$135 per pickup. As before, they require that glass be separated by color; aluminum cans separate and bi-metal cans (some are half aluminum and half metal) in still another bin.

Mr. Flanagan, B & T owner, who addressed the meeting, urged that right from the start it pays to develop

a routine for handling these items: empty the can, cut off both ends, remove label, wash well, and step on it to crush. Food left in cans draw bees, wasps and ants. Labels serve to "contaminate" the load and consequently run the risk of rejection. Newspapers must be tied; any other packaging increases labor of separation and raises the cost.

Playing Catchup

Director of Recycling, Kirk Rothfuss, has petitioned the County to allow a reduced quota for total recycling materials from 25% of all solid waste, or 30 lbs. per person, to 18.26 lbs., due to the paucity of recyclable waste from businesses here. He was confident that the Borough would also regain certification and be in line for the modest money grant in consequence.

Two Planning Board Ordinances

Planning Board Chair Alan Mallach presented a lengthy report describing the first two of a series of ordinances to amend the Roosevelt zoning ordinance. The Board is systematically examining the current zoning law, which needs up-dating and clarification. The two new amendments will be introduced at the next Council meeting in November, to be followed by public hearings in December.

Other Business

Streets and Roads projects as well as procedures to test subsurface areas around the sewer treatment plant were reported by Council member Counterman and Council member Magnes respectively. The Council voted to permit two Fire Department line-item expenditures of \$2000 and \$2500 each.

The Roosevelt Fire Company has brought great pride to the Borough by winning First Prize, Out-of-County, in the state competition.

Marilyn Magnes was appointed as Roosevelt's representative to the Monmouth County Development Program committee to participate in decisions affecting distribution of County Development Funds to municipalities.

What's New at RPS

by Harry Groveman

Student Council Elections

Students in grades 1 through 6 are currently working on campaign speeches as they seek to be nominated for a seat on the 1989/90 RPS student council. Mirroring our upcoming general elections, students are preparing to nominate candidates, listen to campaign speeches and decide by a ballot selection their choices for class representatives to the student council.

The student council meets regularly with me and works on special events (i.e., school dance) or special projects (i.e., spring clean-up) to improve the overall school climate. One of the goals for the coming year is for the student council to develop and initiate a recycling program at RPS.

New Report Cards to be Initiated

At parent conference time (November 20 and 21) parents will be receiving newly revised progress reports (report cards) for their children. This new reporting system developed by the staff is geared to provide parents with more information about their children than our previous system and has been designed to expand on the process of goals of education (i.e., work skills and social skills) as well as the academic product goals.

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator at RPS.

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divided itself into three subcommittees to evaluate each of these alternatives.

RPS Considered Viable

According to the summary position of the Ad Hoc Committee prepared by Arthur G. (Bud) Martin, who has been a consultant to the Board since July 1988:

- Students at RPS compete well with students at other schools on standardized tests.
- Parents are enthusiastic about the school and want a neighborhood school.
- Costs are now under control at RPS and an increase in the student population by as much as 50 percent can be absorbed with minimal impact on the school budget.

Martin also wrote most of the material used by the committee to arrive at its conclusions.

The Ad Hoc Committee compared the projected 1989-90 RPS budget as a K-6 operation with the cost of sending all students to East Windsor (assuming that is possible). According to the committee's budget report, sending all students to East Windsor under the current terms of the contract would cost approximately \$762,000 for tuition. That figure includes employee retirement, insurance, and unemployment compensation for the RPS staff. Adding transportation and other costs, the budget report estimates that sending all Roosevelt students to East Windsor would cost \$1,051,000, while the current RPS school budget stands at \$1,050,686.

If the building were demolished or sold, according to the report, the town would save \$53,000 in sending all students to East Windsor. If the building remained open in order to house the Board of Education (whose need would not be eliminated by closing the school) and was used as a community recreation center, the cost would amount to approximately \$27,500, annually. The report does not indicate the appraised market value of the school building, the cost of demolition or how it derived the figure of \$27,500

to continue to operate the school as a community recreation center.

According to another document produced by the committee, entitled *A Case for K-5 or K-6 in Roosevelt*, becoming part of a regional district would mean that the school property and any balances in the school budget would become property of the regional school district. The cost of becoming part of a regional district, according to this document, would not be based on how many school-age children were in town, but on "ratables in the total district ... prorated to the constituent districts based on the share of ratables."

The Ad Hoc Committee found that the school building is adequate to provide an elementary education that is "as good or better" than other districts. Of major concern, however, are the condition of the roof and boiler, the asbestos management plan and the possibility of new requirements being imposed on the school district by the state in the future. A problem in these areas could force an unexpected increase in the budget.

Questions Remain

While the Ad Hoc Committee addressed many questions that needed to be answered to determine the best educational and fiscal approach to educating Roosevelt's school-age population, many questions still remain, such as:

- Does Roosevelt want a neighborhood elementary school, or would it rather send its students to another district?
- What would happen to property values in town if the school were sold, torn down or used as a community center?
- What would the town do with the building if it was no longer used as a school?
- How much will Roosevelt grow during the next five years? (Which could determine whether individual property taxes for school-related expenses go up or down.)

PTA News

by Robin Carroll

The PTA Board was very excited to see the large turnout at the first meeting in September. It's nice to see new parents come out and give us their support and their input for our projects. May our meetings grow and grow!

The PTA provided refreshments for Back to School Night on October 3. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the room mothers who baked for this special night. The table was overflowing with goodies. Teresa Lepore deserves a great big thanks for making all the phone calls to co-ordinate this night.

The school pictures were taken on October 6 with quite a few of the nursery school children coming in for pictures. We know everyone is anxiously awaiting their arrival.

An extra special thanks goes to everyone who supported our magazine sale. Due to the success of this fundraiser we were able to use part of our profit to purchase a Polaroid Spectra camera and film for the school. The teachers had expressed a need for an instant camera to take pictures of the students and their projects. This camera was presented to Mr. Groveman at the Board of Education meeting on October 12.

On October 18, the PTA sponsored a gymnastic assembly for the students. The gymnast arrived with his trampoline and put on quite a show. Everyone loved it.

We were pleased to have as our guest speaker at the October 19 meeting Mr. Ed Miller, who spoke to our group on Fire Safety in the Home. He answered all our questions and gave us valuable life-saving information. Thank you Ed!

On October 25 and 26 the PTA held a Book Fair. We hope to make this a yearly event and we hope everyone who stopped by was pleased with the selections available.

We're very happy to have Lee Allen take charge of the Halloween Party again this year. He did a wonderful job last year and the students are looking forward to the activities that are being planned. There will be a costume parade in front of the school with Halloween games planned for inside.

November 1 kicks off our annual Roosevelt Dragon Shirt Sale. This sale is not a fundraiser, but a way to promote school spirit. We will be taking orders for t-shirts, shorts, jogging pants, and crew neck or hooded sweatshirts. Anyone interested in placing orders can contact the school or PTA President Adeenah Yeger at 443-5848.

The Roosevelt PTA is joining with the National PTA in educating parents to the dangers children face by designating November as National PTA's Child Safety and Protection Month. Topics being addressed include sports safety, fire safety, childhood stress, child care and bus safety. There will be information available on all topics at the November 16 meeting. At this meeting we will also have a member of the RPS staff available to speak about the upcoming parent teachers conferences. The topic of their discussion will be how parents can get the most out of these conferences.

November 28 and 29 are the days scheduled for this year's Holiday Shop. The positive response we received last year from the students and staff made us decide to bring back the holiday shop this year. The shop will be open from 1 to 4 PM on Wednesday and 1-4 PM and 7-9 PM on Thursday. Mark your calendars for these two days and stop by the school to browse.

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to make the community aware that we are participating in the Shop-Rite "Apples for the Students" program. In this innovative program, Shop-Rite gives our school the opportunity to acquire any of five different Apple computer systems for our classroom. Apple computers are the standard for educational computers and RPS thinks it would be ideal if every student could eventually have hands-on access to a classroom computer. RPS hopes that parents and the community will help support this program by sending their Shop-Rite register tapes into school with their children or dropping them off at the office. For more information on this program contact Vinnie Jackson at 426-4297. We want to thank Vinnie for all the work she has done with this program.

Mark your calendar for the next meeting on November 16 at 8 PM in the school lobby.

Nursery School News

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

An apple-picking trip, a pumpkin-picking foray, learning our colors, making bird feeders—October was a busy, exciting month for the Roosevelt Community Nursery School children, reports Head Teacher Linda Liotta. And to top it all off, a new pet—Cindy, our active, acrobatic, and (believe it!) adorable ferret—has joined our classroom menagerie.

RCNS has a new human face in the Afternoon Enrichment Program as well—our wonderful cook Florrie Johnson. We're all so happy to have her aboard!

On the fundraising front, we hope to continue building up our Schoolyard Equipment Fund with proceeds from our Constructive Playthings catalog sale. Orders will be collected through November 7, so don't miss this chance to get the jump on holiday gift buying with these well-made, educational toys and crafts. You can leaf through a copy of the catalog on display at the Roosevelt Deli, then call Joan Grossman (448-9385) or Arlene Wong (448-6098) for details on ordering.

Fundraising blazes on with our traditional Tupperware Party on November 8. Interested in seeing a catalog or attending the demonstration? Call Kim Rindt (448-9475) or Colleen Rossi (448-8417) for information.

Acknowledgements

This month's special "RCNS Heroes" are: Paul Bauman, whom we wholeheartedly thank for his generous donation; the Ernsteins (Roosevelt Printing) who contributed their time and services; Steve Estenes, who let the youngsters "invade" his farm for apple-picking; RCNS mom Susanne Malter, who donated Cindy the ferret and her spiffy cage; and RCNS parents Stu and Lynn Flamm, who gave us our goldfish Spot and Goldie and their lovely tank. Thank you all!

First Aid Squad News

by Marian Gelber

The First Aid Squad has been busier than usual lately, with squad members attending classes, running blood drives, fund drives, and answering more calls last month than the past two months combined.

Eight of our squad members have been attending classes for state certification and recertification. For new members, this means over 110 hours of classroom and hands-on time, and for the recertifiers, nearly eighty hours of the same. And in addition to those people taking these classes, one of the squad members has been teaching a class. Although this seems like a lot of work, most of the classes are fun, and the end results make it all worth it.

The blood drive held on September 21, 1989 was a success. 34 pints of blood were collected from 41 people who came down to donate. The First Aid Squad would like to thank everyone who came down that night, donators and volunteers alike.

October was fund raising month for the squad. Members spent time in front of the Post Office collecting donations. Money collected from the fund drives helps pay for the classes and other necessities needed for the squad.

Those people who are around town during the day may have noticed the sirens going off more than usual. This is because the Roosevelt First Aid Squad is now covering mutual aid calls for Hightstown during the day. If the Hightstown squad cannot get enough members together to answer a first aid call, our squad is called out. This has given our members a good chance to use their skills more often and to come across situations they might not see in Roosevelt. Hightstown has brought over an extra ambulance, so there is always an ambulance at the First Aid building when needed.

New Members Sought

If you are thinking about becoming a member of the First Aid Squad, please mail us a letter or contact someone you know already on the squad. We are always looking for new members and would love to talk to you about it.

Seniors' News

by Helga Wisowaty

Jeanette informed us that half fare tickets are available both on the bus and the train to New York. Banks distribute them.

Our Annual Holiday Dinner has been changed from Lily Langtree to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ. This will take place on December 9. Tickets must be paid for at the November meeting.

On October 5, many of us had the free flu shots at the Clarksburg Community Center. On October 13 most of us enjoyed a luncheon at the Golden Coach.

Nettie DeVito requested that those who go food shopping at Shoprite save the yellow tapes attached to food list. This will be given to the PTA at RPS. This project, "Apples for Students," will make it possible to receive various appliances for the school. There will be a box at the Post Office, also. This will run for 20 weeks, starting October 21.

Nettie, Nick & Thelma were our hosts. The refreshments were delicious and Marguerite & I were pleasantly surprised with a lovely cake (baked by Thelma) since we share a birthday in October. It made our day.

Helga Wisowaty is Secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens.

Two Fall Parties for Alef Bet

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

The Alef Bet Families celebrated the October holidays together in grand style this year, starting with a Sukkot party on October 14. Our gracious hosts were Neil and Joy Marko and family, and 30 Alef Bet-ers gathered in the backyard *sukkah* to learn about the holiday, sing songs in English and Hebrew, and share Sukkot goodies, including challah and pomegranates. We'd like to say a special thank you to Gregg and Liz Possiel for allowing us to cut some of their bamboo to make the *sukkah* roof.

Then on October 22, the families met again for Simchat Torah at the Roosevelt Jewish Center. The event was highlighted by a traditional children's parade and a caramel apple feast.

Our next get-together will be a Havdalah gathering on Saturday, November 18, at 4 PM. Come join us! Alef Bet Families is an informal Jewish education program geared toward young children and their families, but open to all. Call Faye Nulman (426-1192) for more information.

Are Our Pets Safe?

by Gloria D. Hazell

Many readers saw my notice on the Community Bulletin Board next to the Post Office, or in the **Borough Bulletin** itself. I thank all of you who have asked me if Boots, my cat, had been found.

Yesterday, I said a final goodbye to my very good friend: my friend who I had held since he was four days old; my friend who would greet me every time I drove up to my house; my friend who would sit on my shoulder as I worked. I buried a part of him in the pocket of a sweater, which he liked to sit in, and be carried around in, for the first year of his life.

I say a part of him because that as all I could retrieve from the place where he died. My neighbors and friends, the Hendersons, found his remains in the woods while they were looking for their cat "Bandit," who was

also missing. Sadly, Bandit was also found dead.

Both of these cats were in good health, young and active, yet both died.

It is my understanding that there are some eight other families within the Borough who, like myself and my neighbor, are missing their beloved pets.

Some of us feel that there is a person in town who is killing our pets. A person who has no respect for living things. We do not know how this person is killing the cats, because by the time they are found, there is no way to establish, visually, the cause of death. No, we do not know how, but we think we know who he is, and, can therefore be on the alert.

I ask the cat owners in town to be careful with their pets, and to watch them for any signs of illness. If signs are found, for your pets' sake as well

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The Next Generation

Superheros

"...and so the torch has been passed."
—Arthur Shapiro

by Debbie Nahmias

I used to love superheroes. I was reminded of this very recently by a five year old boy who ran around his grandparents' house with a red cape on his back and his Alf underwear on the outside of his pants. What a beautiful experience—seeing someone so young still with the belief that he can conquer the world.

Anyway, this young boy prompted memories of my playing superheroes with Mark Katz. He was always Batman and I was always the counterfemale, either Batgirl or Catwoman depending on the type of mood I was in.

I always wanted to get superhero dolls as toys for the appropriate occasions; my brother always got them instead. (My mother doesn't remember this.) And the very few times I did receive these dolls of immense strength, they were always the female versions. I could never understand why that was so.

Debbie Jelinek always tried to dissuade me from wanting superhero dolls by continually introducing me to Barbie, Ken and Barbie's younger sister (whatever her name was). So I would play with them and we would do with them what other kids do with Barbie dolls. Undress them, dress them, make them eat dinner, take them on a ride in Barbie's bright pink convertible, and then put them away. They were all right, but they did not have the power,

as your own peace of mind, please get it checked out.

If anybody knows anything about the cats that are missing, please contact me. If we find the man that we suspect, or any other person, in the act of harming any animal, you and he can be sure that something will be done.

Many of you reading this may feel that we are over-reacting, but unless you have had an animal in your family you may never understand the closeness, companionship and love that a pet can bring to a family. Having a cat

the awesome ability to see through brick buildings or the means to scale walls. They were not *superheros*, they were role models.

So I played Barbie and Ken with folks like Debbie Jelinek, Mindy Shapiro, and Lisa Katz. But when I wanted real fun, excitement, and adventure I would always go downstairs to my brother's room and play with his *superheros*.

I was not the first on the block to like *superheros*. When I first came to Roosevelt seventeen years ago is when I first learned about *superheros*. My family and I came to look at the beginnings of our new house. And on the side of my new home was a small hill. As I stood by my parents, looking at this bunch of rubble and pulled up trees which is now my home, I heard "AAAAAAAArggh"—and down that small hill came a slightly smaller version of Dave Ashkinazy. He stopped dead in his tracks put his hands on his hips, and in a big bold voice he said: "Hi, I'm Batman." Dave was the first on the block to like *superheros*.

The five year old boy at the beginning of this anecdote truly reminded me of the importance of having a *superhero* "hero." When he flew into the room, put his hands on his hips, and gave me that cute square smile of his, I believed in Superman too.

is especially good for one's health. After a stressful day what could be better than sitting and stroking a cat, listening to its comforting and relaxing purr, as it tells you how pleased it is that you are a part of its life.

Pets, especially dogs and cats, rely on you, watch out for you, and most of all, love you. We, of course, as pet owners, love them back, which is why it pains so much when one is injured or hurt, the more so when the injury is so senseless and against one so gentle and innocent.

Roosevelt in Sports

Unsung Heros

by Steve Yeger

A few years back, I was helping out with the Peddie School wrestling program. This was around the time that Keith "Hulk" Holcombe was just taking charge of the team.

Most wrestling fans recognize Holcombe as one of the most successful coaches in wrestling, but this wasn't the case in the beginning. We had more than our share of disappointment.

Because of this, the "Hulkster's" friends were always encouraging him, which involved lifting a few brews. Ray Clark, highly respected state wide as a basketball coach, joined us at one of these sessions. The conversation got around to what local areas contribute to the school sports programs. Quite naturally, I asked about Roosevelt's participation.

The answer may surprise a few people.

Over the years, students from our community have made significant and memorable contributions to scholastic teams. Even though we don't send many students to Hightstown High, Rooseveltians have left their mark on Hightstown High sports.

For example, the Hightstown High soccer team once again qualified for the state tournament. One of the leaders of this team (one of three co-captains) is Danny Jaeger of Roosevelt. He isn't alone. A few weeks ago, the sports section of a local newspaper featured a picture of a Hightstown High football player making a tackle. The tackler was Rooseveltian Rich Herman.

There are many more.

In this column, we shall take note of the accomplishments of local athletes, and touch on other areas affecting these kids (grades and sports, for example).

In addition, we shall be interviewing some of the older athletes in town. There are quite a few ex-major (and -minor) college and pro athletes around.

We'll also feature the sports activities of the smaller kids, in the soccer league and Little League.

For now, we'll be scouting the scene until next time.

Love of Words

The Outrage Outage

by Josef G. Solomon

Whatever happened to outrage? It seems to be in short supply. I'm not talking about anger, rage, or hostility, all of which are in monumental oversupply in our world. No, the subject of this essay is outrage—or, if you like, righteous indignation.

To give you an idea: When was the last time a high-level government official resigned in outrage over what an even higher official had ordered him to do? It seems to me that the last such occasion was the famous Saturday Night Massacre, when Elliot Richardson resigned as Attorney General rather than obey President Nixon's order to fire the special prosecutor looking into the Watergate scandal. His next-in-command became Acting Attorney General: Nixon ordered him to fire the special prosecutor; he also resigned. The dirty deed was then performed by the next in line, the Solicitor General—a fellow named Robert Bork. Remember him? Whatever became of him?

By the way, the action that did in President Nixon was not the Watergate break-in, but his attempt to cover it up afterwards. It's somewhat similar to the situation that if you and some of your friends get together to plan a little mischief, the "crime" itself may be only a misdemeanor, but conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor is a felony—even if you change your minds and don't ever do it. Of course, the Watergate break-in was a felony, and it was committed.

Nonetheless, there are those even today who insist either (or both) that Nixon wasn't guilty or that "everybody does it"—what Nixon did wasn't any worse than what x (choose your president) did. Even if that "defense" were true, why aren't you outraged that any president of the United States would break the law?

Two Four-Letter Words

The Modern world's record is held by Fawn Hall, who had been secretary to Lt. Col. Oliver North, assistant to the National Security Advisor. During the

Iran-Contra hearings, she actually uttered these classic words: "Senator, sometimes you have to go above the law."

Not one person in the hearing-room responded to that outrageous remark. I did. I shouted at her: "But that isn't what you did. You went beneath the law. You went around the law. You went through the law. You went everywhere *but* above the law."

Was no one in the hearing room outraged at her remark? Did no one disagree with her contention that sometimes you have to go above the law? Even if such a "right" existed, how far down the chain of command does it go? If you're willing to believe that the president has that "right," does that "right" go all the way down to someone who is only a secretary to the assistant to the *assistant* to the secretary to the assistant to the National Security Advisor to the President? You get the idea, I hope.

Send in the Marines

President Reagan sent US Marines to Lebanon. It was never very clear what they were supposed to be doing there, but over 200 died when a suicide-bomber crashed into their barracks while they slept. Americans became furious with the group that claimed responsibility for the murders, but where was the outrage against the hopelessly incompetent officers who had neglected the most fundamental elements of security?

President Reagan announced that he was accepting full responsibility for the deaths. That, also, outraged me, because I knew what it meant: No one would be punished. And so it was. No one was court-martialed for this terrible dereliction of duty. (And Reagan was re-elected.) As far as we know, nobody's career was ruined. Why not?

And how did that mightiest power in the history of the world respond to having its nose tweaked? The battleship New Jersey stood several miles off the coast, and shelled the mountains in Lebanon. Whom did we hit?

Were they the people guilty of the murders? Or were they innocent victims? We were never told. Why was there no outrage against the entire chain of command? President Reagan spent trillions of dollars building up our military forces; is that all we got for all our money? Some tenth-rate country kills several hundred of our Marines, and we can't even do anything about it?

For decades, Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland have been killing each other. Doesn't anybody care? In Lebanon, Christians and Muslims are killing each other by the thousands—and Muslims are killing Muslims, and Christians are killing Christians. Doesn't anybody care?

The Unethical Drug Industry

The problem of addiction to illegal drugs has finally come to public notice, after many years of being neglected at all levels of government. Now, in our usual fashion, we have shifted gears: Instead of doing nothing, we are now urged—and urging—to violent action. Certainly, it is difficult to argue that we don't have to do anything about addiction to illegal drugs. The costs to our society—in deaths, hospital care, crime committed in order to get illegal drugs, and crimes committed in order to continue making the fabulous money from selling illegal drugs—are staggering.

However, if you calculate the total costs to our society from addiction to illegal drugs, that huge sum is puny compared to the costs to our society from addiction to *legal* drugs. Never mind prescription drugs—I'm just talking about nicotine and alcohol! Think about all the murders committed by people who are drunk, all the deaths and injuries caused by drunken driving, the health-care costs due to illnesses caused by smoking. Our government uses our money to subsidize people who grow tobacco. Why? Where is the outrage?

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Roosevelt Landmarks

The Cemetery

by Michael L. Ticktin

"The real pride of Kasrilevke," said Sholem Aleichem, speaking of the archetypical *shtetl* that was the setting of many of his stories, "is its cemeteries." While we in Roosevelt certainly have many other things that we can be proud of as well, our cemetery is indeed a distinctive feature of our community that represents an ever-present link with its origins.

The cemetery that we see as we approach the loop at the end of Eleanor Lane is actually two cemeteries. The larger one, over five acres in area though only a small part of it is in actual use, belongs to the Borough. By ordinance, it is divided into a Jewish section (within the loop) and a non-sectarian section. The Jewish section, in turn, is divided into an Orthodox section, a non-Orthodox section, and a children's section. (The distinction between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox sections seems to have been lost over time, as witnessed by the fact that holders of divergent religious and philosophical opinions now lie peacefully side by side.)

To the right of the non-sectarian section (viewed from the perspective of someone looking up the hill) is the cemetery owned by Congregation Anshei Roosevelt. Straddling the border between the two cemeteries is the enclosed plot of the Nisnevitz family, including the grave of Oscar Nisnevitz, the Borough's first municipal engineer and its fallen hero of World War II, after whom Oscar Drive is named.

What makes the Borough cemetery distinctive is that every resident, no matter how long he or she has lived

here, has a right of free burial in it. This right is also available to former residents if they have lived here for at least 25 years, or if they held elective public office here for at least three years, or if they are the spouse or unmarried child of a person already buried here.

Roosevelt being Roosevelt, the cemetery periodically becomes a source of minor controversy. Years ago, I have been told, one religious individual concluded that the orientation of one group of tombstones was incorrect on the basis of his understanding of Jewish law and persuaded the Borough to turn them all around. More recently, members of the Borough Council questioned how there could legally be a section reserved for one religious group in a public cemetery. That issue was resolved almost as quickly as it was raised when the Attorney General issued a well-timed opinion justifying the setting aside of a Jewish section in the New Jersey State Veterans Cemetery as a valid accommodation of religion, and not an unconstitutional establishment. Should any other religious group within the community request its own section, the Borough would, of course, be obligated to make a similar accommodation.

The preponderance of Jewish graves is a reflection of the original population distribution. Jersey Homesteads, to quote the tombstone of founder Benjamin Brown, started out as a "Jewish agro-industrial cooperative." Since most people die in middle or old age, and since most of the original residents were in their for-

ties when they came here, it is not surprising that a substantial portion of those buried here came in the 1930's or 1940's. Some who lived here the requisite 25 years but moved away many years ago still make the last trip back from Florida.

Since the average age of the population has gotten considerably younger in recent years than it ever was before, and since the rate of housing turnover, as elsewhere, is much higher (thereby reducing the likelihood of a person who moves away having lived here for 25 years), it will probably be many, many years before the population distribution in the cemetery begins to approximate that found among the living.

And so the cemetery lies, peaceful in its isolation. The zoning ordinance restricts the field and woodlands adjacent to it against any development. Though new houses being built on adjoining lots in Millstone will be visible in winter, the Roosevelt Planning Board succeeded in getting them moved further forward on their lots and they will be separated from the portion of the cemetery in use, or likely to be used in the foreseeable future, by Borough-owned woods. Those of us who plan to remain in Roosevelt for the duration can find satisfaction in the fact that our cemetery is really a rather pleasant place to wind up, in which one can truly get the feeling, so different from that of the usual metropolitan area necropolis, that the mortal remains of the departed are indeed one with nature.

An Election in Britain

Perhaps twenty years ago, there was an election in Britain that apparently didn't interest any of the electorate there. In news reports about the campaign, all we heard about was voter apathy. There was one great remark that came out of that election, however. It seems that a poll-taker

asked one woman who her favorite candidate was. She replied, "I believe I shall vote for that fellow Apathy."

Maybe we are apathetic because we have been fed too many things that should outrage us. Maybe we're just suffering from a sensory overload. Maybe our senses are dulled, so that it would take something really out-

rageous to get through to us. I hope that is not true—but if it isn't true, then I don't know what the answer is. If it is true, I can almost guarantee that we will indeed be confronted by that something really outrageous. I can hardly wait.

Statements by Candidates

Editor's Note: The Bulletin invited the candidates for Borough Council to write brief answers to four questions.

— Democrats —

Maureen Parrott

Kirk Rothfuss

What is the most important problem facing the Borough government, and how would you solve it?

The most important problem facing the Borough government is finding a way to pay for the required municipal services, including the sewerage treatment plant and the school, that does not increase our already overwhelming property tax burden.

My opponents have advanced the position that massive residential development, like the Switchel proposal, is the cure. I disagree. I have seen no evidence that residential development lowers property taxes in New Jersey. For example, highly developed East Windsor has recently experienced a property tax revolt. Moreover, massive residential development will certainly change the character of the Borough, and may even increase the service needs of the community.

The solution to the problem involves our obtaining increased state aid, which may be possible under a Democratic state administration. I also support the recommendations of the "State and Local Expenditure and Revenue Policy Commission," published in a Final Report dated July 1988, which include the following:

1. Decreasing the reliance on local property taxes and increasing the reliance on the progressive gross income tax. This will ensure that the taxpayer's burden is based on an ability to pay.

2. The State shares the cost of new or enhanced state mandated services and regulations.

I believe the most important problem facing Roosevelt is the continuing pressure to raise both property taxes and sewer/water rates in order to pay for ever expanding cost projections for utility renovations and increasing solid waste disposal costs.

First, on the issue of solid waste disposal, I would initiate public discussion on the concept of per container disposal rates under which residences would be charged a lower trash disposal base fee through property taxes, but would have to buy per container disposal stickers to be affixed to each trash can put out for pickup. This may make household disposal costs more equitable, foster higher recycling participation, lower tonnage charges at the county landfill, and ultimately lower trash hauling contracts. I am currently investigating the possibility of Roosevelt Borough's inclusion in a State pilot program on this concept. This obviously is an approach which would have to be thoroughly debated by all our citizens.

Second, on the issue of the enormous water/sewer costs facing us, I will work vigorously to insure that we pay only for what is absolutely necessary, and that work is performed efficiently to avoid cost overruns which plague most construction projects. In addition, I will insure that all possible expenditures which can be covered by the New Jersey Low Interest Loan Program will be included in our loan application.

In what areas do you feel you can best make a positive contribution to local government?

My municipal government experience, my problem solving ability and knowledge of the law and the legislative process, and understanding of state and local government will enable me to contribute to Roosevelt's government by helping Roosevelt take full advantage of the monies and programs available from the state and federal government.

I believe that my skills in mediation acquired through my work with the Beyond War Foundation will assist me in communicating openly with all our residents. I believe that my experience in state government running a school and municipal grant program, and my experience as a construction representative for JCP&L Company will be an asset to the Borough Council as we address the problems I discussed above.

I feel that my work as the Roosevelt Recycling Coordinator has given me experience with the process of Roosevelt local government which will allow me to be effective early in my tenure as Councilman. As one of the two winning Democratic Primary candidates, and the top vote winner (receiving both Democratic and Republican votes), I believe I better represent the majority of voters in Roosevelt than my opponents, who are now running on the Republican ticket.

for Borough Council

Printed below (and continued on the following pages) are their unedited replies.

— Republicans —

Lee Allen

Howard Prezant

What is the most important problem facing the Borough government, and how would you solve it?

As I have been consistently saying for more than a year, the rehabilitation of our Water/Sewer system is the most urgent issue facing our homes, community and our Borough government at this time.

There is no easy solution to this problem, but there are opportunities which still exist to make it a lot less painful.

I would work together with all members of the Council to try to ensure that the rehabilitation of our polluting Sewerage System is completed on time, under budget, and to DEP requirements.

After a half century of existence, the infrastructure of our municipality has shown serious signs of deterioration. In the early 1980's over \$750,000 was expended to construct well #4, water lines, sewer lines, improvements to North Valley Road, improvements to the water treatment plants and sewer facilities. These projects were funded by a \$459,130.00 grant from Monmouth County Community Development Program (CDBG) and \$310,000 borrowed from Farmers Home Administration. Today between 2-3 million dollars will be needed to comply with the mandated improvements of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and with a possible additional \$512,000 penalty if the project is not completed timely. Interest expense on the above debt can reach an additional staggering \$6 million dollars.

In 1984 the Council, against my recommendation, discontinued its participation in CDBG in hopes of obtaining a small cities grant. This grant never materialized and in September of this year the Council re-applied to the CDBG program. This re-application could have been filed in 1984 but the Council procrastinated until this year. We lost six years of grants from a program we were already approved for and that could have benefitted our community.

The debt burden to repay the mandated improvements will fall upon our shoulders with utility rates exceeding over \$100.00 a month. Additional rateables may become necessary for the ultimate survival of our school system, municipal infrastructure and the water sewer utility facilities.

In what areas do you feel you can best make a positive contribution to local government?

In spite of this being the third engineering firm being asked to tackle the Water/Sewer problem, my background in both construction and finance can help save tens of thousands of dollars by closely monitoring the Sewer rehabilitation project's costs.

The volume of work that is being forced onto our Borough government would be more manageable with my energy, my knowledge, and my constant questioning working for you on the Council.

The people on fixed incomes and tight budgets would have a strong voice for the next three years.

For more than 30 years I served this municipality in various capacities as a member of the Council, Council President, Planning Board, Treasurer, Finance Officer, Deputy Tax Collector, Treasurer of Roosevelt Public School and as a Volunteer Fireman. I have an extensive background in our municipal government.

Statements by Candidates

— Democrats —

Maureen Parrott

Kirk Rothfuss

Why should people vote for you?

People should vote for me because I will do what I just said I will do in answering the previous questions.

I feel that all Rooseveltians should vote for me because I will bring new experiences to the Council. I am an environmentalist by conviction and education, and believe most Rooseveltians live in Roosevelt because they hold many of the same environmental concerns as I. At the same time I am deeply concerned that everyone in Roosevelt finds it more and more difficult to deal with the rising costs of living in our Borough. I will work hard to get all possible assistance from higher government to allow all of us to retain what we have and many other New Jersey citizens long for; a clean, safe and personal community.

(Optional) A brief statement of your own devising.

(No reply)

I would like to take this occasion to offer my special thanks to my neighbors who supported me and worked so hard on my primary campaign, and thank you to all citizens of Roosevelt who make Roosevelt a great place to live.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. The polls are located at the Borough Hall, and will be open 7 AM-8 PM.

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— Republicans —

Lee Allen

Howard Prezant

Why should people vote for you?

The two candidates that the people of Roosevelt elect for the next three years on the Council will share the responsibility of managing more than \$4,000,000 of expenses. I am offering the voters the best combination of skills, desire, and understanding of the situation of all of the candidates to handle the challenges the future holds in store for Roosevelt.

I also want the people of Roosevelt to know that although the Water/Sewer situation is my primary focus, I acknowledge the complexity of the many other facets of Borough government and I want to work with the Council to find solutions to benefit the entire community.

I am a bright, adept and energetic hard worker. I also have an open mind and place great importance on input from my fellow residents.

Today no one can be over qualified to serve. My expertise in our municipal affairs can only be an asset for our community.

(Optional) A brief statement of your own devising.

I want to urge all of the registered voters to come out and vote in this election. The seeds have been sown so that you have a choice to make. Every single vote counts. It's not just another election, it's our future!

*The following is an excerpt from an article entitled **U.S. Aid Likely for Water, Sewer** by Bob Clark for the **Roosevelt Borough Bulletin** dated September 1979:*

"The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved \$59,344—75 percent federal grant, eight percent state grant, and the rest from borough funds—for a study of the sewer plant. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ordered the borough to bring its plant up to federal standards. After the study is completed, the Borough will apply for \$740,000 to make repairs and upgrade the plant. If approved, EPA would pay for 75 percent, DEP for eight percent and Roosevelt for the remainder."

The above was reported to the public 10 years ago. The study, known as the "201 Facility Study," was completed but the \$740,000 of which 83% was grants, was never consummated. Ten years of procrastination has placed us in a financial dilemma. Unfortunately, we can not rewrite the past but can only proceed forward using current available resources.

For more on the campaign, see Letters to the Editor.

Outdoors Around the Assunpink

Invasion of the Bunny Snatchers

Coping With Small Game Season in Roosevelt

by Dennis Connaughton

They're Here! That's right folks, break out the kevlar vests because on November 11, small game season opens in New Jersey and we once again have the rare privilege of playing host to hundreds of uninvited guests.

They will park their vehicles wherever and whenever they want. They will tromp through and across your lawns with the heady cry of "I know what I'm doing!" and after narrowly missing your family dog, cat or small child, will tell you in no uncertain terms that "This is not a good time to be out in the woods."

However, there is a bright side to all of this. Where else can you awaken in awe and wonder to the majestic sound of a thousand shotguns being fired simultaneously at one pheasant?

And tell me, who is it that isn't moved by the breathtaking splendor of the sight of hundreds of hunting hats bobbing through the hills like so many mobile mutant roses? That sight has never failed to inspire me, but then again, I am a flower lover.

On the other hand, the small game season can provide us with a myriad of entrepreneurial opportunities.

For instance, those of you with first aid training may wish to develop a franchise of M.A.S.H. units along the periphery of the park. These units, on a pay as you go basis of course, could specialize in C.P.R., exhaustion and gunshot wound cases.

Then again, those of you who find cooking an enjoyable pastime may want to set up hamburger stands in your back yards to cater to the appetites of those hunters who stumble in. Beer, soda and cigarettes might also be sold as well as directions to the nearest safety zone sign.

Kidding Aside ... Survival Tips

Seriously, though, small game season is upon us and I do have a few tips that might aid both hunting and non-hunting home owners alike.



Drawing by Peter Rossi

1. Do not venture into a hunting zone unless it is absolutely necessary! If you must go into the woods, be sure to wear a blaze (hunter) orange hat or vest or better yet, wear both! (This color does not occur in nature and will easily show up against the landscape).

2. If your yard borders on huntable land, it would be wise to keep your pets indoors and let your children play only under adult supervision. (wearing blaze orange again is not a bad idea, backyard or not!)

3. The law provides that no hunting shall take place within 450 feet of an occupied dwelling, school, or playground. However, in the absence of signs, most hunters will not realize their proximity to your home until they stumble onto your property. Make sure the forest behind your home is posted with safety zone signs before the season begins!

4. *Know your rights as a property owner!* It is legal to hunt on all of the Assunpink tract even though parts of it do lie within our borough. However, all hunters must respect the safety zone rule and, you, as a homeowner have the right to inspect and take the license number of any violators found and report them to the Department of Fish, Game and Wildlife or the State Police.

This is, after all, your land and your town.

5. Keep a sense of humor! Remember that the majority of the violators that you are likely to encounter are not doing it willfully, they are just unfamiliar with our area and have become lost. So bear this in mind when dealing with them.

I have spoken with officials of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife Service and their advice is to deal with the violator in a non-confrontational manner. Simply explain that they are hunting in a safety zone and that you are concerned for the safety and welfare of your family. Then ask them to move on. Don't be shy, they won't shoot you. As a matter of fact in 99% of the cases, they will be more embarrassed by the fact they have become lost than angry. (What true woodsman would stumble into someone's yard anyway?)

At any rate, there is something I would like you all to think about. And this is that since the vast majority of hunters are good hunters, we never even see them. We don't see them because they are following the rules and never come into contact with us.

The hunters we do see, the ones that are breaking the rules, are, for the most part, doing it out of ignorance. They are just not adept at hunting.

The State Can Help

In my conversation with Fish and Game, I found that they do offer ser-

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vices to help our town during hunting season.

For one, safety zone signs are available free of charge. They also have a "Good Neighbor" program and if contacted by the Mayor or Council, will be happy to send an Officer to help us in safeguarding our town.

Additionally, the Rossis have agreed to help by allowing us to provide information concerning our firearms discharge ordinance through their Deli and Liquor store.

As the store is a central point of contact for hunters in this town, their cooperation is most welcomed and much appreciated.

Furthermore, if there are any serious problems that could result in a confrontation situation, Fish and Game will have over twenty officers and deputies to handle complaints. The phone number is 259-2120. Don't be afraid to call. They are there to help you.

So, fellow hunters, I wish you a very successful season, but if you can, try and see the other guy's point of view.

And as for non-hunters, I wish you a season devoid of problems or hassles.

Now, if you'll all excuse me, I have to go. I'm going hunting!

by Bob Mueller

The first presentation of the Roosevelt Arts Project of the current season was a remarkable exploration of the possibilities of music acting within visual spheres. Brad Garton's exceptional computer music was presented in combination with Wiska Radkiewicz's elegant video explorations.

When walking into the prepared environment of our Borough Hall, the curious audience was greeted with a muted atmosphere filled with unusual sounds and video images. Was this music? Had Brad and Wiska fulfilled John Cage's wish to emancipate music from its notes? What was happening?

Gathering in a circle of chairs the audience found itself surrounded with multiple speakers projecting unusual sound clusters that seemed to have a mysterious relationship with the video images on a television screen. It was not long before members of the audience suspended their disbelief and let their imaginations be captured by the unusual new electronic art forms gathering about them like sonic clouds anchored in simple imagery. They settled down to an evening of computer-created music and video landscapes that presented a concert at the forefront of the modern experimental electronic arts.

This concert was conceived by Brad Garton, who teaches electronic music at Columbia University in New York City. Brad grew up in a musical family. His grandfather was first oboe in the St. Louis Symphony, and his mother played the piano professionally. He studied the piano and inevitably formed a Rock group and was early introduced to electronic sounds in a professional recording studio. This background has enabled Brad to assimilate electronic sounds and structure with the virtuosity of a Mozart.

The evening began with some of his early compositions, unusual in their

own right as precocious attempts to harness this most intractable of media. Electronic computer music is a difficult medium because it provides a composer with a tremendous set of choices and offers such a complex infinity of possibilities. There are no constraints as to pitch or periodicity; no limits to combinatorial conjunctions; no boundaries of dynamics or diminutions. The only restraints are those of human perceptual-cognitive potential—and this has proven to be a restraint that is ever lifting and bearing increasingly wonderful complexities of music. Unlike, say a flute, with a set range of notes and a limited expanse of dynamics and timbre, our computerized electronic sound store is overwhelmingly vast.

How do we learn to limit our vision and at the same time exploit this unusual potential for affecting the human ear? Brad Garton has learned how to master the perceptual-cognitive boundaries of electronic music. His compositions continued throughout the evening to fascinate and hold the audience's attention. I think that he uses sounds in an almost abstract expressionistic manner, building each piece with its individual logic; they are independent of the classic requirements of music, although firmly grounded in an imaginative tonal and rhythmic structure. He has transcended, in my view, the historic evolution of conventional electronic music that was built on the harmonic nature of sound and the mathematics of structure.

A Fabric of Our Existence

Although few of us realize it, electronic music has become very much a fabric of our existence. We hear it daily on television in commercials and special effects; and our science-fiction movies have capitalized

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on its futuristic implications. But is it really futuristic? Is electronic music something that perhaps only future-worshipping beings can appreciate? I think not. I think, in fact, that it has become very old fashioned. Electronic music, in my opinion, has become as commonplace as Classical music, Pop music, Folk music. And like all of these musics, the composer of electronic music has the problem of striking out with something new; something unusual; something beautiful, if you will.

I sense the beginnings of something new in Brad Garton's music—and, of course, beautiful. He has begun a methodical exploration of the medium so frequently let loose like lions of roaring beasts or bees buzzing electronically in our ears. Based on many historical failures with this complex technological sound innovation, Brad is attempting to profit by the mistakes of the past and penetrate new logics of harmonies and rhythms. Brad's intuitive grasp of the electronic medium enables him to guide his sound packages into ever-blossoming flowers of audition that are all memorable musical experiences.

New Resident Participates

Wiska Radkiewicz, a new resident of Roosevelt, was invited by Brad to participate in his concert. Born in Poland, educated in France and America, Wiska is an accomplished pianist who turned to *musique concrète* while studying in Paris. She has become totally captivated with electronic music and is presently working on her doctorate at Princeton, trying to evolve a new visual form of "space music."

Her compositions were interspersed with Brad's, and her visuals were the focus of all eyes. While her early music was tape-manipulated and spliced variations of real sounds (*musique concrète*), she has transferred her musical interests to the computer. The

results are stunning and surprising. For example, little bundles of sound not unlike delicate oboe tunes or soft whale cries (which she calls "Worms") people the ears like pleasant tickles of our imagination. She is interested in discovering strange and unusual sound packages, and has successfully evolved a landscape of multiple musical personalities. Each is curious; each is evocative.

Her video visuals, however, are in their nascent stage. Here she is attempting to discover a new music of space. In the examples she presented at the concert, Wiska used photographs she took in Poland that were captured in the video medium with a slow-scanning camera. The effect is to create an ongoing movement of still imagery that, in their spatial dynamics, transcends the simple melody of visually-recognizable forms.

Although I was unable to attend the concert, the artists were kind enough to give me a private review of the evening. The serendipitous correlation of Brad's electronic music with Wiska's imagery was remarkable. Rooseveltians are fortunate to have the electronic music/video talents of Brad Garton and Wiska Radkiewicz in our midst. It will be interesting to see how their music/video evolves in the future.

RAP Plans Piano Concert

The next event scheduled by the Roosevelt Arts Project is a solo piano performance by Brad Hill.

The event is entitled "Straight Ahead," and will take place on Saturday, November 4 at 8:00 PM in the Borough Hall.

In December, RAP will present an evening of music by Roosevelt composer Laurie Altman.

Viewpoint

Commitment Means Caring

by Debbie Nahmias

I feel that people who stand up for what they believe in are beautiful people. That is the conclusion I came to after I participated in the Pro-Choice rally in Trenton on Sunday, October 15.

I have usually been an inactive participant. I can't even remember the last time I was an active participant. Sure, there was my sophomore year in college when *everyone* on campus picketed the President's office to uphold the favored alcohol policy. But even then I was an inactive participant: I didn't organize, I didn't chant, and I really didn't care. The fact that I wouldn't be allowed to drink alcohol on my college campus was not something that would affect me forever nor my future son or daughter.

On Sunday, I became an active participant. Not because I organized—I didn't. Not because I chanted key phrases and slogans with the rest of the majority—even though I did. I became an active participant because I believe and cared about the reason I was there. I became educated as to *why* women should have an option. I learned that there are Catholics who are Pro-choice, and what the NAACP had to say on the subject. I learned more about the NOW organization, and that single and married men are active in the Pro-choice movement. I watched mothers and fathers with small children sign petitions, and 17 year-old girls carry an oversized hanger through the crowd.

I watched people cheer; I watched people scream; I watched people care. And through all of that, I began to care. I've always known that I believed abortion should be a choice women should have.

Sunday, I began to care.

— Letters —

To the Editor:

Howard Prezant portrayed himself at the Democratic Primary candidates' night as a friendly, wise old public servant, interested only in giving his time to the community. Denied the Democratic nomination, he is now running as a Republican.

A couple of years ago, after Prezant resigned suddenly from the post of Borough Treasurer, various stories circulated claiming that he had been fired. While I cannot attribute the stories to Mr. Prezant, I believe that his failure to deny them makes his resignation a campaign issue. In fact, Mr. Prezant was not fired. In fact, Mr. Prezant presented his resignation through his wife, who resigned at the same time he did in August, 1987.

Why? Well, one reason may be that the Council insisted on Mr. Prezant composing a job description of his tasks. He refused, saying that his duties were enumerated in the Statute. So I checked the Statute. Among other things, the Statute requires the

Borough Treasurer to produce a financial report every month *as a basic part of the Treasurer's duties*. Mr. Prezant had been charging the Borough \$40 per month for the reports *in addition to his payment as Treasurer*. Furthermore, Mr. Prezant, claiming the pressures of the tax season (from his private accounting firm), did not give the Borough its reports from January through June of each new year, and *then charged \$40 per month for the late statements!* When the Council informed him what it perceived his duties to be, and that such conduct would no longer be acceptable, the devoted Mr. Prezant turned in his resignation.

Question: If Mr. Prezant was too busy during tax season to do work mandated by statute and for which he was being paid, how can we expect him to *contribute* his time to the Borough Council for the first six months of every year *without pay?*

Mr. Prezant is Treasurer of the School District. He prepares budgets for the

Board, and is an employee, paid out of tax funds raised by the Borough (even though these funds are part of the School Tax). From time to time, voters reject the School Board budget. The budget is then sent to the Borough Council for review, possible revision, and possible reduction. After that it is sent to various county and state agencies.

Question: In a situation in which the Council has to review the School Board's budget (which Mr. Prezant himself either prepared or helped to prepare), would Mr. Prezant not be in a conflict of interest reviewing his own product which the voters have rejected?

I suggest that there is here, along with the general lack of confidence voters have shown in him, sufficient reason to reject his candidacy in November.

—Ed Moser

Editor's Note: Howard Prezant was invited to publish a reply, but did not submit one.

To the Editor:

I urge Roosevelt voters to cast their votes for Council for Kirk Rothfuss and Maureen Parrott on November 7. Council candidates Parrott and Rothfuss, winners in the Democratic Primary Election in June, have come forward to discuss the issues with the voters.

Maureen Parrott brings legal experience, the perspective of a parent with young children, and a commit-

ment to preservation of Roosevelt open spaces. Kirk Rothfuss, an environmental leader, shares Maureen's concern about developers' interest in Roosevelt. He has worked on behalf of the Borough as Recycling Coordinator, facing county officials and potential contractors, to keep the Borough's recycling program up-to-date.

The problems we face together in the Borough at this time are not easy

ones. I believe that Maureen Parrott and Kirk Rothfuss are the most qualified candidates to listen to the citizens of Roosevelt. They will aggressively seek information about our options, and sift carefully through the alternatives to find the best solutions for Roosevelt's present and future.

—Carol Watchler, President
Roosevelt Borough Council

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— Letters —

To the Editor:

The article about bow hunting in the September *Borough Bulletin* by Dennis Connaughton [*Bow Hunting: The Hunt Primeval, Ed.*] was dramatic and spellbinding. I want to help get more people to be bow hunters, but please consider these thoughts.

1. Hunting with a camera is also very challenging and rewarding.

2. Don't bolster yourself with the conclusion: "Just remember, the deer will always have the upper hand." A hunter, high in his tree stand, is the only one with a weapon and the intent to kill or harm. I realize that the hunter intends to kill rather than harm, but the hunter knows that the arrow or bullet sometimes only wounds. I am confident that most bow hunters will quickly leave their tree stands, run through the woods to follow the hit deer and end its pain as soon as possible. I was puzzled by your writing, "Now you can relax as you wait for his struggle to cease," after the line, "you can hear him crashing through brush and briars; then all is still." Don't you chase the deer to kill it quickly?

3. Let us, you and me, not bolster ourselves by thinking that we preserve our heritage. People who favor other means of deer population control, as

we control our dog and cat fertility, are just as much "preserving our past, a heritage to hand down to our children." This heritage is to avoid violence to wildlife as long as humans or livestock are not in danger. Wolves and eagles are protected even though some livestock is lost.

4. Bow hunting is an occupation of "skill, stealth and discipline," as you said, but please do not let that lead you to teach that you are a "breed apart." I love the sounds, sights and smells of the woods. When young I hiked the Catskill Mountains with my father to hunt deer. Twice in the last five years I went on one week back-packing attempts, with my two brothers, to find the 14,300 foot high peak named Mt. Sill in the Sierra Nevadas. No matter how different our views are about bow hunting, there is no way I am a breed apart from you. Beyond that, much harm results from preaching separatism and superiority.

5. It seems you have hyped up bow hunting and inaccurately dramatized it in order to glorify it as a sport. I compliment you on your sensitivity for the beauty of the woods and wildlife, and for your hunting skill. I believe you have done well to provide venison for your family and friends. But why tell them you endured "unendurable

suspense" and you faced one of the most challenging of outdoor sports? Tell them you camouflaged yourself so the deer could not see you as it approached the deer musk bait, you trembled with anxiety about taking the life of the beautiful woodland creature, but you reminded yourself that the excessive deer population causes many of them to die from starvation in the winter. Tell your children you knew that hunting deer for food for your family, rather than for sport, is widely respected; and, knowing that, helped you aim your arrow carefully!

Tell your children never to do as a bow hunter did last winter, by Battleground Road, two miles north of Roosevelt. He left a beheaded, gutted deer near the road. It had an arrow hole through its neck. Day after day, Turkey Vultures stood by it waiting for it to decay. I finally dragged the heavy carcass further into the field, so I would be spared seeing the reminder of the "sportsman's" act as I drove to my job each day.

Summing up, let's tell our children we have an obligation to hunt legally and humanely, and acknowledge that hunters have the upper hand over all animals.

—Herb Johnson

To the Editor:

In her comment on the proposed noise ordinance, Mrs. Parrott stated that local legislation would be unnecessary because three State statutes, N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2(b), -4(c), and -12(a) adequately deal with the situation that led to the request for the ordinance. While someone reading only the titles of these sections might think them to be applicable to a complaint of excessive noise, a reading of the text proves otherwise.

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2(b) provides that "a person is guilty of a petty disorderly persons offense if, in a public place, and with purpose to offend the sensibilities of a hearer or in reckless disregard of the probability of so doing, he addresses unreasonably loud and offensively coarse or abusive lan-

guage, given the circumstances of the persons present and the setting of the utterance to any person present." In this case, however, nobody has suggested that any coarse or abusive language was uttered. The section is therefore inapplicable.

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-4(c) provides that "a person commits a petty disorderly offense if, with purpose to harass another, he engages in ... (c) any other course of alarming conduct or of repeatedly committed acts with purpose to alarm or seriously annoy such other person." In this case, while the effect certainly was to seriously annoy another person, there is no reason to believe that that was in any way the individual's purpose. This section is therefore also inapplicable.

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-12(a) provides that "a person is guilty of maintaining a nuisance when, by conduct either unlawful in itself or unreasonable under all the circumstances, he knowingly or recklessly creates or maintains a condition which endangers the safety or health of a considerable number of persons." Excessive sound levels are indeed a proven health hazard. However, this section also requires that the hazard affect "a considerable number" of people. It is most unlikely that this would be construed by a court to apply to two or three people in one household, and criminal laws are required to be strictly construed. Thus, this section is also inapplicable.

If a situation of this sort were indeed covered by State law, I would certainly

continued opposite

— Letters —

To the Editor:

I found Dennis Connaughton's article in last month's *Bulletin* [*Bow Hunting: The Hunt Primeval, Ed.*] very interesting. The author tried to give the non-hunter and the uninitiated an example of what the bow hunter has with nature and why he or she can be so enthusiastic about it.

One who doesn't know may ask the following questions: Why would someone of normal intelligence wake up long before the sun rises if one does not have to? Why trample through mud, water, briars and other unpleasantness in pitch darkness? Why would someone want to struggle to a small perch ten to fifteen feet up a tree? How could anyone stay perfectly still for hours on end on that same perch? Dennis' article conveys why.

He shows how one can be close to the serenity of nature and take the challenge of obtaining one's own food without that third party doing it for you.

Dennis clearly states, for anyone who doesn't know, to believe one thing: the deer do have the upper hand. He didn't explain that deer see, smell, and hear humans long before humans can possibly see, smell, or hear them. Believe this: if the deer even slightly suspect anything, they

are gone. They are so agile that wild predators only get the sick ones and the unfit (otherwise known as slow). Contrary to popular belief, they are smart. An example of this is that they send out point guards. If anything looks wrong, the point warns the rest of the herd. They even try to trick you into moving to give up your position (at a safe distance of course).

There is a reason deer are plentiful. They have no natural enemies other than man, disease, and starvation. Dennis points to a fact most people don't understand: It is very natural to hunt. Nature has and needs predators. Deer are so adaptable. Around here there is plenty of food available to them. If they have to they will strip off bark from trees for nourishment. Crop destruction is a reality.

What Dennis doesn't mention are the alternatives to hunting. It has been suggested that the pharmaceutical route of birth control, among other artificial methods, is a better way to handle deer populations. Nothing could be so obscene. There is enough chemical alteration to wildlife's biochemistry.

The skill of bow hunting turns off plenty of hunters. Many who bow hunt aren't successful because they can't manage to obtain skills necessary to be successful. One has to be accurate and

practice is necessary. An arrow is considerably slower and has a wider trajectory than a bullet. Stealth is very important. Remember: deer see, smell, and hear far better than humans. One has to learn to be completely still for long periods of time (try this sometime). Camouflage, looking like the surroundings, is an art in itself. Any hunter can tell you: the bow hunter is a breed apart.

The actual hit described in the article was too easy. Even if you get close enough to shoot a deer with a bow, "it ain't that easy." There can't be any obstructions. The strike has to be accurate. Even a hit to a vital area doesn't cause the shock a non-hunter may think it does. The animal leaves because it is startled.

A good bow hunter doesn't chase the wounded animal. No need to stress them. If the hunter is a sportsman, he has landed an accurate shot and the animal will settle down and die in place.

All this sounds so brutal, and Dennis graphically described the end result of a successful hunt. However, he correctly states, "knowing you can provide food rather than a third party doing it for you may bring the most satisfaction of all."

—Steve Yeger

be the first to agree that a local ordinance would be redundant. Laws should be enacted only when they are necessary. But, when they are necessary, they should be enacted.

I am not sure that I understand Mr. Parrott's point about how an ordinance would lead to enforcement via anonymous whispered phone calls. I am not aware that the State Police accept anonymous complaints, particularly about local ordinance violations. The municipal court would certainly not accept anonymous testimony. Few, if any, normal people resort to law enforcement as a substitute for attempting to work things out on a friendly basis. Going to the police and to court is stressful for complainants as well as for defendants, especially when people with whom

there must be an ongoing relationship are involved. The purpose of an ordinance is to let people know what is expected of them and of others so that we do not continue to have disputes between law abiding people, that cannot be settled amicably because both parties believe the law to be on their side and each regards the other's actions or demands as unreasonable.

I do not believe that anyone who has publicly urged the passage of this ordinance has any desire to make musicians, or people who like rock music, or any other segment of the community, feel unwelcome. All we are asking for is respect for the equal rights of others based on a clear definition of those rights.

—Michael L. Ticktin

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