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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Municipal Budget Approved; Tax Rate Unchanged

By Michael Ticktin

At its special meeting of May 17, the Borough Council approved the municipal budget for calender year 2004. The municipal tax rate will remain unchanged at .697%. This means that the owner of a house assessed at \$100,000 would continue to pay \$697.00 in municipal taxes in 2004. The municipal tax constitutes approximately 15% of the total local property tax. Since the rate of the school tax, which constitutes 73% of the total local property tax is virtually unchanged, any change in the overall rate will depend on whether there is any change in the Monmouth County tax rate, or in Roosevelt's share of the total county taxes paid.

A week earlier, at the May 10 regular monthly meeting, Mayor Neil Marko opened the meeting by thanking all the residents who had helped to retrieve his dog, while he was away and the dog got out and, also on the subject of animals, by calling for a forum of people with expertise in the area who might be able to advise the Council as to the best way to address the issue of cat colonies.

Administrator Harold Klein reported that a new personnel policy had been prepared and was ready for Council

action, that he had met with the municipal attorney to go over a proposed ordinance to deal with ATVs and other unlicensed vehicles, that the Council could expect to receive a report on contamination at the site of the former service station from the Schoor-DePalma engineering firm within three or four weeks, and that he was seeking a vendor to remove the vehicles and debris that are in the rear portion of that site. The Schoor-DePalma report will quantify the extent of the contamination, thus providing a basis for the Borough to offer the property for sale to potential users, in accordance with the adopted redevelopment plan.

Councilman Michael Hamilton, reporting for the Finance Committee, stated that the budget would include an appropriation of up to \$100,000.00 for a loan to the water-sewer utility to fund needed improvements. Since the water-sewers budget is separate from the municipal budget, and is funded by user fees rather than taxes, the only way that the Borough can use reserves in the municipal budget for water-sewer improvements is by means of a loan. By lending money to itself, in effect, the municipali-

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Moser and Malkin Unopposed in Primary

Peggy Malkin and incumbent Councilwoman Pat Moser are the only candidates on the June 8 primary ballot for the Democratic nomination for the two Borough Council seats that are up for election this November. No Republican or independent candidates have filed for Council nominations, although independent candidates may file petitions at any time up to the date of the primary.

We are sorry to have to repeat ourselves and we appreciate those who contributed last month, we are still desperately in need of funds for the *Bulletin*. If you haven't already responded or can give us an additional amount we would be most grateful.

Good News! Finally, the new Roosevelt Phone Book is ready. It is available at the Borough Hall at \$5 a copy.

If you're interested in the problem of the feral cats, it will be discussed at the June 21st meeting of the Council. Be there.

From now on, each month we will be listing the films being shown every Friday night at the school at 8:00 p.m. There is no charge. (See page 9)

Be a good citizen and attend the Borough Council Meetings on the first three Mondays in the month at 7 p.m.

Are you using our library at the school? It is open every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Thoughtful neighbors pick up after their dogs. Are you a thoughtful neighbor?

Don't forget Graduation at 4 p.m. on June 19.

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HORSE PROPOSAL DETAILED

A score of horses inhabiting the 40-acre Footlight Farm at the southeastern edge of Roosevelt greets those traveling northwest into the Borough along County Route 571. If Richard Annunziata, the purchaser of 151 acres at the other end of town, gets what he wants from Borough officials, nearly 200 horses would greet those entering Roosevelt from the north along Route 571.

Mr. Annunziata, assisted by his wife, Debbie, engineer Roy Frederickson, and attorney Mark Busch, presented an informal proposal for an equestrian facility to the Borough Planning Board at its May 11 regular meeting. Board members and the Board's Planning Consultant, Tom Thomas, listed the issues that Mr. Annunziata should address in any formal application he might file in the future.

The tract lies south of Nurko Road and west of 571. Under the auspices of the Fund for Roosevelt, it was restricted to agricultural use in perpetuity.

Elaborate drawings, described by engineer Frederickson and Mr. Annunziata, detailed an extensive training, boarding and rehabilitation operation for standardbred horses (trotters) harness racing at Freehold Raceway and the Meadowlands, as well as a training and event venue for jumping and dressage. Facilities would include a 5/8 mile stone dust training track, a large indoor arena with 35 horse stalls on each of two sides, a maintenance garage, two barns holding 60 horses each, parking in three separate areas for a total of 130 cars, paddocks, and an indoor horse pool for rehabilitation. Two driveways would serve these facilities and a 12-bedroom, single-story grooms'

quarters for full-time training staff living at the site. Another driveway would lead to a 5-6,000-sq. ft. home on one acre reserved for residential use by the Annunziattas and their family. All three driveways would be accessible from Nurko Road.

The plans also call for a grand prix jumping field. Mr. Frederickson said white fencing would surround the paddock areas. He added that deed restrictions pertaining to woods, meadows and views (including the one with the large tree prized by Rooseveltians) would be adhered to. Brush along Nurko Road would be removed to enhance views, and flowering trees would be planted. Horse trails would be constructed in the woods covering the southern part of the property. Manure would be containerized, removed weekly, and likely composted for use by mushroom farms. No electric fences are proposed. Mr. Frederickson said there would be private wells and septic systems. He added that septic for the Annunziata's proposed house has been approved already by the Monmouth County Department of Health. Mrs. Annunziata said there would be some horses available for the public to ride, especially middle and high school girls who might want to exchange work around the farm for free lessons and riding.

Board member Michael Ticktin, who also serves as Roosevelt's Tax Assessor, said that if it were occupied year round, the land used for the groom's housing would not qualify as farmland-assessed land. He added that if that facility meets the statutory definition of a boarding house, it would have to be licensed by the State

Department of Community Affairs.

Planning Consultant Thomas said use variances might be required because such an extensive equestrian facility would not constitute a traditional agricultural use and the grooms' residence might take the property out of the category of a single-family farm. He said the proposal was "really a commercial use." Attorney Busch said he would send a letter to Board Attorney Michele Donato addressing whether use variances are necessary and asking for an interpretation of the Land Use Law. In addition, a site plan application will be prepared, State Department of Environmental Protection officials will be asked to verify wetlands delineations, and any restrictions on trails in the woods will be checked.

Mr. Thomas said some of the facilities would encroach on wetlands and buffers protected by law. He noted that there would have to be a clear delineation of wetlands, as well as any exceptional wetlands requiring more extensive buffer areas due to the presence of rare wildlife. Mr. Thomas said the driveway entrances should be relocated so as to avoid opening onto Nurko Road right across the street from existing residences on the northern side of the road. Board members indicated that any proposed lighting should be unobtrusive and restricted during late hours.

In other business, Zoning Committee Chairwoman Jessica Hecht reported that she and Board Chairman Ralph Seligman were "slogging through" proposed changes to the zoning ordinance. She said they were

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From the Mayor

I would like to tell you a story of an experience that I recently had. I like to call the story "Why I live in Roosevelt." I am sure there are many stories like this and I am sure most of us have had similar experiences, but this happened just a few weeks ago and it was a very heartwarming experience.

As many of you know who stroll up Eleanor Lane, I have a dog. Actually, I have had several dogs since I moved in here and the latest one is named Yogi. Yogi is a pure bred collie but not a show dog at all. Nevertheless, Yogi is very near and dear to my children. For quite a few years now, we have had an electronic dog containment system that most of us call an invisible fence. The way it works is that a wire is buried around the perimeter of our lot. Yogi wears a special collar that contains a radio receiver. If he gets too close to the wire, he gets a correction.

These invisible fences usually work well, but dogs will be dogs. Even though they learn where the wire is and is not, they will always test it to see if it is working or if things have changed. This means that you better not forget to change the battery in the collar!

A few weeks ago, my family took a road trip to Vermont for a family celebration. One thing that I did before I left was to check that Yogi's collar was working properly. I also made arrangements with our neighbors to make sure he had food and water while we were away. We left on our trip on a Thursday. On Friday morning I got a phone call from Kry's in the borough hall! Someone found Yogi on Homestead Lane. My children were frantic. It appears that since Yogi has a very thick coat, when I tested the collar I did not put it on correctly. I tried to call my neighbor who was watching him and did get him. I also asked Kry's

to see what she could do. But then all I could do was wait. And wait.

An hour or so later, I got a call about Yogi. Not only did my neighbor go out to get him, but it seems that there was parade of people out looking for him, and that parade accompanied Yogi back to my house. Another phone call and a local kennel came by to pick him up and watch him for us until we came home.

It's stories like this that set the Borough apart from other places. Surely in other towns there are good neighbors, but in Roosevelt it is the norm not the exception. We tend to not notice the way that people in general here care about others in town, not just across the street but all over, too.

While I have a dog and this story concerned a dog, there are problems in town with other animals. In particular, we have a problem with feral cats. Feral cats are cats which in general, have no owner. You might not have noticed it, but over by the factory we have a colony of feral cats. It has been my experience, over several years on the Council, that every so often, the issue of feral cats bubbles to the forefront. While it might seem a waste of time to even discuss this, since there are other more pressing issues and problems in town, it is an issue that won't go away. And it has to be dealt with. Every time it comes up in discussion at a Council meeting, it ends up as a big confabulation session with no real direction specified and no real policy set. And in a few weeks, it is back on the back burner.

Everyone seems to have different opinions about what we should actually do. To attempt to plot a course with worthwhile policy, it is necessary to ensure that we have factual information about feral cats and that each side has a fair opportunity to present its

interpretation of the facts. To do this, on June 21, the Council will discuss the issue with several individuals, both professionals and others. This forum will allow the Council to get some straight answers to some perplexing questions. For example, what actually is the problem with feral cats? What are the causes? What is the conventional wisdom? What is the unconventional wisdom? And so forth.

This forum will be held during our committee meeting and thus it is open to the public but there is not normally a public period during a committee meeting. In the future, when we are actually discussing implementation of a policy, I expect that public input will be requested. Regardless, the Council welcomes your attendance and looks forward to hearing from you and your opinions on this problem.

In closing, I would like to remind all of you that your Borough Council and I would like to hear from you. We have meetings the first three Mondays of each month. The first Monday is a committee meeting at 7 p.m. followed by an Agenda meeting at 8. The next Monday is our Action meeting at 7 p.m.. The third Monday is another committee meeting at 7 p.m. You are all welcome and encouraged to come to all. If you can't make a meeting, perhaps you want to email us. My email is mayor@borough.roosevelt.nj.us or you can reach the council by emailing council@borough.roosevelt.nj.us. If you want to, you can call me at the Borough Hall (448-0539) and press 1.

Tidbit of information: As small as we are, Roosevelt is only the 27th smallest in population among the 566 municipalities in New Jersey. We are only the 4th smallest of the 53 municipalities in Monmouth County! ■

From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

Plans are being made to meet the new Superintendent of Schools for East Windsor. Mr. Ron Bilondi will be visiting us at Roosevelt on May 27. We look forward to an informal session, and to getting to know the superintendent. Parents of students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend. We work very hard to keep the lines of communication open to East Windsor so that our students enjoy a successful transition into that district. I have found the administrative and teaching staff very accessible to me and the teachers at RPS.

You may have heard or read about the swastikas that were scratched into the ball field on the school grounds on May 4. This incident occurred after school hours and is being investigated by the State Police. Needless to say, it is being taken very seriously and addressed with students in their classes. Should anyone have any information, you are asked to contact the State Police directly.

We have formed a technology committee to create a new three year technology plan. The Department of Education has a draft of technology standards that we will address in our new plan. These standards have benchmark skills for students to attain by the end of specific grade levels.

We already meet many of these standards, and will be certain to align our curriculum to the new standards. Technology objectives are part of just about every subject area. We have received rural education grant money for the past two years that has helped us keep our technology up to date. This is also an important part of our staff professional development. Keeping up with technology is challenging and necessary.

The Board of Education and the Borough Council joined together two years ago to form the Recreation Coalition. It is this coalition that runs summer camp here at school. This year the hours have been extended and the program will run for eight weeks. Applications are available at borough hall. Many stimulating activities are being planned. The program will run under the direction of Mr. Jeff Santanello, a teacher here at RPS.

End of the year activities include a school wide spelling bee, field day, spring concert, Spain Day, and of course, graduation. Please feel free to join us at any of these events. Know that the administrative staff will be on hand over the summer should anyone need to speak with us. ■

By Larisa Bondy

How many days left until summer vacation? With the scratch marks being erased each day from the backboards of beds, the PTA has been building to a busy crescendo. Looking back over the year, we have accomplished quite a bit. Thanks to all of our fundraisers, and the generous donations from parents and neighbors that support those fundraisers, we have been able to have two assemblies, one schoolhouse hokey day, a fun-filled winter carnival, donations to the yearbook to keep the price down, a contribution for the 6th grade trip, and the summer camp, many small treats through the year that include juice, ice cream, and hopefully before the end of the year, a new mat in the entryway to identify our RPS spirit.

Our last meeting voted in our board for the 2004/2005 school year. Next year's Presidency will be a shared position with Deidra Pizzarelli and myself. By a landslide Susan Dermody won the Vice-President stature. Leslie Carnevale swept the ballot for Treasurer and the Secretary position was an overwhelming response for Jill Joyce. (Does it sound vaguely familiar?) Congratulations to all!

May brought us Teacher and Staff appreciation Week that gives us a chance to thank everyone at RPS for their hard work. This time in addition to some baked good, bagels and hoagies, we washed RPS staffer's cars. I believe this Susan Dermody idea was a first in RPS history and it went very well leaving shiny cars and only slightly damp volunteers.

We also had a successful plant sale run by Joanne Parker and Kelly Mitchell and sold the NEW 2004 ROOSEVELT PHONEBOOK. If you would like a copy, stop in at the Borough Hall and pick one up. Only \$5 a book. This

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| June School Dates | |
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| June 1 | Early Dismissal, Field Day |
| June 2 | Early Dismissal |
| June 3 | Spring Concert, rehearsal 9:15 a.m., showtime 7:30 p.m. |
| June 8 | Spain Day |
| June 11 | Field Day, Early Dismissal |
| June 16 - 18 | Early Dismissal |
| June 19 | Graduation 4 p.m. |

You can also check the school calendar on the school web site: www.rps1.org

RCNS June Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

June is an exciting month at RCNS. One of the children's favorite themes is the prehistoric period, in particular the dinosaur. The children will learn how the dinosaurs lived and that there were many different kinds. They will also learn that some were carnivores and some were herbivores. We will make different dinosaurs and fossils out of paper and clay.

The theme of our last week of school will be the season of summer. We will see what types of life could be found in the ocean and make some sea creatures. The children will also make sun prints.

This month we are going to Etra Park for our end of the year picnic. It's wonderful to see all the parents and children together for a day of fun!

Our graduation will be held on Friday, June 11th. The children have been very busy practicing for their special day.

Our "Little Hearts Day Camp" will officially open on June 21st and run for 10 weeks. Many trips are being planned including Thompson Park in Jamesburg, Allaire State Park, and to a puppet theater. The children will also enjoy swimming and a daily art activity.

Registrations are currently being accepted for September. Anyone interested in seeing our school or finding out about our day camp may call Ginny at 609-426-9523 to schedule an appointment. We love having visitors! ■

By David Schwendeman and Ed Moser

It's been a magnificent flowering season. First the daffodils and spring beauties, then lilacs and azaleas and then the blossoming trees (especially on the triangles) all looked glorious this Spring. Even weed flowers look bright and pretty this year. And the grass is growing faster than I have ever seen in the past! I have mowed five times when normally it would have been three times. I hope everyone is enjoying our "town's landscaping."

In addition to Roosevelt Environmental Commission news, I'd like to report if anyone has birds nesting in their yards. We have a nest of noisy Carolina Wrens currently and I'm looking for a resident catbird's nest. Give me a call @ 609-443-6294 if you have any birds nesting in your yards and we'll print the list in a future column. And now to other news from Ed:

There have been some serious problems with people dumping things they no longer want, onto Borough property or onto private property belonging to someone else. The dumping includes leaves, wood debris, old furniture and boxes, and even garbage. This creates fire hazards in many cases, and in all cases is

unsightly, frequently dirty, and is unfair to fellow residents. It also costs tax money to pick up after dumpers. (Dumping in other municipalities is not a solution: it still costs somebody money to pick it up, some of it ours, where state grants are used.)

Leaves currently can be dumped in common land in back of your own property. Other things, including garbage, wood debris and big items are collected by the Borough either weekly, semiannually, or annually. For more information, call the Borough Clerk at 448-0539.

The Environmental Commission is working to maintain the woodland trail that runs from Tamara Drive to Valley Road. Some residents are abusing it by using off-road vehicles. Use of such unregistered vehicles is illegal. Such vehicles are rarely insured, and an accident can have grave financial as well as physical consequences. In some cases, abusers are cutting down trees to widen the trail to accommodate their power vehicles. The woodland trail should be limited to walking and old fashioned bike riding.

And in case you haven't walked the woodland trail recently, try it-you'll

Are you taking advantage of the Roosevelt Library in our school?

To keep it alive, it needs to be used.

**As CSA Weinbach has said:
"A town library would be a terrible thing to lose!"**

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Items for this column can be submitted to Ron Kostar by phone 443-4179, 18 Pine Drive, or e-mail at ronkostar@cs.com.

The Kreps Middle School recently released its third marking period Honor Role and it included the following Rooseveltians:

7th Grade:

Nyashia Mendes

8th Grade:

Hunter Ellentuck

Thomas Septak

Leah Skye

Mathew Stinson

Gabrielle Velasquez

Joseph Zahora

Hightstown High School's third marking period Honor Role included:

High Honors:

Emily Silverstein (9)

Danielle Petrics (11)

Lian Garton (12)

Jesse Parsons (12)

Lindsay Possiel (12)

Tina Vasseur (12)

Regular Honors:

Corey Conover (9)

Cecelia Ticktin (9)

Caitlin Wong (9)

Kelsey Reibold (10)

Reuben Alt (11)

Anthony Grasso (11)

Jennifer Iacono (11)

Meredith Lawon (11)

Avery Axel (12)

Brian Davis (12)

David Lopez (12)

As always, finding the names of Roosevelt students on the Hightstown student lists is like finding needles in the proverbial haystack, so if I have left anyone off this list please e-mail me at Ronkostar1@aol.com and you'll be given special notice next month.

Abigail Schwendeman recently won First Prize in the 9-10 year old age group in the Somerset Garden Show's "Garden of Enchantment" coloring contest. Abigail's colored picture of a butterfly won her a \$100 Saving's bond.

Molly Petrilla just completed her sophomore year at the University of Pennsylvania and has been awarded a paid internship for the summer at the University of Pennsylvania Press. A veteran "beat" reporter for the University's award-winning newspaper, The Daily Pennsylvanian, Molly will serve as Editor-in-Chief of the summer edition of the D.P.

Molly Marko wrote an essay for a contest that she was in. The contest was sponsored by Sony for its recent movie "Big Fish." If you recall, in that movie the main character told many tall tales. In the contest, contestants wrote tall tales and through a series of Internet votes, a winner was selected. The winner's story was illustrated by a professional illustrator. Molly is a junior at High Technology High School in Lindcroft. Her essay will appear in the July issue. ■

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2/3 of the way through and would make comparison copies for the Board Attorney, Planning Consultant and Board members.

Parking Committee Chairwoman Jane Rothfuss asked for a discussion at the next Board meeting about parking on lots of two or more acres. The Committee will make a full presentation to the Board of all of its proposals before the Board makes parking restriction recommendations to the Borough Council. Board members suggested that photographs taken by member David Ticktin accompany the Board's presentation to the Council.

Mr. Thomas urged the Board to participate thoroughly in the latest cross-acceptance process involving the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. He said details would affect decisions on affordable housing obligations by the Council on Affordable Housing and wetlands determinations by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Thomas said the Board should move expeditiously to prepare a storm water management element for the Borough's master plan and a consistent ordinance to recommend to the Council. He is preparing drafts from models, identifying drainage basins and sub-basins using modern mapping techniques. He noted that Roosevelt might be one of the first towns in the State, and certainly the first in Monmouth County, to complete its storm water management element.

Resident Herb Johnson praised the Board for its hard work in protecting the town. He said he talked to those associated with the latest horse farm proposal and determined that they realized "they had a lot of work ahead of them" to address the issues raised by the Board and Mr. Thomas. ■

The Roosevelt String Band

by Scott Carpenter

It seemed as though the entire town turned out Saturday night, May 1st to hear the Roosevelt String Band give a concert that became one for the ages. If in fact there were townspeople who were not in attendance, I don't know if these words will truly communicate the splendor of the evening. The second of two performances for the band's 17th annual concert, the band, even by their standards, outdid themselves, from past years and made this a most memorable May Day.

The band played two tight, nearly flawless sets, giving us the audience a blend of blues and bluegrass, laughter and sadness, a whole lot of banjo and a wee bit of politics for good measure. No one at the Borough Hall that night, not the kids sitting on the floor, nor those standing in the doorway unable to find an empty seat was disappointed or left without something to talk about.

David Brahinsky and Sarah Houtz started things off with a rendition of Doc Watson's "Riding on a Midnight Train", a rambunctious number of the good ol' knee slapping, foot stomping variety. David and Sarah's singing and Paul Prestopino's banjo drew us in and served as our concert's sonic tour guides, introducing us to the voices and instruments which would become our intimate friends before the night was through.

The gang immediately changed the pace with the next tune, "House on the Hill". A somber, worker's song, wishing for the better life. Howie Jacobson took lead vocal reins and it was quite evident that this concert was going to be something memorable.

With the fourth song, Nanci Griffith's "Time of Inconvenience", our sound picture was almost complete: Sarah's glorious vocals, almost

Tracy Chapman-like for this song, Ed Cedar's bass, the locomotive driving us home, Howie taking a harmonica break from his fiddle and the compact interplay between David and Paul on their guitars. All that was needed was a little class participation if you will.

"While Cruising 'round Yarmouth" finally got the crowd involved; though as the only disappointment in the show, not nearly as much as in concerts past, as David led us through the slightly bawdy seaman's song from the Eastern Orient Seas. The pace smoothed out a little, Paul's guitar leading the way and Howie's recorder providing the sea-faring undertones to the song.

We didn't wait long again for the band's fun side as a couple of songs later, Howie led us through "Diner", a wonderfully grand tale celebrating our vices in a tune built for Howie and his ability to sing a line and with one raised eyebrow or crazy smile, have us holding our sides with laughter. A jumping, toe-tapper, the song seemed righteous for New Jersey, the diner capital of the world. And I believe the tiny instrument Paul played for this piece was my first ever sighting of a ukulele - no song ever went wrong with a ukulele in hand.

The band continued to build toward the first set's climax with a cadre of songs that got it just right; mixing flavors from wonderful fiddle instrumentals, deep spoken word messages and wonderful driving beats. With guitar and bass finding the best spaces in between it all we were led to the set's final tune "Angel From Montgomery".

"Angel" was a moving song of hope, of not being beat down, and one of the gems of the entire concert. David and Ed gave the song its backbone, Howie's harmonica its uplift and Paul's Dobro provided perfect comple-

panionship to Sarah's strong vocals - what a treat to have Sarah's voice on board for the entire concert this year. She brings another dimension to the group, the broader song possibilities and the rich opportunities for her voice either alone or playing off David's or Howie's in a duet are one of the greatest pleasures to have come from this concert. The String Band felt complete, yet the night was only halfway to home.

The second set began more low-key and took several songs before we realized it had dug deep and grabbed hold of us. With its somber songs and lilt-ing odes to men knowing their time has past, the band's music filled the hall. The second song of the set, a take on Cat Stevens' "Father and Son" brought Ed to lead mike and gave Paul a chance to play his umpteenth different instrument, Ed's spectacularly crafted bass, dedicated this song to his son Michael and before he was through many parents were seen with soft tears in their eyes.

Several songs later David and the band pulled the crowd all the way in with "Union Maid", everyone clapped along and Paul's banjo seemed to strike a chord, no pun intended. This song prepared the stage for the middle of the set, where the band reached its zenith.

"I Go Like the Raven" truly amazed: Sarah's voice like hickory matched only by Howie's fiddle. The effect was remarkable, sweeping us away almost into dance. If there was any doubt that the energy of the second set was here front and center, "Raven" was the exclamation point to a resounding Yes! We were dazzled by this moment, unaware we were a third of the way through a powerful one-two-three sequence that encapsulated all of the facets of this band.

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Roosevelt Community Summer Camp

(For Children Entering K-7th Grades)

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition is now accepting registrations for the 2004 Roosevelt Community Summer Camp:

- Monday, June 21 to Friday, August 13
- 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Daily
- Swimming at Pine Valley Swim Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Field Trips on Fridays

Please contact the Recreation Office at 448-0539 x3, for more information and a registration form.

Teen Trips

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition is sponsoring Teen Trips to destinations such as Great Adventure, Hurricane Harbor, and Morey's Piers in Wildwood. Trips will begin on **Saturday, June 26** and run throughout the summer on various Saturdays. Registration forms are available at Borough Hall. For further information, please contact the Recreation Office at 448-0539, x3.

Movie Night

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition is pleased to announce the following film schedule (please be advised that movies will be shown on Fridays at 8:00pm for the month of June):

June 4 Antz

Featuring the voices of Gene Hackman, Jennifer Lopez, Sharon Stone and Woody Allen as the ant who wanted only to be himself.

June 11 The Lord of the Rings

The great saga concludes amidst wizardry and the battle for Middle Earth. Director Peter Jackson's epic won 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

June 18 Graduation Weekend

No movie. Too much excitement.

June 25 All Dogs Go To Heaven

The delightful story of Charley, the casino-owning dog, who risked heaven for the sake of justice and wound up saving more than just his soul. Animated.

July 2 The Patriot

Benjamin Martin is drawn into the American revolutionary war against his will when a brutal British commander kills his son. An epic.

Showtime is now 8:00 p.m. Friday nights at the Roosevelt Public School. There is no charge.

If you have any suggestions, films you haven't seen in years or have yet to see, please let us know by calling Paul Freedman at 609-448-0304 or emailing him at paul@freedmania.com. ■

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

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David was not to be outdone with "Take This Waltz", the Leonard Cohen piece that immediately followed "Raven". David's voice, filled with desperate textures, commanding our attention in a search for love. Again, the fiddle was our instrumental echo, carrying our longing and need that extra yard.

The triumvirate culminated with "Here is the Chorus" a hilarious goof of a song that spoofed all of the threads that hold a song together and draw the audience in. As if Howie was perfecting his stand-up comedy routine while leading us through to "the chorus" the humor of the piece contrasted nicely with the gutsy defiance of "Raven" and the longing in "Waltz", making those images and sounds all the more powerful.

On this night we witnessed a brilliant performance by David, Paul, Howie, Ed and Sarah. They gave us their songs of humor and of sadness, of getting through this life the best way we can. They gave us the sense of their instruments playing catch in the field of their voices, a sense that has never been so full or complete. The Roosevelt String Band has truly given us a concert for the ages. ■



By Clare Sacharoff

At the May 4th meeting of the Senior Club we learned of an agency called FCS, which is part of United Way of Monmouth County. This agency provides services to Senior Citizens such as counseling, handy-men, and others free-of-charge. We are looking into this matter to see if they will actually come to this part of Monmouth County. They are also seeking volunteers.

Several members enjoyed the musical production of "Crazy for You" at the Kelsey Theater on April 25th. Music and lyrics were by George & Ira Gershwin.

The group went to Freehold Mall as their regularly scheduled Tuesday trip, which was May 18th.

The next Senior Exercise Program will begin immediately after the last one on June 3rd and end July 8th. This is a six-week course every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. and runs approximately 45 minutes. Participants are very pleased with the program and are enthusiastic about the instructor.

A chicken luncheon was held May 28th at the Borough Hall at 1:00 p.m.

Molly Bulkin was hostess at the May meeting. ■

PTA NEWS

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book has been about 4 years in the making and Paul Gerling must be thanked for his perseverance in seeing it through. Paul single-handedly punched holes in the books as well as put them all together. He has memorized everyone's phone numbers!

The PTA family dance was fun, with Leis and Glow bracelets and Shari Harding at the helm as the D.J. Games, dancing and snacks...sounds like an event to me!

Amy Block is running the field day lunch, where we will be serving hot dogs, corn, mac and cheese and more. And don't forget ice pops for the 6th grade vs. staff game. There will be refreshments at the June 3rd concert, and graduation time brings with it t-shirts with a design by 6th grader Casey Ward and the traditional Ralph Warnick ceramic dragon that has been a PTA gift for many years.

We still have the teachers' luncheon to serve on the last day of school, which is another volunteer event Kathleen Towle is running and looking for cooks!

We will have one more meeting on **Monday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m.** that will include dinner as a thank you for all

our volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Weinbach for all her support throughout the year on any wacky ideas we seem to come up with and Ms. Dileo for helping us organize our many activities throughout the year.

And, it is with much sadness and "oh please don't go-ness" that we say "good-bye and thank you" to Beth Lust. Beth has been an active room parent and a creative source behind many of our PTA events. Her ideas and organization on the craft area of the winter carnival changed the entire feel, and her effectiveness for getting the job done on anything she worked on has been invaluable. And most impressively, she has been active for 3 years in the school system and has managed to get away with never baking a single thing due to a "broken oven". This 3 year record in itself is unmatched by any parent who participates in so many functions. We wish you luck with your new oven in your new house with your new (sniff, sniff) PTA. Beth, we will miss you! But remember, one more meeting! **Monday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m.** ■

RESIDENTS!

This is your newspaper. We would be happy to hear from you either in the form of letters or articles which we would be pleased to include in our publication each month.

That's what this paper is for — to help us to get to know one another as well as to let you know what is happening in the town.

Let us know what you think, what you do.

How about it?

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

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ty is able to save the costs that would be incurred in borrowing from another source.

Since Toby Moore, the operator of the water-sewer utility, was present at the meeting, Councilman Jeff Hunt invited him to give the Utilities Committee report. Mr. Moore reported that he would be able to do repairs to the trickling filter himself, thus saving the Borough the cost of hiring an outside contractor. He also reported that the well that had been out of service was now fixed and, due to the extensive nature of the repairs, was now virtually a new well.

Reporting for the Public Works Committee, Councilman Dan Hoffman stated that the street cleaner hired by the Borough had been ineffective, since no water was used and all that happened was that sand was moved around. Councilwoman Pat Moser asked, "Why do we have to pay for sloppy work?" Administrator Klein said that the cleaner will have to come back and do it properly. Mayor Marko said that we should consider using a different cleaner from now on.

In the public portion of the meeting, Roosevelt Deli owner Peter Rossi appealed to the Council not to go forward with the proposed 20% increase in the liquor license fee, which would be the third such increase in as many years. The proposed increase would

be in the amount of \$160.00 and would raise the total annual fee to \$1,128.00. Mayor Marko replied that the ordinance was only being proposed that evening and that there would be a formal hearing before any adoption. He also stated, however, that the annual license fee in Roosevelt was substantially below that in other area municipalities, to which Mr. Rossi replied that the number of residents per license and the volume of alcoholic beverage sales are far lower than in the other municipalities.

Also in the public portion, Tom Hannigan reiterated the complaint that he had made at the prior meeting about the nuisance caused by teenagers on his street and their friends using their ATVs on a continuous basis. He provided the Council with a chronology of this ATV use during April and May, along with a large number of supporting photographs, and called for quick enactment of an ordinance banning ATV use in Roosevelt.

Arlene Stinson inquired as to Mayor Marko's ideas for a forum on dealing with the cat issue. Mayor Marko said that he wanted the Council to organize a meeting with persons having expertise in dealing with this matter, perhaps during the third week in June. Arthur Stinson complained about the cats coming onto his property looking

for shelter in cold weather and offered the view that it would be best for the cats if they were rounded up and euthanized. Councilman Hamilton replied that the cats have a right not to be killed and that we should try to find a humane solution.

In other business, the Council approved the introduction of the ordinance raising the liquor license fee that Mr. Rossi had argued against and of an ordinance appropriating \$100,000.00 for a loan to the water-sewer account. Resolutions were adopted authorizing the Borough Engineer to prepare plans for the reconstruction of a portion of Pine Drive, approving a recycling tonnage grant application, appointing Salvatore Cannizzaro as Tax Collector and Water-Sewer Collector (Mr. Cannizzaro had to retire and be out of office for a month in order to avoid jeopardizing his pension eligibility after he retired from his main job in Hamilton Township.), approving two change orders for work on the water system, and approving emergency temporary appropriations. Motions authorizing use of the Borough Hall for Luci Caruso's daughter's birthday party and an RPS Class of 1968 reunion were approved. ■

New Owner Information Needed

Due to delays in the Monmouth County Clerk's office, new property owners who want to be sure of getting their tax and utility bills promptly are requested to send their names and P.O. Box numbers to Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin at P.O. Box 298.

The Yank and the Sheila*

This beautiful photograph was taken on the occasion of the wedding of the couple, my parents, Mavis and Howard Middleman, on July 10, 1944 in Melbourne, Australia. This same photo was used in the invitation to their anniversary celebration exactly 50 years to the day in 1994. This is the story of how an American Jewish guy from Brooklyn and an Australian Anglican girl from the Outback came to marry on a winter day in July in Melbourne.

All it took was World War II.

My father was in the Army Signal Corp stationed in Melbourne in 1942. He was extroverted and brash, set out to conquer all of Melbourne with his Brooklyn charm. My mother, born and raised in Mildura, 300 miles north of Melbourne had moved to the city, along with her sister, for the work opportunities. One day he walked into the shop where my mother worked and said "I was told there was a pretty girl in here. What's your name?" My mother, not wanting to have anything to do with him said "Barbara." My father said "Well Barbara, I think that it would be a good idea if you invited me home for dinner." My mother, now inured to the advances of the Yanks overrunning the city, refused. My father, smitten, and not to be deterred, persisted. He continued to drop in and visit my mother. On one occasion, my mother was on a date at a very fine restaurant. She was wearing a new outfit that included a fashionable white turban. My father showed up and yelled across the room "Where did you get that hat?" She never wore the hat again. This nonsense went on for months. My father asked my mother out on a



Mavis and Howard Middleman

date to a wine cellar. My mother said she would rather go to the posh Hotel Australia. My mother tells me that "things just didn't jell." On another occasion, my father asked my mother to meet him outside of Signal Corps Headquarters and then go to a coffee lounge in the fashionable St. Kilda's section of Melbourne. My mother stood him up. Melbourne was in a period of "brown out" and things were dimly lit at night. She was concerned that if he didn't show up it would be difficult to get home.

Finally, the "planets" of Brooklyn and Mildura aligned. My father asked my mother out to a fancy dress ball. They had a wonderful evening that ended with a ride home on a tram so full of GI's and their dates that my mother and father had to ride on outside hanging on to the running board. Things "jelled" after that. They continued dating and became serious. At one point, my father was stationed in

New Guinea for 8 months. It was during this period that he sent a ring and a note to my mother asking her to marry him, which she accepted. Meanwhile back home in New York City my father's mother met the news of my father's impending marriage to a "shiksa" with a break down. I have read cables from my uncle to my father from that time saying "please stop!" Nothing of course was going to deter my father who first and foremost was a freethinker. He was respectful of his heritage, but not inclined to follow any form of organized religion. (My grandmother came to terms with the marriage.)

On their wedding day, my father discovered that his dress uniform had been destroyed by mold while he was in the jungles of New Guinea. He had to wear his field coat, the one seen in the photograph. As he was walking to the church a car stopped. It was the family priest of an Australian family that had befriended my father. The priest asked where he was going. My father said "My wedding!" and he gave him a lift. Its funny to think of, but so true to my father's egalitarian nature, that a non-observant, anti-religion Jewish guy from Brooklyn got a lift from a Catholic priest to his Anglican church wedding.

My mother and father had just a short time together then. My father was shipped back to the states in 1944. My mother and father did not see each other for another two years. The war that brought them together now kept them apart. My mother finally sailed on the SS Monterey on a month long voyage to San Francisco, then a cross-

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Friends and Neighbors:

Tuesday, June 8 is Primary Election Day in New Jersey. Unlike many other states which moved their presidential primary into March in order to make an impact on the selection of the Democratic nominee for president, the New Jersey State Legislature resisted that trend. Consequently, when we vote in the primary, only Dennis Kucinich remains an active candidate against the presumed Democratic nominee, John Kerry, although there may be other names on the Democratic ballot for president.

Democratic successes last November in Monmouth County have created a sense of optimism that we will replace the Republican sheriff and two freeholders. Dan Gibney is running for sheriff and Jeff Pringle and Steve Morlino are running for freeholders. It will make a significant difference for Roosevelt if we get some Democrats into county office.

At the congressional level, Amy Vasquez, an attorney and child advocate, is running unopposed to challenge the incumbent congressman, Chris Smith. If there are some areas where you think Mr. Smith has done a good job, please remember that Amy Vasquez will match his votes in those areas and be a major improvement in many other areas of concern. I hope that by the time of the primary election, many of you have had the opportunity to meet Amy at a fundraiser on May 23, or in a subsequent visit to Roosevelt.

In local elections, no Republican filed to run for Borough Council, and the two Democratic candidates are unopposed. Pat Moser is running for re-election and Peggy Malkin will be running for her first term on the Council, to replace Elly Shapiro.

Pat has been a terrific advocate for senior citizens during her three years

on the Council, and has joined the majority in reversing our zoning ordinances to prevent major development in the agricultural lands on the northern edge of town. Peggy is no stranger to public service in Roosevelt, having served as the welfare director for a number of years. Peggy is also a strong advocate for land preservation.

Kirk Rothfuss and I are running for another two-year term as the representatives to the Monmouth County Democratic Executive Committee. We do most of our work during the primary and general elections, helping our council candidates run for office and providing local support for the Democratic candidates running in the county.

I am also running to be a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Boston. If you cast your presidential vote for John Kerry you will also be voting for Ann Baker for delegate, although I don't think my name will appear on the ballot in that capacity.

Most of all, I hope many of you exercise the privilege of voting on June 8. Because the elections are uncontested, you may think it is inconsequential whether you vote or not. But for all of us who hope to replace the current occupant of the White House in November, a large primary turnout sends a message that we are organized and determined to change American policy.

Sincerely,
Ann Baker

To the Editor:

In the May issue of the Borough Bulletin, page 10, Michael Ticktin reported on the Borough Council's discussion of the school bus. The report states that "the School Board is not interested in the purchase of a bus that could be used both to transport students and for the recreation program because, despite the benefit to

the municipality, there would be no savings to the School Board."

The statement implied that the School Board is insensitive to the needs of the municipality and considers only the school's bottom line - costs. While it is true that the board frugally considers each expenditure this statement alone failed to provide the complete story of the board's consideration of the shared bus issue. To give you some background on the school bus issue, the Board wrote a three page letter to the Council with concerns and ideas regarding the purchase of a bus. The Board of Education is well aware of the Governor's emphasis on shared services, and we viewed this as an opportunity to look at the entire picture of Borough needs. The Board is not insensitive to the plight of the senior citizens who need transportation to and from doctors' offices, but cannot rely on the SCAT due to its restriction to Monmouth County and its unreliable schedule.

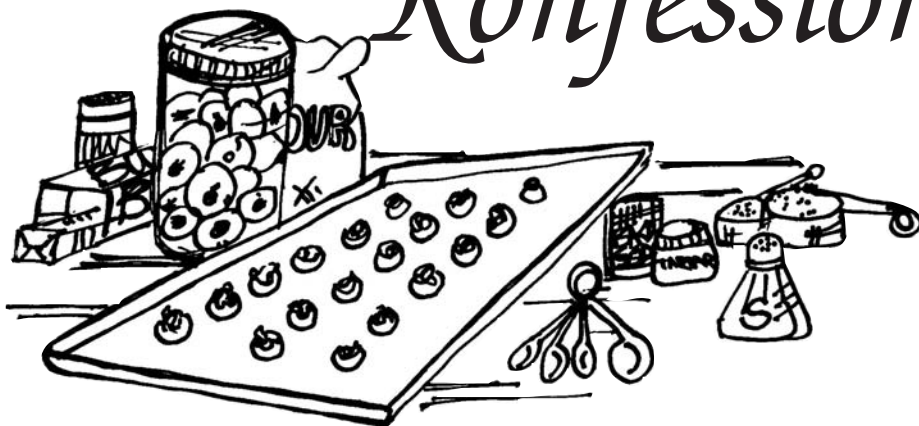
The Board of Education has been concerned about the high cost of transportation for special education and vocational school students. The diligence of the Business Administrator in arranging to share buses contracted by other districts in circumstances where there is a common destination for our students has helped to keep these costs contained.

The Board investigated the purchase of a full-sized school bus several years ago. Based on preliminary research conducted by the school business administrator, the approximate cost of a new bus, service for the first year, insurance, and salary for a bus driver came to \$90,000 in round numbers. This figure may be low considering the escalating cost of insurance. This information was provided to the

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By Ron Filepp

Kitchen Konfession



When I renovated my new house, here in Roosevelt, I decided that since I had always used my ovens merely as storage places for seldom used pots and pans, I'd be really smart to simply eliminate that wasted appliance. I replaced it with a proper cabinet for those utensils. However I had effectively deprived myself of ever being able to make these exquisite cookies (among a few other things). Also, being mathematically challenged, the task of diminishing the receipt to toaster-oven sized proportions would be, for me, an insurmountable chore. But you, dear reader, not being hindered by my culinary blocks, can enjoy these delicate li'l darlin's. Bon appetit!!!!

Snickerdoodles

Makes about 6 dozen @ about 55 calories per cookie

2 ³/₄ c sifted flour

¹/₄ tsp salt

1 tsp baking soda

2 tsp cream of tartar

1 c butter (softened to room temperature)

1 ¹/₂ c sugar

Topping:

2 tbsp sugar

2 tbsp cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift flour with salt, baking soda, and cream of tartar. Cream butter until light and add sugar gradually while continuing to cream until fluffy. Stir in dry ingredients slowly and beat just until smooth. Shape into 1" balls and add topping. Arrange 2" apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 18-20 minutes, or until light tan. Transfer at once to wire racks; cool and store airtight. ■

Summer is here and with it come many outdoor activities. I recently decided to investigate some of the hot season needs of pets. After visiting a few Internet web sites I quickly found lists of summertime pet do's and don'ts from the Humane Society of the United States, and other web sites. Following is a compilation of just some of the things pet owners should keep in mind during the dog days of summer.

- Don't leave pets in parked cars for any period of time. Every summer, animals left in parked cars suffer brain damage and die from heatstroke. On a warm day, even with the windows cracked, the temperature in a car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. If you see an animal in a parked car during the summer, alert the management of the shopping mall or grocery store. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the police.
- If your pet displays any signs of heat stroke, contact your veterinarian immediately. Signs of heat stroke include: excessive panting, dark or bright red tongue and gums, staggering, stupor, seizures, bloody diarrhea or vomiting, coma.
- If you think your pet is suffering from heat exhaustion, you can help him cool down by immersing him in cool water, not cold water, and then wrap him in wet towels and get him to the vet immediately. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can be fatal.
- Pets can get sunburned too! Make sure to apply sunscreen,

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(PABA); level 10-15, to their nose and the tips of their ears. Light color pets are more prone to this problem. Just as in humans, pets can develop skin cancer from overexposure to sunlight.

- Be aware that plant food, fertilizer and insecticide can be fatal to your pet. Make sure these products are stored correctly and that your pet is not exposed to a treated area immediately after these products have been applied.
- Avoid walking your dog on hot pavement to avoid burned paws.
- After outdoor activity, check your dog's feet for burrs, thorns or rocks.
- It is very dangerous to drive with a dog in the back of a pick-up truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves, or is hit by another car. Dogs should ride either in the cab (in a crate or wearing a seat belt harness designed for dogs) or in a secured crate in the bed of the truck.
- Dog bites rise during the summer months when people and their pets spend more time outside. Spaying or neutering your dog reduces the likelihood that he will bite and provides many other health benefits.
- Check with your veterinarian to see if your pets should be taking heartworm prevention medication. Heartworm disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal in both dogs and cats.
- Pets and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise a pet in a pool.
- Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors so they can stay cool.
- If you plan to travel with your pet during the summer, take the time to prepare for your furry friends in advance. Many airlines have summer pet embargoes, and most trains and ships do not allow pets other than service animals.
- Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. If you take your pet with you when you jog, remember he is running with a fur coat on while you're in a tee shirt and shorts.
- Another summertime threat is fleas and ticks. Use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Some over-the-counter flea and tick products can be toxic, even when used according to instructions.
- Don't take your pets to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for pets. For your pet's well being, leave her at home. Be especially aware of these threats during holidays, such as the Fourth of July.
- Limit the pet's time outdoors to before 10 a.m. or after 3 p.m..

Don't forget to keep yourself cool and happy too this summer. ■

May 15 - June 15, 2004

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| 18 | 77.4 | 51.8 | 64.6 | 0.00 |
| 19 | 85.8 | 43.9 | 64.9 | 0.00 |
| 20 | 75.0 | 58.1 | 66.6 | 0.00 |
| 21 | 67.1 | 50.7 | 58.9 | 0.00 |
| 22 | 80.2 | 50.5 | 65.4 | 0.00 |
| 23 | 68.4 | 49.1 | 58.8 | 0.00 |
| 24 | 68.2 | 45.0 | 56.6 | 0.81 |
| 25 | 62.2 | 43.2 | 52.7 | 0.00 |
| 26 | 61.2 | 47.7 | 54.5 | 0.95 |
| 27 | 68.5 | 50.9 | 59.7 | 0.88 |
| 28 | 62.2 | 39.0 | 50.6 | 0.10 |
| 29 | 75.9 | 45.0 | 60.5 | 0.00 |
| 30 | 80.2 | 50.9 | 65.6 | 0.00 |
| 1 | 81.3 | 54.5 | 67.9 | 0.00 |
| 2 | 79.2 | 61.9 | 70.6 | 0.00 |
| 3 | 58.8 | 46.2 | 52.5 | 0.17 |
| 4 | 60.6 | 39.4 | 50.0 | 0.45 |
| 5 | 72.7 | 42.6 | 57.7 | 0.00 |
| 6 | 68.4 | 45.0 | 56.7 | 0.50 |
| 7 | 81.3 | 52.7 | 67.0 | 0.18 |
| 8 | 65.1 | 47.7 | 56.4 | 0.15 |
| 9 | 75.0 | 46.0 | 60.5 | 0.00 |
| 10 | 81.9 | 55.8 | 68.9 | 0.00 |
| 11 | 84.7 | 59.7 | 72.2 | 0.00 |
| 12 | 91.2 | 63.0 | 77.1 | 0.00 |
| 13 | 88.5 | 62.2 | 75.4 | 0.00 |
| 14 | 77.2 | 55.9 | 66.6 | 0.00 |
| 15 | 87.3 | 60.8 | 74.1 | 0.00 |
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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mayor when he dropped by to visit the school business administrator.

The Board would welcome participation in a feasibility study to address the ancillary concerns with a school bus owned by the Borough and operated by the RCERC. Some of these concerns are the need for a back-up bus, in the event that the Roosevelt bus requires some maintenance. There must also be a back-up bus driver, in case of illness.

There are also considerations that arise because of competing uses for the bus. For instance, bus services must be available in case of an emergency closing of the middle or high schools. Bus scheduling and dispatching will have to be part of a Borough employee's job duties.

There is another consideration which may be important for senior citizens or special education students. It may be necessary to have handicapped access for the bus. If the bus was used for special education transportation, a full sized bus may not be necessary. A smaller bus with the ability to handle wheel chairs as well as ambulatory riders may be a better option. Certainly, the feasibility study will identify trade-offs such as these.

Based on experience, the Board is concerned about vandalism of the bus when it is parked. The housing of the bus should be investigated.

The Board of Education notes that the establishment of the RCERC to promote the education and recreational interests of Roosevelt residents could easily be expanded to include a role in providing transportation. However, the Board is concerned that administration of the transportation system may be beyond the capability of this organization.

In short, the Board must have reliable transportation for middle and high school students, as well as special

education, including vocational school students. If there are cost savings associated with the use of a bus purchased by the Borough, the Board would be happy to save taxpayers some money. However, to date, transportation companies have provided competitive prices that meet all of the Board's needs, along with use of jointures with other school districts. Before we abandon a system that works, we want to be sure that reliability is not sacrificed and that the tax savings are real and sustainable. It would be a shame to buy a bus due to the availability of short-term funds, only to find that long-term savings do not materialize. The goal of the Borough and the School Board must be to maximize savings for the taxpayers, with the ancillary goal of providing additional transportation services that are not currently available.

Given the above shortened version of the School Board's consideration of the school bus issue, it can be seen that we never just dismissed the possibility out of hand. Our biggest challenge is the school budget. No one is happy to pay their property tax bill and see the large percentage that goes to the school system. The governor has an initiative to provide some additional property tax relief for certain segments of the population (elderly and disabled homeowners) while increasing taxes on those who make more than \$500,000/year. If the initiative passes, it may provide some additional relief to Roosevelt citizens. Meanwhile, the Roosevelt Board of Ed was able to craft a budget with no increase in taxes this year. In the only budget that is voted on directly by the citizens of this town, it was passed by an overwhelming majority. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Jill Lipoti, President
Roosevelt Board of Education

To My Neighbors:

I am writing to thank Roosevelt Democrats for their support in past elections and to ask again for your vote during the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, June 8th.

I am again running for the position of Democratic Committeeman. Together with my running mate Ann Baker for Democratic Committeewoman, I hope to represent Roosevelt to the Democratic Party in this presidential election year, and to continue to enlist more fine Democratic candidates for Council.

On the primary ballot with Ann and myself are incumbent Pat Moser and Peggy Malkin who are running for Roosevelt Borough Council. They are both excellent candidates who have demonstrated a strong commitment to our Borough for many years.

Over the past several Council elections critical issues faced our small municipality, most notably development pressure on our municipality's open space. We have been fortunate to have a cooperative Mayor and Council who focused on these issues. With the help of individuals' and citizens' groups in Roosevelt, the Mayor and Council kept their promise to protect our environment and quality of life. More has to be done, but major successes have been achieved.

I believe reelecting Pat Moser and electing Peggy Malkin to fill Elly Shapiro's Council seat will continue this positive momentum.

My special thanks to Elly Shapiro for her special contributions and hard work during her term on Council, and to the rest of the Council and Mayor for their continued service to us all.

Sincerely,
Kirk "Corkey" Rothfuss
Democratic Committeeman
Roosevelt Borough ■

TWO SQUARE MILES OF STORIES

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country trip by train to Grand Central Station. After traveling for two months and arriving in a strange country and city there was no one to greet her. My father was at the wrong station! My bereft mother stood crying on the station platform. Her story "abandoned war bride" was in the New York Times the next day. My father grabbed a ride on a Red Cross truck and sped over to Grand Central to finally reunite with his bride.

My parents had just over 50 years together. They had four children, four grandchildren and now one great grandchild. This photo has a bittersweet resonance. My father died 4 weeks after the 50th wedding anniversary celebration. We miss him terribly.

My mother helped me with this story of her beloved Yank.

*"Sheila" is Australian slang for "girl." ■

About Two Square Miles Of Stories

Everyone in our two-square mile town has old family photographs and memories of the people in them. These pictures and your memories are narratives waiting to enrich us all. So, join us in a Roosevelt Show and Tell project - find an old picture or two and tell us a story in a few paragraphs.

For information telephone:

Bess Tremper 448-2701
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ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2004 SEASON

Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, 2004

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Factory, located at 34 North Valley Road

ART IN THE FACTORY

Art exhibit and opening reception will feature many accomplished artists from town, some of whom have become internationally known.

Voluntary Contribution:

For most events \$5 per adult. For the String Band \$10 per adult, \$5 for seniors and children.

Happily, our town presents a series of cultural events initiated and created by community artists. It brings together artists in a great variety of media such as music, poetry and so forth. We are pleased to publish the events each month to inform our readers of the dates of their occurrence. As we do not have August and September issues, in our last issue of this subscription season in July, we will offer a preliminary listing of the events to come which will of course be finalized in the brochure that is mailed out in the fall as well as appearing on this page.

LEAVES, a 28-page collection of poetry by Roosevelt poets is now available at \$5.00 from the Roosevelt Arts Project. To order, call Robin Gould at 448-4616.

MURAL POSTCARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT



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

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| 1 | Tues | RPS Field Day, Early Dismissal |
| | 12 noon | Blood Pressure Check Borough Hall |
| | 1 pm | Seniors Meeting Borough Hall Gerry Millar, President 609-448-0351 |
| 2 | Wed | RECYCLE |
| 3 | Thurs | 7:30 pm RPS Spring Musical Concert |
| 7 | Mon | 6:30 pm Special PTA Meeting RPS Larisa Bondy, PTA President 609-443-7430 |
| | 7 pm | Council Committee Meeting Borough Hall Mike Hamilton, President 609-443-5227 |
| | 8 pm | Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall Neil Marko, Mayor 609-443-6818 |
| 8 | Tues | 7:30 pm Planning Board Meeting Borough Hall Ralph Seligman, Chairman 609-448-2340 |
| | | Spain Day RPS |
| 11 | Fri | RPS Pizza Day |
| 14 | Mon | 7 pm Council Action Meeting Borough Hall Neil Marko, Mayor 609-443-6818 |
| 16 | Wed | RECYCLE RPS Early Dismissal |
| | 7:30 pm | Environmental Commission Meeting David Schwendeman, Chairman 609-443-6204 |
| 17 | Thurs | RPS Early Dismissal |
| | 7:30 pm | Synagogue Board Meeting Neil Marko 609-443-6818 |

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| 18 | Fri | RPS Awards Assembly |
| | | RPS Early Dismissal, Last Day of School |
| 19 | Sat | 4 pm RPS GRADUATION |
| 21 | Mon | 7 pm Council Committee Meeting Borough Hall Mike Hamilton, President 609-443-5227 |
| 28 | Thurs | 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting RPS Jill Lipoti, President 609-448-9214 |
| 30 | Wed | C RECYCLE |

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| 4 | Sun | Independence Day |
| 5 | Mon | Independence Day Observed |
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