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B O R O U G H C O U N C I L N E W S

Councilwoman Magnes Resigns and is Replaced by Daniel Hoffman; Administrator Ordinance Adopted; Harold Klein to be Appointed

By Michael Ticktin

Citing other obligations, Councilwoman Marilyn Magnes, who was just elected to a full three-year term this past November, submitted her resignation to the Mayor and Council, effective February 1. As required by statute, Democratic committee members Ann Baker and Kirk Rothfuss submitted the names of three candidates for appointment to the vacant seat: Daniel Hoffman, Tom Curry and Jamie Kosa. Of these, only Mr. Hoffman appeared at a special meeting held to vote on filling the seat and he was appointed unanimously. He will serve until Election Day in November, at which time the seat will be filled by whoever wins election to the seat for the remaining two years. Mr. Hoffman, who has lived in Roosevelt for over a year, teaches biol-

ogy at Rutgers and is a specialist in human nutrition.

At the regular February meeting, the Council passed an ordinance creating the position of Borough Administrator. Harold Klein, a retired municipal administrator who lives in Monroe, is expected to be officially hired for the position at a special meeting that is to be held on March 3. The Administrator will serve as the chief administrative officer of the Borough. He is, among other things, to provide a liaison between the Mayor and Council and the various municipal boards, agencies and departments of the Borough and its professional advisors, execute all laws and ordinances subject to the direction of the Mayor and Council, be responsible for the coordination of

interdepartmental operations, act as purchasing agent, negotiate contracts, subject to the approval of the Council, and make recommendations of various sorts.

Also at the special meeting, the Council accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and declared four vacant, deteriorated houses and the former gas station property to be redevelopment areas. The Council directed the Planning Board to prepare a redevelopment plan for these properties, which the Council would adopt by ordinance. Once the plan is adopted, the Council would have the legal power to use its power of eminent domain to acquire the properties and transfer them to

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fund for Roosevelt will hold its Annual Meeting and Report to the Community on Sunday, March 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Borough Hall. All members and friends of the Roosevelt community are invited to attend and participate. Refreshments will be served.

Be sure to read Carol Watchler's Report from the Roosevelt First Aid Squad about the Vial of Life Program.

As our publishing year continues, our funds diminish!
If you haven't as yet made a contribution or would be able to add to your original one, now is the time to help us.
Thank you for your support.

The Multiple Cinemas at Town Center Plaza in East Windsor (the movies near Shoprite to us) are showing an "Oldie" movie along with free popcorn and soda for \$1.00 on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m.!!!
The movie on March 6th is *Top Hat*.

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

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Alternates Join Planning Board

Mayor Michael Hamilton has appointed Mary Ann Rossi and Timothy Hartley to the two alternate positions on the 11-member Planning Board. Regular members are Mayor Hamilton, Chairman Ralph Seligman, Vice Chairwoman Jane Rothfuss, Councilwoman Beth Battel, Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin, School Board member David Ticktin, Environmental Commission members Edwin Moser, Robert Petrilla and Jessica Hecht. Due to absences, alternates who attend meetings frequently have the opportunity to vote.

The lawsuit brought by US Home against the Borough continues. The Superior Court at Freehold has scheduled a management conference in the case for March 6. US Home is seeking a so-called “builder’s remedy,” claiming the Court should permit it to construct 266 residential units on northern farmland east of Route 571 as a way of forcing Roosevelt to meet its affordable housing obligation. To do this the Court would have to overturn the area’s current zoning, which requires 10 acres for each building lot.

The Borough Council and Planning Board contend the Borough’s affordable housing responsibility is just eight units and that this could be satisfied through renovation of existing homes and a regional contribution agreement with another municipality. The typical court-imposed builder’s remedy would permit construction of four market-rate units for every “affordable” dwelling. Should the Court agree that Roosevelt should not be required to provide for more than eight affordable units, US Home would be limited to 40 units — per-

haps an unprofitable venture — for its proposed builder’s remedy. Borough officials want the Court to further conclude that even 40 units would unduly jeopardize the historic character and environmental sensitivity of the area and deny the remedy.

Mr. Moser reported that Environmental Commission members expressed consternation that the Commission had not been officially consulted during the review of the telecommunications facility approved for construction by AT&T Wireless on Borough property near the Water Plant south of Oscar Drive. Board members agreed that closer contact with the Environmental Commission is desirable. The proposal has been discussed almost monthly in the Bulletin since April 2002 in the Mayor’s report and Council and Planning Board news. No one indicated that the Environmental Commission asked to be consulted and was refused during the last several months.

Michael Ticktin indicated that a house on Nurko Road earmarked for Roosevelt’s redevelopment program may be purchased by a new owner and torn down. He said the Council should ask the Board to finalize plans for the remaining four properties in the program. Chairman Seligman appointed a committee of himself, Michael Ticktin and Mayor Hamilton to submit a proposal to Tom Thomas, the Board’s Planning Consultant, as soon as the Board receives the assignment from the Council.

Mr. Seligman said he gave a presentation recently to Hightstown High School students regarding the planning history of Roosevelt. He said he concluded that such a program could help Rooseveltians appreciate their

own legacy and make them more respectful of beauty that surrounds them. He proposed to revive the tradition of giving an annual “Benjamin Brown Award” to a Roosevelt Public School student demonstrating appreciation for Roosevelt’s historic significance. David Ticktin said he would discuss the proposal with Chief School Administrator Dale Weinbach. Mr. Seligman also suggested a sister city “twinning” with Letchworth, England, a “garden city” planned by Ebenezer Howard that influenced the design for Roosevelt.

Mr. Seligman marked with sorrow the recent death of Hightstown attorney Michael Pane, an expert in land use law. He said Mr. Pane had been “helpful in the early days with efforts to have responsible development.”

Zoning Officer Ed Goetzmann advised that he would soon move against flagrant violations of the Borough’s Zoning Ordinance regarding parking in residential areas. The ordinance restricts parking to designated driveways or parking areas exclusively within the front yard. The driveways and off-street parking areas must have a proper surface, and the total area of all driveways and exterior parking areas may not exceed 20 percent of the total area of the yard. Finally, no residential lot shall be used for storage of unlicensed or unmovable vehicles. Mr. Seligman noted that unsightly parking of vehicles was an example of some residents’ lack of respect and understanding of the historical character of Roosevelt. He cited instances of tasteful compliance with the ordinance and said they could serve as guides for others. ■

FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

New Jersey Law (N.J.S. A. 40A:60-5), states that “the mayor shall be the head of the municipal government” and “shall recommend to the Council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the borough.”

Councilwoman Marilyn Magnes resigned her seat on February 1, 2003 for personal reasons. We reluctantly accepted her resignation; Marilyn was a well-respected member of the Council and her experience and depth of knowledge will be missed. Marilyn is a high energy person who enjoys working hard for the public good. After her resignation she called me and offered her help on any committees or projects that might come up.

New Jersey Statutes... In the event of a vacancy in office, New Jersey Statutes allow the county committee of the political party of which the vacating elected official is a member, to nominate three candidates for the Council to consider to fill the remainder of this year's term (until the November election). Marilyn Magnes is a registered Democrat and the Democratic Committee persons (Ann Baker and Kirk Rothfuss) submitted the names. Daniel Hoffman was appointed by the Council on February 18 during the special meeting held for that purpose. Daniel lives on Pine Drive with his wife Assanka Oksiloff and their son Gabriel.

Sub-freezing temperatures during January and February and below zero wind-chill factors caused pipes to freeze at the water and sewer plants, wells to malfunction and sprinkler systems to go off unexpectedly. Frigid temperatures also caused an eight-inch water main to burst under Rte 571 near Rossi's Deli. Thanks to our water and sewer plant operator Toby Moore, with a major assist by George Vasseur (our weekend plant operator), our homeowners hardly noticed a glitch in service. Our plant operators succeeded in repairing this major water main break that could have left us without water for days. They installed heat-wrap tape on the pipes that were freezing or in danger of freezing. They covered pipes with insulation at our two wells, and mounted heaters on our equipment to keep it from refreezing. Not only were they able to promptly address the problems as they occurred, they were able to address them in a systematic way that will prevent future freeze-ups.

The Blizzard of 2003 was a two-day storm that many of us will not soon forget. Sunday, February 16th began innocently enough with moderate temperatures. A gentle snow began to fall around 3:00 p.m.; by the evening the snow increased in intensity. By daybreak almost 10-inches of snow had fallen in Roosevelt. It continued to fall steadily throughout the day on Sunday and by late Sunday evening the winds began to blow and the storm reached full intensity. It raged all night and all Monday morning. Finally, by Monday evening, the winds began to subside and the storm relented somewhat. When it was all over, more than two feet of snow had fallen upon the eight inches of snow left behind by the previous storm.

Our snowplows were running almost continuously throughout the storm. Once again our municipal employees

gave their all and then some: we had two plows operating almost around the clock. Thanks to the dedication of Abe Schlinski (who worked although he was ill) and George Vasseur (our snowplow operator), the streets were kept passable although the traveling was slow. Councilman Jeff Hunt and I took over plowing at times to allow George and Abe to rest.

I was on the road at 7:00 a.m. when a first aid call came in from Tamara Drive. Since I was nearby, I stopped by Neil Marko's house and dropped him off at Borough Hall. Although the storm was in its full fury Roosevelt Volunteer First Aid Squad members; Elise Cousineau, Reena Petrics, Carol Watchler, John Rindt Jr. and Neil Marko responded within 5 minutes of the call. The patient was transported to Princeton Hospital in the blinding snowstorm and is doing well.

Monday evening our roads were in better shape than the roads in most towns. Although the municipal roads end where the houses end on School Lane, the Borough was even able to help plow out the school grounds so that the school was open for the children on Wednesday morning. Tuesday morning I saw parents and a school board member helping to shovel out the school and as I drove through town I saw neighbors helping neighbors shovel snow and working together to dig out their cars. It was truly gratifying to see so many people helping others during the storm.

As always, I depend upon your advice and support, especially during trying times. And like you, I am looking forward to the warm spring weather.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Hamilton, Mayor

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From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

Every year the Department of Education creates a report card for each school district in New Jersey. The New Jersey Report Card contains a myriad of information for parents and community residents regarding their school, and other schools in the State. You can access the Report Card on the Internet by going to the Department of Education web site: www.state.nj.us/education, and go to the DOE link that says NJ School Report card. Hard copies of the report card are available and may be obtained upon request from the school office.

In response to the new No Child Left Behind Act that was signed into law by President Bush, New Jersey will be modifying the State-testing program. As an incentive to improve early literacy, elementary testing will change from the fourth to the third grade. Rather than the previously State-constructed test, the Department of Education has contracted with ETS (Educational Testing Service) to design the tests for New Jersey. It is my understanding that this year the test will be given the week of May 20; and, this year only the test will be given in both third and fourth grades. I antici-

pate strong test score results for our Roosevelt students.

This is the time of year that the Board of Education works diligently to present the community with a school budget that reflects their support of education, as well as their respect for frugality. The Board's quarterly newsletter will be published soon, and in it you will be able to learn all the many different school decisions with which the Board has been involved. I hope we can count on everyone's continued support of the school and the school budget.

Our school dumpster is emptied once a week. Would whoever is using the dumpster for a private dumping ground kindly cease doing that immediately so that we will have room for our school garbage?

We continue to combat winter's imposed cabin fever by having many educational and fun activities at school. We've had our One Hundred days of School celebration, a sixth grade Valentine's dance, PTA winter carnival, Fabulous Fridays, shoestring Players and more.

Stay warm, and if you too have cabin fever, you are always welcomed at RPS! ■

RCNS March Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

Spring is just around the corner when March arrives, and this year we will be especially happy to welcome spring! Our class will learn about the changeable March weather and learn what the expression "In like a lion and out like a lamb" means. We will also explore the effects of the wind. We will make colorful kites and sailboats as well.

Everyone loves to see rainbows. Using a prism, we will "catch some rainbows" in our classroom and see that colors in the rainbow are always in the same order. It will be so much fun to make new colors and find out how many colors mix to form others.

March 2nd is Seuss Day! Be sure to read a special book with your child to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will make "green eggs" and make a special Dr. Seuss project.

During March and April, our class will participate in the Book-It Program. The children need to read books at home to receive certificates for pizza for each month. The children enjoy seeing how many books we all have read at the end of each month.

We are planning a very special dinner dance to be held on April 5th to benefit the nursery school. Some of our parents are working very hard to make this a very special and successful event. If you are interested in joining us for a wonderful evening of fun, come to our Mardi Gras - we would love to see you there! Call the nursery school at 609-426-9523 for any information. ■

March School Dates

Saturday, March 1	Winter Carnival, 10:00 - 1:30
March 7	School closed, professional day
March 10	PTA Meeting, 7:30
March 13	School Board Meeting, 7:30
March 14	Pizza
March 26	Art Night
March 27	Board of Ed meeting, 7:30
March 28	School Board Meeting, 7:30

Items for this column can be submitted to Ron Kostar by phone 448-5191, 18 Pine Drive, or e-mail at ronkostar@cs.com.

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The news:

Joanna E. Girodano is travelling and studying in Toulouse, France during the winter semester. Joanna, the daughter of Gary and Laura Zuckerman, is a student at Dartmouth College, class of 2004.

Kathleen Alfare, class of 2003 at Franklin and Marshall University, performed a flute solo of Charles Griffes' *Poem for Flute and Orchestra* in a recent concert at F & M. Kathleen won the honor of performing by competing, and winning, the college's solo and concerto competition. She is the daughter of Mary and Carlo Alfare.

Rachel Ticktin, daughter of Michael and Marilyn Ticktin, who graduated from Bryn Mawr College last May, is currently enrolled in a Master's pro-

gram in science education at the College of New Jersey and will be entering the Veterinary School of the University of Pennsylvania next fall.

Debbie Block of East Windsor, the daughter of Marvin and Karen Block, graduated recently from the Mercer County Technical School, receiving a certificate in ancillary nursing. Debbie was scheduled to take her state exams in January and earn her official CNA title. She plans to pursue a position in pediatric oncology.

Judith and Kevin McNally offer their upright piano free to a good home. The piano is in good condition, and the McNallys can be reached at 609-448-4580.

Beautiful black and white, short-haired kittens can be had by calling 609-443-5191. They're fast, lively, adventurous and free.

Otherwise, the major news this month was the weather, which caused a break in the daily routine and brought out the shovels. Books continue to be the refuge of choice, as well as rental movies, board games, "Northern Exposure" reruns and unexpected visits from friends looking for hot drinks in exchange for snow stories. Is it cold enough for you? ■

By Clare Sacharoff

There were three guests at the February 4th meeting. They were Elise Cousineau, Reenah Petrics and Carol Watchler. These three women completed the first aid course and are now three regular Roosevelt First Aiders. Each woman introduced herself and spoke to the group. They stressed leaving vital information for the Vial of Life Program on the refrigerator where it can easily be found. Such information should include allergies, medications and a Living Will if there is one. They added, if there is no life-threatening situation, to include the patient's hospital of choice.

Our regularly scheduled trip on February 18th was to be Freehold Mall, but the weather cancelled the plan.

On April 6th, we will go to the Kelsey Theater to see *Damn Yankees*. The show will start at 2:00. Four drivers volunteered, as we have no bus that day.

On May 4th, we will attend a production of *Kiss Me Kate* also at the Kelsey Theater. This show also begins at 2:00 p.m.

Florie Johnson provided outstanding Valentine refreshments made from scratch.

See Carol Watchler's article for more information on the Vial of Life Program. ■

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.

Report From the Roosevelt First Aid squad

By Carol Watchler, EMT-B

We in the Roosevelt First Aid Squad are hoping to give a regular report from our newly expanded squad. This local emergency service team has responded to January and February first aid calls, held sessions to review procedures and equipment, and taken other steps to insure its readiness for medical emergencies.

During the past month, new members Elise Cousineau, Reenah Petrics and Carol Watchler, have all received official word of their certification as EMT-B's, which means that we hold Emergency Medical Technician-Basic status. The certification enables us to join our other active responders, Neil Marko, Jack Rindt and John Rindt in providing services when a call comes for the First Aid Squad in town.

Following our certification, your three new EMT's were able to participate in an information and "the to know you" session with the Senior Citizen organization on February 4th. Among the concerns that we discussed was the use of the "Vial Of Life", a system that is useful for all Roosevelt residents, not only senior citizens.

The "Vial Of Life" program encourages people in every household to have medical information (that could be life-saving in the event of an emergency) recorded and kept in a small vial in a common location – each household's refrigerator. The form, which gets tucked into the vial, allows a person to state medical conditions, medications and allergies as well as contact information for persons you would like notified in the event of an emergency.

You and your family will undoubtedly be grateful that you took the time to prepare a "Vial Of Life" and

your First Aid squad will definitely appreciate this step should we ever need to provide first aid services to your home. Materials and assistance in preparing the "Vial Of Life" are available from Carol Watchler, 609-448-5215.

Any persons who have previously prepared a vial to keep ready for emergency situations are encouraged to update the information at least every six months. Forms for updates are also available at the same phone number.

As one of the newcomers to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad, I want to say thanks to all previous volunteers with the squad, the currently active folks, the members of Project Revive, and all who encouraged us to persevere in achieving certification. We look forward to serving our neighbors in this special town.

Alan Mallach At The Piano - A Review

by Gladys Nadler

In his February 6th recital called *Immigrants, Natives and Exiles: The Music of Vienna*, Alan Mallach offered a feast of piano music by composers who worked in Vienna from the end of the eighteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The concert was a Roosevelt Arts Project event.

Mallach divided the program into two major periods of Viennese music. The first part, late eighteenth century going into the nineteenth, included Mozart's *Rondo in A Minor, K511* (written in 1787), Beethoven's *Six Bagatelles, op. 126* (1825), and Schubert's *Sonata in A Major, op. 120* (1825) – beautiful examples of the classical period evolving into the romantic.

The program's second half comprised early twentieth century music written by Viennese composers before Hindemith and his twelve-tone music

took hold. First came three pieces from *Marchenbilder (Fairy-Tale Pictures), op. 3* written in 1911 by Erich Wolfgang Korngold. Korngold later emigrated to the United States and became known as a major composer of music for films.

Mallach then played the *Piano Sonata No. 1 in E Flat Major, op. 2* written at age 19 by the relatively unknown composer, Ernst Krenek, who lived from 1900 to 1991. Krenek, who later became involved with twelve-tone techniques, jazz and opera, moved to the United States in 1938.

The pianist then performed two pieces from *Triakontameron* written in 1919 by Leopold Godowsky (1870-1938) who became an American in 1891. As an encore, Mr. Mallach played a lovely waltz by Carl Czerny (1791-1857) who was a student of Beethoven and teacher of Liszt. Czerny is well known for the exercises he wrote for piano students.

It was a rich, enjoyable, and well-executed program.

Survival Tips from a Cold Winter

By Robin Gould

In case you get snowed in, or are unable to drive, these tips may help you get through the next days.

BOOKS (Because you can't live without them.)

If you e-mail your order for a new or used book to Robert Atwood at Micawber Books (micawbooks@aol.com), Robert will locate and bring home your book and deliver it to your kitchen – a free and friendly service. Thank you Robert.

Also, for those of you who are friendly with your computer, there is AMAZON.COM and ABE books – and in fact most independent bookstores will deliver – but for a charge.

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TOWN TOPICS

Survival Tips

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FOOD (Also necessary for survival)

Rossi's has always graciously delivered to the home when needed. Thank you Rossi's.

But if you need to get your big weekly marketing done with least possible effort, I've discovered that McCaffrey's market in the Southfield plaza will deliver to Roosevelt for a \$12.50 charge on top of the costs of your order – a minimum order of \$25. You need to call a day ahead so Don, the driver, can take your order and pick out the items for you. He did very well at finding things for me such as the specific Chinese dumplings I like and can never locate. Don delivers to your kitchen table if you are home when he arrives. What a treat: no parking problem, no wandering up and down the aisles looking for items and not finding them, no carrying gallons of milk or water. Wonderful! (McCaffrey's: 609-799-3555.)

Another good one: Parmelat/Welsh Farms in Neptune comes to Roosevelt with a milk truck on Thursdays. After setting up your account – with a regular delivery of one gallon of milk as a minimum, you can add to your order from a long list of items: milk, eggs, margarine, cottage cheese, cheddar cheese, sour cream, orange juice, Dannon yogurts, Thomas' English Muffins and other breads, even bagels, Arnold's breads, and Entemann's coffee cake and danishes. The only thing missing is the horse from my childhood who came clip clop down 89th street in Manhattan with his milk wagon in the early morning hours. Too bad, I miss him – but appreciate Welsh Farms' continuing service. (Welch Farms phone: 732-922-2340; or, 800-359-3574; or, Fax: 732-918-8253.)

That's it for now – any other ideas? Let me know.

The Year of the Ram

By Frances Duckett

June Counterman's Tai Chi classes gathered at the Borough Hall on the evening of January 31 to celebrate Chinese New Year. It was hard to recognize those drab precincts, dolled up as they were with fans, kites, lights, lanterns, red tablecloths and copious helium balloons. This made for a cheerful atmosphere as the students and their guests consumed a delicious buffet – so yummy that some of the cooks were begged to contribute their recipes to *The Bulletin*.

Dinner was followed by a karate demonstration by Chi Han Dan Nash (an 8th degree black belt) and his nephews, green belts Sean and Steven McLaren. According to Mr. Nash, martial arts began in India and spread throughout Asia, coming to the U.S. via marines returning from World War II. It developed into the form Ishaanru, which means one heart way, on Okinawa, where the residents were short and not permitted weapons. They developed it for self-defense. It is this discipline Mr. Hash teaches at Fort Dix.

The Ishaanru demonstration began with a warm-up including knuckle pushups, several katas (series of movements) by the students, a "bow" kata (long stick kata) by Mr. Nash, and a demonstration of sparring by the students. It ended with breaking boards. The final board was, much to everyone's surprise, broken by June Counterman, using the muscular part of her elbow. Nobody had better mug June!

Finally Russell Knost showed us the third paragraph of the tang style Tai Chi long form. It was very graceful and silent.

Everybody seemed to be having a wonderful time. Happy New Year! ■

BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

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purchasers who would repair and occupy them. The Borough is in the process of foreclosing a tax lien on the former gas station property, so it is likely to come into Borough ownership without any need for exercise of eminent domain powers.

At the regular meeting, the Council adopted resolutions opposing two bills that have been introduced in the New Jersey Senate that are favorable to the interests of hunters. One, S-2013, would allow Sunday hunting. The Council based its opposition to this bill on the need to protect the right of non-hunters to walk in the woods at least one day a week without fear of getting shot. The other bill, S-563, would require all recipients of Green Acres funding to provide a statement concerning deer management on the land to be acquired. Mayor Hamilton, who was recently arrested protesting the use of inhumane methods to control the deer population in Princeton Township, expressed strong disagreement with this attempt to force the hunting lobby's agenda on towns like ours that are seeking to preserve open space. ■



Game, Set and Match, Mr. Stewart

Once upon a time I had a father. He passed away two Octobers ago, at age 86, lingering after a stroke. When he was alive, he was a travelling salesman for wholesale lawn equipment and a top tennis umpire for the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. Tennis was his passion. He played tennis till he was 80!

When I was seven, he tried to teach me to play tennis. At the end of one lesson, he said, "When you can hit 99 balls in succession to within one inch of the far base line, we'll go on to backhand."

I didn't turn into a tennis player. "Eye on the ball," he would say. Or, "By the time the ball reaches your opponent's racquet, you should be in position to return the shot. When he demonstrated a serve to me and his shot went into the net, he'd say to himself angrily, "GIVE IT AWAY, DAMMIT!"

Sometimes I would go to matches with him, early on at West Orange and the Merion Cricket Club (old line Philly money, before tennis became a media event, when spectators clapped for a play well done, rather than rooting for one player). The women would always say to me, "Do you play?" and I would say, "Yes. The trumpet."



Express Photo by Ed Kosky, Jr.

Doug Stewart

He once said to me out of the blue, "You'll have eight loves."

In my second and third grade years, my father taught me to play bridge and poker (he was Charles Van Goren's dummy partner for five dollars an hour, to help put himself through the Warton Business School in Philly).

Once I went to Barnum & Bailey's Circus, and was fascinated by the tight rope acts. Soon after, my father built me a steel cable tight rope a foot off the ground, anchored in two maple trees in the front yard. I fell off a lot.

We lived on four acres in Hunterdon County (when it was the sticks), from when I was four. We had one brown cow named Daisy, who my mother, a Smith graduate - milked daily at 5:30 a.m. One day my father painted 'COW' in two-foot high, blue letters on the side of the cow. I thought it was the funniest thing I'd ever seen him do.

He was also fond of saying, in a jovial way, "Get away closer." (I'm still working on that one...)

Once in my adult life, I asked my father what it felt like to climb up that tall green umpire's chair. He wrote back, "Steep."

I didn't see the news story (*see newspaper article on next page*) about him until several months after his death. I was, and am, proud of him. ■

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The Art of Tennis Officiating — Don't Look at What You See

By DONALD O. HENRY
General Editor

Doug Stewart is one of those people who looks at his watch to see what time it isn't.

At least, that's the impression you get from a lengthy chat with this Hunterdon County resident, who spends a lot of time not looking at what he is seeing.

Doug Stewart is something of a rarity. There probably aren't more than a couple dozen people in this whole country who are better than or as good as Stewart is at not looking at what he sees.

They are that small, elite corps of tennis linesmen and umpires on whose eyesight and snap decisions the outcome of the best tennis games in the world depends.

Doug Stewart can often be seen at home on television as he sits in the high chair or down along the court as a linesman at tennis matches involving the superstars of today's game.

He's been in the big league of tennis officiating for 22 years, and put in 20 years of apprenticeship before that calling the shots at lesser matches.

The long years of ruling on faults or out-of-bounds shots enabled Doug Stewart to develop a special knack — which he says is the secret of the really good officials.

That knack is not to look at the line itself, but to look at the space just outside the line in order to see whether the shot hits the line.

Of course, along with not looking at the line, the official has to have the instinct to be ready to react in time to the

part of the line the ball will be heading for.

"If you know the game, you develop a sense of where the player is likely to hit the next shot. You couldn't watch the ball all the time or you wouldn't be ready when the shot comes to your line. You have to anticipate it."

Stewart knows the game. He ought to. In addition to being a solid player himself, he has spent most of his life and leisure officiating at or organizing tennis competition.

As a kid growing up in Morris County, Doug found himself being pressed into duty by the bigger boys as a baseball umpire. He branched out into other sports and considers it natural that his hobby turned out to be officiating.

He is not modest about his reputation. "I'm close to the top among the 3,000 or so organized tennis umpires and linesmen in this country. I've worked 45 days already this year as an official and there aren't many who've worked more."

In 1972, Stewart worked 82 days, tops in the East. He tries to stay in the area between Connecticut and Virginia but doesn't always succeed.

And this summer, his avocation is taking him to THE tennis match of the year — at Wimbledon — late in June.

"A lot of the English officials have worked for me over here," he says, "and I decided that I wanted to work at Wimbledon this year, so I had the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association let my intentions be known, and I got an invitation to be an official."

Wimbledon — or, the All-England

Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club Championship as it is officially known — is a two-week extravaganza that is THE place to be in late June and early July if you are a tennis fan or a society person or, indeed, a world class tennis player.

Only the best get very far at Wimbledon and Doug Stewart, who has seen more good tennis than most people in the world, knows just what it takes to be among the best.

"Ever" has basically the same muscles as a tennis player. "I've learned the same strokes." "The essence of good tennis is concentration, and the player's control over concentration."

He explains that when a good tennis player is concentrating, he or she is incapable of telling whether a shot is in or out because of total concentration on the ball itself and not the line.

"Anytime you see a player blow up at an official, he isn't concentrating or he wouldn't have any idea about the ball being in or out."

He singles out players who have impressed him, such as Arthur Ashe, Stan Smith, Billy Jean King, and says they are among the "top 200 in the world" who can force themselves to concentrate at will.

Stewart is particularly keen on Ashe. "He is one of the best men I have ever known — measured by how much good he has done. He is honest too. He's wind up being an ambassador for this country some day."

Stewart has hit warmup balls with all

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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.

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the top players. "I can get it back to any of them," he says, and the suggestion of a smile pushes at his cheeks as he continues:

"Of course, sometimes I have to cheat a little, like using a foot fault. With Rod Laver, I use about 36 feet of foot fault to hit them back over the net."

Stewart says educated people have been attempting for 28 years or so to develop really good tennis officials.

The gist of their trial and error, he says, is that an official must never flash images up to his brain of the ball moving back and forth.

"If you do that, and then the ball comes down near your line, you are liable to flash 'out' to your brain before you have had the split-second chance to analyze the view of the line and make a decision."

Instead, Stewart explains, you vaguely follow the ball, anticipate its arrival in your zone and concentrate outside the line just before it hits. Then you have a clear picture of where it touched and you make few errors.

In fact, Stewart claims that the average of the 3,000 big league tennis officials in the U.S. is one error per 900 calls.

"That is the average, and the level of competence and activity among these 3,000 officials is diverse," he emphasizes.

Does he make an error every 900 calls?

He stares incredulously at the ques-

tioner who then asks when was the last mistake he made.

"Back around 1962 at Orange when Margaret Court lost to Patty Hogan," Stewart replies.

He rails at people who claim to have seen an official at a top match make several mistakes in one afternoon. "No way," he says, and adds that broadcast commentators who bring a call into question are only doing so to keep the commentary from becoming dull.

"These broadcasters know us and know we don't make mistakes. Anyway, how can they see from hundreds of feet away? We are right on the line."

Stewart says the hardest line to call is the cross service line, the one at the back of each service court. The easiest is the center service line, the one that divides the forehand and backhand service courts.

How much does Doug Stewart get paid for his talent?

This time there is more than a suggestion of a smile. There is an outright roar of laughter.

"If you're lucky, you get three cans of tennis balls, breakfast and bed. I don't come close to making expenses as an official and I'm in the top one per cent of all umpires. It's a labor of love."

Stewart says there is a crying need for fresh blood, for replacements. "People come into this after their upper legs give out but before their eyes do," he says. "We'd love to have younger people in it, but we can't offer enough pay to induce a man to go into it."

Stewart is hopeful of conducting tennis officiating clinics in this area for anyone interested in the game — player, coach or official.

"I'll go to any high school, any club, any industry, anywhere to build up knowledge of the game and of officiating," he says.

What's it take to be a good official?

Love of the game, knowledge of the game — and the ability to be able to travel to matches.

"I worked as a traveling salesman most of the time," he says. "You almost have to be doing that or be self-employed if you're going to be able to make the travel requirements."

There is one thing else you have to be in order to become a good tennis official — and that is: TENNIS NUT.

Doug Stewart can talk tennis for hours — and will at the slightest provocation. It is his hobby, his love, his passion.

"I'm in favor of anything that will encourage more people to play — no matter why or how well. The rules of tennis are so fair. It's simply a wonderful thing."

Sitting in his kitchen in a country house near Warren Glen, you get the idea Doug Stewart is playing a mental tennis match with you, using questions and answers as imaginary tennis balls.

If that be the case, Stewart is serving up all the answers and in a game like that it is definitely a case of "advantage

**RCERC -
2002 Year in Review**

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition (RCERC), a committee consisting of representatives from both the Borough Council and the Board of Education, sponsored a number of very successful programs and events in 2002. With the help of many dedicated volunteers and part-time employees, the RCERC administered the popular Community Summer Camp, Youth Floor Hockey, Teen Basketball, a Summer Concert, After School Programs that included Mad Science, Golf Lessons, and Bowling, Adult Hatha Yoga, Movie Nights, and assisted with the Independence Day Celebration.

The RCERC is committed to providing the community with quality recreation programs at a minimal cost to residents. Future plans include Summer Sports Camps, Open Volleyball, a Fall Concert Series, and various Family Trips for the entire community to enjoy. If you want to volunteer your time or have any programming ideas, please contact Eric Schubiger at 448-0539, x8. We welcome your feedback.

Upcoming Activities

Please be advised that registration forms for all upcoming activities are available at the Borough Hall or can be requested by calling 448-0539, x8. Please also note that you are not registered until the appropriate form is completed and submitted to the Borough Hall with payment.

Youth Floor Hockey

Sundays beginning February 23
Grades K – 2 (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.)
Grades 3 – 6 (7:30 - 9:00 p.m.)
The Roosevelt School
COST: FREE

Adult Hatha Yoga

Tuesdays beginning February 25
Ages 18+ (6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)
Borough Hall
COST: \$50.00 – 8 sessions

The Philadelphia Museum of Art

Sunday, March 23
Depart Roosevelt School at 9:00 a.m.
Return 5:00 p.m.
Trip includes tour of museum and special exhibit of *Degas and the Dance*
COST: \$30.00

The RCERC is also sponsoring a special concert on March 15th at the Roosevelt School beginning at 7:30 p.m. We are proud to present to the community “M’Zume Rhythm Academy.” This band is a collective of drummers and dancers sharing and celebrating life through the experience of drums, dance, and song. While the band’s focus is the dynamic sounds of Carnival, they also combine the powerful percussive sounds of Africa, Brazil, and the Caribbean. Residents should bring their instruments for a “Roosevelt Community Jam” after the show. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. Children are free. Tickets are available by calling 448-0539, x8 and will also be available at the Post Office on Saturday mornings March 8th and March 15th. Come out and jam with your neighbors! ■

Jan. 15 - Feb. 15, 2003

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
16	31.3	17.2	24.3	0.00
17	32.5	15.4	24.0	0.11
18	19.8	6.3	13.1	0.00
19	29.8	8.2	19.0	0.00
20	35.6	19.6	27.6	0.00
21	27.9	11.3	19.6	0.00
22	24.6	10.9	17.8	0.00
23	21.7	10.0	15.9	0.00
24	29.5	9.0	19.3	0.00
25	31.8	12.7	22.3	0.00
26	37.8	19.2	28.5	0.00
27	31.6	11.3	21.5	0.00
28	26.8	7.5	17.2	0.00
29	34.5	24.3	29.4	0.00
30	36.5	13.5	25.0	0.24
31	36.5	30.7	33.6	0.00
1	39.0	33.3	36.2	0.05
2	46.4	31.1	38.8	0.10
3	48.0	28.4	38.2	0.00
4	48.2	37.4	42.8	0.00
5	38.3	27.0	32.7	0.28
6	35.6	16.9	26.3	0.00
7	37.6	26.1	31.9	0.80
8	30.6	9.5	20.1	0.00
9	38.8	10.6	24.7	0.00
10	38.5	24.4	31.5	0.00
11	32.9	17.1	25.0	0.20
12	33.8	16.2	25.0	0.00
13	32.0	10.4	21.2	0.00
14	34.2	8.8	21.5	0.00
15	31.1	19.0	25.1	0.00
Total Precipitation				1.78

Written by Susan Dermody, but once again a recipe from the kitchen of Alice McBride, a longtime Lake Drive resident.

Salmon Loaf



Also once again, Alice's recipe is one that originated in the kitchen of her grandmother, a woman Alice described to me as a very old fashioned grandma who spent the majority of her time in the kitchen, preparing food for her family. I'd like to think if she were alive today, she could have her own cable cooking show, while comfortably clad in her housecoat and apron. And, I suspect she was one of those people who cooked by *feel*, as does Alice. Alice said this recipe was most likely to be served on a Sunday, probably alongside a plate of steaming hot stewed tomatoes with cubed bread on top of them. "*Cubed bread?*" I asked. Yes, I was told that after the tomatoes had cooked down, small chunks of bread were placed on top of them and then the dish would be served. Huh. I was certainly not going to question the cooking techniques/wisdom of a woman I am beginning to realize could pretty much whip up a palatable dish without even giving it a second thought. What I love best about visiting Alice's kitchen is that there is always something cooking, literally, and usually a portion of something from the day before. This time there was a very large (spanned two burners) Dutch oven pot with knockwurst and sauerkraut in it, along with some apple and onion slices.

This is a dish I am told that cooks all day long on a very low flame, as do most of her meats. But, I digress. This month's recipe follows.

Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup melted butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cans of salmon or equivalent fresh salmon (skin removed - of course, fresh is best)
- 3 slices soft bread, cut into cubes (crust on is ok)
- A couple of squeezes from a lemon

Directions:

In a large mixing bowl, mix together the raw egg, milk and melted butter. Add cubed bread, salt and garlic. Finally, add the salmon and mix all ingredients together well. Press mixture into a greased pie plate; squirt with fresh lemon and bake for 20-30 minutes in a 325-degree oven. Serve with stewed tomatoes, if you like, and enjoy! ■

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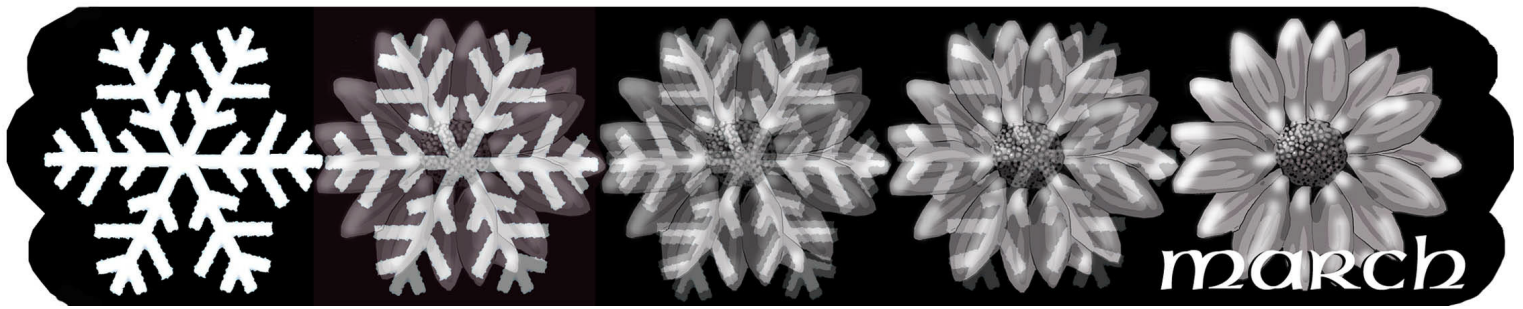
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1	Sat.	10 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.	PTA, Winter Carnival
3	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
4	Tues.	12:30 p.m.	Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Senior Meeting, Borough Hall, Gerry Millar, 609-448-0351
7	Fri.		RPS Closed – Professional Development for Staff
8	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	RAP Program, Borough Hall – Poetry Reading, Robin Gould, 609-448-4616
10	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
		7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, President Larisa Bondy, 609-443-7430
11	Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chair Ralph Seligman, 609-448-2340
12	Wed.		RECYCLE
13	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440
14	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
16	Sun.	2:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting of Fund for Roosevelt, Boro Hall
17	Mon.	7:30 P.M.	Council Committee Meetings, Boro Hall, President Neil Marko, 609-443-6818

20	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Environmental Commission Meeting, Boro Hall, Kirk Rothfuss, 609-448-3713
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28	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day

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