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## School Board Schedules Budget Hearing

by Warren Craig

The Board of Education at its February 16 business meeting scheduled a public hearing over the 1989-90 school budget for Tuesday March 7 at 7:30 PM in the lobby of the Roosevelt Public School.

In addition, the Board approved a plan to lease a computer system to handle all payroll and accounting functions, approved plans to advertise for bids to install a bathroom in the kindergarten classroom (as required by the state), agreed to open the polls for the upcoming school board election at 2:30 instead of 5:00 PM, and decided to investigate refacing the exterior of the school instead of painting it.

The public hearing on the budget, required by law, will be held to explain the budget to the public. Voters will have a chance to approve or reject the budget during the School Board election on April 4. The Board scheduled the budget hearing after receiving approval of the budget from the county school superintendent. As it stands, the budget marks a 1.5 percent increase over the current fiscal budget.

#### School To Get Computer System

Prior to the business meeting, the Board received a presentation from a representative of Intelligent Business Systems (IBS), a firm specializing in computerized accounting for municipal governments and school systems. Later, during its business meeting, the Board made a unanimous decision to engage the services of IBS, which will include a computer system at the school that will be connected to the company's mainframe computer.

According to Board Secretary Roseann Lozinski, IBS was highly recommended by personnel at the

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#### Council Names Chief Financial Officer

by Adeline Weiner

Note: this report was taken from a tape recording of the Borough Council business meeting, January 12 1989.

At the January 12th meeting, the Borough Council announced the creation of the state-mandated position of Chief Financial Officer that, in this borough, is combined with the job of Treasurer. They named Barry Clark of Etra, whose qualifications include experience in financial administration in Hightstown, Jackson Township, and East Windsor. He has taught courses in municipal finance at Rutgers and is Assistant Director in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton. It was noted that with his wife Dolores Clark, who is Borough Tax Collector, we once again have a husband and wife team in charge of the Borough's finances.

The meeting also heard various committee reports that led to the following discussion and decisions:

#### **Water Overuse**

Public Utilities Chair Marilyn Magnes reported that the new Borough Engineer Kevin Toolin will reassess previous priorities regarding water and sewer systems. In the meantime,

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bids are being sought for an independent inspection of the water tower to determine the extent of needed refurbishment and repair. Council member Magnes discussed her concern about the high rate of water use in the Borough.

Ron Suto, our water/sewer employee, reports that the average use by a household per day should be around 250 gallons, but in Roosevelt that figure reaches 400 gallons in winter and a high of 900 gallons in summer.

Magnes promised to investigate these numbers and if warranted, to propose conservation measures, possibly including water meters.

#### Snow, Alcohol, and Mosquitoes

Council member Counterman in his report on Streets and Roads warned once again that not only does parking on the street during a snowfall obstruct snow removal, but actually increases its cost as well.

Public Safety Chair, Jill Lipoti, urged the community to participate in the current Blood Drive and announced progress in formulating the Community Emergency Plan which should be completed by Spring.

A written report from Public Property Chair Jim Alt, who was absent, stressed the rule against the presence of alcoholic beverages being served in the Borough Hall by the Roosevelt Arts Project, which if continued would necessitate banning the Project from the premises.

Following Alt's recommendation, the Council agreed to accept Monmouth County's mosquito aerial spray program as the least harmful but still effective option available.

#### ... And Other Items

On the advice of Borough Attorney McManus, an easement was granted New Jersey Bell to set up a right-of-way Community Service Cabinet near the Borough Hall. Seven conditions were cited apart from a request for a \$3,000 fee and attorney's costs.

The Council received a request for a \$1,000 subsidy from Summer School officials Schlinski and Kaufman who explained that the added expenses of incorporation and of grants to indigent parents accounted for the high figure this year.

Anita Cervantes was appointed an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

## If You Want to Run for Council...

by Mary Alfare

Candidates planning to be on the ballot for the June 6 primary election must file a notarized nominating petition before 4:00 PM on April 13 at the Borough Hall. Municipal positions available are two Borough Council seats and two positions each for Democratic and Republican Committee Chairs.

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

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

Petition signers must be qualified voters, enrolled members of the

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

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

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

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## Viewpoint:

## On Hunters and Deer

by Dennis Connaughton

As an outdoorsman and hunter it saddened me to read last month's editorial in the **Bulletin** [Roosevelt's Hunter-Guests, Ed.].

It seems that the lack of sensitivity on the part of a few of my fellow sportsmen has cast a dark cloud over

the sport of hunting itself.

We in Roosevelt are in a difficult position. In the past five years the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area has soared in popularity among outdoor sport enthusiasts. Not only does Assunpink boast three of the finest warm water fisheries in the state, it is also rated as a top location for upland game and deer hunting.

This increase in popularity and its attendant publicity have drawn enormous numbers of people from all parts

of New Jersey.

Now as hunting opportunities diminish in traditional areas due to suburban sprawl and misguided antihunting legislation, we are faced with an ever escalating problem.

Many of the numbers that we play "host" to are from suburban or urban environments. Many have only a few hours, maybe a day, to live a lifestyle that we take for granted. As a result, for whatever reason, mistakes are made and rules are broken. Unfortunately, it is we, the people of Roosevelt, who must bear the impact of each mistake.

It is not my intention to make excuses for, nor condemn, my fellow sportsmen in this article.

As a matter of fact, considering the vast number of "guests" we receive each year, I think the number of incidents which have occurred are surprisingly small. Hunting still remains one of the safest outdoor activities available

However, we do have a problem. On one hand, we are faced with a yearly influx of people, many of whom are either ignorant of or don't care about our Borough boundaries. On the other hand, we are faced with a problem no less serious: a burgeoning deer population within our Borough confines.

Deer are beautiful and amazingly adaptable creatures. Given the proper conditions and habitat they can double or quadruple their numbers in two years. Two years! With the exception of the hunter and the automobile, deer have no natural enemies in this area. This means there is nothing except starvation to check their growth.

We currently have, by conservative estimates, three or four healthy herds living within Roosevelt itself. Estimating fifteen to twenty deer per herd, simple arithmetic will show that if left unchecked, these herds are capable of posing a serious problem to the health and safety of all Borough residents in the near future.

#### What can we do?

First of all, a Committee of resident hunters should be formed to work with our Mayor and Borough Council to identify problem areas and explore every means of attacking the problem.

Next, this Committee, along with Council representatives, should meet with New Jersey Fish and Game officials to establish a dialogue aimed at a cooperative effort not only to educate hunters, but also to step up enforcement in sensitive areas. (Provided with safety zone signs, it is possible that resident hunter volunteers would be happy to post our problem areas.)

Finally, it may be time to review our firearms discharge ordinance. It is possible that, in our efforts to safeguard our homes and families, we have brought an even greater problem upon ourselves. That problem is a runaway deer population. We must find a safe way of controlling the growth of the herds.

I think it's important that we bring out people's experiences with both hunters and deer. I would like to hear from people who have had traffic mishaps with deer or property damage caused by deer. It would be helpful as well to hear from those residents who have had negative encounters with hunters.

We have a problem. Let's solve it all of us—together.

## Residents to be Honored at MCCC Reception

by Mary Alfare

Augusta Chasan and Hortense Socholitzky are among 19 women to be honored at a Mercer County Community College reception on March 2 for their contributions to an oral history project, Daughters of Rachel, on senior Jewish women in the Mercer County area. The reception marks the opening of an exhibit illustrating this first segment of the project in conjunction with the celebration of Women's History Month this March.

Featured in the exhibit will be audio tape excerpts from interviews conducted by MCCC Professor Janet Bickal of the Humanities Division, initiator of the project. Black and white portraits of each of the women, taken by Professor Lou Draper of the Photography Department, will also be dis-

played.

Exhibit highlights of special interest to local residents include a photograph of Esther Warshasky Berman and a script from a Fred Allen radio show. Esther Warshasky Berman, mother of Hortense Socholitzky, was a Suffragette who died in 1918, just a year before the Nineteenth Constitutional Amendment was passed, guaranteeing women the right to vote. The Fred Allen script, complete with revisions in his own hand is a souvenir of Augusta Chasan's appearance on the show in 1938 as this nation's first volunteer firewoman. Other exhibits include memorabilia loaned by the interview subjects: tinted formal portraits made in Europe, embroideries, artwork, and clothing.

Residents are invited to the reception on March 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and to the exhibit which will run from March 3 to April 1. Both will be held in the Library Gallery of Mercer County Community College on the West Windsor Campus, 1200 Old Trenton

Road.

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county as well as in other nearby school districts.

The Board explained that on an annual basis IBS would cost several thousand dollars more than ADP, with whom the Board expressed its disapproval. But it was discovered that Midlantic Bank was willing to pay the complete cost of using IBS in exchange for an agreement that the Board keep at least \$150,000 in cash reserves on deposit at Midlantic.

RPS administrator Harry Groveman stated that Midlantic originally requested that \$200,000 be kept on deposit, but when he indicated that cash reserves would dip below \$150,000 on occasion, the bank indicated that it would still maintain its agreement.

Since Midlantic offers a higher interest rate than either of the banks the Board is currently using, the Board announced that using IBS and Midlantic will improve the payroll and accounting operations, reduce administrative costs, and result in higher interest payments on RPS's account balances.

**Election Hours Expanded** 

The Board voted to move up the opening of the polls for the School Board election on April 4 from 5:00 to 2:30 to make it possible for parents to vote when they pick up their children at school [see page 6, Ed.].

**Buildings & Grounds Discussed** 

The Board granted approval for RPS administrator Harry Groveman to seek the services of an architect/engineer to proceed with the kindergarten bathroom and to advertise for bids to do the job. State regulations require the classroom to have a bathroom, and in order for the school to meet its state certification requirements, the bathroom must be completed by September 1989.

The Board also gave its approval for Groveman to get an estimate on the cost of refacing the exterior of the school from Garden State Brickface Company. Groveman told the Board that the cost of refacing the building could be bonded as a capital improvement, and that it could result in a long-term cost savings over having to paint the exterior of the school approximately every five years. The Board agreed that if the cost estimate seemed reasonable, they would seek a presentation by a representative of the company at a future Board meeting.

In accordance with state regulations, the firm of Dames and Moore will visit RPS this month to assess whether there is any asbestos present in the building, and, if so, what actions are necessary for its removal or remediation. Dames and Moore is conducting asbestos assessments in schools throughout Monmouth County, according to the Board. The process will consist of taking boring samples from the building, as well as air and surface contamination samples to assess whether or not there is an asbestos hazard at the school.

Currently, it is believed that the only area of the school which contains asbestos is the boiler room, which the Board has stated is sealed and presents no health hazard.

## Community **Advisory Committee** Sought

by Harry Groveman

With spring not too far off, schools begin to look ahead by assessing needs and making plans for the coming school

As we here at RPS begin to look ahead, we also look to the community for assistance. I am hoping to establish an advisory group consisting of faculty, parents of students, town residents, School Board members, graduates and current students to help in planning our future.

Committees we would like to start include the following:

School Handbook/Student Behavioral Expectations Committee, whose task would be to develop a school handbook

Educational Advisory Council which would:

- Develop educational priorities and help plan the target educational goals for the 1989-90 school year.
- Help assess current programs and establish needs and priorities toward improvement.
- · Establish subcommittees, e.g., computer advisory council and drug abuse advisory council.

If either group or both interest you, please call Helen Barth at 448-2798 to leave your name and number.

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator for the Roosevelt Public School District.

## **Our School Store**

by the Third and Fourth Graders

One day our teacher, Ilene Levine, said, "Why don't we start a school store? It would be a great math experience!" Then everyone said, "Yeh!"

First we took a survey around the whole school, asking what each person wanted in the school store. When that was done, we counted up all the votes. There were a lot to count, but we counted them all. The top ten items got to be in the store.

Next we looked through a school store catalogue and decided by secret ballot on the kind of pencils, markers, etc. that we wanted to order. Then we counted up the prices for all the items. The next day, Mrs. Zaleski, president of the PTA, came in with a check for us.

After we received the merchandise, we voted on the retail price for each item. We did that by suggesting prices, discussing them, and voting.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Edelstein and his dad made a display case for us. We were sure that everything would sell great with that perfect background!

We finally put our items in the display case. We decided that all PTA members, Mr. Edelstein, and our class would get a 10% discount. We worked really hard for our store: we had to add, subtract, multiply, and divide.

Our store is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We sell many useful products, such as pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, notebooks, and assignment pads. The store helps kids get the things they need, like if kids lose their pencils all the time. And if the kids are always out of supplies, this gives them a good chance to get more.

The third and fourth grades at RPS

are taught by Ilene Levine.

## Nursery School Expands

#### Additional Hours and Staff

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

With nearly two years of experience behind us, the Roosevelt Community Nursery School is now able to offer the extended hours many parents have requested. Starting on March 6, our staff will provide a 12:00 noon-3:00 PM program of planned supervised activities for children in addition to our regular 8:45-11:45 AM nursery school.

We are now enrolling new students for both sessions, and children aged 2-1/2 to 5 may start as soon as they have registered and been evaluated by our staff. Parents of youngsters who regularly attend nursery school are invited to sign up for afternoon sessions on either a regular or a "drop-in" basis. The staff is also prepared to accommodate kindergartners in the afternoon group.

Interested? Call 426-9523 for further information or write to us at RCNS, Box 153, Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

To keep pace with our new needs, the RCNS Management Team spent January and February searching for just the right new teacher to round out our staff. And we've found her: Linda Liotta, who started working in our classroom on February 23, is an experienced nursery school teacher who holds a BA and MA in Elementary Education, with a specialization in Early Childhood. She worked with 2to-5-year-olds for four years as Head Teacher at the Great Neck Community School, then as a substitute teacher at the Cox Preschool while her own two children were small. She comes to us highly recommended, and we are proud and very pleased to welcome her to the RCNS family.

Our special thanks this issue go to Congregation Anshei for its continued support and for allowing us to meet the needs of many local parents by expanding our program; to George and Vinnie Jackson and Margaret Katz for their gifts of classroom materials; and to Margaret Schlinski and Jan Plumb for their willingness to babysit for Management Team meetings. Thank you all!

### **PTA News**

by Robin Carroll

The last month was a busy one for the PTA. The two movies shown on January 22 were a big hit, with 40 children in attendance. On February 24, the PTA hosted another afterschool movie, Snow White.

We were pleased to have as our guest speakers at our February meeting, Mr. Art Franklin, a teacher at RPS, and Ms. Ruth Howard, our school nurse. They gave an informative presentation on AIDS. They answered all the questions our members brought with them. We really appreciate the time they spent with us and the literature they handed out.

Abraham Lincoln, a travelling historian, visited the students at RPS on February 9. Everyone enjoyed his visit and the students learned a great deal

about Abraham Lincoln's life and the history surrounding him.

The Winter Carnival on February 11 was a huge success. The children had a great time playing all the games. The adults enjoyed themselves taking chances at the Chinese Auction and purchasing goodies at the bake sale.

We want to thank everyone who helped us to make this a day to remember. We also would like to thank the people who donated the gifts for our auction and all the people who baked for us. We really appreciate your support.

The Allegro fundraiser will begin in March and we hope you will support our last fundraiser for the year.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 7:30 in the school lobby.

We hope to see you there.

## **RPS-PTA Winter Carnival**

by Carol Miller, Carnival Chairman

On behalf of the Winter Carnival Committee, I would like to thank all of you who contributed to the Winter Carnival. The children had a lot of fun feeding the birds and dinosaurs, pitching snowballs, and daydreaming about Hawaii as they did the hula.

Adults enjoyed their own private corner of baked goods and a miniature Chinese Auction.

I would like to extend a special thank you to 11 teenagers from other schools. They stayed the whole day serving food, taking charge of games, and cleaning up.

Some of our 5th and 6th graders pitched in with lunch relief and clean

up details. They worked very hard in the afternoon to keep the Carnival excitement alive.

We have one volunteer who stands alone—Jeanette Castro's Aunt Jackie. Hearing about our plight of too few volunteers to cover games, Jackie Navarro packed her suitcase and travelled down from New York to help us. She spent the morning managing one of the games in the gym.

To all of our volunteers we appreciate your time and efforts. To those of you who donated items for our specialty corners, we say thanks. And to all of you who came to our Carnival, we hope you had as much fun as we did. We could not have made it the special day it was without you!

## **Senior News**

by Helga Wisowaty

Jeanette Koffler presided at our February 7th meeting and Thelma was our hostess.

Nick and Nettie DeVito have pursued the problems we've had with not receiving the commodities that are given to eligible seniors. They finally contacted one official who realized that we were being neglected. He sent cards that have to be filled out in order to be eligible. (Eligibility depends on income.) Anyone wanting to check

into this can call Jeanette at 448-2259. The forms must be filled out so our seniors will have cards. Without them no one can receive commodities.

Our March meeting will not be held in the Borough Hall as other plans have been made.

Our member Lily Weisenfeld is back home after spending a few weeks in the hospital. We're happy to learn that she is doing very well.

Helga Wisowaty is Secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club.

## Voters to Decide Four School Board Seats, School Budget on April 4 Voting Hours Extended

by Mary Alfare

The school election, which will decide four seats on the School Board and the fate of the 1989-90 proposed school budget, will be held on April 4 at RPS. The School Board, in response to requests from the public, has extended voting hours, on a trail basis. Hours will be 2:30PM-9:00PM.

#### Voter Registration Deadline is March 6

To vote in that election, residents who are not registered must do so by March 6th. To register, a person must be a US citizen, 18 or older; a state and county resident for 30 days prior to the election; and not denied the right to vote. Residents may register in person at the Borough Hall, or at the office of the County Commissioner of Registration, 300 Halls Mill Road, in Freehold. For mail registration forms, phone (201) 431-7785.

Absentee ballots may be used by voters unable to go to the polls due to illness, reasons of employment, religious observance, or because they will be out of state. For forms or information call the School Board Secretary, Roseann Lozinski at 448-2798, or the Clerk of Elections Office at (201) 431-7790.

Sample Ballots will be mailed to residents the week of March 27.

#### **Budget on Ballot**

On April 4 the voters will choose to accept or reject the budget by referendum. Although the proposed budget will not be adopted officially by the Board until after the public budget hearing at 7:30PM on March 7, the \$1,066,408 1989-90 budget as proposed represents an overall increase of \$17,000, or 1.65%, over last year. Adoption of this budget as proposed, however, would raise the amount to be approved by the voters to \$679,590, up 4.7%. According to CSA Harry Groveman, this relatively larger increase "is due mainly to an actual reduction in State aid compared to last year's funding amount."

#### Four Seats Open; Four Candidates Running

Four candidates are running unopposed for four Board seats (there are nine members of the Board of Education) and are listed on the ballot under the specific term of office sought. Vote by marking the box before the names of the candidates of your choice.

Candidates and terms as listed on the ballot are: Susan Raufer, Jan Plumb, and Robert Petrilla for the three three-year (full term) seats, and Catherine Petrilla (no relation to Robert) for the one-year (unexpired term) seat. David Keller, who had filed a petition to run for a three-year term, withdrew shortly afterwards.

Jan Plumb and Robert Petrilla were appointed by the Board last fall to fill seats vacated by the resignations of John Burghardt and Lou Esakoff. Art Unger and Margaret Katz, whose terms expire, will not be seeking reelection.

[Editor's Note: The **Bulletin** has sent surveys to all candidates, so that we might profile them in the next issue.]

## Statements by the Candidates

#### Susan Raufer

I'm running for the School Board because I'm selfish. Having two children, I want the best possible education for them. I haven't decided what that is yet, but I want to be part of the decision making process that decides among the available alternatives. My managerial experience will be an asset to the process.

#### Jan Plumb

I think it's important that we are making a factual investigation of our district's options. However, our school represents assets that can't be measured in dollars and cents, but must be considered. As all my children are now in school, I have time to give to this community. I had attended many Board meetings and chaired an *ad hoc* committee before my appointment to the Board last November.

#### **Robert Petrilla**

I am committed to keeping Roosevelt Public School a viable educational facility for our children, and a focal point of community life. Since my appointment to an unexpired term on the Board last November, I have been involved in laying groundwork for a drug education program at RPS, and I serve on three committees: Negotiations, Buildings and Grounds, and the committee to study sending/receiving options for RPS. In the past I served 8 years on the Bucks County Planning Commission and I'm successfully self-employed.

#### **Catherine Petrilla**

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

## Viewpoint: The Case for an Alternative to RPS

by Lou Esakoff

I have reviewed thoroughly the proposed school budget for the 1989-90 school year.

I have also become acutely aware that there are families in the community for whom the tax burden, of which the school budget claims a very high percentage, is onerous.

I presume that the budget is realistic for the kind of education our children are getting at RPS. I don't believe it would be worthwhile to debate prun-

ing this budget.

The issue then becomes: how can this community provide an equal or better education for the RPS students and reduce the financial burden?

Sending all our students to East Windsor seems to be a very viable alternative. We have already determined that the quality of education available in East Windsor meets our standards and expectations, since we now send almost half of our students there. It also makes financial sense.

At right are cost per student figures derived from the 1989-90 proposed school budget. It now costs about \$8,670 per student, in real dollars. If we were to send all the students to East Windsor, where we now send our

grades 7-12, it would cost about \$6,836 per student: a saving of \$225,580 to the community. This figure represents an average saving of about \$645 per household, assuming 350 households in town.

In discussing these matters with the County Superintendent's office, I was informed that state aid and current state reimbursements (for transportation, special education, and other expenses for which we are currently reimbursed) would not change if and when

we send our students to another district. In other words, the saving I present here would not be jeopardized.

I am voting against the proposed budget. I will do so not because I want to prune it by \$20,000 or \$25,000, which would not appreciably affect the total cost. My no vote should be a signal to the Board of Education that we must find an alternative means of educating our students—and soon.

Lou Esakoff is a former member of the Roosevelt Board of Education.

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## **Viewpoint: The School Board Replies**

At the heart of the issue in Mr. Esakoff's viewpoint article is the question of whether the school budget should become the focal point in deciding if the town of Roosevelt should change its educational system or remain the same. In response, the Board of Education resoundingly says no. The approval or rejection of the proposed budget is not the place to resolve the long-term issue of how best to manage the educational needs of the children of this community.

We would argue that the Board has already initiated an in-depth review process to study the various educational options and has established committees to do a comprehensive analysis of the ramifications of entering into a regionalizing, consolidating, or sending relationship. We feel Mr. Esakoff's viewpoint tries to circumvent the work of these committees and their charge.

The members of the Board do not take these decisions lightly and do not believe they can occur hastily. There are short and long-term implications to understand before choosing a direction that we as a community can opt for, be it remaining as is or changing to any of the above-mentioned options.

Mr. Esakoff implies that all we need to do is defeat the budget and enter into a sending/tuition relationship at considerable tax savings. The Board of Education would argue that it's not that simple. Other cost factors concerning the operational expenses of a sending/tuition school district are not covered in Mr. Esakoff's summary and knowing all these costs will only be answered by allowing the committees to complete their tasks. Additional implications in areas such as a voice in the operation of the schools and impact on the town need also be addressed and

requires careful study, input from the community, debate, and consensus before actions should be taken. Hastily conceived actions, especially considering the magnitude of the issue, are in the opinion of the Board, ill-conceived.

The bottom line is that the 1989/90 budget represents a 1.65% overall increase from the 1988/89 budget. We, the Board of Education, feel this to be a very responsible budget reflecting our desire to be as cost-effective as possible while providing a quality program. Our new budget addresses that issue and should not be used as a pawn in the decision process for alternatives. The process that should be used is in place. We feel that the community should vote to support the budget. Let the committees do their jobs and actively be part of decisions that will certainly follow.

—The Roosevelt Board of Education

#### Love of Life

# I Have Always Been Shy and Retiring

by Josef G. Solomon

You know me, Dear Reader—anything for a laugh. However, it just so happens that the above title is true. I used to be painfully shy. My friends tell me I'm getting better. In fact, several years ago I was in conversation with a friend. When I mentioned my shyness, he burst out laughing. That puzzled me. Later, while talking with another friend, I steered the conversation, and once again mentioned my shyness. This friend, too, burst out laughing. It is possible that my self-image needs to be updated.

But the other part of the title is more true now than it has ever been: I spent about two years retiring from my place of employ and, as of January 1, 1989, I have retired; I am retired.

What's it like being retired? I'm glad you asked. There are terrible stories about people who retire, and are dead within a year: Having nothing to do all day, they are literally bored to death. None of the people I know is likely to have that problem.

In fact, let me give a counter-example. A friend of mine was in his early sixties. Rather than wait until the last minute, he began planning for his retirement well before the actual day. He told me once that he had made a list of all the things he had always wanted to do, and had never had time for; well, once he had retired, and was gifted with all that free time, he would do them all. And then, suddenly, his employers went bankrupt. He asked himself the rhetorical question: Who will hire me, at age 64? So he decided to retire a year earlier than planned. I saw him six months or so after his retirement, and asked him the obvious question: "How are you doing with the list?" He laughed, and said, "I've been too busy to get to it!" That's the way to

My father is another example. He was "retired" for about seven months, once. For him, all that meant was that, although he still did weddings, circumcisions, funerals, and bar mitzvah les-

sons, he did not have a synagogue of which he was the rabbi. Even so, "retirement" did not sit well with him. When another synagogue invited him to be their rabbi, he accepted, and was there for the last eight years of his life.

The idea seems to be: If you want to enjoy retirement—and if you want to live to enjoy it—have things to do. It must be admitted here that, in that sense, I certainly did plan for my retirement. More specifically, my schedule involves three days a week at rabbinical school in New York. My oftrepeated remark is, I'm having such a great time, I don't even mind dragging into New York three days a week. That is a strong statement. The other two days a week, I'm a computer consultant. That way, I can eat on all seven days a week.

Well, I "retired" the same way my father did. And for the same reason. When you're having such a good time, why stop? You may remember Thoreau's famous remark: "Most men live lives of quiet desperation." But some people manage to do better. In all my life, I have known only two people who went about their work singing: My dissertation advisor, and my father. At my Farewell Address before my retirement, I remarked, "If you don't like your job, they cannot pay you enough to make you like it." I also suggested, "If you don't like your job, do something about it. Either find something about your job you can like, or find a job you like."

My brother really enjoys his work. I said to him once, "Your idea of retirement will be to find a way to keep doing what you're now doing—but without getting paid for it." That was meant to be funny, but it will probably also turn out to be correct.

Perhaps a good way to end this article about retirement is to quote the story about the man whose job was to polish the old cannon in the town park. One day, he came home to his wife, and announced happily: "I took all our savings, and bought that cannon, and I've gone into business for myself."

## Software Boosts Writing Skills at RPS

by Mary Alfare

RPS second grade teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Gagliardi, is "delighted" with her students' response to the Bank Street Writer Word Processing Program For Children which she introduced this year.

"Language Arts skills are an essential part of all their learning," emphasized Mrs. Gagliardi. "Students also need to develop computer and word processing skills. After researching what was available, I felt that this program was appropriate to the students' needs."

Since September, the students have been writing their stories in journals. Themes include original folk tales; adventures about dinosaurs, outer space, and jungles; overcoming prejudice; nutrition awareness; and reports on trips they've taken. After working individually with the teacher on the initial editing, each student types his or her story into the processor, assisted by a parent volunteer. Mrs. Gagliardi has found, "Use of the processor has promoted the students' interest in creative writing. Not only are they beginning to learn word processing, skills: use of the program is reinforcing their grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation skills."

The children are just beginning to try their hands at writing poetry, according to Mrs. Gagliardi [see page 11, Ed].

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# Roosevelt's "Eagles" are Cathartes Aura or, The "Eagles" Are Alive and Well in Roosevelt

by Herb Johnson

Our UPS deliveryman, Richard Wilson, exclaimed enthusiastically, "Not many people know how wonderful those Turkey Vultures are!" He saw them soaring gracefully over houses and trees at the upper end of Homestead Lane as I was signing for a package at his truck.

My prompt response was, "I will quote you if I write about them." I told him our mayor proudly calls them "Roosevelt's Eagles." I know that our gliders, whose scientific name is Cathartes aura, are just as majestic as eagles and are even more valuable.

Watching turkey vultures go wingglimmering on their five-foot wings has fascinated me many times in the five years I have lived on North Valley Road. Here at the Homestead Lane triangle we have a clear view of their roost on the water tower and some of the tree tops they use. On a cold day last winter, not a one was on the water tower but 54 were in the tops of a few tall locusts by the Mueller's (Britton) house. They eyed me calmly as I counted them three times.

I am serious about the "eyeing." A month ago, out for a walk, I spotted about twenty of them in the trees by the Pine Valley Swim Club. Watching them as I walked, I did not see one move a muscle but they all seemed to face me continuously. I checked their silhouettes carefully and walked back toward Eleanor Lane, and then back toward Oscar Drive. Sure enough they all imperceptibly revolved themselves to keep a steady eye on this friendly Roosevelt walker, a little action on their bleak, hum-drum Saturday morning. I was tickled that the vulture family took interest in a person, but I wondered why they were sitting around so much instead of hunting for carrion.

These beautiful turkey vultures have an astounding family life. This month I counted over 80 of them three times, finally counting 102 roosting in trees behind the machine shop, just after sunset on a cloudy day. If my count last year included all of our local group, an increase of 48 is surprisingly large. The fertile females lay one or two eggs once a year. (California Con-

dor vultures' young develop six years before they can breed.)

Vultures do not build nests. They incubate their eggs in hollow tree trunks, caves, rock crevices, or on the ground under protective vegetation. It is risky, but we now have 102 of them, alive and well in Roosevelt.

Here they are, grandparents, uncles, aunts, great-grandchildren and dozens of cousins, visibly enjoying life, soaring silently, playing in the wind currents, practicing for courtship displays, perhaps, but certainly enjoying the wind-surfing: singly or in small groups during the day, and in groups of 20 or 30 in the late afternoons until sunset when the great family settles down in the roost.

I have wondered about their family loyalty and cooperative lifestyle. This may be a clue. Both parents incubate their eggs and care for their young. The eggs of Andean vultures take up to 58 days to hatch. That is two months of male and female keeping the eggs warm! The young, covered with down, are completely helpless and stay in the nest for up to six months, being fed and groomed by both parents.

More needs to be known about turkey vultures. I called Rutger's professor of ornithology about them in October. He will bring his students on a field trip here this spring. Maybe one of them will begin a serious study of the family life of Roosevelt's "eagles."

I tried taking pictures of their playing, especially when they glide toward the setting sun and the flight feathers of the two-toned blackish wings shine as if they were white. Oh, to have had a telescopic lens for those intriguing glides, banks, and occasional mighty strokes, or for when one proud vulture stood solitary watch over Western Monmouth County from the pinnacle of the water tower!

By the way, turkey vultures are wonderful not only for their awesome aerial displays and their extended family bonding, but also, as our UPS man said, because they clear away dead animals, preventing the spread of disease. They kill some field mice, but have poor grip. My wife, while walking, was startled by seeing one drop a dead mouse on the road ahead of her.

Christopher Leahy, in Birdwatchers Companion, 1982, wrote: "It has finally been proven that Turkey Vultures do find some of their food by scent. Though many people regard 'buzzards' as unsavory, these scavengers do yeomanly service as unpaid garbage men... Vocal apparatus is almost totally lacking, and it is therefore unsurprising that they are normally silent and only rarely utter faint hisses, grunts and barks—usually when alarmed."

In Birds, Their Life, Their Ways, Their World, C. J. Harrison wrote: "Much of the courtship display takes the form of aerial displays, made up of much soaring and wheeling, preceded by a courtship dance in which a group of males parade in a circle. The dance consists of hopping towards an intended mate with outstretched wings and lowered head. Much of this is silent, but normally ends with sighs, guttural croaks or hissing. The female chooses its mate." Very interesting!

A few authors wrote that turkey vultures roost colonially, but not in breeding season. I thought that this band lived communally, like a tribe of Pueblo Indians, by our water tower every day of the year. I am going to watch carefully this springtime for courtship dances in the fields, and weekly I'll record the counts of how many roost here at sundown. Watch for an update in the June **Borough Bulletin**.

Roger Tory Peterson and the National Geograhic Society's bird book said that turkey vultures are "often incorrectly called buzzards." There are some species of hawks that are buzzard hawks. The American Heritage and Webster's Dictionaries have called turkey vultures "buzzards" and "turkey buzzards" for a long time. Call them whatever you like, we shall enjoy their presence just as much.

I went backpacking for a week twice with my brothers in the Sierra Nevada and saw an eagle only once. Out there people travel hundreds of miles to go on an eagle watch. How fortunate we in Roosevelt are to have our own "eagles" within walking distance of our homes!

## A Good Song Takes You Far

by Bob Mueller

Early in February the Roosevelt Borough Hall blossomed into a splendid valentine of sound. Under the auspices of the Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP), Ron Orlando and friends (see below) presented a lovely valentine to Roosevelt when they took us on a trip through some of Bob Dylan's most popular love songs—and through an area of human experience that has many echoes in our times.

Ron added a few valentines of his own origin, plus those written by other modern minstrels: Warren Zevon, Jackson Browne, Bruce Springsteen, the Rolling Stones, and the Dire

Straits.

The song is an ancient music. As one of Bob Dylan's suggests, it can take you far—into the personal, human area of experience. Bob Dylan is our modern equivalent of the troubadour of old. His love songs are in the best Minnesinger tradition, when knightly minstrels of noble birth extolled their mistresses. Dylan's songs, however, have a uniquely modern twist. They all have decidedly political overtones.

Although Dylan began in the folk tradition of Woody Guthrie, whose style he early copied, he carried the troubadour tradition into a new realm: political protest. He has maintained a social/political outlook in his songs, even after he entered the rarified realm of the highly-amplified rock beat-to the dismay of many of his early folk devotees. Today he has left behind the psychedelic drug-oriented pop music world which once urged him on. His more recent songs affirm joy and beauty, and his once-harsh electronic rock has melted into a softer, more acoustic sound.

The focus of the evening was provided by Ron Orlando, with his strummed guitar and head-mounted harmonica. The impressive backup for Ron's songs begins with Paul Prestopino on his many instruments: guitars (both 6 and 12 stringed), banjo, mandolin, dobro and lap steels; Tom Haerther on a strong lead electric guitar; Doug Miller doing his bit on a versatile electronic keyboard and occasional accordion; Harry Pulone with the support of drums; and Michael Or-

lando with the necessary backing of an electric string bass. Laurie Altman came on stage for two songs requiring piano accompaniment.

When all of these forces were in operation the Roosevelt Borough Hall resounded with a beautiful complex of

musical instruments.

The evening began after a large crowd settled down—large for Roosevelt, but certainly small for such a group as this, used to auditorium-sized groups or fields of people massed for the occasion of a rock concert.

Ron comfortably began the concert with three lovely Bob Dylan songs: It Ain't Me Babe, The Times They Are A-Changin', and Don't Think Twice. It was immediately apparent that Ron had assimilated the Dylan style to a T: leisurely presentation, carefully articulated story line, elegant intermix of harmonica, with subtle guitar underpinning.

Ron played several startling songs of his own, which in their own way reflected Bob Dylan's social consciousness: Murder, Million Dollar Kid, Trouble with the Law. These are powerful songs, and their story is supported by music that enhances the intensity of

their expressive lyrics.

Tom Haerther's lead electric guitar wove in and out of Ron's singing, or took the melodic line and improvised a variation of unique beauty. Paul Prestopino brought out one of his many instruments and did a lick of unusual complexity, momentarily capturing the imagination away from any literal interpretation of the song. Doug Miller completed the play with a variation on his electric piano, or turned his keyboard into an organ-toned electricity of sound that he laid down on a plane, just one level of delight above Harry Pulone's drums or Michael Orlando's bass.

Three more Dylan songs ended the first half of this impressive concert: Twist of Fate, Tangled Up in Blue, and Just like a Woman.

After the intermission it seemed to this listener that the music took on a more varied tone. Gone was the insistent four/four beat, to be replaced by subtle shifts of group orchestration, startling new rhythms or sound patterns that caught the mind, and songs that themselves were more lyrical in style. Perhaps Dylan's Love Minus Zero, She Belongs to Me, and One Too Many Mornings are more recent in origin. Certainly they reflect a more temperate Bob Dylan—did his wife and five children exert an influence that settled down the once-renegade activist?

Ron continued with three of his own songs—all created, he pointed out, across the street from the Borough Hall. If only the world really knew how much underground creative activity seethes through the homes of this quiet

little New Jersey town!

At one point in this concert Ron Orlando made a significant jump in styles. Laurie Altman came to the piano and we were treated to a beautiful rendition of the classic blues song *Georgia On My Mind*. It gave us a small hint about Ron Orlando's versatility and accomplishment as a singer.

All in all this group provided us with a memorable evening of something that was more than mere entertainment: it was a sheaf of love songs and love-of-life music that will echo in my mind for a long time to come.

#### Local Folksinger To Perform

On Saturday, March 11th, at 7:30 PM, local folksinger and songwriter David Brahinsky will perform at the Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street in Princeton. Along with him will be Susan Danoff, storyteller.

The program is a benefit for ex-Roosevelt teacher Jane Freeman's Princeton Friends School. There is a suggested contribution of \$12 (adults) or \$8 (children), although all contributions will be accepted.

David and Susan will also be appearing on WPRB-FM the week before, on Sunday March 5th, at 7:00 PM. Catch them on the air and then live the following week.

# **Arts in Roosevelt**

by Julia Prusik

by Dawn Miller

by Shoshanna Grunwald

by Kate Freedman

by Chris DeCocco

by Zoe Czyzewski

### **Poetry from RPS**

The work below comes from the second grade writing workshop, taught by Elizabeth Gagliardi [see Software Boosts Writing Skills, page 8, Ed.].

The Sky

The sky has many clouds That go by so slow.

You can see them.

I love to look at the clouds in the sky.

The Air

The air is nice.
The air is cool.
The air is windy,
and the sky is blue.
That is true.

The Night Sky

The night sky is so gloomy.

If I could go up there,
I think I would jump from star to star.
But when I got tired,
I'd jump into my nice warm bed,
And fall fast asleep.

What Is Space?

What is space? Space is a place, Where I see a familiar face. A long way from our place.

**Outer Space** 

In Outerspace you fly rocketships or launch a satellite. Or go to Mars and visit the stars.

And then come home and visit your own family.

A Star

I saw a star one night.
It shined and shined so bright.
I looked out my window,
To see if it continued.
But I didn't see it anymore.

The Sky

I look outside and see a surprise. It's up in the air and it's blue. But I do not know what it is. And I'm afraid it might fall on me!

The Man on The Moon

Some people think there's a man on the moon, I wonder if it's true.
And if it's true,
He might come down
And visit me and you.

by Marissa Cajigas

by Katie Alfare

## RAP to Sponsor an Evening of Poetry

by Bob Mueller

Poetry will be on the menu for the next event of the Roosevelt Arts Project on Saturday, March 4 at 8 PM. Everyone is invited to the Borough Hall to hear Dinah Coe, David Herrstrom, David Keller and Rod Tulloss establish a counterpoint of four distinctly different poetic voices.

Reading their recent work, these poets will do what poets do best: elicit an intensity of observation of the natural world and self, and extract a close scrutiny of our human condition from out of everyday experiences we all share.

These four poets are all past winners of New Jersey Arts Council Poetry Fellowships. They have published extensively in small magazines and read their poems widely in the area, including at the Waterloo Village Poetry Festival. David Keller's latest book is A New Room, published by the Quarterly Review of Literature. Rod Tulloss' most recent collection is The Machine Shuts Down. David Herrstrom's poetry readings will be

reflected and interpreted by the everwelcome pianistic sounds of Laurie Altman.

The large turnout for the Roosevelt

Arts Project events attests to their value for our community. Roosevelt is unique because of its very large population of artists, musicians, poets, playwrights, novelists and performers. It is a rare opportunity for all of us to meet these artists personally in the intimate setting of the Roosevelt Borough Hall.

Other Events

After the evening of poetry we will hear Laurie Altman play jazz April 1, and May 6 we will have the grand finale of the RAP season with a "happening" dedicated to Johann Sebastian Bach, under the leadership of Jacob Landau.

## Israeli Dancing Now In Roosevelt

by David Brahinsky

On January 28th a whole new world opened for residents of Roosevelt—the world of people-holding-hands-dancing-round-in-circles to-wonderful-Israeli-music-while-teacher-Ruth Markoe-tells-us-what-to-do.

Sounds like fun, eh? Well, it is. And you don't have to be a good dancer or have any experience in folk dancing at

all. Why, I saw one guy who definitely did not know his right from his left—no names, please—with a big fat smile on his face.

It costs two dollars to get in, three if you're a couple, and you should get there at 7:30 PM on Saturday, February 25th. Where? Congregation

Anshei, of course. Where else?

What should you bring? Bring friends, bring your feet, bring a big smile. Refreshments are served.

Plans for the future? You want to know? How 'bout March 18th and April 15th? Suit you? Good. So come. See ya!

## A Call for Help

by Harry Groveman

When I first came to Roosevelt and took the job as Chief School Administrator in October of 1988, one of the first impressions I had was that it is such a shame that the name of the school is not displayed on the building itself or on a sign outside facing Route 571. As a result of those first impressions I had hoped that I would attempt to remedy this situation when I took office.

Unfortunately, as I learned more about our operating budget and began to prioritize the needs of this facility, I came to realize that more pressing concerns would put this desire on hold.

Based on next year's tight operating budget, I am again faced with the reality that putting up a sign and having the school name placed on the building are aesthetically important but not very feasible as a priority.

My options are to wait another year and hope this project can be built into the budget or see if a group of town volunteers can be put together to tap local talent, resources and energy to provide the solution.

If you feel as I do and would like to see the name "Roosevelt Public School" proudly displayed on our building or on a sign so that those who drive through town know that the large white structure is the town's elementary school, I'd like you to contact me at school. I am looking to put together an advisory group of interested parties to see if we can develop a plan of action.

If you care to help, please call me at 448-2798.

Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator for the Roosevelt Public School District.

## Those Were the Days...

When David Bulkin was looking through his files recently, he came across this tax bill for 1949—forty years ago.

It may comfort readers to remember what could be had at that time for mere pennies and nickels: a ride on the New York City subway, a first-class postage stamp, **The New York Times**, a loaf of bread, a bottle of milk...

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# Letters

To the Editor:

Until this past week I had hoped that most residents had recognized Ann Baker's November letter to the **Bulletin** as the collection of misinformation and erroneous conclusions that it was. Michael Ticktin's December letter seemed sufficient answer to her allegations. However, recent questions indicate this is not true.

Concerning Ms. Baker's "Switchel Saga Facts": Switchel did obtain a purchase option on the Beer-Kugler tract in August 1987 and did not approach the Planning Board for six months. Was Switchel somehow immune to the concerns that caused so many financial institutions to suspend new venture activity following the Stock Market depression that Fall? Or could it not be such concerns rather than Ms. Baker's alleged plot that caused Switchel's delay in acting? Also, this purchase option did not become public knowledge until early 1988, well after Mayor Barth's election-too late to have played a part in it

Ms. Baker's characterization of Switchel's contact with Mayor Hepner as surreptitious led me to contact Switchel's representative, Tom Cantin, for myself. He stated that he had contacted Mayor Hepner only once, briefly by phone, during negotiations for the Notterman tract, and before the Beer-Kugler purchase option. I have no reason to disbelieve Mr. Cantin. It is accepted practice, and perfectly legal, to try to ascertain a community's attitude toward development prior to making a large investment.

In her letter, Ms. Baker states, "When the purchase option was picked up by Switchel, there were efforts made to meet then-Mayor Freda Hepner without the knowledge of the Planning Board or the Council." In the paragraphs following, Ms. Baker goes on to insinuate a saga of collusion involving many community members and Switchel. Although her insinuations are untrue, a number of people believed her because she appears to be citing Mayor Hepner.

At the September 1988 Council meeting, Council President Carol Watchler, citing Mayor Hepner as her source, stated into the public record that a former Borough employee was still in possession of a Borough document. Since then, that former employee gave the Council documentation proving the allegation was false, and asked that the minutes be corrected. The correction, to my knowledge, has not been made.

I therefore recommend that every resident be responsible consumers of information, regardless of the source!

As Mr. Ticktin's letter indicates, there was nothing illegal about our meeting with Switchel. The Open Public Meeting Act specifically states "informal or purely advisory bodies are not covered." With her experience as a professional lobbyist, could Ms. Baker not know this? If this meeting were covered by the law, would not some of the meetings that she, Ms. Watchler, Mayor Hepner, and other Council members have attended, also be covered? I seriously doubt that Council members report to the Mayor or Bulletin on every meeting or discussion they have, so why does the Council expect that from the Mayor?

Mayor Barth did try to report on this meeting to the Council, at the agenda meeting on the following Monday. That meeting was cancelled, for lack of quorum, when Ms. Magnes phoned in at two minutes after eight, saying she could not attend. Heads down and eyes averted, Mr. Alt and Ms. Watchler, refused Barth's offer of an informal report. Were they concerned that accepting such a report might lessen the effect of what appeared to be a planned attack at the Council meeting two days latter?

On the CNN News, just following Barth's 1987 election victory, Baker stated that Barth did run covertly to avoid discussing the issues. Apparently she still believes this. The last minute grass roots effort was initiated by many individuals who joined forces in that three days preceding the election, and against Barth's clearly expressed wishes. I was among the many individuals who begged him to run. When he wouldn't run, I and many others decided to go for a protest vote. But it was the attitude and manner of our elected officials at the public hearing that week, not the water/sewer

problems, that sparked that surprisingly successful protest campaign. It was a mandate for change, and too little has changed since then.

Maybe if the negotiations with Switchel had continued, as 240 residents had petitioned, we might be looking forward to some financial relief for all of us. I value Roosevelt as it is, but I'd rather see it develop than have it choked to death by our expenses.

I do agree with Ms. Baker that more people need to attend Council meetings. The Citizens' Group has been promoting just that for a long time. However, those who do, need to be prepared to be called fascists, agitators, or self appointed opinion makers, as many of us have been, should they take issue with the Council majority's position.

Many of us had hoped that Mayor Barth's election would effect the needed changes in how our town business is conducted. These hopes were short-lived. In our "weak mayor" form of government, a mayor has almost no power. Mayor Barth is serving with a Council majority that chooses to dismiss his constructive efforts and ideas. Without more support on the Council, that will not change.

-Mary Alfare

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5	Deborah 2:00 PM Frieda Rockoff, Pres. (448-0674)  Borough Council Agenda Meeting Boro Hall, 8:00 PM	Senior Citizens Home, 2 PM Jeanette Koffler, Pres. (448-2259) Board of Education Budget Hearing RPS, 7:30 PM	Borough Council Borough Hall 8:00 PM Leon Barth, Mayor (448-1870) Carol Watchler, Council President (448-5215)	Board of Education Agenda Meeting RPS, 7:30 PM  Zoning Board Boro Hall, 8 PM Lou Esakoff, Chair (448-3166)	10	11
12	13	14 No School at RPS	First Aid Squad Drill Borough Hall 7:30 PM Nancy Bauerle, Pres. (448-8275)	Board of Education Action Meeting RPS, 7:30 PM Ed Grossman, Board Pres. (448-9385)	17	18 Israeli Dancing Synagogue 7:30 PM Deborah Metzger (443-3759)
19	Congregation Anshei Synagogue, 8 PM Michael Ticktin, Pres. (448-0363)	21 Blood Pressure Check Solar Village Community Room 1 PM-3 PM Food Co-op Distribution Boro Hall, 8 PM Bobbi Teich (448-5036)	22	23	24 No School at RPS	25
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Is your organization having a meeting or event? Write the Bulletin (Box 221, Local) or call Helga Wisowaty (448-0049)