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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Welcomes MONOC Hospital Service and Seeks Restoration of Post Office Hours

By Michael Ticktin

THIS SUMMER SAW BOTH AN INCREASE OF SERVICES THAT IS OF POTENTIALLY LIFESAVING IMPORTANCE TO ROOSEVELT RESIDENTS AND A CURTAILMENT OF SERVICES THAT IS A NUISANCE TO MANY. IN JUNE, THE MONOC (MONMOUTH-OCEAN) HOSPITAL SERVICE APPROACHED THE COUNCIL TO REQUEST USE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR A WESTERN MONMOUTH STATION FOR ITS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL. FOR A COMMUNITY IN WHICH FIRST AID RESPONSE HAS LONG BEEN PROBLEMATIC DURING THE DAY ON WEEKDAYS, THIS WAS CLEARLY A GREAT BENEFIT THAT HAD THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF COSTING THE MUNICIPALITY NOTHING. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE OFFER WAS READILY ACCEPTED.

Less fortuitous were the consequences of an unsuccessful break-in attempt at the Roosevelt post office. Though the attempt to open the door from the lobby into the secure area failed, the postal authorities were sufficiently alarmed that they decided to end the privilege that we had enjoyed for many years of being able to get our mail from the boxes Continued on Page 5

Our hearts and thoughts go out to the victims and their families whose lives were devastated on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

While our hearts were broken on that day and the days following the terrorist assault on America, our spirits were not broken. As of the writing of this article, Roosevelt citizens are collecting supplies for the heroic emergency rescue efforts in New York City.

After the events of the last week, our local affairs seem insignificant in comparison to national and global concerns. Although it is difficult to carry on with our day to day activities, we will. Likewise, although my thoughts are elsewhere, I will continue with my monthly column in The Bulletin. I know that our volunteers will do what they can to help when others need us. Roosevelt citizens have always been there when needed.

From Mayor Michael B. Hamilton

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WE'RE OFF!

Welcome from the *Bulletin* to this first of another nine issues of our monthly publication that continues through July, 2002, leaving out January, August and September.

To remind you, Toni Adlerman has resigned her extremely well done job as graphic designer of THE BULLETIN in favor of Fletcher Grayson, who is about to take over again. Many thanks to Toni for a job very well done and an enthusiastic welcome back to Fletcher.

With the summer, its heat, vacations and "livin' easy" behind us, we pledge to buckle down to bring you town news, information and pleasurable reading. In return, we'd like to hear from you. Let us know how we and you are doing, and how the town can be of help to you. Finally, we need your financial help to keep this totally volunteer-created publication (except for printing and postage) going. Please respond to the enclosed appeal for funds. We need you!

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Roosevelt's Future: Planned or Litigated?

n July 10, the Planning Board began to close meetings to the public to discuss the lawsuit brought by US Home asking the courts to permit large scale residential development as a way to force Roosevelt to provide its fair share of the region's affordable housing. Reminded by the Borough Bulletin reporter of its failure to provide written minutes of all closed sessions after the conclusion of the Notterman tract litigation, the Board established a procedure for future compliance with the state Open Public Meetings Law.

Mayor Hamilton said the Board should comply fully with the law that requires written minutes of closed meetings to be made available to the public as soon as the reason for excluding the public no longer applies. He further noted that the Borough Council also tape records its closed meetings, even though the law does not require it. He said the tapes assist in the preparation of the minutes and help to keep absent members up to date. With five of its nine members present, the Board unanimously approved Mayor Hamilton's motion to set up a procedure to keep track of what takes place at closed meetings. Present and voting were Mr. Hamilton, Vice Chairman Joseph Zahora, Ralph Seligman, Michael Ticktin and David Ticktin. Absent were Chairwoman Gail Hunton, Councilman Neil Marko, Kate John-Alder and Jane Rothfuss.

Under the procedure set up by the Board, all closed meetings will be tape-recorded. The Secretary will prepare written minutes in time for Board approval within one month. A standing committee will recommend which minutes may be made public at the earliest opportunity. The Board held closed sessions to discuss the US Home litigation on July 10 and August 14. On August 14, the Board followed the new procedure for the minutes of the July 10 closed meeting and announced that minutes of closed meetings involving the US Home case would be released to the public at the conclusion of the litigation. Ms. Hunton indicated that in September, members eligible to vote would approve six sets of minutes prepared for closed sessions held to discuss the Notterman tract lawsuit, which ended in April 2001 with purchase of the property by the State's Green Acres program. The September 11 meeting was canceled, however, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The Board continued to review draft amendments to Roosevelt's Master Plan prepared by Michael Sullivan of the Planning firm of Clarke Caton Hintz. The draft assumes development of the Borough "is nearly complete" and land use issues "will increasingly focus on conservation, preservation, redevelopment and stewardship." The draft prompted Mr. Zahora to wonder aloud how a plan with little or no provision for growth could improve the quality of life in town. He pointed to low home prices, high tax and utility rates, low teacher salaries and a failing water system as problems that could drag down the

quality of life should the town fail to grow. Other members responded that growth provided false hope for economic stability, which could be achieved in other ways, such as gaining our fair share of state school district aid.

Ms. Hunton said the Borough should not leave 10-acre zoning in the northern farmland east of Route 571. About 260 acres of farmland, woodlands and stream corridors remain in private ownership in the area, according to the draft plan. The Board anticipates putting together a preservation plan for the property but has no immediate plans to recommend a change in zoning. Henry John-Alder suggested an architectural historic preservation element. Ms. Hunton said she would draft something. Bert Ellentuck said the plan should indicate Millstone Township's zoning abutting Roosevelt and assess its impact on the Borough. He also asked if a sewage management plan is required. Mayor Hamilton said he would check with the Borough Engineer.

Ed Goetzmann, Roosevelt's new Zoning Officer, reported progress in curtailing parking of commercial and unregistered vehicles in residential areas. He reported that he had inspected the site of the abandoned gas station and determined that "a lot" needs to be done to make it safe and secure. He concluded that much was accomplished with one summons, two formal warning notices, two informal warning letters, a few verbal warnings, many conferences "and much cajoling."

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."

It has been several months since my last Mayor's column in *The Bulletin*, and a lot has happened during the short hiatus from publication. In this month's column, I will review some of the issues addressed over the summer.

Restricted post office hours cause problems...Several weeks ago, in response to what appeared to be an attempted break-in on the inner door of the post office lobby, a new policy was instituted of closing at 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays. I have received numerous complaints from people who were unable to gain access to their mail because of the new closing times. That is why I scheduled a meeting in Lakewood with Phillip Hall, Head of Postal Operations for our region. Mr.

Hall agreed to keep our post office open until 6:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and said that he would consider extending Saturday hours as

Another option that was discussed was the hiring of a crossing guard to keep an eye on school children as well as on the post office. Also under consideration is the installation of a card swipe entry system so that residents who want to obtain mail after regular closing hours can use a card, similar to an ATM card, to gain access to the post office lobby.

More tax relief for Roosevelt...came in the mail recently when homeowners received the highest property tax rebate in the State. This is the second payment of a three-year program to provide direct property tax relief to New Jersey homeowners. Next year's rebate will be even larger.

Preliminary data indicates that Roosevelt property values may have increased substantially over the last few years. Mayors and public officials from many neighboring communities have observed that preservation of farmland and open space results in a higher quality of life, resulting in rising property values. In Roosevelt, taxes have been going down and, according to our Tax Assessor, property values appear to be going up. This is good news for Roosevelt homeowners.

The Borough recovers \$14,000... Several years ago, the Matzel & Mumford Corp. presented an application to the Roosevelt Planning Board for approval to build 65 houses on the Notterman tract. New Jersey State law requires developers to pay the full cost of presentations to community planning boards. However, Matzel & Mumford refused to compensate the Borough for the tab they ran up during the course of their failed application

Last year, the prevailing opinion of the Council members then in office as well as the former Borough attorney was that we should just forget about recouping the expenses incurred during the developer's presentation. Matzel & Mumford had been bought out by K. Hovnanian, one of the largest homebuilders in our country. The majority opinion of the Council at that time was that legal costs were likely to be so high that reimbursement would not be worth pursuing.

Several months ago I directed our new Borough Attorney, Doug Kovats, to prepare a lawsuit to collect the monies owed to Roosevelt taxpayers. A copy of the suit was sent to the attorney for K. Hovanian. Our attorney was able to negotiate an out-of-court settlement recovering \$14,000 from the developer. No extensive legal costs were incurred by the Borough.

Refinancing our Water/Sewer Debt...During the summer, I met with a financial consultant from the Monmouth County Improvement Authority to discuss the possibility of refinancing our long-term water and sewer system debt. You may be surprised to know that approximately half of your monthly water and sewer bill consists of principal and interest of the long-term debt incurred by the Borough when the sewer treatment

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plant was rebuilt about eight years

The Borough's interest rate on the \$2.6 million debt is 6 5/8%. My research has revealed that some municipalities are receiving financing with interest costs now in the 3-4% range. Just as it often pays to refinance a mortgage when interest rates go down, it may be possible for our borough to refinance our municipal debt in order to lower your monthly water and sewer bills. Another solution may be a combination of low or no interest loans or grants. In the near future I will be meeting with our Monmouth County Freeholders to discuss our situation in the hope that they may be able to provide some degree of financial assistance.

The Borough and the Fund for Roosevelt celebrate farmland and open space preservation. In this September's Monmouth County Parks System newsletter, there was a large article titled "Small Town Makes Big Gains in Open Space." The article praised the town and the Fund for Roosevelt for remarkable achievements in preserving 340 acres, or approximately 55% of our remaining developable land.

We should be proud of the way that partnerships have been formed between the Fund for Roosevelt, our citizens and those of neighboring towns, landowners, county and state open space funding agencies. By working together we have gained strength, and confidence in our ability to direct our future as a unique community worthy of the recognition we have achieved.

Sincerely Michael B. Hamilton, Mayor Phone: 443-5227 or E-mail: mham82@home.com

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after business hours. As a result, and because of one person's irresponsible action, working people who come home after 5:00, as most do, are limited in their opportunity to get their mail, or must make arrangements for someone else to get it for them. In households where everyone works out of town during normal working hours, this can be a real inconvenience. At the September meeting of the Borough Council, Mayor Michael Hamilton announced that he had met with the postal supervisor Lakewood, who indicated that consideration would be given to keeping the lobby open until 6:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This summer proved to be a watershed in the history of land use in Roosevelt. Between the purchase of the 109-acre Notterman tract by the Department Jersey Environmental Protection and the acquisition of development rights to another 231 acres on the west side of Rochdale Avenue by the State-funded Monmouth County farmland preservation program, through the efforts of the Fund for Roosevelt, Inc., permanently preserved land in Roosevelt now comprises 572 acres, or about 46 percent of the total land area. Still very much at issue is the fate of approximately 209 acres on the east side of Rochdale Avenue, which is currently the subject of a lawsuit brought by US Home Corporation claiming the right to build 266 homes on the basis of the Borough's alleged failure to allow the construction of affordable housing.

In another significant development, Councilman Jeff Hunt announced at the September meeting that the joint recreation committee of the Council and the School Board would be scheduling meetings and that there was a

need for adult volunteers to lead day trips and other activities. Also, as George Councilman Vasseur announced at previous meetings would be the case, work has commenced on well repairs that are necessary to assure a reliable supply of water to the community.

Also at the September meeting, the Council declined to a request for reimbursement from Grace Kaufman for expenses she had incurred to remove rust from her nurse's uniforms. Council members expressed concern that this would set an unacceptable precedent. They pointed out, however, that a rust-remover laundry additive that has proven effective is available at the municipal building at no charge.

Mayor Hamilton also issued a proclamation declaring Election Day, November 6th, to be "Take Your Children to Vote Day." He pointed out that children who accompany their parents to the polls are more likely to develop the habit of voting when they get older than are those who do not. He also announced that speed monitoring devices would, with the Council's approval, be located on Rochdale Avenue for one week during October, in the hope that this would lead motorists to pay greater heed to speed limits.

Shaker Song

"Simple Gifts"

Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find ourselves

in the place just right, 'Twill be in the vallry of love and delight.

Contributed by K. McNally

From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

ach school year, the Department of Education requires that every Ischool in the State be responsible for two school-wide objectives. The objectives are determined by staff input, results of student assessment, and parent/community input. These objectives are then incorporated into the Quality Assurance Annual Report that is completed for the State. The 2001-2002 school year is the second of a two- year objective to improve language arts skills for all students. The second objective will address geography, and will focus on developing the understanding of geographical concepts to students in grades K-6. Evaluation methods are devised inhouse, to provide information regarding our progress in meeting these objectives.

Several school-wide initiatives will be implemented this school year. Through our world language curriculum, all classes will study Puerto Rico. Each class will be choosing a different area to investigate, and this will come together as a Puerto Rico day in the spring. In the area of character development, we will be implementing a program called Second Step, published by The Committee for Children. Funding for this program is provided 100% by the Department of Education. This program will have a parent component as well as a student and teacher component. Our full day kindergarten program commenced

smoothly and it's wonderful to have these students in school with us to share our many activities.

This year we are implementing a monthly program called Fabulous Fridays. Once a month the students will be able to sign up for activities that are not usually part of the school day. The groups will be cross-age groups, and some examples of activities are chess, gardening, crafts and theater. If anyone is interested in volunteering to instruct during a Fabulous Friday, please contact me.

The third and fourth grade teachers are team teaching for science this year. Their combined classes will have a comprehensive inquiry based experience in science. The sixth grade class will be participating in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League. The program introduces young children to science, math and technology in a fun and engaging way. Teams of students will design, construct, program and test a robot in anticipation of participation in a tournament. We are lucky to have resident Wayne Cokeley as our mentor for this program. Wayne brought his high school robotics team to national victory two years ago.

You have probably been reading about the studies being conducted regarding regionalization of Millstone, Upper Freehold Regional and Roosevelt school districts. These

studies have been sponsored by the legislators. The public will be asked to participate in a phone survey that will be conducted in the near future. Study results will be made public when the studies have been completed. In the meantime, we continue to enjoy a positive and productive sending-receiving relationship with East Windsor School District.

Once again I need to ask our community members to curb your dogs especially on school property. Students are out playing on the school grounds on a daily basis, and we have already had several mishaps because dogs were not picked up after. PLEASE extend this courtesy to the boys and girls of your community.

The Board of Education meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Board agendas are posted on the town *bulletin*, post office and the school lobby. The public is welcome.

Our student count as of September 10 is 108 students. They are in the right place for an exciting, productive educational experience!

We are privileged to have wonderful school volunteers who help us out in many ways. If you are willing to commit to an hour a week, or some other time, please contact the school.

I look forward to seeing Roosevelt residents at our many school functions. I thank you in advance for your continued support for the students and staff.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

By Herb Johnson

resent at the Roosevelt Board of Education meeting Thursday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m., were Board President Sharlene Ellentuck; Board members: Linda Grayson, Jill Lipoti, Allen Newrath, Ellen Silverman, Linda Silverstein and David Ticktin: Chief School administrator Dr. Dale Weinbach; School Business Administrator Karen Minutolo; and, observers Mark Aakhus and Herbert Johnson. After Roll Call, Review of Minutes and Correspondence, Mrs. Ellentuck gave the President's statement. She compliSchool an incredibly outstanding school, but for the tireless volunteer work and effectiveness of the school board members. He said he spoke for his wife and many residents of Roosevelt. He then presented to the Board a 36 inch high photograph of Eleanor Roosevelt. He had obtained it at the Smithsonian Museum and he commissioned a Roosevelt craftsman, Gary Edelstein, to make a beautiful frame for displaying the photo at the school. The caption below the photo is: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." Mr. Ticktin

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mented Dr. Weinbach for how she, as Principal, got school off to a good start and then how she handled the students, awareness of the highjacking of four passenger airplanes, and the resulting tragedy which befell the nation. The C.S.A. Report covered the excellent start of school with the largest K through 6th grade enrollment in history: 108 students. "Audience Participation" followed. Mr. Johnson expressed appreciation for not only great work by the teachers, administrators and other staff which makes the Roosevelt Public

introduced Mark as a Farm Lane neighbor who moved to Roosevelt in April, has a daughter in kindergarten, and is considering running for election to the Board of Education.

Under Committee Reports, the Board approved: 1. Spending \$755 to the East Windsor school District for special transporting of a student to the Mercer Junior/Senior High School; 2. The sale of one-half pint cartons of milk to students for \$.25, the same as last year's price; 3. Accepting Jenna Lynn Pinha of Perrineville as a tuition student in Kindergarten for \$4,000 per

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RCNS October Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

Our school year got off to a wonderful start with lots of new faces as well as a few old ones. The children quickly made many new friends. We learned how to be good friends and all about our families and ourselves.

In September, we learned that everyone has a special place called home. The children made their houses and learned their addresses. We also found out where some animals live.

In October, our class will learn about autumn and all the changes that occur. We will collect leaves and see how they have changed since summer. We will do leaf rubbing to make a beautiful fall picture.

October is Fire Prevention month. The children will learn about fire safety including how to keep our homes safe and what to do if there is a fire. We will also make fire trucks and fire hats.

We are all eagerly anticipating our annual trip to the pumpkin patch. This year we are going to Westhaven Farm for a hayride to the pumpkin patch to pick a pumpkin. There is also a petting zoo and corn maze for the children to explore, so it surely will be a wonderful day of fun. We will also learn songs about fall, pumpkins and Halloween. October is always a month the children really enjoy!

To culminate October's festivities, our Halloween parade is held outside for all the children. Everyone gets special treats to take home as well.

Dear Borough Bulletin Editor:

In light of the horrific events of September 11, it seems frivolous to be writing this campaign letter. All of us have been touched by this tragedy, some more than others, and we feel the need to help, to volunteer, to be involved in some way in easing the suffering and devastation that has been wrought. Our close friend and colleague of my husband Arthur, Colleen Fraser, was a passenger on Flight 93, which crashed outside of Pittsburgh. Colleen was a Disabilities Rights Activist. Head of the Developmental Disabilities Council, and as feisty as they come. We know that the plane went short of its target because Colleen, though short of stature, was one of those passengers who "did something about the highjackers."

As you know, I am running for a seat on the Council. My platform is one of controlled growth for the community, one, which adheres to the master plan, and preserves open space. I understand the need for relief from high property taxes, but we need to study whether or not this relief will occur through massive unit development. As evidenced by the lawsuit filed regarding COAH, they use their resources, financial and legal, to disrupt our Borough operations. Can you find another town in this area that offers more affordable housing? Although it seems to some to be elitist to try to keep the town as it always was, I am by no means elitist. I favor responsible growth.

I will work for all the people of the town, and see that the Borough continues to be run in a fiscally responsible way. The infrastructure of the town, the water plant and the roads are all long term, but necessary projects which need to be addressed. I will do my best to work toward the future of Roosevelt, with an eye toward its past. We are a National Historic District, but our future remains in limbo if we suc-

cumb to the whims of developers and others who are wrapped in their own agendas, not those of a unique town such as ours.

Please feel free to call me at 443-3575 to talk with me personally.

Sincerely, Elly Shapiro

To the Editor:

I am writing this at the time of our national tragedy. The local election does not seem very important right now. I hope that by the time this issue of The Bulletin comes out, our national crisis will be behind us. I fear it will not. All I want to say right now is, I will be on the ballot this November seeking a seat on the Council.

Candidate for Council: Stuart Kaufman

Dear Editor:

I do not know if you will print this letter, but I felt compelled to write it. Things and people have changed in Roosevelt and NOT for the better. The newer generation has to wake up and realize that this town once prided itself on caring and compassion for one another, that they have the ability to make someone feel that they are "Home".

It happened to us over 16 years ago, and I am sure with a wake-up call it can happen again.

CHANGING TIMES

We moved to Roosevelt approx. 17 years ago, not knowing what to expect from a small town, but we liked the peace and quiet. We had 2 daughters, Deidra who was 12 and Daniele who was 5. Deidra would change schools in September and Daniele was to start Kindergarten.

September came and both girls started school, made new friends and started to feel at home. Michael and I met and made a lot of new friends in town

very wonderful, caring and compassionate friends. We also felt like we were home.

That year we were all getting used to our new home in a new town. The girls did not exactly like where we lived because they could not walk to their friends' houses. For those who do not know, we lived on Route 571 across from Nurko Road. I would not let them travel 571 on foot or bike, but was always willing to pack them in the car and drive them to a friend's house.

School had just ended and Daniele wanted to go to Roosevelt summer camp with all of her friends, so we enrolled her. Deidra had other things to contend with, which I will get to later in this story. A few days after camp had begun, my husband and Daniele had gone out together and were expected home shortly, we had plans to take the kids and some of their friends to Great Adventure. I was working part time for the Rossi's when they had the liquor store. Deidra called and said that Dad and Daniele were not home yet and that she was getting worried. I tried to reassure her that everything was all right, but in my heart I knew that something had to be Wrong was an understatewrong. ment!

A man came into the store to purchase a lottery ticket, and stated that there was a horrific car accident on Nurko Road. My blood went ice cold, my heart started to pound, I knew in my heart that it was Mike and Daniele. I left the store and drove down Nurko Road, there were flashing red lights all over the place. I started to run towards the accident, praying that it was not Mike and Daniele. But, there was no denying the truck that was upside down on its roof was Mike's truck. Mike had gone through the windshield and the truck rolled on top of him, with Daniele trapped inside. Daniele was cut from the truck, battered, bruised and covered in glass. Mike was

My Papa, Ahead of His Time

PAPA KILLED HIS PRIZE ROOSTER. IF
HE DID NOT ACTUALLY KILL THAT
STRUTTING COCK OF THE WALK
HIMSELF, HE CERTAINLY PRONOUNCED
THE DEATH SENTENCE. IT SEEMED THAT
EVERY TIME A BEWILDERED LITTLE FOURYEAR-OLD CHILD STEPPED OUTSIDE THE
HOUSE, THE FOUL FOWL ATTACKED HER.

SHE AND HER FOURTEEN-YEAR OLD SISTER HAD JUST ARRIVED FROM NORTH CAROLINA AFTER THE DEATH OF THEIR MOTHER. THEIR FATHER WOULD FOLLOW AFTER WRAPPING UP SOME BUSI-NESS. PAPA WAS MY GRANDFA-THER, KALMAN POPOVICH. THE YEAR WAS 1936. I WAS THAT LIT-TLE GIRL. IN THE LARGE FARM-HOUSE SITUATED ON 220 ACRES LIVED MY GRANDMOTHER, MY GRANDFATHER, MY AUNT AND UNCLE, MACY AND NOW THE THREE NEW ADDITIONS: MY SIS-TER, DADDY AND ME.

It did not occur to me until years later, that this compassionate man had done that for me. I only knew that the mean rooster was no longer a threat. Now, of course, I could safely complete my assigned daily chore of collecting eggs.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt had been elected the year I was born, and in 1936, we were still in the throes of the depression. On the farm, we had vegetables from the huge garden that Papa tended, milk from the cows and eggs from the chickens. We had a roof over our heads, enough to eat and electricity in the house. We were fortunate all due to Papa's skills, acumen, foresight and determination. At the

time I met him he was 64.

I called him Granddaddy, but everyone else called him Papa. He and his brother emigrated from Hungary to the United States in 1884. He was 22 and very courageous, and had a good head on his shoulders. He had come here to escape war and to make a living. Papa was a conscientious objector

Kalman Popovich, age 22 and his brother. 1884

and a marifest before these consents

and a pacifist before those concepts became fashionable.

He learned English as he traveled up and down the East Coast. Finally, he settled near Christiansburg, Virginia, in the Blue Ridge Mountains. There this gifted artisan established himself as a carriage maker. There, too, he met my Grandmother, Mary Conrad, still in her teens, courted and married her. Her parents were from Germany and she had not spoken a word of English until she entered public school. English was their second, but common, language. They had seven children, the oldest of which was my father, Clarence Kalman Popovich. Daddy traveled across the mountains

to North Carolina and married my mother, Mamie Sudderth. She was purported to have a Cherokee Dad and Irish Mom. Our home there was near where the Smokies meet the Blue Ridge.

Meantime, Papa's carriage business began to fail because of the advent of the "horseless carriage." He had pros-

> pered, and decided to return to the fruits of the earth: he bought a dairy farm in Fairfax County, Virginia, some 25 miles from Washington, D.C. It was on this farm that I spent my early years. Papa did not work in the fields. My father, an uncle and a "hired hand" named Macy worked the fields, milked and attended to the livestock. Macy would come in, wash up, and then sit on the front porch on a very comfortable curved-back bench Papa had designed and built. I would sit beside

him and he would read the comic strips to me. Soon I began to follow the words and had my first reading lessons.

My grandparents and their son, my father, were, usually, soft spoken, peaceful and kind. They believed in hard work. They did not display anger, call names or use physical punishment. They helped anyone they could. For example, many summers, a troubled youth from the "city" was provided room, board and a taste of rural living as an alternative to incarceration.

Papa, however, loved to debate. He would bring up an issue and present arguments on any side, usually with

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in critical condition; he coded several times en route to the hospital. After hours of surgery, there still was no guarantee that he would make it and if he survived, they did not know if he would ever walk again. He broke his back, his collarbone, lacerated his liver, perforated the bowel, and had multiple hemothorax and possible brain injury.

Daniele was treated for shock, cuts and bruises and had glass removed from her body, she would be fine in a few days. Her dad was a different story, only time would tell. A few days later, Daniele wanted to return to camp, which was fine with me. By this time, everyone in town knew what had happened to her and Mike. Each day I got cards and letters of inspiration and well wishes from the people of Roosevelt. People we did not even know seemed to care. There were dinners left at my house, the Rossi's offered to feed my children, gift certificates for Food Town to do shopping, and Margaret Schlinski refunded all of the money that I paid for Daniele to go to camp. Her reason was that Mike will need a lot of medicine when he comes home, you need the money more than the camp does. Mike is a self-employed contractor; we had no weekly paycheck coming into the house. The people of Roosevelt rallied around us, Stewart Kaufman helped to run Mike's company, and Grace watched the kids and gave me comfort in my darkest hour.

Mike came home from the hospital one month and two weeks later in a full body brace, but he was home. I told him about the good people of Roosevelt and what they had done and he was amazed and grateful. Then there was a knock at the door. It was the Bowker family with arms filled with food and soda, and you name it. Mike was so shocked that he started to cry. I did not know that a town like this, where people cared about each

other still existed, he said. We knew then that we were "HOME".

Mike has since had a full recovery and has no ill effects from the accident, except for the 22-inch square down his stomach. We have since purchased a home on Pine Drive. We thought about moving elsewhere, but how could we leave a place that made us feel so at home.

The girls grew up and moved on with their lives. Deidra got married and had a little girl; Daniele is engaged and now lives in Robbinsville. The ironic thing is that as she was growing up, Deidra, like most kids in Roosevelt, did not like living here, but she came home. Her and her family now live in the house that she grew up in; she wants her daughter, Victoria, to be raised in Roosevelt.

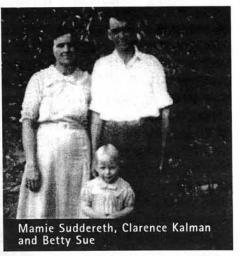
Deidra, whom some of you know, has a debilitating illness called Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome, CVS for short. It is a condition that she has had since the age of three. CVS has no known cause or cure. Every month since she was three, she would spend one week in the hospital hooked up to IV's and with tubes down her throat. She has had test after test done, CAT Scans, MRI's, EKG's, EEG's, Endoscopies, Lower GI, Upper GI and the list could go on and on. She has vomited so much that she has damaged her esophagus and now when she has what we call an "episode", she starts to hemorrhage from the esophagus bringing up bright red blood and coffee grinds. Also at this time, her blood pressure and heart rate goes so high that they are afraid that she could have a stroke or go into seizures. This can be a life threatening disorder due to the fact that within a two-hour period she vomits so much that she dehydrates and has an electrolyte imbalance. If you are interested, you can look up Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome on the web. Some children grow out of the problem, but others do not and unfortunately, Deidra is one of the unlucky

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one or more of his grown sons. If the argument got too loud, my grand-mother would get upset and they would quiet down. Papa read the bible every day and read it through many times. He loved for men of cloth to come to call. He would debate with them logically and intelligently on any issue they brought up. This embarrassed my grandmother. The men rarely called on us more than



once. They did not know how to handle this man who was so well versed about matters biblical.

Between my last year in grammar school and first year of high school, Papa sold the farm and we moved to the closest town, Herndon, to a house situated, if you can imagine, inside the municipality! That was 1945 and he was 73.

The farm itself, with Horse Pen Run running through it, later became a part of Dulles Airport. Herndon and outlying sunset Hills Farm, which later became Reston, have transformed from rural to suburban.

Papa lived until he was 97, outliving my grandmother who died when I was 16 and my father who died when I was 21. During his lifetime he saw the advent of the automobile, the airplane and even ventures into space. Sadly, he was not on this earth to know that because of my civil rights activities, I had been invited to JFK's Inaugural

(pinch-hitting)

Items for this column can be submitted to Ron Kostar by phone 448-5191, 18 Pine Drive.

The Examiner has covered the somewhat unexpected increase in the number of young scholars at Roosevelt Public School this Fall. Here are the names of our new students presented by grade:

Kindergarten Annika Aakhus, Leslie Alvarado, Lucas Carnevale, Tara Carnevale, Luke Dermody, Eytan Gittler, Cameron Grayson, Jessie Hickey, Sage Howley. Antony Ibarra, Katherine Kichula, Margaret Lust, Jacob Megill, Sydney Murano, Victoria Pizzarelli, Caitlin Powers, Luke Vuolle

First Grade Rebecca Breslaw, Kimberley Ng

Second Grade Sindy Ibarra, Amber Gobel

Third Grade Lester Alvarado

Sixth Grade Beth Breslaw, Travis Gobel

Quite a number of homes have changed hands in Roosevelt in 2001 as evidenced by deeds filed to date. The buyers of these homes listed on the deeds are

Mark and Teresa Aakhus

Ronald and Carol Breslaw

Bryan and Anna Fenerty

Christina Henderson

Sergio Ibarra and Maria Ixcopal

Robert and Lauren Jasienski

Susan Lord

Claudio Luongo

Kathy Nicholson

Mark Pick

Carmen and Raul Quezada

Glenda Retana and Balthazar Martinez

Commercial properties have changed hands in the same period as follows:

George and Ilona Pall purchased the machine shop on North Valley Road formerly owned by the Rocchias.

The Gale scrap metals yard and building were purchased by Jeffrey Winkowski.

We welcome the new citizens and new businesses.

Some news arrived by email from Hightstown High School: Senior Molly Petrilla has been named Editorin-Chief of HHS's award-winning newspaper, The Ram Page. Senior Haley Reimbold will serve as News Editor.

In HHS sports: Senior Sarah Skillman will once again captain the varsity Field Hockey team. Molly Petrilla will captain the Varsity Tennis Team and play in the first singles position. Senior Brandon Lugannani is captain of the Varsity Soccer Team and a peer leader. Freshman Meredith Lawson is playing on the JV Girl's Soccer Team.

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year; 4. Approving Hilary Herrightly of Robbinsville as a substitute teacher; 5. Urging the Borough Council to delay no further in removing the siren from the school roof as the Council budgeted funds to do for two years. The motion by Ms. Lipoti and Mrs. Silverstein to approve a new policy for Use of School Facilities, which set rates and requirements for non-school groups to use the school properties, resulted in a long controversial discus-Mr. Ticktin moved, Mrs. Silverstein seconded a motion to amend the policy: "No group, even though otherwise qualified to use school facilities, shall be allowed to do so if, in its policies and/or practices, it discriminates in such a manner as would be illegal, or against local, state or federal regulations or policies if said discrimination was practiced by the school itself." Several Board members said that they want that policy to be in effect but wanted to avoid a lawsuit because of the rush to put this policy into effect before the State Board of Education determined acceptable wording. The amendment was defeated by a 1 to 6 vote. The policy as approved at the first reading the previous month was then approved by a 6 to 1 vote.

TARGET Stores will give one percent of the cost of anyone's purchases to the school the purchaser designates upon applying for a Target Stores credit card, it was reported with the hope that school taxes could be reduced if many Roosevelt residents took advantage of the offer.

Under "Good and Welfare," Ms. Lipoti announced a national campaign to have October 2 be "National Walk to School Day," and that the American Institute of Physics has made some outstanding recommen-

DUALITY

lear skies, cool and breezy. Those were the weather conditions on the morning of September 11, a date whose very numerals mimic the towers attacked by terrorists that day. As the horror unfolded in New York and Washington, D.C., the weather improved, standing in stark contrast to the deepening rage and sorrow. At the risk of being misunderstood, there was an aspect to the day, in addition to the weather, that under other circumstances might have been welcomed by many on the ground.

On the evenings of the 11th and 12th I did not hear or see one aircraft over our area. I pried myself away from the TV for exercise and to let as much of the day's events sink in as could. While walking in the Assunpink under that quiet sky, lit only by stars and the moon, not pleasure but an appropriate sense of awe and displacement took hold.

Summer 2001

The average temperature for the entire summer (June, July and August) was just 1.1 degrees above normal. Monthly average temperatures for both June and July were a little over two degrees below normal. August's average of 76.1 degrees was exactly three degrees warmer than normal. The summer had only one heat wave.

A heat wave occurs when daily high temperatures rise to 90

degrees or above on at least three consecutive days. Our one heat wave in Roosevelt this year lasted five days. It began on August 6 and ran through the tenth. The hottest day of the year was August 10 when the mercury climbed to 98.8 degrees. Twelve summer days had temperatures of 90 degrees or greater.

There was 12.51 inches of rain in Roosevelt during the summer. That's just 0.21 inches above normal. June brought about two inches more rain than normal. July was dry with almost two inches less precipitation than usual. August rain was under average by only 0.01 inches. The longest period without rain lasted 12 days, starting June 5 and lasting through June 16.

Weather Event

New Jersey's Pumpkin Flood occurred on October 5, 1786 when heavy rains caused sudden overflows on most of the states rivers. The rising waters plucked ripe pumpkins from fields along riverbanks and carried them downstream.

Weather Word

Anvil - The flat spreading top of a cumulonimbus cloud, often shaped like an anvil. Thunderstorm anvils can spread hundreds of miles downwind from the thunderstorm itself. The anvil may also spread upwind.

May	15,	– June	15,	2001		
Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip		
15	82.9	61.7	72.3	0.00		
16	83.3	54.9	69.1	0.00		
17	86.9	68.0	77.5	0.00		
18	85.1	61.5	73.3	0.00		
19	82.6	66.7	74.7	0.00		
20	88.3	70.5	79.4	0.13		
21	83.5	63.9	73.7	0.00		
22	85.3	59.9	72.6	0.00		
23	87.1	63.0	75.1	0.00		
24	83.5	63.9	73.7	0.15		
25	80.1	60.4	70.3	0.00		
26	81.5	54.1	67.8	0.00		
27	88.7	66.7	77.7	0.00		
28	85.5	66.2	75.9	1.68		
29	81.7	61.0	71.4	0.05		
30	84.2	61.7	73.0	0.00		
31	87.6	70.0	78.8	0.00		
1	80.0	62.1	71.1	0.00		
2	76.1	50.7	63.4	0.00		
3	76.3	50.9	63.6	0.00		
4	84.4	59.0	71.7	0.00		
5	77.4	57.4	67.4	0.80		
6	75.9	50.5	63.2	0.00		
	80.2		68.1	0.00		
8	81.9	60.1	71.0	0.00		
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ome of the activities of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club this summer were: 1. The third Tuesday trip to a mall in July was to the Town Centre Plaza where most went to the movies; in August, it was to the Quaker Bridge Mall and the Olive Garden in Mercer Mall; in September, it was scheduled to be to Rova Farms; 2. The club went to the Monmouth County's Annual picnic at Sandy Hook on September 5th, paying \$2.50 each for a box lunch (The trip, the air, the music and dancing, and the sunlight and shade provided by picnic awnings, were enjoyed by about 450

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!

senior citizens of the county.); 3. A box lunch on the last Friday of the month was scheduled for September only; 4. Members brought special Pot Luck portions on the first Tuesday of September for a wonderful lunch after the business meeting. At the August 7th business meeting, two speakers from the New Jersey Department on Aging spoke to members about frauds, shams and rip-offs against seniors. They were invited to return to the October 2nd business meeting to speak about "Identity Theft." All persons 60 years and older are welcome to come to any business meeting of the club to hear speakers and business as well as to consider joining the club for \$2 per year.

At the July meeting, the members of the club donated personal contributions amounting to Womanspace, which provides a temporary haven for abused women and their children. On July 22 members enjoyed a swim party and snacks at Beth Johnson's house on Pine Drive. Host for refreshments after the July meeting was Caroline Ferrara; and after the August meeting, Thelma Thompson. The club's president and secretary wrote to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt to thank them for providing funds to support activities for seniors.

The club can go on the Millstone Township Seniors' bus to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for the annual Holiday Season Dinner and Theater on Saturday, November 24. Each one who decides to go by the October 2nd meeting, must bring \$22 then to pay for the trip.

Elections of officers and selection of committee chairs will take place at the October 2nd meeting and, as usual after business meetings, refreshments will be provided.

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dations for the teaching of science. She asked for the school to consider both. Dr. Weinbach accepted both suggestions enthusiastically. Board members agreed to Mr. Ticktin's suggestion that the School Board congratulate the Fund for Roosevelt for its very successful celebration picnic and concerts on the school grounds on Saturday, September 8. The meeting was then adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

and Need Help? Call 1-877-222-3737

E easy access single entry

Call this number and you will get information about services such as rides to doctor's appointments, etc. provided by The Office of the Aging From this number, you will be transferred to Monmouth County agencies



Years ago, when I first learned that soybeans provide a complete protein as nutritious as meat or fish, I tried cooking soybeans from various delectable-sounding recipes, but my family would have none of it. They simply didn't like the taste of soybeans in any form, and except for the dry toasted flavored snack variety, neither did I. So I stopped cooking soybeans.

Since then, I've discovered tofu. Though made from soybeans, tofu has no taste of its own, but takes on the flavor of the ingredients and seasonings in which the chef cooks it. It is a

complete protein. It is low in calories. It not only is low in calories but it also helps lower cholesterol levels in the body. Tofu, or bean curd, is often found in Chinese, Japanese and Indian food. It goes very well with soy sauce dishes, Oriental soups and curries. But it may also go well with other flavors in other cuisines.

I've adapted the following pasta sauce recipe from one given to me by Ira Sacharoff. Ira, who grew up in Roosevelt, is the son of Clare and Lenny Sacharoff.

The Recipe

Ingredients:

1 pkg. fresh soft Tofu
1 large onion, chopped
8 cloves garlic, minced
sliced mushrooms – 10-16 ounces
1 large can crushed tomatoes
fresh basil chopped and oregano
salt and pepper to taste

1 or 2 Tbsps. olive oil dry white wine

Drain off all liquid from tofu.

In a mixing bowl, mash the tofu with a fork and mix with a little Kikkoman lite soy sauce. Let the tofu mixture stand while you prepare the sauce.

Sauté onions and garlic in olive oil until transparent. Add mushrooms, continue to stir over fire adding a little dry white wine. Continue cooking in wine for a few minutes.

Add tomatoes. Stir and bring to a boil. Add seasonings and tofu. Simmer while you prepare the pasta. Serve with pasta and grated Parmesan cheese if you like.

The tofu gives the sauce a creamy texture.

Serves 4 - 6

Bon appetit!

Rooseveltians had a face-to-face encounter on Pine Drive with one of the rarest animals in New Jersey -- a large hawk called Cooper's Hawk Accipiter cooperi. The hawk did not yet have his adult plumage, but a close-up digital photograph emailed to the Audubon Cape May Bird Observatory (609 861 0700), resulted in a rapid response giving an identification of the bird. The bird's eyes were closed or nearly so, and it seemed weak. It clearly couldn't fly and, eventually, couldn't maintain its perch on a



vehicle on Pine Drive. After contacting the Raptor Trust in Millington (the only raptor rehabilitation center in New Jersey), Linda Grayson and her daughters secured the hawk and transported it to the Trust. Contact with the Trust several days later revealed that the hawk had not survived.

At first, it was suggested that the hawk had run into a window. The Raptor Trust folks said that it seemed more likely to them that the hawk had been poisoned, perhaps by eating a mouse or rat that had eaten one of the chemicals that cause poisoned mice to leave homes seeking water. So, perhaps, trying to get rid of a mouse in some home resulted in both the death of the mouse and that of a rare and beautiful predator that is a natural enemy of mice. Pause and consider.

On a happier subject, most of the native shrubs planted in Roosevelt in the spring have survived the periods of drought and the predations of deer. Several bushes of Red or Black Chokeberry have clusters of as yet unripe berries on them. The Climbing Ferns came to full maturity and began to produce the spore bearing leaflets. Unfortunately, these seem to have been eaten by insects. There was a lot of insect damage to ferns this year (as in the 1999 drought) -- a result of the reduction of insects' usual vegetable dining opportunities. The Climbing Ferns appear generally healthy; we'll check in on them again next year.

This summer I have been trying to teach myself the butterflies and dragonflies of Roosevelt using two wonderful books - Butterflies Through Binoculars and Dragonflies Through Binoculars. The best progress was made with the butterflies. I have found that photographs are a good way to take a butterfly home for careful comparison with a book's description. (Dragonflies don't like to pose...I guess.) One of my favorite species is the Common Buckeye, shown in the accompanying photograph. future column, I'll provide information about the butterflies and dragonflies recorded.

In seeking information about the Notterman Tract, it was discovered that land in the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area not being farmed must be hunted if it lies the requisite

distance from human habitation. This appears to mean that small "islands" of un-farmed area in the Notterman Tract would have to be hunted. Also, any lands removed from farming and naturalized might have the same requirement. In discussing this issue with the folks at the Green Acres program, the suggestion was made that rental of the property might be possible (the town would then control the property) especially, if the town managed the property effectively. (Recall an Examiner article this summer that described the very limited resources available to the Wildlife Management Area.) Such a rental agreement could have a period of up to 20 years and, presumably, be renewable. There may be a way to minimize any rental costs. I am working on a meeting with the state officials.

A related item: At the summer meeting of the borough's Environmental Commission, the chair was authorized to prepare an "Action Now" grant application and submit it to Watershed Management Area 11.

[The State has been divided into Watershed Management Areas to pro-



vide better control over water quality from source to river mouth. A hodgepodge of towns with no requirements for coordination sometimes resulted in poor results in water quality management in the past. Watershed Management Area 11 (Middle

AUTUMN SOYBEAN FIELD By Dina Coe

At the moment the last place of retreat drops into the World Travel pages, you find the edge of a crop field. You can stand there and you can bear hearing the cars that volley uphill, containers of six o'clock news. For a soft mob masses the land at your feet: soybeans as far as the trees lacing space. You watch a sundown of topaz and rose set off the planet's rough contour, gilding each plant's fuzzy outline. You pluck a pod from its own shadow, find inside its fur sack the four balls, smooth solid beige, basic as seasons. Climbing a plant like a ladder stretched to peer in the rich dusk, you know that this is the earth.

You can hear the fibrous hush of withering.

THE ANGEL By John Updike

They are above us all the time, The good gentlemen, Mozart and Bach, Scarlatti and Handel and Brahms, lavishing measures of light down upon us, telling us, over and over, there is a realm above this plane of silent compromise.

They are around us everywhere, the old seers, Matisse and Vermeer, Cezanne and Piero, greeting us echoing in subway tunnels, springing like winter flowers from postcards Scotch-taped to white kitchen walls, waiting larger than life in shadowy galleries to whisper that edges of colour lie all about us innocent as grass.

They are behind us, beneath us, the abysmal books, Shakespeare and Tolstoy, the Bible and Proust and Cervantes, burning in memory like leaky furnace doors, minepits of honesty from which we escaped with dilated suspicions. Love us, dead thrones, sing us to sleep, awaken our eyes, comfort with terror our mortal afternoons.

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Delaware Tributaries) includes most of Roosevelt.

Most of Roosevelt lies in the Assunpink Creek drainage, and the Assunpink empties into the Delaware.]

An Action Now grant is supposed to be for \$25,000 or more. The proposed project submitted for an Action Now grant must have water quality improvement as its primary goal. The proposal submitted by Roosevelt is for more than \$130,000 and describes a two-part project. One subproject is centered on control of erosion and recreation of natural habitat in the southern Notterman Tract; the second, on removal of invasive plants in the area between Lake Drive, Farm Lane, Rochdale Avenue, and Valley Road and the replacement of these plants with rare native ones. The grant application was submitted on September 4.

If our application passes the first step in review, it will be necessary to work with the State to add the details needed to conform to State laws regarding definition and management of the project. We should be very pleased that the proposal included letters of support from organizations such as the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association and the Native Plant Society of New Jersey. To demonstrate our ability to leverage state funds, we were able to get pledges for significant volunteer assistance from Gold Farms, Fund for Roosevelt, and the Native Plant Society. Stony-Brook-Millstone Watershed Association pledged to support the project by providing training in management of such a project and its volunteers.

In the next few months we should hear whether our proposal is going to reach the stage of co-development of details with the state. In the meantime, we'll continue to seek additional organizational support and assistance. I'll keep you up-to-date by means of this column.

Celebration

n September 8, the Borough of Roosevelt and the Fund for Roosevelt threw a party to celebrate our successes of farmland and open space preservation that occurred in 2001. I have been asked to describe the event for the Bulletin. I doubt if any of us feel like celebrating now (I'm writing this on September 19). But, for the record, here are some observations on the "Roosevelt Forever!" event.

The day was sunny and not too hot. It was an almost perfect day.

Events began with an historical treasure hunt and events at Footlight Farm. Judith McNally had created the treasure hunt and ran it with the help of her husband, Kevin. Beth Battel generously arranged for two ponies to be available for children to ride. Roosevelt's girl scouts and their leader, Lauralynne Cokeley, provided the ticket and carrot sales functions and did a very good job. They report that more than 80 rides were taken. The organizers were grateful that many people in town walked or rode bikes to the event to ease any parking problem that might have occurred.

At noon, the grounds in front of the Public School became the center of Rossi's Deli provided attraction. catering for the event at cost. H&H Gas donated grills, and Italian People's Bakery provided bread at cost. Chris Suk and his colleagues at the grill kept the hot food coming for all three hours. The organizers thank all of them. In addition to the food provided by the Borough, the Fund put out a request for special additional items.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to check out all dishes, but I did see (and taste) delicious dessert crepes from Rene Antoniou and two Ethiopian vegetarian dishes (one hot and one mild) from the Kassahun family.

Music was provided by folksinger Spook Handy and by the Roosevelt String Band (David Brahinsky, Ed Cedar, Howie Jacobson, and Paul Prestopino). When musicians could not be obtained for a third set, the other folks just kept it rolling.

In addition to partying, four informational tables were set up at the event. Wild Earth Nursery of Jackson presented native plants for home gardens and landscaping as well as natural area restoration. I particularly remember a tray of insectivorous Pitcher Plants. (There's a word for the kids to look up!)

Gold Farms (new owners of the preserved farm north of Nurko Road) was represented by Bill Phelps (the new manager of the property) and Bob Gold (with his family). I don't think Bill had a chance to stop talking and take a breath. It looks like they have very interesting plans for organic farming. (You might want to research the concept of "permaculture" on the web...or talk to Bill at the farm.)

Renee Jones and a colleague from New Jersey's Green Acres program set up an attractive table beside the Fund for Roosevelt's. The Green Acres folks had a lot of interested people at their booth during the day and gave out almost all of their literature.

The Fund for Roosevelt used the program for the event to provide some basic information in compact form. Also, the brand new color leaflet produced by the Fund was available for the first time during the event. · Commemorative T-shirts designed by Jonathan Shahn and buttons (a set of four designs, three designed by Vicki Estok) were sold in large numbers during the event (and

are still available) for the benefit of the Fund. The T-shirt design includes a map of the town showing the newly preserved areas and, on the front, a landscape featuring the Fund's logo tree in its field. Vicki's button designs are variations on the theme of water tower and buzzards. The program was designed by Deirdre Sheean and Karyn Grunwald. The leaflet was written by Rod Tulloss and Eitan Grunwald and designed by Karyn Grunwald and Rod Tulloss. Thanks for the beautiful fern photograph in the leaflet go to Mayor Mike Hamilton.

The event was organized by a committee, and the members deserve to be listed here: Mary Tulloss (chair), Beth Battel, Victoria Estok, Karyn Grunwald, Cynthia Imbrie, Jaymie Reeber Kosa, Judith McNally, and Deirdre Sheean. Karyn's mother, Jo R. Rothbart, pitched in with producing programs and selling T-shirts and buttons.

It was really a pleasure to hear good comments on the event. Many people have said they want to do it again. Robin Gould suggested that we revive the old Labor Day town parties at which we had musical entertainment. Other people want to bring back that Fourth of July parties (we only missed

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2001-2002 SEASON

Saturday, December 8, 2001

8:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING JUDY

A concert for Judy Trachtenberg who was an important member of the Roosevelt Arts Project and a vital Rooseveltian. Her life will be celebrated on this evening with words and music. Songs by David Brahinsky and members of the Roosevelt String Band (to which Judy lent her pure voice). Poems by David Herrstrom and other Roosevelt poets. New music by Allen Mallach. And, an opportunity for all of us to remember Judy in our own words.

Saturday, February 9, 2002

8:00 P.M.

THE ELLARSLIE TRIO

Returning after its appearance last year, the Ellarslie Trio offers a new program of classical masterworks. Cindy Ogulnick violin, Erika Phillips cello, and Roosevelt resident and RAP regular Alan Mallach piano, will present music from the classical piano trio literature. The concert will culminate with Mendelssohn's glorious Trio No. 2 in C minor.

Saturday, March 9

8:00 p.m.

AN EVENING OF POETRY

Join the Roosevelt Poets for an evening of March Madness. Poems accompanied by music.

Friday & Saturday, April 26 & 27

8:00 p.m.

THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

Once again, the Roosevelt String Band will perform a new set of songs, some from the folk traditions of different cultures, others from contemporary singer-songwriters. The members of the group are David Brahinsky, Paul Prestopino, Ed Cedar and Howie Jacobson.

Saturday, May 18

8:00 p.m.

"SOUNDS"

Computer music and Roosevelt multimedia artists, Brad Garton and Wiska Radkiewicz, invite you to an informal evening of digitally transformed "Sounds of Roosevelt." Presentation also of works by students from the Roosevelt Public School, the Hightstown High School and the Columbia University Computer Music Center will round out this evening of creative technological exploration.

Admission (Voluntary):

Roosevelt String Band \$10 (\$5 seniors and students) Other events \$6 (\$4 seniors and students)

Visit the RAP website: www.music.columbia.edu/roosevelt

MURAL POSTCARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT



The Roosevelt Arts Project proudly offers for sale our beautiful three-panel reproduction of the Ben Shahn mural from our school. The postcards are available for \$2.00 each and a small number of flat, unfolded copies, suitable for framing, are available for \$10.00 each. All proceeds go to the Roosevelt Arts Project to cover the cost of these cards, enable us to produce future postcards in our Roosevelt Arts series and to support RAP exhibits and events. Cards are available at the Borough Hall or by calling Robin Middleman at 426-4583, Deborah Metzger at 443-3759. The Roosevelt Arts Project is a tax-exempt cultural organization funded exclusively by admissions and donations. RAP appreciates your support.

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a few years!). Why not? It can be done. It just takes volunteers and experience. Why not?

"PRESERVATION"

Buying land and placing restrictions on it is only part of the job of farmland or open space preservation. The restrictions are supposed to operate in perpetuity. Who is going to monitor the land to be sure the restrictions are followed? Who will take action if there is a violation?

These are two tasks that fall under the general category called stewardship. In the context of conservation and preservation, stewardship means caring for the land or thing that has been preserved.

The holder of conservation easements must be prepared to watch over future use of the land. This obligation never terminates, although the responsibility may pass from one organization to another over the years.

Of course, it's better to have a good relationship between an easement holder and the owner of the restricted land and avoid violations. The Fund will make every effort to be a conservation partner of owners of the land on which we hold easements. The deeds for the properties require that when one of the properties is sold, notice of the existence of easements must be given to the buyer of the property; and the Fund must be notified of the details of the sale. In this way, the Fund will always have an opportunity to meet a new owner and work to build a new relationship of trust and partnership.

If, someday, an easement violation should occur and the then owner of the land does not agree to make things right as best he or she can, the holder of the easement must be able to seek legal redress. This means money must be set aside to defend easements in court -- even if the need seems very remote at present.

This year, when donations were made to the Fund for Roosevelt in memory of Sol Libsohn, Judith Trachtenberg, and Judith's mother, Estelle, it seemed appropriate to memorialize our friends further by creation of a perpetual stewardship fund named for them. The full range of possible uses of money from Libsohn-Tractenberg new Stewardship Fund has not yet been determined, but defense of conservation easements held by Fund for Roosevelt will certainly be the primary Libsohn-Trachtenberg use. Stewardship Fund is to be an account of the Fund for Roosevelt. It will not require the setting up of another organization. The money will be conservatively invested in order to maintain its value.

According to our research, we need to bring the Libsohn-Tractenberg Fund up to about \$100,000 (2001 dollars) or more. If we are successful in selling the farm south of Nurko Road, some of the equity recovered will be added to the Libsohn-Trachtenberg Fund.

In future "Preservation News" columns, I hope to write about the environmental studies necessary to record the condition of a property so that there are grounds to defend easements if necessary. They are called "baseline studies." They give a great opportunity to gather information about the environment of the town at the same time; for example, we have a Double-Crested Cormorant that is a regular visitor to the pond on the preserved farm north of Nurko Road. That bird was never listed for the town before.

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ones that did not. All we can do is manage her illness and try to understand it. This illness had caused her to miss school, vacations and parties, lose job after job, all of the things that we take for granted. Her pregnancy was a nightmare; she was the sickest that we had ever seen her and she could not take the one medicine that seemed to help a little. Contra indication, not to be taken during pregnancy, will cause birth defects; that wonderful drug was Propulsid, which she was on during the experimental stage, when it was called RZ7. Users of Propulsid now have a class action lawsuit because of the heart defects that this drug has caused. Now we have to worry about the ill effects that this drug may have caused Deidra's heart.

Deidra wanted to come back home, to a place where compassion and understanding still existed, but has since found otherwise. Imagine how you would feel not being able to hold down a job, or take care of your child, or explain to your child why Mommy is sick again. Victoria is only five years old and for five of those years, she has had to deal with her mother's illness. She has seen her mother with IV tubes in her arms and tubes up her nose, down her throat. Victoria knows that her mother has an illness and that we must all handle it and work threw it. Victoria is enjoying Roosevelt Summer Camp, thank you Margaret you always come to the rescue. If Deidra had an illness that you knew of such as cancer, would that make you more compassionate towards her and Victoria? If that is the case, then how sad we are as a society. Victoria is a little girl who has to face the fact that her mommy gets sick, has to go to the hospital and that sometimes plans get cancelled. Put yourself in her place for a moment. We as her grandparents, try to keep life as normal as possible, she knows that when Mom is sick, she stays with Mom Mom and Pop Pop, thank God we are here to help. How do you think your child would handle this situation? How devastating and unfair this situation is for a child of any age. Victoria has to deal with more than some grown ups, she had to grow up a little faster than most five year olds. So for those of you who think that she is a "Dark Child" you are so wrong. She is a child who has an ill mother, a child who has had plans changed, a child who's life sometimes gets turned upside down. Even with all of this turmoil in her life, she is a mature, imaginative, articulate, extremely bright, loving and caring child. Sometimes she will say mean things or act out, but that is how a five year old acts who does not truly understand why her mommy gets sick. The saddest words to my ears are "Mommy is sick again." This tears me apart. At this time without a cause or cure, all we can do is be supportive and try and manage Deidra's illness and make sure that life is as normal as possible for Victoria.

It is a new generation of people in Roosevelt, ones that seem not to care about their neighbors or their problems, ones who gossip and criticize and do not take the time to get to know someone. How different it would be if Mike had his accident now instead of sixteen years ago. I am sure that the ones who helped us then would still be there. But would the compassion and response from strangers be the same? Take time to get to know your neighbor, share a compassionate word, a gentle touch to let them know that someone does care, you just might make someone feel like they are "HOME."

Thank you to all of the people that made a difference in our lives sixteen years ago and made us know that we were home.

Sincerely, Mike and Peach Przychocki

Genealogy Comes To Monmouth Panhandle

By Bob Clark

n a rarity for Western Monmouth County, the Monmouth County ■ Genealogy Society (MCGS) will present its beginning program for budding genealogists on Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM Millstone Township the Community Center (between the Fire Department Building and Clarksburg Inn). If you have been inspired by the Borough Bulletin project "Two Square Miles of Stories" to learn more about your ancestors and family history, this program, "Getting Started in Genealogy," may provide just the inspiration and information vou need.

Topics include Getting Started, Federal Census, Getting Organized, Naturalization, Family History Centers, Vital Records and Ellis Island. Registration begins at 9:00 AM, and the course starts at 9:20 AM. Bring your own lunch. The MCGS will provide beverages and desserts.

To pre-register, send a check for \$15 (MCGS members) or \$20 (non-members) (payable to Monmouth County Genealogy Society) to: Education Committee, MCGS, PO Box 5, Lincroft, NJ 07738-0005. Include your name, telephone number, address, and e-mail address. Payment at the door is \$25. If you have any questions, call 732-747-8505 (Beverly) or 732-671-0593 (Carol). Remember that October is "Family History Month." ■

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Ball. Also, he did not witness man's flight into space, including that of Ukrainian cosmonaut Pavel Romanovic Popovic on Vostok 4 in 1962.

While living in Herndon, I bought my first car. I would offer Papa a ride for the mile or so into the business section of Herndon where he liked to visit every Saturday. He would refuse. He liked the walk and the short conversations with friends and neighbors along the route. I felt a little embarrassed that people might think that I would not give my grandfather a ride. But, that was Papa, once again, ahead of his time, enjoying walking before it became a popular fitness regime.

I married Jordan Witherspoon a man whose family purportedly traced their ancestors to Jon Witherspoon, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. I happened by coincidence to move to an area where the name is well known, as he lived in Princeton and was the first President of the University in 1746. I know little of my mother's family or the Witherspoons. It does amuse me however, to speculate that my Cherokee ancestors were already here when the Witherspoons arrived. Well ahead of time.

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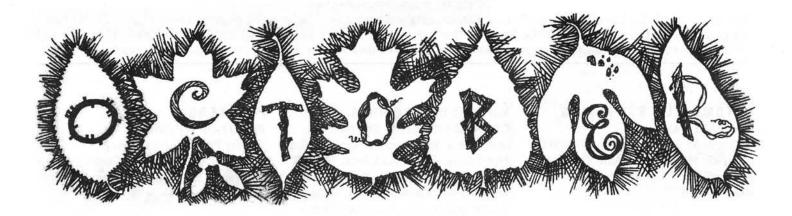
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2	Tues.	1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting and Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall
5	Fri.		PIZZA DAY, RPS
8	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Mayor Hamilton, 443-5227
9	Tues.		RPS School Pictures
			RPS Early Dismissal – Staff In- Service
		8:00 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Gail Hunton, 426-4338
10	Wed.		🐧 RECYCLE
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