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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

AT&T Cell Tower Bid Accepted; Borough to Receive \$30,000 Per Year; Residents Cautioned on Leaf Disposal

By Michael Ticktin

In his opening remarks at the November meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton stated that the Borough Council had accepted a bid from AT&T to build and use a cellular telecommunications tower on the water plant property and pay the Borough \$30,000 a year for the right to do so. The tower will be able to accommodate up to five carriers, so the Borough will receive additional income when other carriers seek to use it as well. Before the tower can be built, however, AT&T will need to obtain site plan approval from the

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Magnes and Battel Elected to Council; Democrats Sweep Roosevelt

By Michael Ticktin

Democratic candidate Marilyn Magnes, with 226 votes, easily won re-election to a seat on the Borough Council. Though her original running mate, Robert Atwood, had previously announced his withdrawal from the race, receiving 42 votes nonetheless, a replacement candidate, Beth Battel, succeeded in winning 160 write-in votes, which was enough to defeat the Republican candidates, incumbent George Vasseur, who had 134 votes, and former Councilman Stuart Kaufman, who had 107.

Former Senator Frank Lautenberg, who won election to a new term, carried Roosevelt by a wide margin, receiving 248 votes, while Republican Douglas Forrester received 94, Libertarian Elizabeth Macron received eight, Green Ted Glick received nine, and Conservative Norman Wahner and Socialist Gregory Pason received one each.

Democratic candidates for Congress and for Monmouth County Clerk and Freeholders won in Roosevelt by similar wide margins, but lost district-wide and countywide.

The County Public Question on whether to go forward with a policy to preserve open space and provide recreational opportunities by allocating an additional \$6,000,000 per year for the purchase of County park and recreational lands, development and maintenance of the County public park system, and acquisition of farmland easements for farmland preservation purposes was approved countywide. It was approved in Roosevelt by a vote of 200 to 23. ■

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember: The next Bulletin will appear in February.

As you may recall, there is no January *Bulletin*. Through the years, we learned that our wonderful volunteers are too busy doing December to be able to work on a January issue.

Instead, they will be in good shape after the holiday excitement to settle down and help us to get out the paper every month thereafter through July, 2003.

Be sure to check out any January activities you may be interested in the *Roosevelt Arts Elsewhere* column.

So –

SEASONS GREETINGS AND WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Staff

MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR 2002 CLASSES

**Communications High School
of Monmouth County**
New Bedford Road, Wall, NJ
Saturday, November 23 10 AM

High Technology High School
Parking Lot 4, Brookdale Campus
Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ
Saturday, November 16 10 AM
Thursday, November 21 7 PM

**Marine Academy of
Science & Technology**
Building 305, Sandy Hook, NJ
Thursday, November 21 7 PM

**Monmouth County Academy
of Allied Health & Science**
2325 Heck Avenue, Neptune, NJ
Saturday, November 23 10 AM

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Board Addresses Blighted Properties

Following a public hearing on November 12, the Planning Board recommended that the Council determine five sites scattered throughout the Borough to be in “need of redevelopment.” If the Council agrees, four residences and the vacant service station on North Rochdale Avenue could eventually be rehabilitated or demolished by their owners, the Borough or third parties. The vacant and substandard structures would be brought into compliance with building, fire, plumbing, and health codes.

The houses would be occupied and returned to the tax rolls for payment of their fair share of taxes. In that way, the program would upgrade residential neighborhoods and, where possible, help Roosevelt to meet its affordable housing obligation. Rehabilitation of the service station property would enable the Borough to revitalize its limited commercial space (not necessarily as a service station) and provide employment for community residents.

In making its determination, the Board relied on a detailed report prepared by its Planning Consultant, Tom Thomas, and edited by Tax Assessor and Board member Michael Ticktin. Mr. Ticktin, who serves as a lawyer in the state Department of Community Affairs and is familiar with the law governing such projects, originally proposed the adoption of a redevelopment program for Roosevelt just three months ago. Affected property owners were notified of the public hearing by certified mail and newspaper notices were published, but no one provided any public comment. Board Attorney Michele Donato praised the work by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Ticktin, and Board Chairman Ralph Seligman said they deserved “a big thank you” for their

prompt effort.

The houses in the proposed program are all vacant. One is the Victorian-era farmhouse at 9 Nurko Road. The report noted it “has been vacant for more than five years and is badly deteriorated.” It has no current tax delinquency, but the total assessed value of the 1.6-acre lot and improvements is just \$51,600, because the structures are in such bad shape.

Also on the list are three original Jersey Homesteads-era residences. One at 23 Pine Drive has been vacant for more than 10 years. Taxes and utility fees have been paid, and the total assessed value is \$80,800, according to the report. The remaining two residential sites are across the street from one another at 19 and 20 South Rochdale. The home at #19 has been vacant since 1994. According to the report, an estate owns the property and owes \$5,119 for sewer and water fees. The total assessed value is \$83,000. Fire gutted the house at #20 about two years ago, and it is not habitable. The total assessed value is \$37,000 — \$36,000 for the land and \$1,000 for the house. The owner owes \$2,107 for sewer and water fees.

The service station, vacant for more than 12 years, sits on 2.92 acres. It is in a commercial district and its total assessed value is \$181,700.

The Borough Council might begin to act on the Planning Board’s recommendations as early as December. It could adopt a resolution declaring the properties to be in need of redevelopment and then either proceed to prepare a redevelopment plan, which would be adopted by ordinance, or direct the Planning Board to recommend a plan for adoption by the Council. The plan could include condemnation, demolition, constructing new structures,

rehabilitating buildings to meet codes, or agreeing with property owners to replace or rehabilitate structures and pay all taxes, fees, and liens.

Chairman Seligman called the process a “wake-up call” for the current owners. Mr. Ticktin said he is not aware of other unoccupied properties not under contract for sale to new owners.

In other business, the Board agreed to hold a special meeting, if necessary, to expedite consideration of any site plan filed by AT&T to construct a cell phone tower on the Borough’s property adjacent to the water treatment plant on Oscar Drive. Ms. Donato said she would remind AT&T’s attorney of the site review requirement. AT&T has received zoning approval for its proposed placement of the tower from Zoning Officer Ed Goetzmann, according to his November 12 report.

The Board excluded the public in order to receive a briefing from Ms. Donato on the status of the US Home lawsuit against the Borough. US Home sought a so-called “builder’s remedy” in court permitting it to build 266 residential units on northern farmland east of Route 571 as a way of forcing Roosevelt to meet its affordable housing obligation. However, the typical court-imposed builder’s remedy permits four market-rate units for every “affordable” dwelling. Roosevelt already has a high proportion of moderately priced housing, and its future obligation has been officially pegged at just eight units. A builder’s remedy formula limiting the number of units to 40, 10-acre zoning limiting the total to about half that amount, and the presence of constraining wetlands all give Borough officials hope that the court will severely limit what, if anything, US Home can build. ■

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.”

Annual Reorganization Meeting... New Jersey Law requires governing bodies to reorganize on any day during the first week in January. Please join us at this year's annual reorganization meeting on January 2, 2003 at 7:30 PM to honor the Roosevelt citizens who serve as elected officials or as volunteers for many activities.

Each year the municipal government begins anew; new Council members are sworn in for their elected terms, and rules, policies and procedures are established. During the annual Council reorganization meeting, I report to the Council and our citizens on the past year's accomplishments and the challenges for the year ahead.

The Roosevelt Recreation and Education Coalition... offers free movies every Saturday night at the elementary school. Among the movies shown so far are: E.T., Apollo 13, Monster's Inc., The Princess Bride, Edward Scissorhands, and Spiderman.

The movies have been generally well attended: more than 50 people attended the showing of Spiderman. They are shown on a large screen in the school gym and thanks to the donation of stereo equipment by Ed and Allison Petrilla, the sound system is quite good. Moviegoers often relax on the padded mats or the chairs in the gym enjoying freshly popped corn brought from home. To date movies have been chosen to appeal to young people, however, during the winter months, the Recreation Coalition plans to offer movies for all ages. The Recreation Coalition is actively seeking volunteers to assist with this program. This is an opportunity to volunteer in a new and exciting recreation program.

Break-ins in Roosevelt... Recently, there has been a rash of break-ins and attempted break-ins of houses and cars in Roosevelt and surrounding communities. The perpetrators have either entered or attempted to enter the back doors and windows of several houses and have entered unlocked cars making off with audio equipment and other items of value. It is important to keep your doors and windows locked when you leave your house and lock your car doors. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of *cure*.

Arrests made... As of the writing of this column, the Princeton Police arrested two teenagers from Roosevelt and one from Hightstown after they attempted to sell CD's stolen from several Roosevelt homes, to the Princeton Record Exchange. The teenagers were charged with possession of stolen

goods and other charges are pending.

Over the last few months the Council has taken steps to provide greater security for our citizens. Additional measures may involve a community watch program and the hiring of a municipal constable.

The Borough Business Administrator... Over the last few months the Council has been interviewing candidates for Borough Business Administrator. This newly-established position represents the reorganization of our municipal office structure. The Business Administrator will oversee all municipal employees and assume the duties of and replace the front-office position of assistant clerk/ purchasing agent with no additional increase in our budget for office personnel. The administrator will also be helpful in applying for grants. We expect to have our Borough Administrator in place by end of this year.

The Roosevelt Borough Government and the State of New Jersey... I thought you might be interested to know how our Borough government is designed to work as well as examine the powers (and limitations) of the Mayor and Council.

State and local statutes relevant to municipal law make two things clear as far as the Mayor's duties are concerned:

- It is the Mayor's duty to see to it that the laws of the State and local ordinances are obeyed and,
- It is the Mayor's responsibility to oversee the local government and make recommendations to the

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From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

The weather may be dark and dreary, but we are humming brightly with activity at RPS. The PTA ran their annual holiday shop. This popular event allows the students to purchase gifts within their budget for friends and family. PTA parents worked hard to help the students select gifts and then provided gift wrapping services for them. Their efforts, as usual, really contribute to the welfare of our children, and they are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Mayor Hamilton, Howard Chasan and Leonard Sacharoff for joining us during our veteran's Day celebration. Three veterans from the Monmouth County Veterans of Foreign Wars also joined us. At this time we dedicated a tree to the heroes of 9/11. The students collected 31, 700 pennies with which we purchased a beautiful red maple tree and a bronze plaque. Thank you, too, to Tom and Tim Curry for finding and planting our tree. You can view the Veteran's Day activities on our web site at www.rpsl.org - click on events, and click on during school.

All of our students were given an opportunity to perform during our annual Thanksgiving Day assembly.

The week of November 17 was National Education Week. During that time, parents were given the opportunity to visit school and see students and teachers in

action during a regular working day.

Everyone is invited to a special jazz performance that will be given by our very own music teacher, Mr. Popat. Mr. Popat plays in a jazz ensemble, and he and the other members will be here to play for us the morning of Friday, December 20. This event is scheduled to begin about 10:45.

The Board of education and Borough Council have formed an effective alliance resulting in the Recreation Coalition. The REC has been providing activities and events for school children of all ages as well as adults. Members of the coalition have been working diligently and giving of their own time to get many programs off the ground. I commend them for their determination and generosity of spirit to serve the Roosevelt community. I hope that we will continue to explore other avenues of collaboration in shared services that benefit all.

With the possibility of inclement weather and school closings, an emergency phone chain is in place for students in grades K-12. In addition, school delayed openings or closings will be announced on News 12 New Jersey, 101.5 FM radio and WABC TV.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year, filled with love, peace and understanding. ■

RCNS December Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

December is a very exciting month at RCNS. Keeping healthy as the weather gets cold is very important. The children will learn how to dress warmly for winter. We will also learn that covering our sneezes and washing our hands will prevent the spread of germs.

We have lots of fun reading the story of the Gingerbread man and making our own gingerbread men projects. The class will also create its own holiday treats to take home. They will look good enough to eat, I'm sure!

As the year comes to an end and winter is on the way, our class will learn that all trees don't lose leaves. We will find out about conifers and evergreens as well as other plants that thrive during the winter months.

We are looking forward to our annual Winter Wonderland party, which will be held on the last day before our winter vacation. There will be games, a fun winter project, and plenty of food for all. We always have so much fun; it's a great way to end 2002! ■

December & January School Dates

December 10	12:30 dismissal	Dec. 23 - Jan. 1, 2003	School closed
Dec. 13	Pizza, Fabulous Friday	Jan. 2	School reopens
Dec. 19	Board of Ed meeting, 7:30	Jan. 9	Board of Ed meeting
Dec. 20	Jazz performance, 10:45; dismissal 12:30	Jan. 17	Pizza
		Jan. 23	Board of Ed meeting

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

We have a very abbreviated "Notes" this month because a) no one is doing much of anything, which is doubtful; b) people aren't dropping me notes or e-mail messages describing their activities or accomplishments; c) some people are working too much and too hard to get out and see what's going on; or, d) all of the above.

High school seniors, I do know, are busy keeping their grades up, filling out application forms, sweating through SAT's, coaxing recommendations out of teachers, and preparing for college visits and interviews. It must be frightening for them – preparing to enter this "real world".

Just an observation, before we get into the abbreviated news: I am amazed sometimes at how high school students, otherwise known not so glowingly by others as "teenagers", communicate, or more often yet, don't. Otherwise wonderful kids, the ones I have dealings with are, for the most part, completely inarticulate. They mumble and grumble, and sometimes even snort, like disaffected horses. Or you can drive for miles with them in a car and they will sit without saying anything. In this respect they remind me of some of my relatives in North Carolina who, when they decide they don't want to be understood by us Northerners, make their Southern accents so thick and opaque you can't possibly see through them. Teenagers can talk like that.

But then, these same incipient people turn around and surprise you by performing well in school and on so-called high stake standardized

tests. Which prompted a friend of mine to suggest, "Maybe there's more language in there than we know, or give them credit for." Maybe. In the meantime, "Aargh" is to "Uggh" as "Idun'tknow" is to "Ugg", "Yeah" or "Graaa?" Which sounds to me like the sweet, perplexing sound of horse talk.

Anyway, **Avery Axel**, a junior at Hightstown High school, who I know for a fact talks in complete sentences, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Avery, who is active in the school yearbook, Red Cross and Ski Club, has been an Honor student throughout high school.

Senior **Chris Wong**, another Honor student, is serving as County Representative for the high school branch of the Red Cross.

Kathleen Alfare, a senior Biology major at Franklin and Marshall College, performed recently in her College Community Orchestra. Kathleen plays the flute and is a section leader in the orchestra.

I'm briefly fascinated by the idea of developing another language that only those people who you want can understand. Sometimes it would really come in handy. Please mull it over, and anyone who has information on or knowledge of such a language please e-mail me here at "Notes" or ronkostar@cs.com. ■

By Clare Sacharoff

At the senior citizen meeting on October 1, Chief School administrator Dale Weinbach and Carolyn Malinowski, school social worker, spoke to the members. Dr. Weinbach proposed a program that would provide an interchange between the students and the seniors. This program would foster character development in the students and allow the seniors to get acquainted with the young people of our school.

It was suggested that seniors visit the classrooms on a monthly basis for such activities as computers, arts and crafts, literature projects and any other activities that may come along. Several seniors volunteered.

Some club members expressed a desire to vary the monthly luncheons to include a different menu possibly from Rossi's. There was no box lunch in November giving members time to research menus and prices.

On October 15, flu shots were made available at the Borough Hall free for all those with Medicare Part B.

Nominations for officers were held at the October meeting. The same people who are presently in office were nominated.

At the November meeting, election of officers was held. The following slate was chosen: President, Gerry Millar; Treasurer, Dolores Chasan; Secretary, Clare Sacharoff; Food Coordinator, Florie Johnson; Membership Chairperson, Margaret Katz.

There is a toll free number for the office on aging. This number is 1-877-222-3777.

On January 23, a bus will be provided for those interested in two one-act plays to be shown at 2:00 p.m. at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick. Several people expressed interest.

An event the seniors attended in November was a play by Neil Simon called "Rumors" at the Kelsey Theater at Mercer County Community College. A group carpooled and had lunch at the Mediterranean Diner.

The seniors spent an afternoon at the Freehold Mall on November 19.

Toby Levin provided delicious refreshments at this meeting. ■

To the Editor:

Our thanks to all who supported our candidacies for Borough Council in the November 5th election. A special thanks to our sign maker, flyer distributors and our Democratic Committee chairpersons. A Borough e-mail address will be available after the new year. We encourage all Rooseveltians to contact us with your concerns and suggestions so that we may better serve you.

Beth Battel and Marilyn Magnes

To the Editor

Here Come 'de' Bumps

With the carnage on our streets caused by speeding drivers over the years, law-breaking by callous people who think nothing of running over our citizens, as well as dogs, cats and various species of the wilder fauna, it became apparent that a drastic measure had to be taken to reduce the mayhem.

But let me first pose a specific question. Will anyone tell me how many people the 'speeding drivers' have caused to be sent to the hospital, or, in the extreme, to the morgue, let's say, over the last twenty years? And how many car-to-car accidents have speeders been involved in over the same period of time? Say that again, I didn't quite hear the answer.

From that standpoint, it isn't so much that the activists for the installation of 'speed bumps' – who don't represent a majority of our residents – have much of a leg to stand on, but that these self-same 'speed bumps' had to have been designed in asphalt by Dunkin Donuts, or possibly, someone with a sadistic turn of mind, the result grossly contoured to punish the many for the sins of a few.

The 25 MPH limit in town is not at all unreasonable, but the least that could have been done for those who obey the rules – the majority of our residents – would be the possibility of going over 'speed bumps' at the posted limit without wrecking one's car's suspension, or

causing other damage. The guidelines for that posted rate of speed would call for a 'speed bump' of 14 feet in length, ramping to no more than 3 inches in height at the crown. At present, anyone foolish enough to try to negotiate our particular 'speed bumps' at anything over 10/12 MPH, will do so at his own peril, and at his own cost.

As has happened in other communities throughout the nation, lawsuits have been filed following the installation of 'speed bumps', based on the fact that they are not approved traffic control devices in the W.S., D.O.T., M.U.T.C.D. (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices). The legal departments of some cities have reasoned that their absence from the MUTCD indicates no authorization for municipalities to place the devices on their streets, and therefore, no protection from liability.

The next question. Will the current 'speed bump' arrangement deter anyone intent on speeding in town? Not on your life, unless 'speed bumps' were to be installed every hundred feet or so, rather than the present 620 feet. For some, they will only succeed in providing a challenge, a game of 'beating the system'. It's no trick at all to go over a 'speed bump', accelerate over the next 500 or so feet, hit the brakes for the next bump, and again accelerate beyond the speed limit, easily defeating the intended purpose of the 'speed bumps.'

The other hazard that comes to mind, is visibility. In recent weeks, fallen leaves covering the road – Farm Lane – effectively camouflage the 'speed bump's' exact location. Later on as the winter progresses, with the high probability snow falls, the distinction between flat and undulation will not be as readily apparent. At any time, driving at night, one has to be blessed with 20/20 visual acuity in order to discern the yellow markings that have already begun to fade. They should at least have been decorated with fluorescent paint. Never

mind the warning signs. The real test – as any good driver will tell you, is that you can only depend on your eyes to measure the proximity to an obstacle, in order to make the proper decisions, even when traveling at 25 MPH.

According to some statements from the Borough Council, it is the intention of our municipality to continue installing these 'road hazards' all over town to satisfy the paranoia of a few, all clueless as to the consequences that could follow, particularly, in their present form. Roosevelt is blessed with reasonably good roadways, except, perhaps, for Pine Drive – minimal traffic flow day or night, factors that should weigh heavily in any consideration of such a project. If a 'speeder' recklessly causes a person any injury, or substantial property damage, let him be the one to be punished for such acts, not the rest of us by such an indirect means as 'speed bumps', which, in effect, are nothing more than inverted potholes.

To cite an example of what can happen, there is the community of Southwind Village in Jackson, NJ, where under municipal rules, Roosevelt type 'speed bumps' were installed every 300 feet on all streets. After several years of facing these hazards and the damage they caused, fed up residents sued, and forced their removal, which happens to have taken place over the past couple of months. Isn't possible that the same thing can happen here?

With the recent talk about "quality of life issues", this project could very well be called, "Speed Bump Pollution."

A few suggestions:

It is the responsibility of our municipal leaders to inform themselves in all aspects of the subject, before taking the position that because they are used elsewhere, 'speed bumps' are a good idea. Notably, a wealth of information is contained in a report written by Kathleen Calongne, for the National Motorist Association, entitled, "Problems associ-

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A Little Family History of Bill Counterman

My mother, Grace Jane Counterman, was born in a dugout on the rim of the canyons near Wayside, Texas. A dugout is a residence where some of the walls are below ground level. They were usually dug into the side of a hill saving on the construction work and materials. They were quite primitive with dirt floors and small windows and doors. The heating and cooking were done with open fires. Water had to be carried to this dugout from the stream at the bottom of the canyon. I will explain later why her parents were living in this dugout, but first to give you a little family history. Her father, William John Sluder, was the son of Isaac Allen Sluder (born in Jefferson County, Tennessee on April 13, 1832). Isaac and Nancy were married in Green County, Missouri on April 9, 1851. After having their first child a year later, they left Missouri in 1853 to seek their fortune in the Gold Fields of California, driving seven yokes of oxen. They traveled in a wagon train of forty men led by Captain Dick Campbell. As Nancy Sluder was the only woman in the train, their wagon was allowed to be in front because of the dust. When Captain Campbell left Missouri, he had 900 head of cattle but arrived in California with only 500 head. He lost most of them from drinking alkali water on the Great Plains. The cattle would rush to the alkali lakes and drink before the men could hold them back. All that drank from the alkali lakes soon fell dead.

Bill Cody, or better known as Buffalo Bill, built a bridge across a boggy area expecting to charge a toll

for this crossing. Isaac Sluder decided to lead the train of wagons below the bridge to avoid the toll. Buffalo Bill rode in front of the train to stop it, but Isaac struck Buffalo Bill's horse across the rump with a long ox whip. Meanwhile, Nancy, with a real western spirit kept her small pistol ready if it was needed. Buffalo Bill left the front of the train and went to Captain Campbell and complained to him. Captain Campbell dismounted from his mule and soundly whipped Buffalo Bill. Buffalo Bill rode off threatening to have the Indians kill them by the next morning. The Indians did attack a wagon train nearby that was headed for the California Gold fields. Fortunately they had a brass cannon that helped them defeat the Indians but their wagons were badly damaged during the battle. Captain Campbell's train passed by them while they were still repairing the damage.

After traveling for five months, they arrived in the Gold fields of California. Isaac Sluder worked in the gold mines for \$5.00 a day. He often worked as much as two days and a night before sleeping, making \$15.00 (big money at that time). He later invested all his savings in a mine claim which had been salted with gold where he lost almost everything he had. Nancy made good money washing and ironing for the men who were working in the mines. She often danced with the men on a redwood stump, which was large enough for two couples. Isaac never danced.

As a display of strength, Isaac Sluder placed a crow bar under a log and bent

the crow bar in the shape of the log. Another time Isaac infuriated a bunch of the miners. They came after him with new pick handles. Isaac defended himself with his sword. He cut their handles in half as they came at him, his sword ringing like a bell. He finally backed into a house where the miners wisely decided not to follow after him.

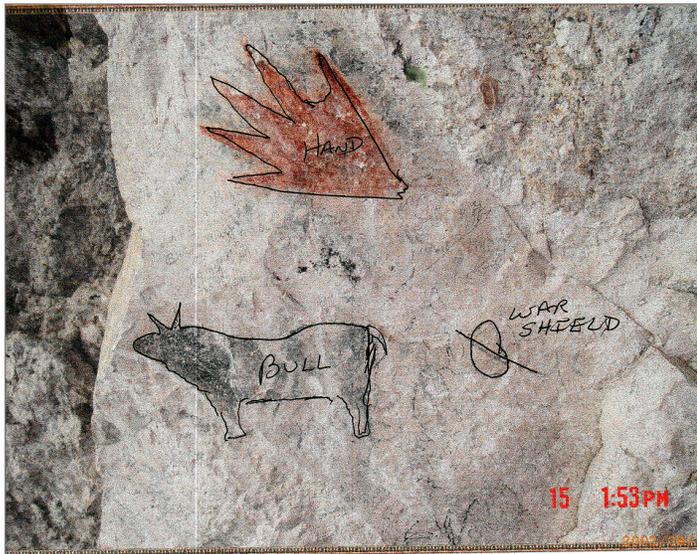
Isaac and Nancy had their second child, William John (my grandfather), in Sutter County, California on May 7, 1854. They finally returned to Missouri in 1859.

William John Sluder was married to Ida Bass McGehee on July 15, 1888. My mother, Grace Jane Sluder, was their sixth child. They had moved just prior to my mother's birth, to the panhandle of Texas to be near Ida's family. They decided to live in a dugout near Wayside that was now vacant. This dugout had been built to allow four members of Ida's family (McGehee) to homestead land there. The requirement to claim land by homesteading was to live on the property for one year. The dugout was centered at the intersection of the corners of four sections of land. A section is one square mile and the largest amount of land that could be obtained by homesteading. The four family members each fulfilled the homesteading requirement for their own section of land by living together in this dugout for one year. After obtaining the land, they each moved out into their own home leaving the dugout vacant. My mother was born in this dugout while her parents

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TWO SQUARE MILES OF STORIES

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Indian Painting depicting Treaty with Colonel Charles Goodnight –
“For 5 bulls the Indians will not War against the Settlers”

were obtaining their own home. Her father, William John Sluder, made a living by cutting fence posts out of the scrub cedar that grew in these canyons. He would spend the day using his axe to cut and dress a skid full of posts and then use his mule to pull this skid of posts out of the canyons. He would sell these posts for a few cents each to the local farmers and ranchers. When he died in 1939, he had used the axe so much that he could no longer straighten out his fingers.

Part of the history of this area is found on this homesteaded property. When the first settlers started establishing their farms and ranches in this area, the local Indians were not pleased. The Indians harassed them in various ways to try to make them move on. Colonel Charles Goodnight was one of the local ranchers and skilled at negotiating with the Indians. The treaty he was able to obtain with the Indians was recorded on some of the white flint rock under a protective overhanging cliff on this property. The Indians painted a red hand with five fingers, a black bull and an Indian war shield with a diagonal lance across it. This conveyed the agreement:

“For five bulls, the Indians would not make war against the settlers.” Both parties honored this treaty. This Indian painting is still well preserved. One of my uncles signed the rock next to the painting in pencil in 1927 and it is still easy to read today.

I was born and raised in the nearby town of Happy, Texas. Actually I was born in the Neblett Hospital in Canyon, Texas. I was the only member of my family born in the hospital. All the others were born at home. This proud history of my mother’s family was conveyed to me. I still enjoy roaming around these interesting areas each time I have the opportunity to return to the family “stomping grounds.” ■

About Two Square Miles Of Stories

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

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ated With Traffic Calming Devices”, just one of many such works available.

In view of the fact that all drivers in town would obviously be negatively impacted by the proposed proliferation of ‘speed bumps’, it should be recognized that everyone having a stake in the matter – meaning all of our residents – should be consulted, rather than having such a project established by unilateral decision.

The cost of installing ‘speed bumps’ can not be ignored, neither can the cost of the damage they can cause. My proposal is to investigate the installation of ‘speed’ cameras, successfully employed in European countries for many years. Two cameras pointing in opposite directions are positioned along a roadway, with a trip wire, or a light beam to trigger the camera, taking a photo of any vehicle – license plate and all – going over a certain specified speed limit. That provides ironclad evidence against a perpetrator in a way ‘speed bumps’ can’t. The cost comparison between a possible 22 more ‘speed bumps’, and let’s say, six sets of cameras, could very well be about equivalent.

G.C. deMalvilain

To the Voters and Governing members:

To all my friends and neighbors who voted for me, thank you. Thanks to you, the other candidates had to work hard for their seats on the Council. Contested elections are always good for Roosevelt. If I were a politician, I would put a positive spin on Roosevelt’s future. I’m not a politician so I can honestly say what we can expect – higher taxes, increased water bills, no quality emergency protection and an eventual failure of the water facility. I don’t envy the position of the present governing body. They have inherited an antiquated water and

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Planning Board. It is expected that the Planning Board will hear the application for site plan approval in December.

Mayor Hamilton also announced that the free "Saturday Night at the Movies" program at the school had been received quite favorably. He expressed thanks to his wife, Nancy, and to Bruce Reimbold for the work they have been doing to make this program possible and invited more members of the community to volunteer for this effort. He also advised those living near the former Notterman tract that that land is now part of the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, so hunting is allowed there, despite the local ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms and other weapons.

Councilwoman Marilyn Magnes, reporting for the Administration committee, announced that eleven resumés had been received for the position of Borough Administrator that the Council intends to create, that four interviews had been conducted and that three individuals are under consideration.

Councilman Neil Marko, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that he was seeking information from companies that could provide services that would be needed when the Borough goes from fixed-rate to use-based utility charges next year. The services needed will be meter reading, billing and collection. Mayor Hamilton added that specifications for water meters would be ready for bid in two weeks and that installation might be included in the bid for the purchase of the meters.

Councilwoman Pat Moser, reporting for the Public Works committee, said that removal and relocation of the siren that is currently atop the school

is being investigated. Councilman Marko added that the committee was looking into the options of either a mechanical or an electronic siren. Mrs. Moser also reported, in her capacity as liaison to the senior citizens organization, that a handicapped-accessible van was very much needed. Such a van could be used for other community purposes as well.

Councilwoman Elly Shapiro, Chairwoman of the Environment, Health and Safety Committee, recommended that the Council provide assistance to the Animal Sanctuary Society, which is helping to control the local cat population by having the animals neutered and vaccinated at a reduced cost, with the cooperation of East Windsor veterinarian Dr. Michael Petranto. She also reported that her committee would be meeting with the Fire Chief to discuss issues involving the current status and future of the Fire Department.

In response to a question about the status of the foreclosure on the gas station property, Mayor Hamilton said that the case had been filed but that the Borough had not received a report from the attorney who is handling it for two months. Payment to that law firm is being held until calls are returned. At last report, a judgment of foreclosure was expected by the end of the year.

Councilwoman Magnes asked that all dog owners make an effort to control their dogs so that they do not bark outside and annoy neighbors. She asked that residents have more consideration for each other so that there will be no need for any enforcement actions. Mayor Hamilton asked that dog owners also not let their animals go unleashed in the streets. Not only is this illegal, but it is frightening to some people, and those

people's rights must be respected.

Councilwoman Magnes also advised residents not to attempt to dispose of leaves by either putting them in the garbage or dumping them in the street. While the Borough is investigating the possibility of contracting with another municipality in the area for leaf collection, Roosevelt currently has no equipment for vacuuming leaves. Since leaves, unlike brush, decay quickly, they may be put on the public lands in the center of the blocks.

The Council tabled a motion to adopt reimbursement procedures for residential sewer line blockages. When a blockage of a sewer line occurs on the street side of the property line, the Borough accepts responsibility for the cost of correcting the problem. The reason for tabling the motion was that it needs to be rewritten to make the procedure more readily understandable.

A motion was adopted to give Superintendent of Public Works Abe Schlinski the additional titles of Recycling Coordinator, Clean Communities Coordinator, Safety Coordinator, and Fund Commissioner for the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund. Echoes of *The Mikado* notwithstanding, these titles have long been held in conjunction with the title of Superintendent of Public Works and there are separate line items in the budget for them. ■

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Council (and the community) on ways to improve the general welfare of our citizens.

Because many people are unable to attend Council meetings, I decided that the best way to fulfill my statutory obligation to report on the conditions of our Borough government, is to write a monthly Mayor's Column in the *Bulletin*. The Mayor's Column begins with the citation from the State statute that describes the Mayor's duty to recommend to the Council...measures (to improve) the welfare of the borough.

The power of the local government is limited and the limits on local power are derived from: The U.S. Constitution, the New Jersey State Constitution, federal legislation, state legislation, federal case law, state case law and tradition.

The separation of powers... between elected officials in a borough are divided between the Mayor and Council and our administrators. The Mayor and Council have what might be described best as "a bundle of powers" and while it is true that all local governments in New Jersey have essentially the same grant of statutory power, the form of municipal government (Borough, Town, Township, City, Village, Commission etc.) affects the manner in which that power is exercised.

Our Borough Form of Government... has as its elected officers, a mayor elected at large for a term of four years and six Council members elected at large for a term of three years.

Powers of the Mayor... NJSA 40A:60-5 states that:

- a. The mayor shall be the head of the municipal government.
- b. The mayor shall have all those powers designated by general law.

c. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the Council and may vote to break a tie.

d. Every ordinance adopted by the Council shall, within five days after its passage, Sundays excepted, be presented to the mayor by the borough clerk. The mayor shall, within ten days after receiving the ordinance, Sundays excepted, either approve the ordinance by affixing his signature thereto or return it to the Council by delivering it to the clerk together with a statement setting forth his objections thereto or any item or part thereof. No ordinance or any item or part thereof shall take effect without the mayor's approval, unless the mayor fails to return the ordinance to the Council, as prescribed above, or unless the Council, upon consideration of the ordinance following its return, shall, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of Council, resolve to override the veto.

e. No ordinance shall be passed, or appointment of any subordinate officer of the borough be confirmed, except by a vote of a majority of the members of the Council present at the meeting, provided that at least three affirmative votes shall be required for such purpose, the mayor voting only in the case of a tie.

f. If any ordinance contains more than one distinct section, clause or item, the mayor may approve one or more thereof and veto the rest.

g. The mayor shall nominate and, with the advice and consent of Council, appoint all subordinate officers of the borough, unless the specific terms of the general law clearly require a different appoint-

ment procedure. He shall make his nomination to any such office within thirty days of that office becoming vacant.

h. The mayor shall see to it that the laws of the State and the ordinances of the borough are faithfully executed. He shall recommend to the Council such measures as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the borough. He shall maintain peace and good order and have the power to suppress all riots and tumultuous assemblies in the borough. (Source: R.S. 40:87-16, R.S. 40:87-31, R.S. 40:88-1, R.S. 40:93-1, R.S. 40:93-3 to R.S.40:93-8, R.S. 40:94-3 and New.)

(Added by P.L. 1987, c.379, effective January 8, 1988.)

Powers of the Council... NJSA 40A:60-5 states that :

- a. The Council shall be the legislative body of the municipality.
- b. The Council may, subject to general law and the provisions of this act:
 - (1) pass, adopt, amend and repeal any ordinance or, where permitted, any resolution for any purpose required for the government of the municipality or for the accomplishment of any public purpose for which the municipality is authorized to act under general law;
 - (2) control and regulate the finances of the municipality and raise money by borrowing or taxation;
 - (3) create such offices and positions as it may deem necessary. The officers appointed thereto shall perform the duties required by law and the ordinances of the Council. Other than the borough attor-

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ney, engineer, and building inspector, these officers shall be residents of the borough and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council, except the clerk, who also shall be exempt from the borough residency requirement, the tax collector and tax assessor who shall serve for terms as provided in chapter 9 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes. The Council may exempt officers from the residency requirements but only pursuant to the adoption of an ordinance to that effect;

- (4) investigate any activity of the municipality;
 - (5) remove any officer of the municipality, other than those officers excepted by law, for cause; and
 - (6) override a veto of the mayor by a two-thirds majority of all the members of the Council.
- c. The Council shall have all the executive responsibilities of the municipality not placed, by general law or this act, in the office of the mayor.
- d. The Council, whenever it fails to confirm the nomination by the mayor of any official to a subordinate office of the borough within 30 days of being presented such nomination, shall make the

appointment to that office, provided that at least three affirmative votes shall be required for such purpose, the mayor to have no vote thereon except in the case of a tie.

*The Administrative Code...*The manner in which the Mayor and Council shall perform their duties in our borough form of government, is to be found in the sections of the local municipal ordinance book known as "The Administrative Code". Our local administrative code ordinance contains the framework of our borough form of government, as provided for by State law, and it is designed to provide details on the ways we are to administer the Borough. Our administrative code defines such things as: the Council Committee structure, when the committees meet, when regular meetings are to be held and how such meetings are to be managed.

While Roosevelt has an administrative code that provides some direction as to how the government is to be administered by the Mayor and Council, I found that our administrative code was not explicit enough to answer some of my questions concerning who has the authority to do something and what the extent of that power is. For instance, when I wanted to know if individual Council members had the power to hire or fire employees or expend municipal funds

without the entire vote of the public body, I found that these powers and responsibilities were not made explicit in our local administrative code.

Municipalities can open themselves up to litigation in instances where one public official or a group of officials exercise powers that are granted to others or not specifically granted to them under local or state statutes. I have recommended that the Council review and revise the Administrative Code so that it is more specific.

Rules of Council Resolution... Until such time as the Council can thoroughly review and revise our Administrative Code, the Council can pass a resolution annually that regulates and defines the power of individual governing body members. For instance, the Council may decide to limit spending by individual Council members to \$200 on their signature alone. This kind of internal regulation can insure that the expenditure of public funds is thoroughly reviewed by the entire Council.

We hope to see you at the Council Reorganization Meeting on January 2nd, and we wish you and your family a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Hamilton, Mayor

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TO THE EDITOR

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sewer infrastructure with no plan for a new water plant and tower. When I served on the Council, Roosevelt had a great first aid squad that was on call 24/7, and we had a functioning fire company. Unfortunately the number of volunteers is at an all time low and the present Council has to find other ways of ensuring quality emergency protection for Roosevelt, it will not be an easy task. You, the present Council, are coming into hard times and an uncertain future for Roosevelt. I urge you to explore all options with an open mind. I will, as it is my nature, continue to express my opinions and reserve the right to question the actions of the Council.

Respectfully,
Stuart Kaufman

To the Editor:

Set the record straight:

Statements made in last month's Bulletin about my Council record and what I believe in have been greatly exaggerated. Let's set the record straight.

I can't tell if Ed Moser is angry with me for running for public office, which is a democratic thing to do, or for losing. There is no shame in losing an election. Mr. Moser knows, because he has the distinction of being the only candidate to run unopposed for Mayor and still managed to lose.

Ann Baker says her group took a time out from politics ten years ago, the truth is she and her group were voted out of office. Ms. Baker also claims that during my time on the Council, we were in favor of development and the town came very close to having bulldozers moving earth for development. It's a matter of public record that I called for the rescinding of PCD I which allowed for 57 homes to be built on the Notterman tract. Fact is I voted in favor of a very restrictive development plan over the objections of Mayor Allen and some members of the Council who felt

it was too restrictive and would not encourage development. Discouraging developers and protecting Roosevelt from costly law suits were the only reasons I voted for PCD II. It's just common sense to know that any development that brings school age children into our school system would raise taxes absolutely. The truth is during the past ten years, Councils have said "no" to Calton Homes and rejected a formal proposal on the Notterman tract, that's a far cry from bulldozers knocking on our doors. Ms. Baker's revisionist timeline of when US Homes filed its law suit is completely inaccurate. US Homes was not interested in building single family housing. The US Homes informal proposal stated their interest in building adult only homes.

The Mayor states that a court will determine what will be built in Roosevelt. I believe that Roosevelt should determine what would be built in Roosevelt. The one thing we don't need is single family housing. I'll say it again, "It's just common sense to know that any development that brings school age children into our school system would raise taxes absolutely."

Mayor Hamilton needs to understand what it means to provide services to a town. Water and sewer is not a service provided to everyone in Roosevelt. Water and sewer is a service that those homeowners connected to the municipal utility pay for as a monthly bill, not through property taxes. It is a heavy financial burden for which those of us who use it, cannot write it off as a tax deduction, and it is an inadequate service we overpay for. The fact that we have no services other than garbage pickup should be alarming to all of us. We have no first aid services and no functioning fire company. Roosevelt has to rely on Millstone for first aid and fire protection. If Roosevelt faced a major emergency at the same time as

Millstone, Roosevelt would be taken care of second. There is no price tag that you could put on the safety and protection of our families and neighbors. It would be a comfort to know we had the priority services to handle our emergencies without depending on outside sources that have their own priorities. I urge the Mayor and Council not to put a price tag on essential services for our community.

My position on development is simple, I would rather see no development than development. If we had to have development, I would rather have an adult community than single family housing. I would only consider an adult community if it meets certain conditions: builder must show real reductions to our property taxes, utility expansion at no cost to the Borough, and most importantly, political power (through voting) cannot shift in favor of any new development. I'm not the only one who feels an adult community could be positive. It's public record that Alan Mallach, who has more than a little knowledge of planning, has stated at public meetings his opinion that an adult community would have a positive affect on our tax and utilities rates. It would be wrong to just accept any proposal from a developer. The onus is on the developer to prove that their proposal would benefit Roosevelt, anything less is unacceptable. These are my only positions on development. If I'm pro anything, it's pro people.

Sincerely,
Stuart Kaufman ■

Winter Weather Words

What does the TV weather forecaster mean when he says that the National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory? Is there a difference between a Winter Storm Watch and a Winter Storm Warning? Following are National Weather Service winter weather terms and definitions.

BLOWING/DRIFTING SNOW ADVISORY Used when wind-driven snow intermittently reduces visibility to 1/4 mile or less. Travel may be hampered. Strong winds create blowing snow by picking up old or new snow.

FREEZING RAIN or FREEZING DRIZZLE ADVISORY Generally used only during times when the intensity of freezing rain or drizzle is light and ice accumulations are less than 1/4 inch.

SLEET ADVISORY Issued for expected sleet accumulations of less than 1/2 inch.

SNOW ADVISORY Used when snowfall amounts are below warning criteria, but nonetheless pose a hazard to the public. Issued for average snowfall amounts of less than 4" in a 12-hour period. Forecast amounts would be 1-2", 1-3", 2-4", or around 3".

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY Used when a mixture of precipitation is expected such as snow, sleet, and freezing rain or freezing drizzle, but will not reach warning criteria.

SHORT TERM FORECAST (NOWCAST) A short term forecast designed to give specific, detailed forecast information for the next 1 to 6 hours on a county-by-county basis. Non-severe and advisory information is contained in these forecasts which are routinely issued several times per day, and more often during busy weather periods.

WINTER STORM OUTLOOK Issued when there is sufficient confidence that a major winter storm may cause a significant hazard to public safety. This notice is generally issued from three to five days in advance of an event.

WINTER STORM WATCH Issued when conditions are favorable for the development of hazardous weather elements, such as heavy snow or sleet, blizzard conditions, significant accumulations of freezing rain or drizzle, or any combination thereof. Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours in advance of an event.

WINTER STORM WARNING Issued when hazardous winter weather conditions are imminent or very likely, including any occurrence or combination of heavy snow, wind-driven snow, sleet, and/or freezing rain/drizzle. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued for up to a 12-hour duration, but can be extended out to 24 hours if the situation warrants. The term "near-blizzard" may be incorporated into the "winter storm warning" for serious situations that fall just short of official blizzard conditions.

BLIZZARD WARNING Issued for winter storms with sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable falling and/or blowing snow reducing visibility to less than 1/4 mile. These conditions are expected to last at least 3 hours.

HEAVY SNOW WARNING Issued for expected snowfall amounts of 4 inches or more in 12 hours or 6 inches or more in 24 hours. Snow is the only precipitation type expected.

ICE STORM WARNING Issued when damaging ice accumulations are expected during freezing rain situations; walking and driving becomes extremely dangerous. Ice accumulations are usually 1/4 inch or greater.

SLEET WARNING Issued when accumulations of sleet covering the ground to a depth of 1/2 inch or more are expected. This is a relatively rare event.

SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT Issued when the forecaster wants to follow up a blizzard warning with important information on the progress of the blizzard. ■

Oct. 16 - Nov. 15, 2002

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
16	56.7	49.6	53.2	0.35
17	61.9	43.5	52.7	0.90
18	55.6	40.6	48.1	0.10
19	62.1	40.8	51.5	0.00
20	61.0	46.8	53.9	0.00
21	56.5	40.3	48.4	0.00
22	58.5	35.8	47.2	0.00
23	55.9	40.6	48.3	0.00
24	51.1	35.2	43.2	0.00
25	52.7	42.8	47.8	0.00
26	60.8	48.4	54.6	1.10
27	60.3	40.1	50.2	0.07
28	51.0	38.5	44.8	0.00
29	48.7	33.1	40.9	0.00
30	45.5	37.0	41.3	0.50
31	48.4	35.1	41.8	0.25
1	52.0	31.3	41.7	0.00
2	45.0	30.6	37.8	0.10
3	47.5	30.0	38.8	0.00
4	50.9	33.3	42.1	0.00
5	52.7	31.1	41.9	0.00
6	53.2	43.3	48.3	0.80
7	46.8	29.8	38.3	0.05
8	57.4	29.5	43.5	0.00
9	61.3	41.2	51.3	0.00
10	70.5	52.2	61.4	0.00
11	67.1	60.1	63.6	0.00
12	55.4	42.2	48.8	0.25
13	51.6	38.7	45.2	0.95
14	53.8	32.9	43.4	0.14
15	57.7	41.4	49.6	0.00
Total Precipitation				5.56

Note: Written by Susan Dermody, inspired by the aromas escaping from the kitchen of Alice McBride, a longtime Lake Drive resident.

Spinach/Ham Appetizers

I had the pleasure of doing some work for Alice a few months back. Each day I would detect the most interesting smells coming from her kitchen. Eventually I would wander past the stove and spy on what was cooking, usually in an open Dutch oven pot or sometimes a large skillet. It was always something different, and always something interesting. The ingredients were not complicated, yet the results were always most flavorful. I was most impressed with her attitude toward her endeavors. The dish evolved without fanfare or measuring, from what I could detect. There was a quiet confidence to her style. She would happen by the pot making slight additions or alterations, yet almost as if she were an observer, allowing the meal to develop as it saw fit. So, when Bess Tremper asked me if I knew anyone who could contribute to this column, I didn't need to give it a second thought.

Imagine being eight years old, sitting under the apple tree with our assorted siblings, only to look up to see your grandmother coming with a plate warm from the oven. "Spinach pudding" she announces. You run, but not in the opposite direction. Hmmmm...

When Alice first told me the name of the recipe she'd selected, I paused, almost winced. I wondered if there was a way to alter, or at least disguise, the word spinach; at the very least, not connect it so closely to the word pudding. Rice, chocolate, tapioca – no problem. But spinach?

Actually, I like spinach and I suspect/hope many of you do also. For a vegetable, it does have quite a reputation, especially among the young. I know I am guaranteed a raucous response when I tell my son and his friends that I'm making them a lovely spinach snack. A laugh at the expense of the poor spinach plant. Actually, once in a while I get one of them to admit they too like spinach. Of course I am sworn to secrecy, a sort of gentleman's agreement if you will. Anyway, I digress.

Alice's grandmother, a very stay-at-home mom/grandmom did a lot of cooking (and cleaning of course), and this was one of her rather unique appetizers (although I suspect that's not what they called it then).

Ingredients:

2 sticks Italian bread (like Rossi's sells)
2 T. butter (sweet or salted)
garlic powder
1 lb. of fresh spinach (frozen will work as long as it is really well drained)
1 lb. shredded cheese (Alice uses sharp white cheddar)
1 lb. canned ham (oval shaped can found in canned food aisle)
Of course, ingredients can be cut in half for a lesser yield

Preparations:

Turn oven on (you'll be using the broiler first)
Start a pot of water to boil for the spinach (no salt nec.)
Remove stems and wash spinach
Remove butter from fridge to soften
Shred cheese
Dice up the ham

Directions:

Cut bread (both loaves) into 1" thick slices and lightly butter and sprinkle with garlic powder. Arrange on cookie sheet and place in pre-heated broiler until lightly toasted (1-2 minutes). On top of stove add fresh spinach to boiling water (no salt). Cook on high flame for 2 minutes. Drain thoroughly. Arrange 1/2 of the toasted slices in a large baking dish. Now place the drained spinach liberally on top of them. Dice ham into small chunks and place on top of spinach. Add another layer of the toasted bread, then top with shredded cheese. Place dish into oven (350-375 degrees) until cheese is completely melted (approx. 8-10 mins.). Slice according to preference (small squares or rectangles work well for appetizers). ■

This column will appear from time to time to inform our residents of current and coming events such as those listed below as well as CD's, publication of books, singing engagements, etc. Please call Bess Tremper, 609-448-2701, to include your event.

DAVID BRAHINSKY

Chanting at Princeton Center for Yoga & Health

Montgomery Professional Center
50 Vreeland Dr., Suite 506
Skillman, NJ 08558

Telephone 609-924-PCYH
or 609-443-1898

Saturday, December 14, 8 - 9:30 p.m., \$15 (\$12 PCYH members or in advance)

David leads chants from many traditions: Native American, Hebrew, Christian, Islamic, Hindu Buddhist and others.

PAUL PRESTOPINO

Paul accompanies country-dance groups. Here is their schedule for the remainder of the year:

Country Dancers of Westchester,
English Country Dance,
Church in the Highlands,
White Plains, NY, 12/14/02

Princeton Country Dancers,
Cotillion Contra Dance,
Princeton Friends School, 12/15/02

First Friday Dance,
English Country Dance,
Princeton Friends School, 1/3/03

Info on Prince Country Dancers events can be found on line at <http://www.princetonol.com/groups/pcd/>

The English Country Dance group, *Hold The Mustard*, has a new CD out, which can be seen at <http://www.redstarlinecd.com/redstarline/index.html> or purchased from Paul.

BEN SHAHN

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DEIRDRE SHEEAN

Materials and Ideas as Inspiration recent works by Deirdre Sheean in a group show

January 3-17, 2003

Opening Reception,
January 3, 6-8 p.m.

The Arts Council of Princeton
The WPA Gallery
102 Witherspoon St.
Princeton, NJ 08542
(609) 924-8777

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

2002 - 2003 SEASON

Saturday, December 7

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

MEZZO-SOPRANO CHERI ROSE (KATZ)

Cheri Rose will sing operatic arias, songs, and musical theater pieces, accompanied by Dr. Samuel Bellando.

Saturday, February 8, 2003

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

THE ELLARSLIE TRIO

Cindy Ogulnick, violin; Ericka Phillips, cello; and Alan Mallach, piano. They will play great chamber music from the Baroque era to the 20th century.

Saturday, March 8, 2003

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

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Join the Roosevelt poets for an evening of poetry with musical accompaniment.

Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, 2003

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

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December

2	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
3	Tues.	12:30 p.m.	Blood Pressure Check, Borough Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall
4	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE
7	Sat.	8 p.m.	RAP Program, Borough Hall – Cheri Rose (Katz), Mezzo-Soprano
9	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
10	Tues.	12:30 p.m.	RPS Early Dismissal
		8 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Ralph Seligman, 609-448-2340
13	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day and Fabulous Friday
16	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-448-5227
18	Wed.		♻️ RECYCLE
19	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, RPS, President Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440
		7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Neil Marko, 609-443-6818
		8 p.m.	Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Vice Chair Kirk Rothfuss, 609-448-3713
20	Fri.	10:45 p.m.	RPS Jazz Performance
			RPS Early Dismissal – Winter Recess Begins
23	Mon.		RPS Closed for Winter Recess until Jan. 2
25	Wed.		Christmas Day

January 2003 Calendar Preview

1	Wed.		New Year's Day – RPS Closed
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2	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Council Reorganization Meeting, Borough Hall - All Welcome
			Winter Recess Ends – Back to School!
3	Fri.		RPS Pizza Day
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13	Mon.	7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, RPS, President Larissa Bondy, 609-443-7430
		7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
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