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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Council Reorganizes; Warnick Replaces Rothfuss

The Borough Council held its annual reorganization meeting on Monday, January 3. Ralph Warnick, who was elected in November to the seat formerly held by Kirk Rothfuss, was sworn in by municipal attorney Richard Shakley, along with re-elected Councilwoman Peggy Malkin.

The Council unanimously elected Jeff Ellentuck as Council President. The Council President exercises the powers and duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence. The Council also unanimously elected Arlene Stinson to continue to represent it as the Class III member of the Planning Board. (The Class I member is the Mayor, the Class II member is another public official or employee and the Class IV members are those who hold no other municipal office. The Class II, Class IV and alternate members are appointed by the Mayor, without any requirement of approval by the Council.) Council members Peggy Malkin, Dan Hoffman and Ralph Warnick were appointed as Council representatives to the Senior Citizens' Organization, the Board of Education and the Recreation Committee, respectively.

Council members designated to chair the committees of the Council are as follows:

- Administration: Arlene Stinson
- Utilities: Jeff Ellentuck
- Public Works: Tom Curry
- Community Development: Ralph Warnick
- Environment, Health and Safety: Dan Hoffman
- Finance: Peggy Malkin.

Committee chairs work with the officials and employees whose work involves aspects of the municipal government that their committees are charged with overseeing and can address residents' concerns with regard to any issues that may arise within their committee's jurisdiction.

Mayor Battel re-appointed Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin; Alison Petrilla and Michael Hamilton as Class II member, Class IV member and alternate member, respectively, of the Planning Board. Two alternate positions on the Environmental Commission were not filled, however.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 34th edition of the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*.

As usual, there will be nine issues starting with October 2010 through July, 2011, leaving out January 2011.

We will do our best to make the *Bulletin* both informative and interesting with the help of our devoted writers and production people.

If you want to contact the *Bulletin*, please look at our masthead to the right with our address and telephone number as shown.



Please report any bear sightings to:
State Bureau of Wildlife Management
Kim Tinnes, Wildlife Control
609-259-7955

As well as to David Schwendeman, 443-6204

All artists are invited to Roosevelt Public School on Wednesday evenings from 7–10 p.m., to work on some form of art. No instruction, just a place to gather with other artists to do your own thing (no oils please). We will gather in the lobby of the school, except when that is in use, we will meet in the art room upstairs. For more information please call Barbara Atwood at: 918-0757 or e-mail her at: barbatwood@comcast.net.

The Meals on Wheels program delivers prepared meals to Roosevelt seniors who need this assistance. Though meals are provided free of charge to recipients, the cost to the program is \$2.50 per meal. Donations to help cover these costs may be sent to Interfaith Neighbors, 810 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

SENIOR CITIZENS: There is a S.C.A.T. bus provided by Monmouth County Division of Transportation that comes to Roosevelt on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and will take you shopping to ShopRite in East Windsor. The bus will pick you up at your home, you spend 1 ½ hours shopping, and the bus will take you home and leave your groceries at your door. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you wish to go, you must call the SCAT bus Tuesday no later than 3:00 p.m. at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and your interest in going on Wednesday, the next day.

❄ **The *Bulletin* is a community institution that belongs to all of us.**

Everyone is invited to participate, whether in writing, or in production, or making a contribution.

We especially need people to take turns delivering the copies to the Post Office in Freehold every month, since our local post office can no longer accept bulk mailings.

If you are able to help, please contact Bess Tremper (609-448-2701) or write to P.O. Box 221.

Thank you.

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

The Roosevelt Borough Council met January 3, 2011 for the re-organization meeting and the initial regular meeting of the year. We welcomed our newest Councilperson, Councilman Ralph Warnick who was sworn in at the beginning of the re-organization meeting. Then the Council chose its committees and committee chairpersons. The Chairs are as follows- Administration, Councilperson Arlene Stinson; Utilities, Councilperson Jeff Ellentuck; Public Works, Councilperson Tom Curry; Community Development, Councilperson Ralph Warnick; Environmental Health and Safety, Councilperson Dan Hoffman; and Finance, Councilperson Peggy Malkin.

The Council will be meeting every second and fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of meeting on October 11 and December 27, which are Tuesdays, following Monday holidays.

All meetings are open to the public, and include a public portion when the members of the public are encouraged to speak up with questions, comments and suggestions for the Mayor and Council.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Beth ■

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Residents who are interested in serving on a municipal board or commission may contact the Mayor or a Council member to let them know of their interest.

The Mayor and Council adopted a series of resolutions re-appointing various professionals and other officials, re-adopting the inter-local service agreement with Millstone with regard to the joint municipal court, designating official bank depositories and newspapers, etc. Kelly Tyers, Danielle Van Salisbury and Mary Macher were appointed as school crossing guards. Nancy Warnick and Michael Ticktin were appointed as representative and alternate representative, respectively, to the Monmouth County

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which is funded by Federal grant money. The most recent contribution of the CDBG Program to the development of Roosevelt occurred a few years ago when, thanks to the persistent efforts of Bob Clark, who was then the CDBG representative, the Program agreed to fund the parking and other site improvements that were recently completed at the Solar Village, the area of Roosevelt that is most clearly eligible for CDBG funding because of its concentration of low-income residents.

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From the Office of the Interim CSA/Principal, Shari Payson

I hope that 2011 brings everyone health, happiness and prosperity. I can't believe it's 2011 and half the school year has gone by. It's already the third marking period. It was most appropriate to begin the New Year by honoring the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his movement to encourage acts of kindness and justice. Students learned about the meaning of tolerance, kindness and standing up for what is just. The goals for these lessons was to inspire young people to believe in their power to create positive change and recognize how their individual acts of kindness can make a difference in their home, school and community. To this end, our students continue to be engaged in service learning projects. Activities include facilitating "Do One Thing" projects, holding a clothing drive, collecting books for a school in Trenton, saving endangered animals, raising money for charity through Hearts of Kindness, raising money for Cystic Fibrosis, for Pennies for Patients and more.

RPS's Character Education program is being revised and will be incorporated into The Responsive Classroom curriculum during the Morning Meeting. Topics include diversity, tolerance, kindness, and conflict resolution. We are ringing in the year with a myriad of educational and enjoyable activities. February brings the 100th Day of School. This school wide event is a favorite celebration and it is the first opportunity for the younger children to lead the older children. All activities center on the number 100.

The A-Thon will take place on February 25th. This event helps to raise

money for Field Day. As usual, the PTA was/is busy coordinating many events. The PTA sponsored a school dance in January. Children of all ages had a wonderful time. School House Hooky will take place on March 9th. Students will have the opportunity to participate in four exciting activities. The PTA Winter Carnival is scheduled for March 12th. In addition to the many organized activities, a Silent Auction will be held and many wonderful gifts will be available for the price of auction tickets. All are welcome.

The library is open on Thursday nights. Please stop in, use the computer, and/or read a book. It's a wonderful way for the community to meet and greet. Thank you PTA for facilitating and supporting this endeavor. I know the children look forward to Thursday nights.

We are quickly approaching the time of year when our graduating sixth graders will be selling boosters for their school yearbook. With a limited number of students, these boys and girls have had to be diligent in their fundraising attempts. They are doing a fabulous job. Your support of their efforts is appreciated.

January was School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey. This was a time to raise public awareness of the roles and responsibilities of local boards of education. As the policymaking body for Roosevelt Public School, board members help to meet the challenges facing public schools and help students achieve state academic standards. Roosevelt Public School's board members make decisions concerning the curriculum, staffing and financing of public schools. The eyes

FEBRUARY/MARCH EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Pizza Day
- 18 Pizza Day
- 21 School Closed
- 24 Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 25 A-Thon

MARCH

- 4 Pizza Day
- 8 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 9 School House Hooky
- 10 Board of Ed. Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Winter Carnival
- 18 Pizza Day
- 22 Early Dismissal
Parent/Teacher Conferences
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Parent/Teacher Conferences

and ears of the education community are on Trenton during this time. All schools are awaiting budgetary information from the State department. Will there be additional State Aid cuts, will we receive more or less aid this year? Those are the looming questions. State aid and property taxes are the two major sources that fund public education. Additional funds can sometimes be obtained through grants, endowments, donations, or partnerships with businesses. Anyone who has any thoughts regarding means to procure school funds is welcome to contact me. I am ready to investigate and pursue all.

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

Shari Payson ■



To educate and inspire all students to excel academically, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment.*

**to achieve or exceed N.J. CCCS at all grade levels.*

Board Approves New Fundraising Policy

In an effort to provide optimal financial support for RPS' essential needs, Policy 1314- Fundraising, was revised. Permission to solicit funds will be granted only to those organizations or individuals whose purposes are consistent with the goals of this district and the interests of the community. The new policy can be reviewed on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Heater in Gym Now Operational

The Board is happy to announce that the heater in the gym is once again working and the gym is heated and back in full use during the school day. We apologize for the lengthy process involved in receiving bids and then conducting repairs. Thank you all for your understanding.

Board Investigates Sharing Services with Nearby Districts

By now, most of the community has seen several articles in the Examiner discussing the possibility of shared services with Millstone and Upper Freehold. The Board would like to keep the community updated with the most accurate information possible.

Roosevelt's Board of Education is committed to providing to all of the district's students in a way which is fiscally responsible. Given the current economic climate, we are evaluating all of the options available to us that would allow us to keep our costs low while continuing to provide an excellent education. To that end, the Board and Administration has been talking with several local districts about the possibility of sharing services. We are still in a fact-finding stage at this point. We have no raw data to share yet about possible cost savings, nor do we have commitments

from the other districts about services they would be willing to share. Since these discussions involve personnel, they have been held in executive session.

The intent of the Board is to gather data from the districts willing to enter into these discussions and evaluate if there are cost savings and/or positive educational impact for our children. If there are proposals that seem feasible, the Board intends to elicit input from the public to help inform our final decision.

Each month the Roosevelt Board of Education is going to submit an article to keep the public apprised of Board goals, decisions, and activities

ANTI- HUNGER CAMPAIGN

Your donation will be matched

During the months of March and April all food and Monetary donations to **Yad Ezra - The Helping Hand,** will be matched.

We host a community supper/soup kitchen in Hightstown & have a food pantry for those in need in our community & neighboring communities

This is your opportunity to be part of this great "*Million Dollar Challenge*" by Feinstein Foundation

Make a difference and be part of this important outreach as we eliminate hunger.

Drop food off at Bobbi and David Teich's,
41 Tamara Drive

Checks made out to **Yad Ezra -The Helping Hand** can be dropped off or mailed to
P O Box 129
Call for more info
(609) 336-7260

Thank you

Adrienne & Larry Cheshier

One of our out-of-town readers in answer to the question, "What would you like to see in the *Bulletin*?": "updates from away" i.e., people living now in other places.

So, how about it? We'll be happy to publish what you want to say, but we must have your name and address along with your article.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Thoughtful neighbors pick up after their dogs.

Are you a thoughtful neighbor?

WE CAN ALL WALK ON WATER

When we have a prolonged cold spell many lakes, ponds and wet areas are frozen thick enough to walk on. Let's not be hasty – be safe not sorry and have a grown-up or authority figure approve any frozen bodies of water before exploring. Never try ice alone. Explore in groups and have a cell phone handy for emergencies (and a camera for cool, sometimes really cool picture opportunities).

Besides visiting ice fishermen on the big lakes, I want to visit the beaver dams at the back end of Assunpink Lake nearest to Roosevelt. Two winters ago I got close by walking to the end of Pine Drive and to the left of the water treatment plant. There are some paths to follow but then you come to several 'borrow pits' or man-made channels that you can cross when the ice is thick enough. I did this and eventually found the lake but no beaver dams? They should be 100 to 150 yards past the treatment plant.

I just thought NOW to Google it! Google Earth could show us exactly where the dams are and how far they are from the sewage treatment plant. If you get there before I do, take some photos and post them to our website and tell your story. Maybe you will see live beaver action. At this time I must admit I have not yet seen these dams. If you attempt this – good luck!

REMINDERS

Ground Hog Day is February 2nd and there are plenty of ground hog holes to watch in Assunpink.

Time to start listening for wood frogs. Mid-February to mid-March is when they can be heard calling in our area. Best place is Roosevelt

Woodland Trail section 'A' near the end of Pine Drive. Call me any time if you hear them.

Early March is the Philadelphia Flower Show and it's not too early to make plans to carpool and attend this always great venue and get a jump start on Spring.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MEETING

We 're-organized' and despite suspected 'men-o-pause' I was selected Chairmen again. A vote of confidence or a vote of nostalgia I'm not quite sure, but, times being what they are, I accepted the position.

There is still a lot we want to accomplish to make our town's environment more friendly, comfortable and beautiful. On the table are continued projects with the RPS students and mapping the trees in the school yard for the community arboretum. The budget for this and other projects has yet to be determined but will be conservative in these economic times. And wood duck nest box construction plans were reviewed and materials for six will be purchased.

A spirited discussion ensued about water bills, water treatment costs and maintenance of the system both now and thirty years ago, and twenty years ago and so on and so on. Meeting adjourned at nine fifteen.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next scheduled Roosevelt Environmental Commission meetings will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. on February 16, 2010. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is a chance for public comment and questions during each meeting.

If anyone has a newsworthy nature note of interest or comment of environmental concern, please give me a call at 609-443-6204 or drop a note to P.O. Box 203. Thank you for reading this column and please visit and contribute your thoughts and observations to the recgreen.ning.com website.

AND PLEASE

WALK THE ROOSEVELT

WOODLAND TRAIL

(The leaves are down and the views through the woods, especially on high ground and in the snow are really cool! Watch for mammals and birds along the way.) ■



**Please obey
the posted
speed limits
in town.**

The First Aid Squad has responded to 215 emergency calls from January 1 to December 31, 2010. In Roosevelt, these included emergency transports, cardiacs, strokes, difficulty breathing and alcohol poisoning; in Millstone, emergency transports, motor vehicle accidents with trauma, cardiacs and a broken leg.

The training for December was report writing. In January, the Squad hosted the state EMT recertification class for three days. In these three days, the class went over all NJ state protocols and training required to remain as a state-certified EMT. The program was attended by both local EMTs and others from around the state.

2011 Squad Officers:

President - Jeff Klein

Captain - Jack Rindt

Secretary - Amy McCaffrey

1st Lt. - Steve Yeger

Treasurer - Carol Watchler

2nd Lt. - Melissa Branco

For the past 63 years the Roosevelt First Aid Squad has been providing free 24/7 emergency medical services to the people of Roosevelt and the surrounding communities. This all-volunteer operation is funded through donations from the Borough and the community. Everyone on the Squad gives their free time to train and respond to EMS calls. No one does this for awards or accolades; they do it to help the community, simply "Neighbors helping Neighbors"

Here is a breakdown of the EMS calls the Squad responded to in 2010:

• Roosevelt :

Syncope – 1

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 4

Falls – 11

Evacuations: 2

Fire Calls: 21 (most were down wires)

Chest Pain/Cardiac: 5

Bicycle accidents: 2

Fractures: 2

Emergency Transports: 16

Back Injury: 1

Strokes: 3

Pediatric Seizers: 2

Overdoses: 2

Crises Transports: 2

Respiratory Distress: 7

Dog Bite: 1

Nose Bleeds: 2

Abdominal pain: 5

Assaults: 2

Head Injury: 1

Lift Assist: 1

Diabetic Emergency: 1

Bee Stings: 3

Halloween Stand-by: 2

Warped Tour: 3 (1 assault, 1 heat exhaustion, 1 syncope)

Total 102

• Millstone:

Chest Pain/Cardiac: 3

Fire Calls: 4

Respiratory Distress: 11

Emergency Transports: 6

Falls: 4

Seizures: 3

Allergic Reactions: 2

Syncope: 6

Diabetic Emergencies: 5

Stroke: 1

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 23

Fractures: 2

Smoke Inhalations: 2

CO Poisonings: 5

Near-Drowning: 1

Abdominal Pains: 2

Laceration: 1

Back Pains: 2

Chain Saw Accident: 1

Fire Department Rehabilitations: 10

Head Injury: 1

Total: 95

• Manalapan:

Emergency Transports: 2

Crisis Transports: 1

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 5

Abdominal Pains: 1

Diabetic Emergency: 1

Seizures: 1

Total: 11

• Freehold Twp.

Abdominal Pains: 2

Laceration: 1

Chest Pain/Cardiac: 1

Falls: 2

Back Injuries: 1

Total: 7

We would like to thank all the residents of Roosevelt for their generous donations to the Squad. Without your support, we could not operate. Thank You!!!

Anyone who wishes to make a donation can send it to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad at P.O. Box 274, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Remember, all donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for new members. We will pay for the basic training that is needed. Anyone is interested in joining can contact any Squad member or stop in during our training for an application and an EMT training schedule. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT, please e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net

First Aid Squad History:

Nov. 1967 Ed McCauley was accepted into the Squad. Jan. 1968 F. Fiore was accepted into the Squad. August 1968 the Squad started to accepting juniors members. Oct. 1968 the Squad to donate old ambulance cot to the new East Windsor First Aid Squad. Dec. 1968 the Squad was invited to the ground breaking of Greater Freehold Hospital.

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In Memoriam

Ota Bondy

By Filip Bondy
The New York Daily News,
January 4, 2011

My father, Ota Bondy, died of an apparent heart attack in Roosevelt, N.J., on New Year's Day, spotted on the ground alongside the road still clutching the handlebars of his beloved bicycle. He was two weeks shy of 85, but every morning he would ride his bike to purchase the Daily News for the sports reports by his son and grandson.

I write about this here because he really led an astounding, iconoclast's life, and because that existence was forever intertwined with sports. To read his extensive memoirs now is to travel over decades and two continents, and to understand how soccer, hockey, tennis and, later, how several American sports helped to define him.

And how a single, stupid bet on a racehorse named Coaltown changed the course of his life.

Those times would be difficult for most. My father, however, somehow floated above the insanity around him. War and peace were great, equivocal adventures. He was a Jew in Prague, just 13 years old in 1939, when the Anti-Jewish Laws were installed there by Hitler. Inspired by Czechoslovakia's World Cup success in 1934, he simply strolled past the "Jews not welcome" signs in order to play soccer on the local playgrounds, completely assimilated.

He came from a relatively wealthy family, and those resources saved his life. The family sold its jewelry case factory to a Gentile relative, and his mother procured false Yugoslav passports for harrowing train rides through Germany, Italy (where they were stuck for seven weeks) and France – leading to a boat ride to England and relative safety. For much of this trip, my father would become an 11-year-old

boy named Mirko Radulovic, while his true identity papers were stuffed into a false double bottom case created at the family's factory.

This journey would surely have frightened any sane person, but my dad was never a reasonable man. "While the repression around me grew, I found myself free as never before," he wrote. He was a terribly mischievous kid, expelled twice from schools for various drunken stunts, once for drinking the sacrosanct wine at a nearby Catholic church. When he was told in December, 1939, by his mother they would be leaving for England, he wrote, "I was thrilled to hear the news mostly because I could now avoid showing my mother the worst report card I ever had."

There were narrow escapes in France, but eventually Ota and his mother, Anna, made it to London. His father was already there through business connections and his sister Helen had arrived earlier from Prague on the Kindertransport. Helen lived at a sponsor's home in London, but nobody wanted a naughty, teen-aged boy. Most members of the family who remained in Prague were murdered by the Germans.

My father's years in London were eventful. The future vegetarian delivered meat on his bike, through the air raid sirens. He watched his favorite club team, Queens Park Rangers, face far more powerful London sides Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur. The boarding house where the family stayed was bombed and the Bondys were forced to move again. At school, he organized the soccer team and wrote about it for the paper.

He was rejected from service by the Czech Army in exile, because he was too young. Eventually, however, his father gave permission, he enrolled at age 17 and he drove a tank in 1944 into France to fight a few remaining, stubborn German forces.

His only wounds came when he lifted his head from a turret and the branches of a tree smashed his face. Soon he was able to ride the Cromwell tank as part of the liberating Czech army through Wenceslas Square in Prague, receiving a hero's welcome. "I was so drunk my only recollection is an endless flow of wine," he wrote.

He received a law degree at Charles University, but the bad war memories took its toll on other family members, who decided to move to New York. My father did this only reluctantly. He viewed himself as a future Czech poet and journalist. He spoke poor English and knew in America, "my voice would be muted."

So it was, too. He nearly relocated to Prague once, but bet all his travel money on the heavy favorite, Coaltown, a long-necked horse nicknamed "Goose." Coaltown won 12 of 15 races in 1949, but it finished second in this one.

"A stroke of amnesia or a subconscious desire to lose, made me bet all the money on Coaltown to win," he wrote. Coaltown would have paid the same, \$2.10, to win or place.

My father met and married my mother, Charlotte. They settled in New York City and I was born in 1952. He changed the spelling of my name on the birth certificate to Filip with an "F," to

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honor a famous Czech relative. "I figured you could always change it later," he said. Then out of financial necessity, Ota became an accountant, graduating from Columbia night school.

He audited the books of Carroll Rosenbloom, owner of the Baltimore Colts, and he worked as a budget analyst at the University of Pennsylvania. Mostly, though, he played and followed sports – hockey being his favorite.

"I had trouble with the sports section," he wrote, about coming to New York. "It covered a distorted version of rugby called football. Then in springtime I had trouble understanding baseball. The standings were very confusing. I saw that New York was in first place in the American league, yet in third place in the National League. But it did not take too long to solve these mysteries and once again began avidly reading the sports section."

Every day he brought home the New York Post, the Daily Worker and the New York Times. The Daily News then was far too conservative for him. He played soccer in Van Cortlandt Park for a local Maccabi team, and dragged me to Randall's Island whenever Dukla of Prague played in the International Soccer League.

We stood on the back seats of the chairs in the last row at the old Garden, holding the ceiling for balance, to watch Ranger games. We'd go to Forest Hills to follow around Czech players, like Jan Kodes, at the U.S. championships. For some reason, we walked past the Giant games at the Polo Grounds in Manhattan to watch the Yankees, instead. Good choice, that one, for it avoided great heartbreak.

After moved to New Jersey, my father wondered why I wasted my time so much with studies. He called me "an overambitious schoolboy." He was more concerned always about clearing the pond of snow, declaring its safety

prematurely, and organizing our ice hockey games.

He continued playing hockey, despite a quadruple bypass operation at age 70. He would be black and blue all over from those games, because he was on blood thinners. He kept playing soccer, too, even after a terrible car accident that ripped part of the leg off a motorcyclist and smashed my father's pelvis.

His eccentric appearance and accent confused people. He was an odd combination of Mark Twain, Albert Einstein and a homeless person. He'd drive his VW convertible bug through town, Czech folk music blaring, or he'd be riding his bike, underdressed in frigid temperatures.

He could get his back up, when it came to authority. Maybe it was the Nazi thing. He once spent a night in East Brunswick municipal jail rather than pay a fine for parking in the wrong direction in front of his house. They'd dragged him out of his house in handcuffs. When he appeared in court the next day, my father refused again to pay.

"Your wife already has paid it," the judge said. My dad was furious.

He became a U.S. citizen in 1958, then regained Czech and dual citizenship in 2000. He adored the fact that his son and then his grandson were sportswriters, now for the same paper. On New Year's Day, just before his fateful bike ride, he called to complain I hadn't written anything in the News for several days. "Stefan is in there all the time," he chastised.

Then he ordered me to go skiing, because it was a beautiful day.

He's survived by his wife of 60 years, Charlotte; his sister, Helen, from Vineland; his son, Filip; his daughter, Larisa, a schoolteacher in Roosevelt; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and another on the way. They will all skate and kick a soccer ball around, whether or not they want. ■



Patronize
our
business
sponsors.
Most
of them
are
our
neighbors.



RESCUE SQUAD (CONT'D.)

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HEALTH NOTES:

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as chronic obstructive lung disease (COLD), chronic obstructive airway disease (COAD), chronic airflow limitation (CAL) and chronic obstructive respiratory disease (CORD), refers to chronic bronchitis and emphysema, a pair of commonly co-existing diseases of the lungs in which the airways become narrowed. This leads to a limitation of the flow of air to and from the lungs causing shortness of breath. In clinical practice, COPD is defined by its characteristically low airflow on lung function tests. In contrast to asthma, this limitation is poorly reversible and usually gets progressively worse over time. In England, an estimated 842,100 of 50 million people have a diagnosis of COPD; translating into approximately one person in 59 receiving a diagnosis of COPD at some point in their lives.

COPD is caused by noxious particles or gas, most commonly from tobacco smoking, which triggers an abnormal inflammatory response in the lung. The inflammatory response in the larger airways is known as chronic bronchitis, which is diagnosed clinically when people regularly cough up sputum. In the alveoli, the inflammatory response causes destruction of the tissues of the lung, a process known as emphysema. The natural course of COPD is characterized by occasional sudden worsening of symptoms called acute exacerbations, most of which are caused by infections or air pollution.

The diagnosis of COPD requires lung function tests. Important management strategies are smoking cessation, vaccinations, rehabilitation, and drug therapy (often using inhalers). Some patients go on to require long-term oxygen therapy or lung transplantation.

Worldwide, COPD ranked as the sixth leading cause of death in 1990. It is projected to be the fourth leading cause of death worldwide by 2030 due to an increase in smoking rates and demographic changes in many countries. COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the economic burden of COPD in the U.S. in 2007 was \$42.6 billion in health care costs and lost productivity.

From Wikipedia, encyclopedia

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There are still houses in town that either do not have house numbers or have house numbers that are too small or otherwise not easily visible, especially at night. Please check to make sure that you have numbers posted on your house that are large and distinctive enough so that the State Police and Fire and First Aid personnel can see them from the street.

Remember if you need help please "Dial 911".

Jack Rindt, EMT-D
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Please check the numbers posted on your house to make sure that they are large enough and colorful enough so Emergency Services and State Police can see them from the road. There are many houses in town that do not have numbers or cannot be seen from the road especially at night.

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“The moon had been up since long before the sun went down, had been hanging pale in the sky most of the afternoon, and now it flooded the snow-terraced land with silver. It was one of those sparkling winter nights when a boy feels that though the world is very big, he himself is bigger; that under the whole crystalline blue sky there is no one quite so warm and sentient as himself, and that all this magnificence is for him.”

~ from “*One of Ours*” by Willa Cather

Roosevelt Weather 2010, Just The Facts

The annual average temperature for 2010 in Roosevelt was 55.3 degrees Fahrenheit. That’s three degrees above the normal average temperature for our area. Only two months in 2010 had below average temperatures. They were February and December. February was one degree below normal and December was 3.6 degrees below normal. The month with the average temperature that was the most above normal was March. The average temperature was 6.7 degrees above normal. There were 500 less heating degree-days than the average 5357. There was significantly more than twice the average number of cooling degree-days as normal. Normal is 308 cooling degree-days. In 2010, there were 737 in Roosevelt.

Precipitation was 3.90 inches above normal for the year. We had a lot of snow in 2010. Normal yearly snowfall is about 24 inches. We had twice as much as normal, 48.3 inches. Just goes to show that you can have lots of snow even though the overall temperature is higher than normal.

Statewide 2010 was the third warmest year on record in the last 116 years. In the contiguous United

States, 2010 was the 14th consecutive year with an annual temperature above the long-term average. Since 1895, the temperature across the nation has increased at an average rate of approximately 0.12 F per decade. According to NOAA scientists, 2010 tied with 2005 as the warmest year of the global surface temperature record, beginning in 1880. This was the 34th consecutive year with global temperatures above the 20th century average.

Arctic sea ice extent averaged over December 2010 was 12.00 million square kilometers (4.63 million square miles). This is the lowest December ice extent recorded in satellite observations from 1979 to 2010. Below the previous record low of 12.27 million square kilometers (4.74 million square miles) set in 2006.

As in November, ice extent in December 2010 was unusually low in both the Atlantic and Pacific sides of the Arctic, but particularly in Hudson Bay, Hudson Strait, and in Davis Strait. Normally, these areas are completely frozen over by late November.

Weather Word

Watermelon snow is snow with red algae growing on it. Algae is common on temperate glaciers and perennial snow. The red color of the algae sometimes prompts people to call it watermelon snow.

Weather Jokes

Where did the meteorologist stop for a drink on the way home from a long day in the studio?

The nearest ISOBAR.

The Michaels family owned a farm in Canada, yards away from the North Dakota border. Their land had been the subject of a minor dispute between the United States and Canada for generations. Mrs. Michaels, lived on the farm with her son and three grandchildren.

One day, her son came into her room holding a letter. “I just got some news, Mom,” he said “Canada and the US have agreed that we have the right to decide which country our farm is in. What do you think?”

“What do I think?” his mother said. “Call Washington and tell them we’re part of the US. I don’t think I could stand another one of those Canadian winters!” ■

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Neighbors,

Mendies Farm is happy to announce our first year of the Mendies Farm C.S.A. in Roosevelt, N.J. Our farm started out 5 years ago by planting native New Jersey plants exclusively. Growing native plants allowed us to take advantage of low-maintenance growing practices including no pesticide use. In 2007, we introduced Jersey Fresh produce by growing small amounts of produce using organic growing methods and buying in beautiful looking produce from some local farmers who grew using conventional practices including pesticides. In the first year we found that our unshapely tomatoes, cucumbers etc. may not have looked as nice as the brought-in produce but were loaded with flavor. The Roosevelt C.S.A. at that time was a busy business. We wanted a C.S.A. but would not consider the option because there was just not enough room for two C.S.A.'s. After the Roosevelt C.S.A. closed down, their customers discovered our sweet organic tomatoes and suggested a new C.S.A. I thought it was a good idea because the need is here and we would not be stepping on any one's toes. The time has come and the Mendies Farm Organic C.S.A. is underway.

We are presently holding 65 shares and still have room for 35 more. You can print out an application at www.mendiesfarm.com or call 609-820-8809. It truly does not make me happy to hear of any agriculture business closing their doors, but if there is a way we can learn from the past and try to correct the things that had caused issues I believe that this farm has the capability to set an example of sustainable farming right here in Roosevelt, N.J. We are also blessed to have Rutgers

organic C.S.A. helping us out with priceless information including a visits to the Rutgers organic C.S.A. An example of an advantage of the past is our very first sign up on the list when we decided on the venture: Mr. Rodham Tulloss, a good friend and neighbor. Before he signed the very first line on the list he said, "Lawrence, before I sign my name I am going to state my opinion of what not to do." Being a former member of the past Roosevelt C.S.A., he gave me some very valuable information. And likewise with all our members this is a co-op and we want all our members to come back each year; so all of your input is very valuable to have a successful C.S.A.

Having an Organic C.S.A. ties in with the community in many ways. Organic recycling is one of those ways. We use an organic method of farm leaf mulching, where leaves are brought in, we spread them on our fields, and turn them in by Spring. This method does require a D.E.P. permit which we do hold. I thought this would be great for our town because I used to rent a house on School Lane; and in fall I knew what I did with the leaves was not right. What else would I do with the leaves? Yes, I blew them in the greenbelt!!! Oops, sorry: I saw my neighbor doing it so I did it too. The Mendies farm would like to work with our town to create opportunity to recycle and create a better environment in the green belt. Blowing leaves in the green belt if not spread out lightly will smother the native grasses and plants that can be a beautiful back drop to your landscape. Mendies Farm will accept your leaves (Roosevelt only, at no charge)--residential only, with I.D. proving you are a Roosevelt resident.

Mendies Farm is also holding a permit from the D.E.P. to accept tree parts. In regards to this permit we choose only to accept wood chips at this point due to the equipment we

have. We accept all of Roosevelt's chips from Allens' tree service at no charge. If a tree service does not have a place to dump the chips, they have to take them to a recycle site and pay high fees which, in turn, is added on to the contract. Mendies Farm uses the chips for organic weed suppressant in our fields and greenhouses. With our recent D.E.P. permit we also process chip that are generated from the farm into double- and triple-shredded mulch which is sold back to the community.

I know this does not totally solve the leaf disposal issue but it is a start. We just have to work on an economical bid when the opportunity is there for the town to have a contractor pick them up from the street. With no disposal fees, a town-wide leaf pick-up just might be feasible in the future. As for now if you bring the leaves or have your landscaper bring them, we will take them. We will also accept bagged leaves.

Also, we have future plans to grow throughout the winter. So, yes, a local year round produce market is possible. Why drive to the supermarket on the icy roads when you can shop around the corner? Shopping locally also reduces emissions and saves you \$.

We have a temporary link for sign up now at our web site; but in February we will have a full C.S.A. link including a weekly harvest window which will announce one week ahead what your harvest pick up will be. This will give you time to prepare other ingredients for your meals. Along with the weekly harvest, there will be a large herb garden for members to cut their own herbs and flowers. We want to connect members with the land. We will have certain rows for u-pick, but in the near future we will offer full

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u-pick shares for a lesser price. We also have volunteer work for members: picking and weeding, planting etc. I believe this will be a great place to meet your neighbors and members of the surrounding community. I can see the C.S.A. growing in the near future creating jobs for local youth who are interested in the Agriculture field.

We are presently the Downtown Hightstown farmer at the Friday market. Mendies Farm was the first farmer there and is currently still happy to be there. The Downtown Market has grown and has live music for your enjoyment as we sell produce. We have referred local Roosevelt talent to the market and the surrounding community is discovering all the natural talent tucked away in our small community. This upcoming year we will make our Downtown Market an organic market and the C.S.A. distribution point for our 35-and-growing Hightstown members including the Mayor of Hightstown. It's great to show and educate and deliver produce to our surrounding community. If anyone would like to introduce a product or talent (art, music, etc.), please e-mail me at lmendies1@gmail.com and I will put you in touch with the market managers.

We believe that sustainable farming is one thing all towns have in common is to keep it alive and, with this said, I believe that there is a unique way that farming can bring the neighboring towns together: discovering new ideas from each other. I hope our community likes what we are doing. I do know that I will do anything in my means to deliver good service, produce, and product to our local community.

Thank you .

The Mendies Family Farm
Cor. Nurko Rd. & N. Rochdale Ave.
Roosevelt, N.J. ■

WEATHER (CONT'D.)

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November, 2010					
Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
1	48.4	30.9	39.7	0.00	25.4
2	49.5	28.6	39.1	0.00	26.0
3	53.2	30.7	42.0	0.00	23.1
4	49.6	43.7	46.7	0.30	18.4
5	53.1	43.3	48.2	0.85	16.8
6	51.3	34.2	42.8	0.10	22.3
7	49.1	33.3	41.2	0.00	23.8
8	49.3	35.6	42.5	0.00	22.6
9	54.7	36.9	45.8	0.15	19.2
10	59.2	41.0	50.1	0.00	14.9
11	53.2	35.1	44.2	0.00	20.9
12	59.5	31.3	45.4	0.00	19.6
13	61.9	33.1	47.5	0.00	17.5
14	61.7	33.3	47.5	0.00	17.5
15	60.4	41.7	51.1	0.00	14.0
16	57.2	50.0	53.6	0.15	11.4
17	61.5	56.2	58.9	0.59	6.2
18	55.9	37.4	46.7	0.08	18.4
19	46.9	32.2	39.6	0.00	25.5
20	54.7	31.6	43.2	0.00	21.9
21	50.9	31.3	41.1	0.00	23.9
22	62.6	38.3	50.5	0.00	14.6
23	62.2	46.2	54.2	0.00	10.8
24	53.6	35.2	44.4	0.00	20.6
25	45.1	37.9	41.5	0.00	23.5
26	54.7	36.7	45.7	0.30	19.3
27	43.7	31.6	37.7	0.06	27.4
28	45.5	26.4	36.0	0.00	29.1
29	47.7	25.0	36.4	0.00	28.7
30	56.8	31.5	44.2	0.00	20.9
Totals				2.58	603.4

December, 2010					
Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Degree Days
1	62.6	39.4	51.0	0.25	14.0
2	41.4	30.0	35.7	1.00	29.3
3	42.6	29.5	36.1	0.00	29.0
4	40.6	28.6	34.6	0.00	30.4
5	37.2	29.1	33.2	0.00	31.9
6	38.8	29.5	34.2	0.00	30.9
7	39.6	30.6	35.1	0.00	29.9
8	36.1	25.2	30.7	0.00	34.4
9	34.0	19.0	26.5	0.00	38.5
10	38.8	15.6	27.2	0.00	37.8
11	45.3	23.0	34.2	0.00	30.9
12	58.1	36.3	47.2	0.62	17.8
13	47.1	26.4	36.8	0.65	28.3
14	27.1	19.8	23.5	0.00	41.6
15	31.1	19.8	25.5	0.00	39.6
16	31.6	18.0	24.8	0.00	40.2
17	36.1	16.2	26.2	0.00	38.9
18	37.2	17.4	27.3	0.00	37.7
19	39.0	19.6	29.3	0.00	35.7
20	36.7	18.0	27.4	0.00	37.7
21	38.5	27.3	32.9	0.00	32.1
22	38.1	23.9	31.0	0.00	34.0
23	37.4	29.7	33.6	0.00	31.5
24	38.5	27.1	32.8	0.00	32.2
25	34.9	22.8	28.9	0.00	36.2
26	30.6	22.6	26.6	0.00	38.4
27	29.3	20.5	24.9	1.70	40.1
28	35.8	18.9	27.4	0.00	37.7
29	39.2	18.3	28.8	0.00	36.3
30	39.7	11.7	25.7	0.00	39.3
31	43.7	26.8	35.3	0.00	29.8
Totals				4.22	1041.4

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 2010 - 2011 Season

February 12, 8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

THE BEETHOVEN CONNECTION

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March 12, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Assifa Space, 40 Tamara Drive

ASSIFA SPACE ART SHOW

Assifa Space presents a show of Roosevelt artists and guest artists co-curated by guest curator, Ilene Dube, art critic and art blogger.

April 16 & 17th, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. both days, The Factory, 15 Oscar Drive & North Valley Road

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Scenes from an Assifa Space event.



May 14, 8:00 p.m., Borough Hall

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My sister gave me this recipe last year after tasting it at her house. It is an amazingly simple recipe and very forgiving if you lose track of time while making it. The crust has a golden crunchy texture and when toasted, the bread has a “nook and cranny” English muffin feel.

A simple note on shorthand:

“C” = Cup “t” = teaspoon “T” = Tablespoon

Jen's Homemade Bread -- A Classic White Bread

3 C warm water
3 T yeast
1 ½ T salt
5 C white flour

Add yeast to water in a large bowl. Mix with whisk and let stand a few minutes. Add the salt and flour. Stir well. Cover with plastic and put into the refrigerator overnight. I use a clean grocery bag. The bread dough can be safely left in the fridge for 4-5 days!

For me, this is a wonderful feature of this recipe.

When you take the dough out of the fridge, you may notice that the dough sank a little. Not to fret, it won't affect the quality of the bread.

Pour the dough out onto a floured surface. Knead dough for at least 10-15 minutes (time yourself). The dough should take up to 3 cups more white flour. The dough should be a nice elastic ball.

Divide into 3 loaves and place into large greased loaf pans. Let rise until loaves look large enough to bake.

Depending on the temperature of your kitchen, this may take a few hours to overnight. My kitchen tends to be cool, so often the loaves rise all afternoon and I bake in the evening. It is also nice to let the loaves rise overnight and bake first thing in the morning.

Bake at 400°F for 20-30 minutes.

This recipe is best with only white flour. If you choose to try and use some wheat flour, then also add more yeast. ■



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4 Fri.		PIZZA DAY, RPS
8 Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair, 448-3713
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