

# Bulletin

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## BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

### Council Reorganizes; Borough Administrator Ordinance Introduced

By Michael Ticktin

The Borough Council began the New Year by holding its reorganization meeting on Sunday, January 5. At that time, Marilyn Magnes and Beth Battel were sworn in for three-year terms. Mayor Michael Hamilton welcomed the assembled citizenry, saying how getting together on such an occasions demonstrates once again what a wonderful town we live in, with such a feeling of community and sense of place and regard that people have for one another. He thanked outgoing Councilman George Vasseur and retiring Utilities Collector Gerry Millar for their many years of service. "Participatory democracy," Mayor Hamilton said, "is alive, well and thriving in Roosevelt." Referring to the lawsuit in which the Borough is now engaged with US Home Corporation, he said that we are "prepared and determined to fight for our

right to determine our own future" and that we have adequate resources to do so. Among the achievements of the past year that he listed were the new cellular tower, which will bring \$30,000 per year into Borough coffers from the first carrier, AT&T, and as much as \$150,000 per year once other carriers sign on to use it, receipt of a \$150,000 grant to be used for the repair of portions of Pine Drive, progress in revival of the First Aid Squad and establishment of a community crime watch, establishment of the Recreation-Education Coalition with the Board of Education, progress in foreclosure on the abandoned gas station and redevelopment zone designation for that property and other abandoned or unused properties.

A light note was added to the proceedings by the election of the Council President. Council members Marilyn

Magnes and Neil Marko each got three votes, thereby making it incumbent upon Mayor Hamilton to break the tie. Saying that he regarded the two candidates as equally qualified, he accepted a coin from a member of the audience and tossed it. Ms. Magnes called "tails," but it was heads, so the Mayor's vote went to Mr. Marko.

Councilwoman Battel and Councilman Jeff Hunt were elected as the Council members of the Planning Board and Environmental Commission, respectively. Mayor Hamilton appointed Michael Ticktin as the public official member of the Planning Board and David Ticktin and Ed Moser as public members. He also appointed Jessica Hecht to fill the unexpired public member term of Ms. Battel and appointed Kevin Laurita to the Environmental Commission. Two

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# Citizen Alert

## “New Jersey blood supply critically low.”

*Examiner 1/9/03*

## Roosevelt blood Drive: February 20<sup>th</sup>

For info re: donating blood:

Call Liz Possiel @ 609-448-1485, or Lois Hunt @ 609-448-9314

Please remember the PTA Winter Carnival and Chinese Auction on March 1 at RPS. Everyone is welcome.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

The movie on February 6<sup>th</sup> is “Shane,” the one on March 6<sup>th</sup> is “Top Hat.”

**QUESTION:** Who is the person who left two CDs of “Love Duet” on Lois Hunt’s car’s windshield? She has called a number of people all of whom deny doing so. Will the person who did, please call Lois so he or she can be properly thanked?

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

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# Telecommunications Facility Approved

At a special meeting on December 3, the Planning Board granted AT&T Wireless' application for a height variance and site plan approval to construct a 150-ft. tall "monopole" that will hold antennas serving the applicant and possibly other cellular service providers. The pole will be located on Borough property near the water plant south of Oscar Drive. Firms will each pay the Borough up to \$30,000 per year to locate their antennas on the structure.

Attorney Michael Vitiello, representing AT&T Wireless, presented three expert witnesses in support of the application. Oscar Drive resident Harry Parker objected to the proposal, but the Board found that the applicant met standards for approval.

The Borough previously had accepted AT&T Wireless' bid to build the facility, conditioned on Planning Board approval. A radio frequency specialist, Severiano Magalor, testified that without the pole and its antenna the company would experience a gap in its cellular telephone coverage. Under its license with the Federal Communications Commission, the firm must strive to provide seamless coverage to its customers. He testified that the pole's height must be at least 150 feet in order to achieve the desired result. He contended electromagnetic emissions from the pole would be "below one percent" of the safety limit set by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. He said safety standards are continuously reviewed, and the carrier has to comply with any changes. Applicants for additional antennas would have to demonstrate that increased cumulative emissions would not exceed the allowable

standard. Mr. Magalor noted that the facility should accommodate at least five carriers, whose cumulative emissions would probably not exceed 20 percent of the maximum allowable power exposure.

Civil Engineer Todd Hays testified that a 50 by 50-ft. pole and equipment compound would occupy a heavily wooded site 200 feet wide and 450 feet deep. A chain link fence seven feet high, topped by one foot of barbed wire, would surround the facility. Four small cabinets would house radio and power equipment, a battery back-up system, a bank of meters, and a central alarm system. Mr. Hays said the pole could withstand winds of 85 to 120 miles per hour. Board member Beth Battel asked what could be done to prevent children from climbing the pole. Mr. Hays noted that climbing legs would not appear below 25 feet off the ground, and any climber would need a special climbing device. The pole would be constructed of battleship gray stainless, galvanized steel that Mr. Hays claimed would blend in well with the environment and the skyline and would avoid peeling paint and maintenance difficulties. He added that no lights would be necessary under Federal Aviation Administration guidelines. He said it is "typical" for monopoles to be 150 feet tall.

Professional Planner, Carl Lindbloom testified that special reasons exist to justify a height variance for the monopole and that there would be no substantial detriment to the public good. He said the zoning ordinance's height limitation was intended to apply to buildings, not to communications facilities, which, according to

case law, would promote the general welfare. Mr. Lindbloom said the site was particularly suited to the proposed use. He displayed photos of the site, complete with computer-simulated monopoles, taken from seven different locations. From most directions, the pole was not visually obtrusive because of screening provided by surrounding trees. Its availability for use by additional carriers would reduce the need for additional towers, according to Mr. Lindbloom. It also would enhance regular wireless and 911 emergency communications. He concluded that there would be no substantial impairment of the intent and purpose of Roosevelt's zoning ordinance. In response to Board member Jane Rothfuss' expression of concern that something be done to minimize the visual impact of the facility, Mr. Lindbloom recommended that "privacy slats" be added to the chain links.

During the public portion of the public hearing, Mr. Parker was the only person expressing opposition to the application. He said, "There is a detriment." He contended that benefits would accrue "only to AT&T Wireless."

Board Chairman, Ralph Seligman, recognizing that the visual effects were not entirely benign, noted that any attempt to make the pole simulate a tree would wind up looking "like a horror." Board Planning Consultant, Tom Thomas, commended the application presenters for their thoroughness. Noting that communication is an important aspect of everyday life, he called the proposed site the "best within the Borough." Board member, Michael Ticktin, said it was

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# 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.”**

New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 40:45A-1) requires governing bodies to reorganize annually. The reorganization meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council was held on January 5, 2003. For those of you who could not attend the meeting I'm using this article to summarize comments, which include a review of some of the accomplishments and events that took place during 2002.

I began last year's reorganization address by reminding everyone that we live in a community of friends, neighbors and volunteers where every voice matters. It is this feeling of community, this spirit of place, and this regard for one another that makes Roosevelt special.

*The Council...*Beth Battel was sworn in as a Council member. As the newest member of the Council, Beth will be devoting not only her time, but her thoughts and her heart as well. Serving in office in Roosevelt can be a part-time job or a full-time one. It can be done casually or with a great deal of conviction.

This is a Council that works hard; it is a Council of doers who want to accomplish many things. Some weeks serving on the Council is a delight; others it seems like carrying a 50-lb. backpack. Council members must learn how to take criticism with grace.

No matter what our opinions, it is important that we all remember that we serve because we value our town and we know that without our efforts it would not function. We believe in self-government: we are active in town affairs, our dialogue in the Borough Hall during public meetings and in *The Bulletin* is often passionate. Our participatory democracy is alive and thriving in Roosevelt.

*Thanks...*I would like to thank George Vasseur for his 9 years of service as a Councilman. George did a great many things for the Borough, from working to improve operations at the sewer treatment plant to snow plowing in the winter.

I would also like to thank Gerry Millar, our water and sewer fee collector, for her service to the Borough over the years. Gerry is a joy to work with; she is a consummate professional who took on a difficult job with a smile and a sharp pencil.

*State Deficit...*No municipality is an island and we exist within the framework of the State. The power of our local government is derived through State law and our finances are largely dependent upon the amount of State aid that we receive. As you know, there is a large state budget deficit and State aid to municipalities and schools has been frozen at prior year levels. This has resulted in an increase in property

taxes for homeowners in towns that have experienced significant residential development because the level of State aid has not risen to keep up with their increased school costs.

State aid is significant in determining how much we must raise locally through property taxes. The level of State aid has a powerful impact on school taxes because they comprise 75% of your tax dollar. This is true in almost every municipality in New Jersey.

*Financial Progress...*Over the last year we have taken steps toward insuring that we will have the financial resources to provide adequate services to our homeowners:

- *The Cell Tower...*we researched and considered proposals for a cellular antenna in Roosevelt before taking action to allow one to be constructed on the site of our water treatment plant on Oscar Drive. Beginning this year, we will be receiving \$30,000 per year in non-tax revenue per year from AT & T. Over the next few months, homeowners will benefit from additional income generated by this tower as more carriers come on board. The tower can hold as many as five more carriers.
- *Road Repair Grant...*We have been successful in obtaining a \$150,000 grant to repair portions of Pine Drive. This year we will begin the first phase of this necessary road repair project.
- *Smart Growth...*We have resubmitted our request to the State for a Smart Growth Planning Grant for an objective, professional analysis of

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# From the Office of the CSA, Dr. Dale Weinbach

Happy New Year one and all!! Governor McGreevey has declared January, 2003 as School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey. It seems an appropriate time to appreciate the role that your Board of Education pays in the education of our students. Board members devote many evenings a year – without financial remuneration – to set the policy for our school and make important decisions regarding programming, financing and staffing. The Roosevelt Board of Education is especially vigilant in overseeing the physical care of the school building, and in providing the necessary support for staff and administration to work productively with resident children.

It is also the time of year to notify interested parties that packets are available for new board member positions that will be chosen during April school elections. Anyone interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education should come to the front

office for the proper paperwork. A Board member candidate must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, able to read and write, registered to vote in the district and not disqualified pursuant to NJSA 19:4-1.

Monmouth County residents should be aware of the opportunity that is available through the **New Jersey Coastal Communi-versity**. Located at Brookdale's campus in Wall Township, Communi-versity brings associate, bachelor's and master's degrees to Monmouth and Ocean County residents. Communi-versity is an alliance of seven higher education colleges and universities. Member institutions are: Brookdale Community College, Georgian Court College, Kean University, Montclair State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Ocean County College and Rutgers. Programs currently include Allied Health, Business, Education, Information Technology

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# RCNS February Newsletter

By Ginny Weber

In January, our class learned about Arctic places. We found Arctic places on the globe and talked about the cold climate there. The children made penguins, polar bears, and Eskimos and learned how they survive the cold arctic weather.

To celebrate Benjamin Franklin's birthday on January 17<sup>th</sup>, our class visited the Roosevelt Post Office. The children love to find out how we get mail every day. They also enjoy being weighed on the postal scale. Everyone mailed a postcard to their homes and were excited when they arrived in the mail.

We learned all about different kinds of bears and about hibernation. Other activities included going on a "bear hunt", hibernating like bears in our "tent" cave, and making a Pooh bear project.

Chinese New Year will be celebrated in our class the first week of February. The children will learn to say Happy New Year in Chinese – "Gung Hay Fat Choy!" Since 2003 is the year of the sheep, we will make wooly sheep in addition to Chinese dragons and lanterns.

During Presidents' week, we will find out interesting facts about Washington and Lincoln as well as fables about the two presidents. The children will also learn about George W. Bush.

Our class will learn about how to keep our hearts healthy in February. The children love to listen to their hearts with a stethoscope and see how exercise changes their heart rates.

Dental Health Month is also in February. We will learn how to care for our teeth by eating foods rich in calcium and brushing our teeth properly. We are also planning a trip to a dentist's office. ■

## February School Dates

<b>February 4</b>	Early dismissal/professional development
<b>Feb. 11, 12</b>	Early dismissal/parent conferences
<b>Feb. 13</b>	Board of Ed meeting, 7:30
<b>Feb. 14</b>	Pizza
<b>Feb. 27</b>	Board of Ed meeting, 7:30
<b>Feb. 28</b>	Pizza

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

First a disclaimer of sorts, or more accurately a qualifier. Contrary to what I may have suggested two months ago, all teenagers do not mumble, as the ensuing list of local achievers convincingly proves. Teenagers are great, they're the future of the tribe; and, though they talk their own perplexing language at times, they certainly are not all inarticulate mumbler.

Like pupae, they are in that wonderful and sometimes awkward stage of finding their wings, and their voices. And, if I remember correctly to back to when I was that age, I think I recall that the girls were slightly farther along in finding their wings at that age than the boys. Yes, we boys, or at least my friends, did kind of mumble back then. In high school while the girls were memorizing and reciting long passages from *Sense And Sensibility* and *To the Lighthouse*, we boys were slouching towards Bethlehem and professing things like "I don't know" and "Ahh huh. I guess. Whatever." Profound stuff. And later, while our girl friends were encouraging us to express all we knew and felt, we were just as often as not staring off into the distance and saying equally profound things like, "I guess it's like, well, you know what I mean?" and "I guess you had to be there." Inexplicable heavy thoughts that resisted taking verbal forms.

And then, if my memory is clear, at some point in time everybody stopped mumbling, sprouted colorful invisible verbal wings, and flew off and became carpenters and lawyers, teachers, nurses, graphic designers, painters writers,

salesmen and women, therapists, social workers, sculptors, mothers and fathers and what have you. Who would later be amused, and perplexed by their own kids' subsequent not exactly mumbling, but something much like it.

Well all hail the scholars! For Hightstown High School recently announced that the following Rooseveltians made the Honor Roll for the First Marking Period.

**High Honors:** Danielle Petrics (10<sup>th</sup>); Lian Garton (11<sup>th</sup>); Jesse Parsons (11<sup>th</sup>); Lindsey Possiel (11<sup>th</sup>).

**Regular Honors:** Ryan Grasso (9<sup>th</sup>); Kelsey Reimbold (9<sup>th</sup>); Anthony Grasso (10<sup>th</sup>); Avery Axel (11<sup>th</sup>); Tina Vasseur (11<sup>th</sup>); Katherine Hamilton (12<sup>th</sup>); Leah Howse (12<sup>th</sup>); Wesley John-Alder (12<sup>th</sup>); Nathaniel Kostar (12<sup>th</sup>); Jeff Possiel (12<sup>th</sup>); Christina Septak (12<sup>th</sup>); Christopher Wong (12<sup>th</sup>); Shiri Yager (12<sup>th</sup>) and Ilan Grunwald (12<sup>th</sup>).

### Other News from the High School Included:

Lindsey Possiel, Lian Garton and Tina Vasseur recently were inducted, along with the previously mentioned Avery Axel, into the National Honor Society. Tina Vasseur is also an active member of the Red Cross and ski Club. Lian Garton was chosen as Math student of the Month of September while distinguishing herself in AP Computer Science, AP Statistics and AP Calculus courses. Leah Howse writes prolifically for the high school newspaper; and, Jesse Parsons, Brandan Tyers, Reuben Alt

and Nat Kostar are currently excelling in varsity sports.

Ina Clark, who is a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Peddie School, earned High Honors for the fall term.

### Other News

Linda and Michael Block of 24 Lake Drive announced the engagement of their daughter, Amy Beth Block, to Yves Bright, son of Nadia and Tony Bright of North Hollywood, California. A September, 2003 wedding is planned.

Congratulations to Cynthia Imbrie of Pine Drive on the birth of her granddaughter Cynthia Ann to her son James and daughter-in-law Ellen.

I highly recommend, as a supplement of the cold weather we've been enjoying or suffering lately, visiting the Johnson Atelier Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton and particularly taking in Dale Chiluly's exhibit of glass blown sculptures that are nothing short of amazing. I also recommend retreating indoors and enjoying Spielberg's latest movie, *Catch Me If You Can*, the novel *Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen, Jane Leavey's biography of *Sandy Koufax*, and high school basketball as a source of antidote, and anecdotes, to the chill. And as always, I apologize to anyone whom I may have overlooked and invite you to send your news to ronkostar@cs.com or call 609-443-5191. ■

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I want to thank everyone who has called or sent cards as I have been recovering from a fall on December 28. Starting with the turnout of every member of the Rescue Squad to Carol's 911 call on Sunday morning, the response from Roosevelt has been overwhelming.

I returned from Merwick on Wednesday, January 8, in Dolores Chasan's Corolla, having been as rehabilitated as they can make me. A small fracture at the top of my right femur is held together by screws, and I am not supposed to put full weight on my right leg so am using a walker. (How ironic: a Roosevelt walker using a walker.)

I feel fine, am pain free, and delighted to be home again where the food is great – to say nothing of the companionship. And, as of January 14, I am able to drive again. I believe my rapid recovery has much to do with the warm response of so many friends.

Thank you all,  
*Ann Baker*

Letter to the Editor

The "get well" wishes of friends in Roosevelt did the trick! I was in two hospitals from November 1 'till November 20, to get a Pituitary gland tumor removed, and to start medications for pneumonia and

hyperthyroidism. I came home from the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and felt even worse for a week. I thought I was not going to recover.

However, I not only had magnificent care from Florie and all our children, I had messages day by day from friends in the Senior Citizens Club, the post office and others who had heard about my plight. I had lost 30 lbs. in the hospitals I had been in and then another 10 lbs. my first two weeks at home. On December 12, my endocrinologists doubled my medicine dose. My appetite returned. Since then, in five weeks, I have regained 20 lbs. In two months I'll be my old self again!

This was intended to be a message of thanks to the wonderful Roosevelt community, but it became more of a report on my health. I guess I want everyone who knows me to know what happened to me, and why I walk a little feebly, and why I wear a patch over my left eye (the tumor redirected one eye).

Florie and I want to join others who wrote letters to the Roosevelt Borough *Bulletin* when neighbors and others in town rallied to help out a family in need. Thanks, people of Roosevelt.

*Herbert Johnson*

By Clare Sacharoff

The senior citizens would like to thank all the members of the community who helped provide a lovely dinner for the seniors on December 28<sup>th</sup> at the Borough Hall. Each gave his time and energy to this project which was enjoyable to all those who attended. A special thank you goes to Andre Branco and Mr. Velasquez for donating delicious dishes from their individual restaurants. Also, a special thank you goes to Pat Moser for coming up with the idea. Entertainment was provided by a lost traveler and a lost golden retriever as well as CDs of Lois Hunt's and Earl Wrightson's beautiful singing.

In the last issue, we failed to mention that Louise Baranowitz was unanimously elected as Chairperson of the Sunshine Club. Our apologies to Louise.

At our meeting of January 9, a theater party was being planned for April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Kelsey Theater to see a production of "Damn Yankees". Individual drivers would provide transportation.

We welcome all those new members who have joined the Senior Citizen Club. Membership is open to anyone residing in Roosevelt who is 55 years or older. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. It was my turn to provide refreshments at the January meeting. ■

**Are you taking advantage of the Roosevelt Library in our school?**

**To keep it alive, it needs to be used.**

**As CSA Weinbach has said:**

**"A town library would be a terrible thing to lose!"**

**Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

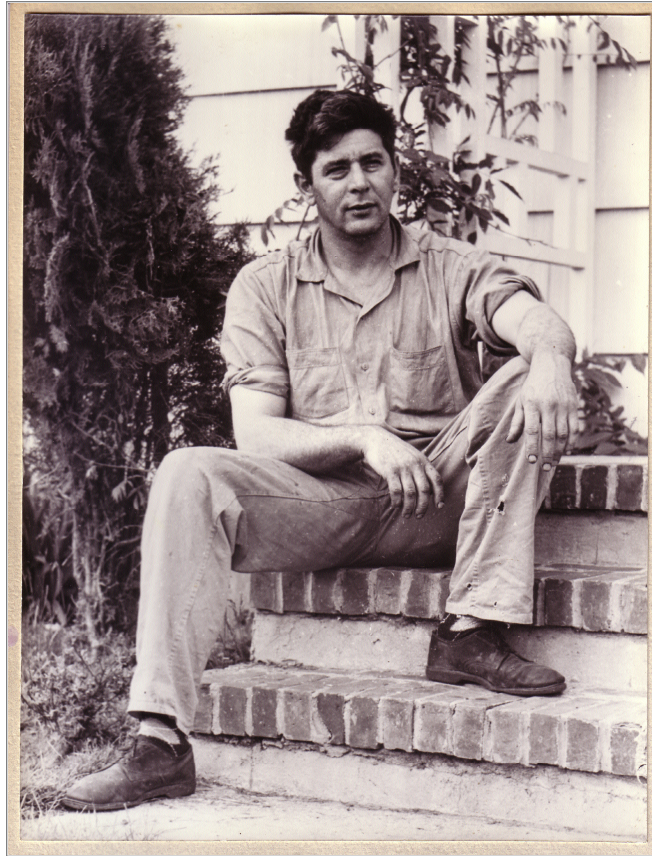


# The Mystery

*This month we offer a new twist on our original concept of "Two Square Miles Of Stories". We present a story written by the deceased father of Abraham and Evelyn Schlinski who found it among some of their father's papers.*

*His widow, Margaret Schlinski, has said: "Ed Schlinski who died at 63 years of age in 1982, was a well known and much admired Rooseveltian. He worked for many people in town on their houses: construction, plumbing, electricity, roofing and additions were a few of his jobs. He served on the Council for a number of years. He was an ardent civil rights activist who was blacklisted during the McCarthy era. Throughout his life, he remained a champion of the poor and underclasses. Lastly, Mr. Schlinski was a talented artist whose paintings and sculptures reflected his political beliefs and lifelong commitment to egalitarian principles."*

Like millions of others, I moved away from the City of New York. I brought my family, some fifteen years ago, to the small village where we now live. I was able to find work in nearby Trenton and so my delusion that we were making a radical change had some basis. Of course, we all realize that my village, although fifty miles distant from the City, in another state, is only a short bus ride, one hour, from the great port. Despite its quietude, trees and other rural impediments, my area is one of thousands of stations on the unseen



Ed Schlinski

By Sol Libsohn

subway extensions of the City. And like so many others, I have returned to the city for rewarding employment. So that a routine of daily riding to work, one of the irritants that resulted in my emigration, now is repeated, but much more comfortably, by modern bus. Spacious seats, heat and air conditioning, and the spectacle of our Turnpike cannot be compared to similar time lapse in the brutal subways. I rise early to drive a few miles from our village to a motel parking lot that adjoins an entrance to our great Turnpike. Here in front of a small office, the commuters congregate waiting to board the bus for the City. The inconvenience of early rising and morning drive is relieved by the expectation of a non-

stop express ride to the Port Authority Bus terminal, a brief subway ride from my office.

After months of commuting, the term that describes our daily round, our 6:55 a.m. bus has developed a stable group of some fifty riders, all tied together by our common experience. We make a family of sorts. Some of the men of my age group, fiftyish, sit together somewhat to the rear of the large bus and our ride is characterized by continuous conversation. From sports to politics, we talk loudly and openly. It is as if this ride has given our common bonds of mutual experiences a second chance for expression. We retell war stories, Second World War that is, discuss our wives, retell the latest dirty jokes and generally comport ourselves

in a manner best described as adolescent. Of course, our whole busload is not that homogeneous. In fact, the occasional stranger that takes the bus might imagine that we were the only "regulars" on the bus, but that is not so.

Miss M\_\_\_\_\_, the young secretary with the foreign sports car, belongs. She is very thin and small, appearing at first glance to be much younger than she actually is. With her skinny naked legs and ultra modish attire, she suggests to us, that is, sexual debauchery in a European country. Her coolness and deliberate moves give off an aura of erotic decay. If she was to walk in on us in a climate of

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## TWO SQUARE MILES OF STORIES

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social anarchy, we would immediately set upon her and she would probably be murdered in a mass rape. Instinctively, she understands our middle class restraints and so rides daily to work seated among us, although she could sit up forward with the timid and the apprehensive. Safely encapsulated by the lechers, she usually sleeps all the way to the city, secure in our midst.

A casual observer would overlook our subtle ties as a group if he were to take at face value the actions of a large segment of our mobile male community. They are well dressed, though hatless. They carry attaché cases. They read or reread the *Wall Street Journal*, saying nothing to each other. Occasionally, with open attaché cases on their laps, they work diligently at assorted papers all the way to the City. But their aloofness does not signify contempt. After a good vulgar joke, I have seen furtive smiles whisk across their faces. And, I will always remember the morning that we were sideswiped by a large truck and how it felt as we sickly swerved off the highway on to the safety of the shoulder. We all rose as one in our fright, and our miraculous escape was recapitulated by every member of the bus for two or three days, at least, before we settled into our customary shades of volubility or quietude.

Up front sits the group we have laughingly labeled the "Cowards." Predominantly feminine, they seem to be people indigenous to our area who go daily to the City driven by economic necessity. Or in the cases of the few young males, they go seeking new careers not available in our rural surroundings. They never sleep en route. They peer down the aisle through the massive windshield at the spectacle of the great turnpike as if they were on an amusement park roller coaster. Even

seen from the back, their obvious tensions betray their peasant fright. "What have we in common with them?" one might ask.

You should see the delighted looks on their faces as I and my friends board the bus in the morning or evening with our loud asides to the driver as we tear our ticket from the commutation booklets.

"Try not to lose a wheel, this time."

"Good ride yesterday. We made the Port Authority."

"If you hit anything today, make sure it's a Volkswagen."

They look at us as frightened Quartermaster troops newly arrived in a war-zone would look upon bemedalled paratroopers. They say to themselves, "If those people can make it, so can we."

We have our eccentrics, to be sure. The heavy Italian lady with the gigantic parcels who has been forced from retirement to return daily to New York City where a son who inherited her large wholesale vegetable business cannot seem to supervise the enterprise and, as she tells all who will listen, he has almost ruined the establishment that she and her husband, now deceased, worked so hard and for so long to build. But enough. What group, randomly assembled, with lesser mutual concerns would not have its quota of non-conforming individuals? Now I get to the heart of the matter and real spur to this writing.

Some months back, a stranger joined our daily group. This, in itself, is not surprising. We all make our entrances and leave the daily bus round for a variety of reasons; a change in employment, a promotion that means later hours, death, perhaps, or a killing in the market that means Florida or Europe. But this man was and is a stranger in the liter-

al sense of the word. Although we have been riding together for months we cannot make any subtle connection with him. In appearance, he is quite ordinary. Fortyish, thin, hair greying, he wears the white collar uniform; dark top hat, neutral dark suit, white shirt and appropriate neck tie.

Consider this. Even in a short time span of twenty minutes from 6:35 a.m. to 6:55, we all fall into petit categories. There is L\_\_\_\_\_ who practically opens the ticket office in the parking lot. We understand his yearlong flirtation with the handsome local lady who serves as part-time employee of the bus company. From 6:40 to 6:45, the regulars arrive. Generally proletarian in origin or else institutional employees, we are members of a fast disappearing group of Americans that always arrive not only on time but before the boss gets in. From 6:45 to 6:55 the bulk of our riders appear with no personal exactitude. Every now and then, a flat tire, an unheard alarm clock or whatever, will make for a last-minute hectic dash into the lot and a hilarious run for the bus just as it pulls away from the front of the ticket office. My good friend A\_\_\_\_\_, a ranking member of our conversationalist group, manages to arrive, daily, at precisely 6:55. Parking his car with deliberate manner at the very head of the line of parked vehicles, he saunters up to the bus, the last to board. A container of coffee in one hand, his coat is draped over his free arm. He is European born, and his elegance, as he gracefully fumbles for his ticket, precariously balancing the hot coffee, blinking to avoid the smoke that swirls up from his cigarette that dangles from his lips in a manner seen only in French movies, is a daily theatrical event that brightens the bus. Even the surly looking driver enjoys the game.

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## News from Project Revive

by Lois Hunt

We are proud to congratulate the volunteers who have recently completed the full course of First Aid Training. They are Elise Cousineau, Rena Petrics and Carol Watchler. The Roosevelt First Aid Squad will be delighted to welcome them into the fold, and the community is grateful for their willingness to participate in this most necessary service.

Also: **attention all Registered Nurses!!!**

We have been informed that your experience and expertise have finally been recognized, as far as the training requirements are concerned. There is now an extremely compressed 'First Aid Specific' course requirement in place. You will only be asked to take this and the usual exam, instead of the whole civilian course. We sincerely hope that this will encourage those of you who have not volunteered because of the excessive requirements to take this opportunity to come to the aid of the squad.

Let us say how delighted we are at this turn of events.

D. Chasan/L. Hunt, Co-chairpersons

## Cheri Rose Katz - A Review

by Gladys Nadler

Mezzo-soprano Cheri Rose Katz, who grew up in Roosevelt, performed to a full house at the Borough Hall on December 7. Sponsored by the Roosevelt Arts Project, the concert offered a varied program that displayed the artist's versatility and musicianship.

The program opened with several selections in the Baroque style: songs by Vivaldi, Parisotti and Giordani. Then followed *Liber Scriptus* from Verke's *Requiem* and *O Mio Fernando* from *La Favorita* by Donizetti. Two arias from Bizet's *Carmen*, *Habanera* and *Sequidilla* displayed the mezzo-soprano's acting ability and flexibility as she transformed

herself into the flirtatious, full-voiced Gypsy, Carmen.

In the last part of the program, Ms. Katz again skillfully changed roles to offer a collection of cabaret songs by William Bolcom and popular show tunes by Stephen Sondheim, Jerome Kern and Richard Rogers. For an encore, Ms. Katz gave a beautiful rendition of Mon Coeur's *Ouvre a la Voix* from *Samson and Delilah* by Saint Saens.

Ms. Katz has a strong, expressive voice that can be delicate or powerful, as the music demands. Dr. Samuel Bellardo, a colleague with whom she worked at the Opera International, accompanied her on the piano. Alan Mallach provided oral program notes about the music and the composers.

She has a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance from the University of Miami. She has performed with the Central City Opera in Colorado and Sarasota Opera. At present, she is studying in New York City and going to auditions. Her goal? "To be an opera singer," she said.

Ms. Katz sang the title role in Masagni's *Zanetto* with the NJ Association of Verismo Opera in May 2000. She also sang with the Dicapo Opera and Opera in the Hamptons. In her debut with the Teatro da Fontana in Italy, in 1998, the young mezzo sang excerpts from *Carmen*, *Cavalleria Rusticana*, *Adriana Lecouvreur* and *Don Carlo*.

Ms. Katz has received awards including the McCallister Awards, NYC Collegiate Winner, the Florida Grand Opera, and the National Society of Arts and Letters. She was a finalist with the Curtis Institute of Music, the Berlin Opera, and the Palm Beach Opera.

## Recreation News

By Eric Schubiger

The Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition (RCERC)

sponsored a trip to The American Museum of Natural History in New York City on Sunday, January 12. Thirty Roosevelt residents braved the wind and cold in Manhattan and had a wonderful time touring the museum. The trip included a tour of the museum's exhibit halls, the Hayden Planetarium, the Butterfly Conservatory, and an IMAX film. The RCERC would like to sponsor additional trips in the coming months and suggestions are always welcome.

In other news, the RCERC continues to offer its Movie Night series on Saturday nights at the Roosevelt Public School. All are welcome. Students in Grades K-5 will once again have the opportunity to register for the very successful Mad Science after school program. Adults can register for a new Yoga program that will now be offered on Tuesday nights at the Borough Hall. Youth Indoor Hockey will also resume in February and more information will be distributed at the Roosevelt Public School. Finally, keep an eye out for Summer Camp information...summer is just around the corner! Any feedback or program suggestions are always welcome. Please contact Eric Schubiger at 609-448-0539, ex. 8 for any Recreation inquiries.

## An Award to Carol Watchler

Long-time Roosevelt resident Carol Watchler received a **Human Rights Award** from the New Jersey Education Association on Saturday, January 18 at their 29<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Celebration held at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick.

The 2003 New Jersey Education Association Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award was presented to Carol in recognition of her outstanding contribution and ardent support for advancing education about, and acceptance of all people of diverse sexual orientation.

Widely respected for her knowledge

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alternate seats on the Planning Board and an alternate seat on the Environmental Commission are still open. Anyone who is interested may contact the Mayor.

At the December meeting, the Council and assembled public heard a presentation by Lt. Kathleen Devlin of the State Police. Lt. Devlin, a 22-year veteran of the force, said that she intends to have all troopers involved in community policing. She pointed out that, since October 1, 2002, there have been seven burglaries, four acts of vandalism and one theft in Roosevelt and she urged all residents to lock their homes and car doors, keep outside lights on, keep an eye out for each other and call the State Police in the event that any suspicious persons are observed. The State Police are available to do property surveys and advise residents as to steps that they can take to protect themselves.

Also at the December meeting, Councilman Hunt announced that licensed nurses could join the First Aid Squad as certified EMTs after only one weekend of training, plus successful completion of the examination. This is in contrast to the three-month training period ordinarily required. Councilman Marko noted that one resident who is a nurse, Rena Petrics, had already qualified and joined the Squad.

At the regular January meeting, which was held on January 13, Mayor Hamilton reported that an eight-inch water main had burst under Rochdale Avenue near Rossi's Deli, but that Utilities Operator Toby Moore had promptly identified the location of the problem and brought in a work crew to make the necessary repairs. The Mayor announced that regular Council meetings and committee meetings would start at 7:00, rather than 7:30, and that agenda meetings would start at 8:00, following a com-

mittee meeting. He also paid tribute to Bernarda Shahn, who will observe her 100th birthday on March 7. A special community celebration will be held to mark the occasion.

Also at that meeting, Bob Clark called the Council's attention to the poor condition of Spruce Lane, which he said was the only unpaved road in the Borough. He said that the road is full of potholes and should be put on the list for State grant funds. Councilwoman Pat Moser said that the Council would "band-aid it up" and then look into getting it paved.

Also at the regular meeting, the Mayor and Council appointed Tax Collector Sam Cannizzaro to serve as Utilities Collector as well, replacing Gerry Millar. By the end of the year, the current flat-rate water billing will be replaced by a rate schedule based on usage, as measured by the water meters that will be installed this year in all properties served by municipal utilities.

At a special meeting held on January 21, the Council introduced an ordinance establishing an office of Borough Administrator. The Administrator would serve as chief administrative officer, overseeing the operation of the departments and agencies of the municipal government on behalf of the Mayor and Council. The person whom the Council is seeking to hire as Administrator is Harold Klein, a Monroe resident who retired after a career as administrator in other New Jersey municipalities. Also at that meeting, the Council accepted the resignation of Abe Schlinski as Public Works Superintendent and other related titles and appointed former Councilman George Vasseur as part-time Water-Sewer Operator, as a snow-plow driver and as part-time "Public Works Artisan." ■

## PLANNING BOARD NEWS

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apparent that a 150-ft. height would be necessary and that the benefits from the facility would outweigh any negative consequences.

Board members in attendance unanimously approved the variance and site plan. They conditioned Board approval on the installation of brown vinyl slats in the chain link fence. The approval also required submission of an additional proposed site plan whenever a carrier seeks another equipment cabinet. In addition, no lighting may be installed without further Board approval.

At its reorganization meeting on January 14, the Board unanimously continued Mr. Seligman as Chairman for another year. It elected Ms. Rothfuss as Vice Chairwoman and Ann Kassahun as Secretary. Newly elected Councilwoman Battel will switch from a public member of the Board to the Council representative position, replacing Councilman Neil Marko. Mayor Michael Hamilton appointed Jessica Hecht to serve the two years remaining in Ms. Battel's term. He continued Michael Ticktin for another year as the municipal employee member to the Board and David Ticktin as the public member who is also on the School Board. Michele Donato will continue to be Board Attorney, and Mr. Thomas will again serve as Planning Consultant.

The Board will continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month, but it changed the starting time for the meetings from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Official notices will appear in the Asbury Park Press and in the Messenger-Press. ■

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S CHAIR

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our water and sewer repair needs. It is important that improvements to our water and sewer systems be thoroughly studied.

- *The Recreation Coalition...* The Council and the School Board established the Roosevelt Community Education and Recreation Coalition through a state start-up grant. This program has provided a wide array of recreation activities in Roosevelt. Events such as the Mad Science program in the school, a museum trip to New York City, and the free Saturday night movies have been well attended by people of all ages. During a recent movie night, we were pleased to notice about 30 younger children watching the movie in the school lobby while ten young adults were playing basketball and talking in the gym.

*Water Meters...*For over a decade Roosevelt has been under a State Department of Environmental Protection mandate to begin the metering of all water use. Over the last year the Council has taken action to meet this State requirement. By the end of 2003 we expect to have meters in place in every house and business in Roosevelt. The fiscal impact on our ratepayers will be minimal.

*Project Revive...*The Council re-instituted the First Aid Squad Auxiliary. Its primary goal is to attract new members to the First Aid Squad. The Auxiliary has been renamed Project Revive. Health care professionals may be interested in knowing that rather than having to take the full 4-month training required for EMT's, nurses will be able to take a compressed seminar and a qualifying test for certification. It is hoped that this reduction will allow additional skilled medical personnel to join.

Special thanks to those new mem-

bers who have already joined the Squad and to Irene Block, Dolores Chasan, Lois Hunt, Ginny Edwards and all the other members of Project Revive for their efforts.

*Crime Watch...*We have taken steps to safeguard our citizens through the formation of a Community Crime Watch Program. We held a town meeting and met with representatives of the N.J. State Police. We expect to have an active community crime watch program in place this year.

*The Abandoned Gas Station...*Over the last year, we have taken action to clean up and foreclose on the abandoned gas station that has been deteriorating for more than a decade. This property will be in our control within the next few months and we can begin to transform the site into an attractive and productive property. It could become a Roosevelt Arts and Visitor's Center, or a Public Works and Emergency Services Facility. Or it could be sold to recoup the tax revenue lost to the Borough over the years. We are looking forward to embarking upon what is bound to be another exciting project for us to work on together.

*The Redevelopment Project...* Under the leadership of the Planning Board, we have identified properties in need of rehabilitation. We have taken steps to take charge of the abandoned and neglected properties in town. Through the creation of Redevelopment Zones we plan on turning these run-down properties into productive tax ratables.

*The Senior Dinner...*During the holidays I had the pleasure of helping Councilwoman Pat Moser put together a dinner for our seniors. Before long Elly Shapiro, Jeff Hunt, Nancy Hamilton and I were involved in organizing the affair. This was not a government-sponsored event...we just felt like doing it. Pat Moser

cooked up a storm, Andrea Branco and Tony Velasquez (who own restaurants) and Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnuk (our Borough Clerk) prepared Italian and Polish dishes. With everyone's help we transformed the Borough Hall into an elegant dining room with candles on the tables and a terrific buffet that was enjoyed by everyone.

The magic was really in the time when we were all together enjoying each other's company, moments when we danced to recorded big band music, when a wayward dog joined us and when a lost singer looking for directions to Allentown stopped by and sang "Volare" with us. And, the magic of that night was in the regard for each other that is present when we are together no matter what our ages.

I felt the same strong feeling of community during our town-wide 4th of July celebration and other Roosevelt events. We have worked hard to re-establish town-wide events that are a joy to us all.

*In 2001...*we were served the first of several lawsuits against the Planning Board and the Borough related to development. What started with a lawsuit ended with the preservation of the fields near the cemetery as open space through the State Green Acres Program. As a result of the vision and determination of many Roosevelt citizens and the Fund for Roosevelt under the leadership of Rod Tulloss, this land will be enjoyed by future generations. The New Year finds us in the midst of a developer's lawsuit by U.S. Home. We are prepared and determined to fight for our right to secure our own future.

*In 2002...*we accomplished a great many things by working together. We will need the same level of resolve to bring new projects to completion and to face the challenges in the year ahead. ■

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## TWO SQUARE MILES OF STORIES

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He never pulls away until A\_\_\_\_\_ and coffee has settled into a seat saved by one of our group who insolently straddles two seats as the bus fills up. Our stranger does not stand out as he belongs to the 6:45 to 6:55 group. His car is an ordinary late model compact. Generically he falls into the non-talker group. Thus camouflaged, it took us some time to notice his odd behavior.

Slowly it became apparent; no matter when he entered the bus he would peer anxiously at the rear to see if it was occupied. Then he hurried to the very last seat in the bus. This seat, it should be stated, is the seat of last recourse. A straight, narrow bed perched over the engine and transmission; it vibrates, and the slightest bump in the road is transmitted the length of the bus and results in a perpendicular jogging that makes reading impossible. For the weak-stomached nausea is inevitable. Even the seats that are directly over the wheel housings, and because of the hump in the bus floor, are fit only for children or short-legged adults. Even these seats are better for riding than the rear seat. Here our stranger sits. Squarely in the middle, his legs are arranged, one on the narrow dais that serves as the understructure of the seat, the other stretched out into the narrow valley of the aisle. He peers forward, like the aforementioned "Cowards," through the windshield at the approaching roadway. Before we reach our destination in the city, his actions are more peculiar.

As the bus leaves the turnpike, it filters through the complex maze of feeder lanes, route endings, and local roads that lead to Lincoln Tunnel. Invariably the ride becomes slow and spastic. The horde of vehicles jockey forward in jerks each waiting and lurching onto the jammed roadway that leads to the tunnel opening. Slowly we move through the great

intestine that is access to the City. Breaking forth on the New York side our driver reacts, as if goaded unconsciously by our total frustration, with a great burst of speed. Almost as a gay young fighter pilot, he races the engine and tears up the spiral concrete ramp to the upper levels of the building. The bus heels this way and that as the driver, with miraculous dexterity, wheels the vehicle through impossible turns. Threatening walls and abutments flash by the windshield. We miss destruction by fractions of an inch. He stops abruptly behind a line of other behemoths to discharge us onto the platform where we head for descending stairways that lead to the lower levels of street and subway. It is this rush up the ramp that gives a sense of finality and adventure to the daily ride. No one ever sleeps all the way to New York.

Now consider this carefully. Our stranger rises from his seat just as the bus starts its dash up the ramp. With one swaying rush he makes his way to the very front of the bus where he stands clutching the baggage rack for support. He is oblivious to the flying newspapers and other unsecured objects that spill from the rack as the bus lurches upwards. He is always the first one off the bus!!

For some time his behavior went unnoticed. Finally, one of our group commented. A question was raised and went unanswered. If he has to be the first one off the bus, that is easily understood. We usually arrive ten to fifteen minutes late. Perhaps he has a job on the East Side of the City, or even Brooklyn. He might have to get in at 8:30 to 8:45. Then why doesn't he sit in available seats in front of the bus? Unlike A\_\_\_\_\_, he is not a late arriver. Second unanswered question: Why does he make his insane dash when the bus is in flight up the ramp?

It would be a simple matter to rise, walk the length of the bus, and stand up front while the bus was slowly moving through the tunnel. As we discussed this mystery, it became apparent that one of us would have to solve it by questioning the stranger about his odd behavior. Although I am not the best storyteller or joke-maker of our group, I am the least shy. Friday we decided, by consensus, that I would stop this gentleman and ask him for the answers, this coming Monday morning.

I had completely forgotten this matter until this evening. Just as I was about to go to bed, I remembered tomorrow morning's assignment. The mind always works in this manner, which I believe is quite common. Those of us who grew up in the world of unemployment and economic disaster, deep down, are uneasy with the forty-hour week and its two-day respite from work. The five-day week, which is so mundane, still leaves us, by Sunday night, a little uneasy about being away from the job for so long. And if the truth be known, we are eager for the workweek to begin. As I thought of the stranger, I first imagined the method that I would employ in accosting him. I was on the spot. I would be the cynosure of my group. I wanted to do this business well, and gain the plaudits of my friends. I knew that if I failed, that I would have to endure their raillery for some time. Even A\_\_\_\_\_ underwent weeks of humiliation after he failed to strike up a conversation with a pretty stranger who road to the city with us, one morning. So, I discussed with myself alternative approaches.

Since I was among the first on the bus, I would simply stop our stranger on the way to his seat and in a loud voice I would ask him "Why", etc.

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Then I thought: Suppose he brushes by me and ignores my queries. So, then I decided to sit on the back seat with him next to a window. Once under way, I could ask for a match or something and to open a conversation. Still, I remembered his anxious face and I decided that he could rebuff me with silence. It came to me that I would take his seat and he would be forced to acknowledge me. At this point in my thinking, I felt a great unease and the whole problem became silly and irritating to me. I tossed the matter out of my mind, undressed and went to bed.

Stretched out on my bed in the darkness, I closed my eyes. Instantly the stranger's face swam into view. I thought and re-thought the mystery. Perhaps he is mad. A shiver went through me at my ignorant failure to think of this possibility. If he was mad and I sat in his seat, he might suddenly get violent, reach into his pocket and withdraw a large knife and stab me repeatedly in the chest. I sat up in bed, my heart pounding. Unable to sleep, I went down to the kitchen to try to figure out how this dilemma had mushroomed into such proportions from such trivia. After coffee and a large sandwich, a small thought appeared and

grew to revelation. The answer to the mystery was under my nose all the time. In fact, the first unanswered question contains its own answer.

If he is to be the first one off the bus, why does he sit in the rear? Why? He is frightened of an accident. He wants to keep as much bus between himself and the windshield. He is King of the "Cowards." I imagined an accident in which he was traumatized. Perhaps he lost a friend, or a wife or a child. Warm now with the problem's resolution, I felt all the tension drain away from me. I returned to bed. Sleepy, large rhetoric passed through my head. I dialectically discussed the larger aspects of this problem with myself. Are we all mad to ride the bus? Is the Stranger the only sane one amongst us? – reassured statistically of our safe arrival, daily in New York? Slowly, I reviewed the matter as I sank into sleep.

Oh! How the mind plays tricks on one! It must have been seconds after I had assumed the unconscious before I bolted out of bed. If he were King of the "Cowards," why that mad dash up the aisle? Was he really insane? Then all our lives were threatened, daily. Supposing during that wild lurch up the aisle as the bus is flying up the

ramp, this nut is struck by a flying attaché case, he flops over the small railing that separates the driver from the rest of us and he seizes the wheel!!!  
WHAT THEN?

It is now 5:00 a.m. Sleep is a dead issue. I write this hoping to discover a way out. I will take my car to work tomorrow. Perhaps everyone will forget the stranger. No. That won't do. I'll take my car to work all week. Next week when I return, I'll say that I have been sick. Someone else will ask the stranger. No. That's no good. My group never forgets things. What am I going to do? ■

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By Ron Filepp

**Dec. 15, 2002 - Jan. 15, 2003**

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	46.9	37.4	42.2	0.05
16	43.9	29.5	36.7	0.00
17	34.0	22.6	28.3	0.00
18	34.9	14.7	24.8	0.00
19	44.4	23.4	33.9	0.00
20	59.7	38.3	49.0	0.00
21	46.9	31.5	39.2	0.48
22	50.9	29.5	40.2	0.00
23	44.2	31.1	37.7	0.00
24	40.1	30.2	35.2	0.00
25	43.0	32.5	37.8	0.26
26	36.5	30.2	33.4	1.15
27	38.5	28.9	33.7	0.00
28	38.3	27.0	32.7	0.00
29	44.2	29.3	36.8	0.00
30	43.5	27.0	35.3	0.00
31	51.8	37.8	44.8	0.10
1	45.1	38.5	41.8	0.08
2	40.5	32.0	36.3	1.58
3	39.6	31.6	35.6	0.40
4	39.4	32.5	36.0	0.45
5	40.5	32.9	36.7	0.00
6	36.9	32.4	34.7	0.26
7	33.3	24.1	28.7	0.15
8	42.8	28.8	35.8	0.10
9	50.9	33.1	42.0	0.00
10	45.9	34.3	40.1	0.00
11	35.1	24.6	29.9	0.00
12	34.9	22.5	28.7	0.00
13	41.0	21.4	31.2	0.00
14	34.0	18.9	26.5	0.00
15	32.7	19.0	25.9	0.00

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and presentation, Carol runs workshops throughout New Jersey on sexual orientation and women's issues. She had also been honored in 2000 with an award from the New Jersey Education Association for her efforts to advance human and civil rights.

**A Trachtenberg Award**

*By Mary Ann K. Rossi*

On December 10, 2002, the first Judith Trachtenberg Award was presented by the Center for Non-Profits at their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in East Brunswick.

The Judith Trachtenberg Award was established by the Center's Board of Trustees to honor her extraordinary and long-term commitment to the community of New Jersey non-profits and the people they serve. Judy was involved with the Center for nearly 16 years. Most recently she was its consulting attorney, who assisted Center for Non-Profits member organizations in numerous areas.

At the December 10<sup>th</sup> conference luncheon, with over 300 in attendance, Governor James McGreevey presented the award to Melville D. Miller of Legal Services of NJ in Edison for dedicating his career to fighting poverty and advancing social justice.

Judy Trachtenberg was a passionate activist and beloved member of the Roosevelt community for many years (until her death in July 2001). She had served on the boards of the Fund for Roosevelt, the Roosevelt Arts Project and on the Roosevelt Borough Council. She was also involved in an array of environmental, cultural and historic preservation efforts in town. ■

**FROM THE OFFICE OF CSA,  
DR. DALE WEINBACH**

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and Liberal Arts. By attending Communiversity, students can all get degrees without leaving Monmouth County. For more information, you can go on line at [www.njcommuniversity.org](http://www.njcommuniversity.org) or call 732-280-7090. The Communiversity is the first alliance of its kind in New Jersey and one of only a handful of such alliances nationwide.

The PTA is providing our students with exciting activities to alleviate the winter doldrums. On January 10 they presented schoolhouse Hooky. Four different interactive activities were presented to engage the students in fun. These were karate, dance movement, mural painting and an IMAX type movie on Mr. Everest. Later in the month, the Shoestring Players visited our school to engage the students in theater and drama activities. Thank you PTA. The PTA carnival is scheduled for March 1. Save the date! ■





# Good Soup!



There's nothing more comforting on a cold winter day than a bowl of hot soup. I love soup anytime, even in the hot weather. Pennsylvania Dutch Amish soups are my favorites.

### **Creamy Tomato Soup**

4 T. margarine  
4 T. flour  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt  
4 C. milk  
1 pt. tomato juice

Melt margarine. Stir in flour and salt. Add milk. Cook and stir until thickened. Slowly stir in tomato juice that has been heated in separate pan. Yield 6-8 servings.

### **Hearty Hamburger Soup**

2 T. butter	$\frac{1}{2}$ C. diced onion
1 C. diced potatoes	$\frac{1}{2}$ C. diced celery
1 lb. hamburger	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper	1 tsp. season salt
1 C. diced carrots	4 C. milk
2 C. tomato juice	$\frac{1}{4}$ C. flour

Melt butter. Brown meat and onion in butter. Stir in remaining ingredients, except flour and milk. Cook until vegetables are tender. Add flour to milk until smooth, then stir into vegetable mixture. Stir until thickened. Very good served over rice!

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# ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT

## 2002-2003 SEASON

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**Saturday, February 8, 2003**

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

### **ALAN MALLACH, PIANO RECITAL**

Immigrants, Native & Exiles: The Music of Vienna - A recital with commentary, including music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Korngold, Krenek and Godowsky.



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**Saturday, March 8, 2003**

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

### **POETRY READING**

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



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**Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, 2003**

8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall

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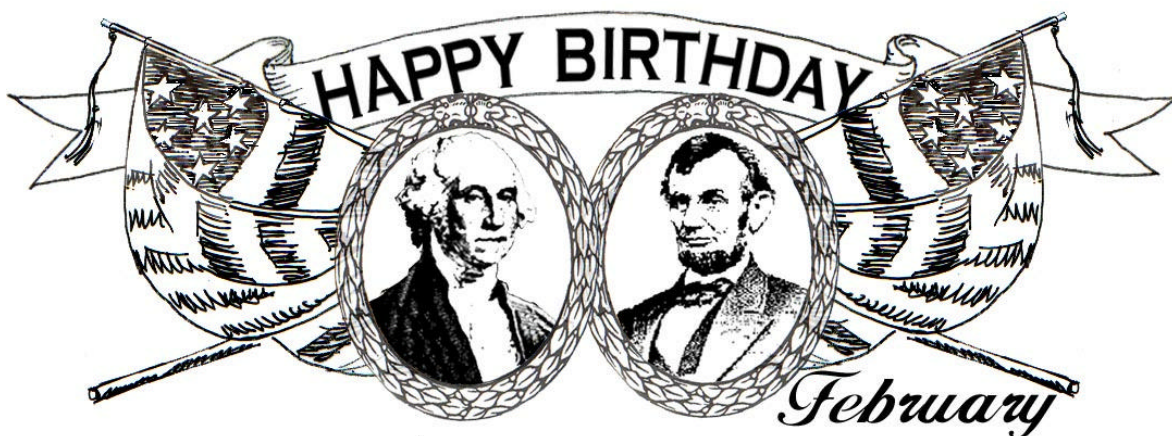
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<b>3</b>	Mon.	8:00 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
<b>4</b>	Tues.		R.P.S. Early Dismissal - Professional Development
		12:30 p.m.	Blood Pressure check, Borough Hall
		1:00 p.m.	Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall President Gerry Millar, 609-448-0351
<b>8</b>	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	RAP Program, Alan Mallach's Piano Recital, Borough Hall, Robin Gould, 409-448-4616
<b>10</b>	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
		7:30 p.m.	P.T.A. Meeting, R.P.S., President Larisa Bondy, 609-443-7430
<b>11</b>	Tues.		R.P.S. Early Dismissal – Parent Conferences
		7:30 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Ralph Seligman, 609-448-2340
<b>12</b>	Wed.		<b>♻️ RECYCLE</b> R.P.S. Early Dismissal – Parent Conferences
<b>13</b>	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, R.P.S., President Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440
<b>14</b>	Fri.		Valentine's Day Pizza Day – R.P.S.
<b>17</b>	Mon.		Presidents' Day: R.P.S. Closed, Post Office Closed

<b>18</b>	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Neil Marko, 609-443-6818
<b>20</b>	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Synagogue Board Meeting, Neil Marko, 609-448-6818
		8 p.m.	Environmental Commission Meeting, Borough Hall, Chairman Kirk Rothfuss, 609-448-3713
<b>24</b>	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Council Committee Meetings, Borough Hall, Neil Marko, 609-443-6818
<b>26</b>	Wed.		<b>♻️ RECYCLE</b>
<b>27</b>	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting, R.P.S., President Sharlene Ellentuck, 609-448-4440
<b>28</b>	Fri.		Pizza – R.P.S.

## March Preview

<b>1</b>	Sat.		P.T.A Winter Carnival & Chinese Auction, R.P.S., President Larisa Bondy, 609-443-7430
<b>3</b>	Mon.	8:00 p.m.	Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall, Mayor Michael Hamilton, 609-443-5227
<b>7</b>	Fri.		R.P.S. Closed – Professional Development
<b>8</b>	Sat.	8:00 p.m.	RAP Program, Poetry Reading, Borough Hall, Robin Gould, 609-448-4616

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