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Voters Turn Out for Primary

by Herb Johnson

In the June 6 Primary Elections, 308 Democrats and 45 Republicans voted in the Roosevelt Borough Hall. The Monmouth County Board of Elections also received 7 Democratic absentee ballots.

Voters were asked to choose candidates for Governor, for regional offices, and for Borough Council and party committees.

In the hotly contested local Democratic primary, Kirk Rothfuss and Maureen Parrott defeated Howard Prezant and Lee Allen for nominations for Borough Council. Ann Baker and Josef Solomon won County Committee positions over Mary Alfare and Terrell Spence [see results at right, Ed.].

Shirley Eichler, the only local Republican on the ballot, won re-election as County Committeewoman. Twenty Republicans gave write-in votes to four Democrats in an effort to get them on the ballot in November as Republican candidates for Borough council. The winners were Howard Prezant (16) and Lee Allen (13), who lost in the Democratic primary. Parrott and Rothfuss each got 4 votes. Both Prezant and Allen indicated they would accept the Republican nomination.

For the post of Republican Committeeman, all the votes cast were write-ins. Terrell Spence, who was on the ballot running for Democratic County Committeeman, was elected as Republican Committeeman, but declined the position. Dennis Con-

naughton, who ran second, was appointed Republican Committeeman by Shirley Eichler.

Candidates for local positions were asked for a brief comment. Kirk Rothfuss replied, "Everyone was a good candidate. I'm happy so many people came out to vote." Ann Baker stated, "I think the Democrats united behind the candidates who represent the best interests for the future of Roosevelt." Maureen Parrott offered thanks "to everyone who helped with our campaign, and all those who voted for us."

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How They Ran winners are in boldface

Democrats

Governor

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Florio | 114 |
| Sigmund | 101 |
| Karcher | 62 |

Borough Council

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Rothfuss | 174 |
| Parrott | 169 |
| Prezant | 150 |
| Allen | 111 |

County Committeewoman

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Baker | 164 |
| Alfare | 117 |

County Committeeman

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Solomon | 174 |
| Spence | 102 |

Republicans

Governor

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Edwards | 19 |
| Courter | 9 |
| Hardwick | 5 |
| Gormley | 5 |
| Others | 6 |

Borough Council

(write-in)

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Howard Prezant | 16 |
| Lee Allen | 13 |
| Maureen Parrott | 4 |
| Kirk Rothfuss | 4 |

County Committeewoman

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Eichler | 28 |
| Others | 2 |

County Committeeman

(write-in)

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Terrell Spence* | 11 |
| Dennis Connaughton | 5 |
| Others | 2 |

*declined position

Get Set for July Fourth

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Letter from the Editor A Good Year

This is the last issue of the *Bulletin* in this volume. Our next number is scheduled to appear at the end of September.

This volume saw the publication of eleven issues: a special summer issue and an arts supplement (in cooperation with the Roosevelt Arts Project) were added to our normal run of nine numbers.

We also attracted national attention: a story about the *Borough Bulletin* appeared in the *Home News*, and an article by the Associated Press was picked up by papers all across the country. Readers of these stories have written us to say how extraordinary it is for a community of our size to have a newspaper of this quality.

The quality of our community newspaper depends on the work and dedication of the people listed on the masthead to the right, and by others who send us work to print. During this volume, we published on almost 250 pages the work of 107 different authors:

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The Envelope, Please

Next year, we start fresh. We hope that the *Bulletin*, with your continued support, will continue to grow and improve.

In the centerfold of this issue is an envelope containing our annual readers' survey. Please take the time to tell us what you think, and to send us a donation so that we may continue to publish. Our survival depends entirely on your donations and subscriptions.

Consider also joining the paper. We need writers, reporters, and typists. The work is fun, and your time will be well-spent. Let us know on your survey.

Have a good summer.

—Mark Zuckerman

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Council Approves NJ Bell Plan

by Bob Clark

The Borough Council, with three members and Mayor Leon Barth present, handled a wide range of business at its June 14 regular monthly meeting. Council members Carol Watchler, Ed Moser and Bill Counterman unanimously introduced Ordinance 133 which would grant New Jersey Bell the right to use about 600 sq. ft. of property near the municipal building for a telephone service cabinet in return for a payment of \$3,000 to the Borough. A public hearing will be held on the ordinance at the Council's July meeting. Anticipating the passage of the ordinance, those present appointed the Board of Park Commissioners, specifically Ann Goldman, to oversee landscaping around the service cabinet.

Road Repairs Scheduled

Counterman reported that some road repair work would be done with the first dry weather. He added that sink holes have been forming at the western end of Pine Drive near joints in the storm drainage system. Borough Engineer Kevin Toolan will give a cost estimate for locating the problem joints and caulking them. Toolan wrote a letter to the Council in which he recommended pavement overlay instead of treatment with oil and stone for several roads in need of repairs. He also suggested that Roosevelt apply for a grant from the NJDOT Local Aid Program to conduct surface repairs on Nurko Road and control erosion along its banks.

Community Cooperation Sought

As Administrative Committee Chair, Watchler related that the Committee was against giving \$2,000 to Millstone Township to assist in defeating siting of a toxic incinerator there. She contended that Roosevelt's contribution would be "miniscule" in comparison with the \$50,000 that Millstone will receive from the State to conduct studies of the proposal, and the Borough could use the money elsewhere. Michael Ticktin suggested that the Council sponsor a community fund raising effort in order to encourage good relations with our neighbors in

Millstone, and this idea was well-received by the Council.

Watchler said that the Council is investigating the bulk purchase of Damminix in order to give a discounted price to residents interested in treating their property to control the tick population and the incidence of Lyme disease. She indicated that if at least 100 households participate, the price could be reduced from approximately \$100 per treatment to about \$65. Watchler added that Sue

Schwartz has offered to establish a sign up procedure for the community.

Water/Sewer Improvements Discussed

On behalf of Public Utilities Committee Chair Marilyn Magnes, Watchler related that the Lake Drive sewage pumping station is now operating well. In addition, a gasoline pump has been purchased in the event of emergencies. The Council is seeking

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Two Roosevelt Homes Burglarized

by Mary Alfare

The locked front doors of two Lake Drive homes were kicked in during daytime burglaries on June 16 and June 20 in Roosevelt. A VCR, jewelry, and cameras were taken from the first home; nothing was apparently missing from the second. A similar break-in occurred in April on Route 571, just outside of Roosevelt.

A tan pickup truck with a maroon stripe along its length and "Jeep" in large letters on the tailgate was seen in front of the site of each incident. Witnesses indicate that one of the suspects is a white male, in his early twenties, 5'5" to 5'8" tall, of average build, with wavy, light brown hair.

According to Detective Donovan of the State Police in Hightstown, both break-ins are under investigation and may prove to be part of a series of incidents in the Roosevelt-Millstone area. Police speculate that one of the perpetrators knocks on a door. If someone answers, he pretends to ask for directions; if there is no answer, he kicks in the door.

Detective Donovan indicated several ways in which residents can help:

- Lock your doors, even when you're in your yard or leave the house for a short time.
- Report to the State Police, as soon as possible, any strangers who come to your door to ask for

directions or other information. Report date, time, a description of the person and vehicle, including license plate number when possible.

- Report any unusual vehicles parked or making repeated passes on your street. Include as much information as you can.
- If you return home and find any irregularity—a broken door, a house pet running loose, or other suspicious circumstances—do not enter your house. Call the State Police from a neighbor's and wait for the police to check your home before you enter.

Detective Donovan emphasized that the police would rather investigate suspicions than have residents risk their safety or property. Although there have been no incidents of personal violence connected with the break-ins, the response of a burglar, accidentally cornered by a person returning home, is unpredictable and could result in injury, according to Donovan.

Residents can help in the current investigation by phoning in any sightings of the tan Jeep pickup in the Roosevelt area to the State Police at 448-0073. Include date, time, any information on passengers, license plate number when possible, and the place of the sighting.

PTA News

by Robin Carroll

Well, the school year has finally come to an end. We wish the graduating class the best of luck. We hope they find a good spot for "Puff."

The elections for new officers was held on June 5. We want to congratulate the newly elected officers for the 1989-1990 school year. They are: Adeenah Yeger, President; Dahni Barkley, Vice President; Liz Possiel, Treasurer; Shelley Hatzfeld, Secretary. May the coming year be a productive one for the PTA!

It's time to remind everyone to keep saving their Campbell labels and Scott apples for our ongoing collection. We will be receiving more free equipment for our school again next year with your continued support. Also, we would like to remind you that you will be able to renew your magazine subscriptions in September during our annual magazine sale. We appreciate the support that we receive during this sale.

With the end of the 1989 school year, we want to thank all the people who helped us, especially Terry Lepore and Carol Miller. We could not have accomplished so many things without your efforts. We all worked very hard this year to provide our students with a variety of special events, including 5 after school Disney movies, assemblies throughout the year, the Winter Carnival, the Holiday Shop, a Halloween Party, our Name the Dragon Contest plus the little gifts distributed at special times during the year. Everyone who helped us deserves a pat on the back and we thank you, especially the parents who helped out at the school during all the special events.

The PTA is also proud of the gifts we were able to purchase for the school which included new audio visual equipment and the pictures we paid to have printed from Mr. Axelrod's collection. We were also able to donate money to the Roosevelt Community Summer Camp, and we funded the Spring dance. We were even able to help start the School Store for the third and fourth grades. All in all, we accomplished quite a bit, but it would not have been possible without the help and generosity of so many parents, local businesses and townspeople. We thank you again and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Nursery School News

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

The Roosevelt Community Nursery School preschoolers ended their term with a flourish, visiting two farms, hosting a gala celebration for grandparents, and finishing up with a special picnic. The trip to RCNSer Nicole DeVaul's farm featured pony rides, while exotic creatures were the order of the day at Dr. Notterman's "llama farm." Our thanks to Cathy DeVaul and the Nottermans—the kids loved those outings!

June 6 was Grandparents' Day/Graduation. A horde of grandmas and grandpas first helped the youngsters decorate some pretty fancy home-made hats, then enjoyed a presentation of the children's favorite class songs. Head Teacher Linda Liotta next handed out "awards" to the younger children for their achievements in arts and crafts, "waterplay," etc., then the six oldest children received their mortarboards and diplomas. Our congratulations to this year's graduates: Shaun Conover, Michele Liotta, Alicia Moore, Molly Petrilla, Christine Rocchia, and Daniel Toto. We wish all of you the best of luck in kindergarten!

The final event of the year was a farewell picnic in Etra Park, then RCNS closed its doors on June 23 until our September reopening.

Cook Sought

While the teaching staff is already in place for fall, we are currently searching for someone to prepare lunches for the children attending the After-

noon Enrichment Program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The job entails making simple, nutritious lunches at the school and takes about 10 hours/week or less, including shopping time. Pay is \$5.00 an hour. Interested? Call Dianna Moore at 448-7742.

In the meantime, we would like to offer our sincerest thanks to Jan Plumb, who stepped into the breach and performed the cooking chores from March through June. We love you, Jan!

Kindergartners, Too

At this writing, enrollment for the morning nursery school program is full for September, but we do maintain a waiting list. There are still a few spots left in our thrice weekly Afternoon Enrichment Program, and remember, parents: kindergartners are welcome to attend, too!

Mommy and Me Program to Debut in Fall

Watch for our announcements about the new "Mommy and Me" program for children under 2-1/2 and their moms (or other responsible adult). The program begins next fall.

Acknowledgements

RCNS would like to thank all our good neighbors for their support during this past school year. We couldn't have made it without you! Again, our special thanks to the Prezants, MIRA, and Congregation Anshei for their exceptional generosity.

Traffic Safety Alert

by Harry Groveman

I wish to share with you a safety concern that has been brought to my attention. Truck traffic has increased dramatically on Route 571 over the past six months and we can anticipate that this traffic will continue to be heavy due to the construction on the turnpike. Before and after school a crossing guard and the flashing traffic lights slows this traffic and does a good job of controlling the crossing of our youngsters.

With summer approaching and no crossing guard, I am concerned about the potential for a serious accident. In addition to reminding your children

about the need to exercise extreme caution when crossing Route 571, you may wish to write the Borough Council to request they look into ways to reduce this potentially dangerous situation and/or write the following agency to express concern:

Division of Traffic Safety
Hall of Records Annex
P. O. Box 1255
Freehold, NJ 07728-1255
Attention: Richard Sweet

Thanks for your attention.
Harry Groveman is Chief School Administrator at RPS.

Graduation Speech

by Carol Zaleski

Mr. Groveman and School Board members decided to do away with a "bit of tradition" at Roosevelt Graduation by eliminating the speech made by the President of the PTA.

Being a small part of their lives by my involvement with PTA I strongly felt I had to wish them well and say good-bye. The following is what I had prepared to say:

Mr. Groveman, staff, School Board members, friends and graduates, I have some good news and some bad news. The good news first, this is my last year as PTA President. The bad news is, you have to listen to my last presentation. Each of the graduates will receive the traditional RPS Dragon which now has the name "Puff." We ran a Name the Dragon Contest and Puff was the name chosen by the students. The dragons were, of course, made by Ralph Warnick. We hope you find a good place for "Puff" because I'm sure it will bring back memories of your days at RPS.

You know, lately there are a lot of songs about today's children and their future. Well, it's our future, too, and it wouldn't hurt to bank a little interest on them.

The PTA has had various fundraisers, as you well know, so that we were able to provide gifts for the children on the holidays, assemblies, five Disney movies (including refreshments), school pictures, a Halloween Party and the Winter Carnival. We also funded a Spring Dance and a school store. The PTA donated to the school pictures made from Mr. Axelrod's collection, which when the Archive committee is ready, will be put in the Library for all to enjoy.

In addition, the PTA has donated money to the Summer Camp and has purchased audio/visual equipment for the school.

If the PTA gave the children some fond memories, just by having fun or by learning things by what PTA has provided, or if they learned by watching what a small group of people working together for the future of our Community can accomplish, then the PTA has had a successful year. The PTA has tried to keep the bridge strong for the children to cross over into their future.

The PTA wishes each of you the best as you enter the Rogers School and may you persevere in your pursuit for a bright and happy future. I would like to share with you a poem written by Jason Lehman, a 14 year old:

Present Tense

*It was spring,
but it was summer I wanted,
The warm days,
and the great outdoors.
It was summer,
but it was fall I wanted,
the colorful leaves,
and the cool dry air.
It was fall,
but it was winter I wanted,
the beautiful snow,
and the joy of the holiday season.
It was winter,
but it was spring I wanted,
the warmth,
and the blossoming of nature.
I was a child,
but it was adulthood I wanted,
the freedom
and the respect.
I was 20,
but it was 30 I wanted,
to be mature,
and sophisticated.
I was middleaged,
but it was 20 I wanted,
the youth,
and the free spirit.
I was retired,
but it was middle age I wanted,
the presence of mind,
without limitations.
My life was over,
but I never got what I wanted.*

I would like to thank Robin Carroll, Adeenah Yeger, Shelley Hatzfeld, Terry Lepore, Carol Miller and last but not least Fillipa Unger. It was Fillipa who helped me to learn patience, perseverance, organization and many other things—including keeping my sanity. I couldn't have done it without her.

I wish the best to next year's officers and I leave you with the words of Woodrow Wilson: "There must be not a balance of power, but a community of power; not organized rivalries but an organized common place."

New PTA Officers Invite Participation

We, the new officers of the Roosevelt PTA are looking forward to the upcoming 1989-1990 school year. We would greatly appreciate any input or ideas that you might have for activities and fun events for next year.

We will also need volunteers to organize and help with committees for these events.

Have a great summer—but keep us in mind! Please feel free to call us with any ideas or helpful information you may have. Thank you!

- President:
Adeenah Yeger (443-5848)
- Vice President:
Dahni Barkley (448-4475)
- Treasurer:
Liz Possiel (448-1485)
- Secretary:
Shelley Hatzfeld (443-1841)

Or send your ideas to: Roosevelt PTA, c/o Roosevelt Public School.

A Job Well Done!

by Anne DeCocco

A big thank-you goes to Debbie and Lee Allen for giving up most of their weekend to prune, cut and trim overgrowth of the bushes and trees close to the school building. This work was needed in order to get ready for the painting that will begin soon. Also helping with Debbie and Lee were Lynn and Ken Symons, Ron Moore, Kirk Rothfuss, Ed Goetzman and Brad Garton. This was during the most beautiful weekend of the year, and some of these volunteers worked for five or six hours!

There's still a lot more "yard work" that needs to be done on the property, but these terrific volunteers were a big help. Thanks again!

Anne DeCocco is a member of the Roosevelt Board of Education.

RPS Holds African Focus Day

by Mary Alfare

RPS students, their families and friends were treated to a special performance by three members of the Charles Moore Dance Theatre at the African Focus Day Assembly on June 16 in the school gym.

Moon Dance, a playful and energetic children dance from Ghana, was performed by Carol Lonnie. Jerbean Gilkes executed the Batu, a warrior dance, with strength and grace. Both joined in performance of the Takai, a traditional dance of tribal royalty. Students jammed the stage, at the invitation of the dancers, for an impromptu lesson in African dance.

In addition to providing background music for the dancers, James Cherry demonstrated the range and versatility of the conga drum. Students paid close attention; their bodies responded to the rhythm. All three troupe members joined with the children in chanting and singing the traditional African songs.

Pam Mitchell, a local resident and Administrative Director of Charles Moore Dance Theatre, is responsible for bringing this dynamic performance to RPS.

Also featured in the program were solos of African music by Crystal Di Giorgio and Zoe Czyzewski on the electric keyboard, and Shoshana Grunwald on the violin.

Wearing the African Batiks they'd made, first and second graders recounted an African folk tale and performed a traditional weaving dance.

Ruth Emmans Receives Awards

by David Brahinsky

Ruth Ann Emmans, daughter of Paul and Shirley Eichler, is the recipient of the 1989 Commissioner's Distinguished Teacher Candidate Award presented by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

Also, at the annual Medallion and Scholarship Awards Banquet held on April 28, 1989 at Glassboro State College, she was presented a medallion for the Cecil F. Miller Special Education Award. Attending the event were her parents and her husband, Scott.

The beat of their home made conga drums accompanied their singing.

Guest speaker Peter Warren drew on his many African experiences to explain some of the similarities and differences between the two cultures, and environmental concerns in the rain forests.

Following the program, 26 young Africans-for-a-day returned to their first and second grade rain forests with their visitors. They sampled authentic foods from Ghana, prepared by School Nurse, Ruth Howard. The assortment of soups and vegetables got mixed reviews from some of the students. Dessert, which featured some of the products of Ghana—fruit, peanuts, chocolate, corn, and coconut—was more to their liking. The rest of the morning the students worked with their friends and families creating a variety of African games and crafts.

African Focus Day is the culmination of a two month study unit which incorporates geography, map and globe skills, African culture, geography, literature and folklore, art, music, dance, environmental issues, problem-solving, and math skills. Second grade teacher Elizabeth Gagliardi and Lila Mayberg, first grade, expressed pleasure at their students' performance, and expressed thanks to all who had helped make the day so successful.

Learning is definitely more fun than when I went to school.

Shabbat Gathering Set

by Joan Grossman

The Alef-Bet Families will sponsor a Shabbat Gathering on Friday evening, July 14 at 6:30 PM. The program will feature *zemirot* (songs), candle lighting and a light Sabbath dinner. All are invited. Please R.S.V.P. to Karyn at 426-9064 or Joan at 448-9385.

Alef-Bet Families is an informal Jewish organization whose activities are geared to families with young children. For more information call the numbers above.

Girl Scout Troop Needs Leaders

by Carol Miller

Do you like children? Do you have 1-2 hours a week to donate to our troop of three years? Then this is the opportunity you've been waiting for.

Brownie troop 327, for grades 1-3, and Junior Cadette troop 904, for grades 4-6, have openings for co-leaders. There is plenty of room for advancement. We are an equal opportunity volunteer organization and fathers are welcomed.

Also, would someone like to start a Daisy troop for kindergarten girls? There is a scouting program for this age group too. Use your own imagination or use the pre-set format designed for you.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for our troops, or you would like more information, please call Carol Miller at 426-0057.

I would like to take this time to thank all of you who helped with this year's scouting events. Without your assistance we would not have been able to complete so many activities. I'd especially like to thank all the parents and scouts for my terrific surprise at our last meeting. I am very appreciative.

Matthew Hazell Wins Awards

Matthew Hazell, son of Gloria and Andy Hazell, won two awards at the Mercer County Vocational Technical School (Assunpink Center) Certification and Awards Ceremony which took place on June 12.

The first award was the "Assunpink Center Parents Association Award," which is presented to one senior in each occupational area who demonstrates the most overall improvement. The second was the "Bank of Mid-Jersey Scholarship," presented to one student each year for demonstrating the greatest overall improvement during High school years.

Matthew will be using the scholarship when he attends Mercer County College in the fall.

All Welcome at Old Fashioned Fourth of July

by Bill Counterman

Come one, come all—to this lively, patriotic, traditional Roosevelt event. It will be held this year on Tuesday, July 4, with a rain date of Sunday, July 9. It will give new residents and visitors an opportunity to get to know Roosevelt and the old timers a chance to reminisce and share Roosevelt fellowship.

The events of the day begin with a run-a-thon that starts at 8 AM from the corner of Rochdale Avenue and Tamara Drive. There will be a 1 mile course for those under 12 years of age and a 4.4 mile course for those over 12. All participants will receive a certificate.

A parade will start from the same corner at 2 PM. Marching groups, organizations, decorated bicycles—everyone is invited to join the parade. The parade route will be around Tamara Drive to Pine Drive to Rochdale Avenue, then down Rochdale Avenue to the War Memorial Rock.

After a brief ceremony, a free picnic will begin. Hot dogs, birch beer, iced tea, iced water, etc. will be in generous supply and free to all. The decorated bicycles will be judged with prizes for the winners and recognition for all.

There will be various games available with supervised games for the children. Music prepared especially for this event will be presented by several musical groups in the Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheater.

Art raffle and 50/50 tickets will be sold to help defray the cost. Everyone is asked to refrain from bringing fireworks as it is dangerous and illegal and will be prosecuted accordingly.

Please bring your own chair.

If you wish to help with this event or have any questions, please contact June or Bill Counterman at 448-3182.

Fire Fighters Needed

by Nancy Warnick

A reminder: volunteer fire fighters are needed in the Borough. For information, contact Kim Dexheimer (Fire Chief), or call the Borough Clerk's office (448-0539).

Nancy Warnick is Deputy Borough Clerk.

Community Picnic to Feature Dunking Booth

by Ellen Francis

Com out on July Fourth and have fun dunking your neighbors, elected officials, and hopefuls. Some of those who have already agreed to sit in the dunking booth are: Lee Allen, Bill Counterman, Jill Lipoti, Howard Prezant, Kirk Rothfuss, and Mark Zuckerman.

If you would like to volunteer, come over to the dunking booth between 3 and 6 PM.

It will cost 25 cents to throw three balls. Proceeds from the dunking booth will help defray the cost of the picnic.

Fifty-Fifth Reunion Planned

by Dolores Chasan

The committee that initiated the Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion of the founding of Roosevelt has met again recently to discuss a fifty-fifth year celebration.

The 1991 Memorial Day weekend was chosen for the event. Watch the *Bulletin* for notices of more definite plans as they develop.

A strong desire was expressed at this meeting to keep a permanent display of memorabilia in Roosevelt. A "Roosevelt Historical Society" type of organization emerged as a means of accomplishing this goal. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Helen Barth at 448-1870.

Johnsons Win Racing Medals

Herb and Florie Johnson attended the New York State Senior Games in Cortland, New York on June 10 and 11. Herb won "silver" medals for second place in the 10 K and the 5 K bicycle races, in the 60-64 age category. His brother Martin took first place in the 10 K bike race for 55-59 year old men.

Herb also won second place in a Monmouth County Sprint Triathlon last September.

Bryan Counterman Weds

by Mark Zuckerman



Mrs. Bryan Arthur Counterman

Bryan Arthur Counterman, son of William and June Counterman, was married June 3 to Alicia Michele Broeg of Pensacola, Florida.

The bride, a graduate of Pensacola Christian High School and currently a student at Asbury College in Kentucky, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Pemberton of Pensacola.

After a honeymoon in St. George's Island, Florida, the couple plans to reside in Gulfport, Mississippi, where the groom is stationed with the Navy.

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volunteers to assist the annual fire hydrant flushing. The public will be notified when the flushing occurs.

Borough Engineer Toolan forwarded to the Council minutes of a meeting with the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) concerning compliance with the consent order governing the town's sewerage system. The Borough is attempting to meet deadlines for stage approvals or to obtain DEP approval to alter the deadlines in order to avoid penalties. Toolan also reported that replacement of sewer mains to cut down on infiltration and inflow (I & I) is estimated to cost approximately \$2 million. Barth noted that about \$800,000 is already committed for some of this work. Council members said the work could be done in stages, checking the effect of each on the I & I before proceeding to the next stage. Also, water conservation efforts by the public could reduce the need for sewer main replacement to meet DEP requirements.

Public Property and Recycling Reviewed

On behalf of Public Property and Cemetery Committee Chair Jim Alt, Moser reported that Monmouth County had treated the Borough's stream corridors for mosquitoes. Three windows have been repaired in the rear of the municipal building, and roof repairs will begin soon. The Committee is investigating the provision of insurance for those providing volunteer services in town. It is working on a new cemetery ordinance for introduction in the Fall. It is also looking into the placement of flags on veterans' graves in the cemetery at appropriate times.

On behalf of Recycling Coordinator Kirk Rothfuss, Watchler noted that the Borough has received proposals for curbside pick-up (\$525 for twice per month, plus \$4,000 initial outlay for containers) and expanded drop-off site coverage (\$270 per month, including car batteries) to meet the town's obligation to recycle bi-metal cans. She added that the Monmouth County Inspector had commented that Roosevelt's drop-off site at the municipal building was one of the cleanest in the County. Watchler men-

tioned that Rothfuss wanted to thank residents and the Borough employees for gaining the town such recognition.

Watchler thanked the residents who have planted flowers, etc around town. Counterman asked for volunteers to assist in preparations for the Fourth of July celebration.

Moser announced that residents should no longer place their recycled newspapers in bags. He said that newspapers should be tied with string; otherwise, under new guidelines, they might be rejected for recycling.

Watchler announced that the Borough is still trying to convince the County to set up a stray animal control system at reasonable cost. She also noted, on behalf of Public Safety Committee Chair Jill Lipoti, that black bear sightings may be reported to state game wardens at (609) 292-7172. It is illegal to shoot black bears in New Jersey. Watchler also reported that radon tests at the municipal building indicated safe levels. She added that there would be a public meeting in Freehold in July to discuss asbestos detection and abatement.

Signs Rejected

The Council received a letter from Debra Allen, President of the Board of Education, indicating that the Board had voted to request the Council to purchase and install Drug-Free School Zone signs near the School. The Council rejected a motion to purchase two signs at a cost not to exceed \$35 each. Watchler and Moser voted against the motion, and Counterman voted for it. Moser said that such signs have "about as much effect as burning incense and mumbling incantations." He noted that strict laws against drug dealing within 1,000 yards of a school could be enforced without the signs and added that such signs would likely become targets of vandals. Moser stated that he would not vote against installation of the signs if the School Board agreed to pay for them.

Other Business

The Council also unanimously decided to:

- Authorize the Borough Engineer to oversee construction of a

driveway extending from School Lane to a house being constructed in nearby woods in order to ensure that it meets Planning Board approval conditions;

- Begin the process to accept by ordinance title to the portion of Eleanor Lane presently owned by Pine Valley Swim Club;
- Approve for another year the retail liquor license for R. R. & F., Inc. at no increase in fee. At present, the license fee for a year is \$330. This could, by law, have been increased by 20%; however, the Council was recently advised that this could only be done by ordinance, and there was not time to follow the ordinance procedure this year;
- Authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,000 to revise and update the tax map in order for Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin to proceed with a revaluation of the Borough;
- Authorize applying to the State for recycling tonnage grants;
- Pay up to \$500 to Carmen J. Alessi to install a new gas hot water heater in the municipal building;
- Pay up to \$500 to Advance Electric to repair electrical apparatus at the Roosevelt Memorial;
- Appoint Margaret Schlinski to serve as Dog Census Taker for 1989 at a salary of \$300;
- Pay the Recycling Coordinator, Kirk Rothfuss, an annual salary of \$100;
- Extend the cleaning services contract with Ralph Warnick for two cleanings per month of municipal building, first aid and fire facilities at a rate of \$20 per month;
- Approve Barth's appointment of Gayle Donnelly and Michele Hillis-Guye to the Board of Park Commissioners; and
- Increase the number of hours of work for Water/Sewer Trainee Ed Davis to 35 hours per week.

Please: Watch What Goes in the Trash

by Kirk Rothfuss

Mayor Barth proclaimed October 24, 1989, as United Nations Day and appointed Bernarda Shahn to serve as Roosevelt's United Nations Day representative.

Warren Letter Read

In a letter to the Mayor and Council, resident Peter Warren requested a copy of minutes of a Council meeting, which he said was held on November 25, 1985, and which he claimed to have been unable to find in the Borough records. Warren cited other minutes referring to the meeting to be held with recently elected members of the Council on the recommendation of the Democratic Committee.

Opposition to Senate Bill Tabled

The Council tabled a resolution opposing Senate Bill 2963, which would establish a special board to create a uniform system of site improvement standards to guide builders on drainage, traffic control, woodland protection and water, sewer and lighting systems. Michael Ticktin, who helped to draft the bill for the Department of Community Affairs, urged the Council to consider the merits of the bill before automatically joining the League of Municipalities in opposing it. The Council agreed to have a committee meet with Ticktin before reintroducing the resolution. The standards are intended to be solely technical in nature and would not impair a municipality's control over zoning and project design.

I am writing this piece for the *Bulletin* as Roosevelt's Recycling Coordinator, but also as a resident concerned with a recent event that occurred on Tamara Drive

A container of petroleum-based liquid—paint thinner, perhaps—was put into the trash by one of our neighbors. After our trash collectors ran the garbage truck compactor, the material ran all over the street, leaving a long permanent stain on the pavement. Not only did this resident's action result in an eyesore that our neighborhood must look at for a long time, it could have resulted in the trash hauler inhaling the vapors and landing in the hospital (or worse). Such an accident recently occurred in another Monmouth County Municipality, and the homeowner responsible is currently in real hot water for illegally disposing hazardous waste in the municipal garbage.

I'm sure this incident on Tamara occurred because our neighbor didn't know how to deal with this material, so I want to explain a little about what we should do with household hazardous wastes.

First, *no liquid hazardous wastes can be put in the trash*. They must be brought to one of the periodic County-sponsored hazardous waste collection days, one of which is scheduled in Allentown later this year. You can put *empty* hazardous waste containers (e.g., oil paint, paint thinner or pesticide containers) in the garbage. But only when empty! You should not put

empty hazardous waste containers in our recycling center drums, however.

Second, when it comes to paint, only oil based paint is currently considered hazardous. Latex paint is not. The way to dispose of partly full latex paint cans is to leave the lid off until the paint is dried into a solid. Then, and only then, can you put it in the garbage.

Third, avoid this disposal problem all together when possible by buying only what you need.

And last of all, call me when you have a question on recycling or toxic disposal. I don't have all the answers, but I'll do my best to get an answer for you from our town, county or state officials.

Recycling Site Praised

I was contacted by an Inspector from the Monmouth County Health Department who recently inspected our Recycling Center at the Borough Hall.

I am pleased to report that the County found our facility to be "one of the cleanest and most orderly recycling sites in the county."

I want to thank all our Borough employees for their work in making our drop site a success, and also thank the many Roosevelt residents who I know help our program by not only recycling, but by cleaning up and organizing our site when they come to bring their materials.

Kirk Rothfuss is Roosevelt's Recycling Coordinator.

Bulletin Elects Connaughton as Trustee

by Mark Zuckerman

At its Annual Meeting on June 28, the Board of Trustees of Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, Inc., publisher of the *Borough Bulletin*, elected a new Board to serve during the next volume.

Re-elected to one-year terms were David Brahinsky, Lillian Warren, Adeline Weiner, and Mark Zuckerman. Dennis Connaughton was elected to the fifth position on the Board, replacing Gloria Hazell, whose personal

commitments caused her not to seek another term. Hazell, who has served with the *Bulletin* for many years, will continue on the Contributing Writers Committee. Connaughton will serve as Managing Editor.

The other officers—Mark Zuckerman (Editor) and Lillian Warren (Treasurer)—were re-elected for the coming year.

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Planning Board Gets New Member

by Bob Clark

At its June 7 regular meeting the Planning Board received a new member and continued the relatively light agenda which has characterized its meetings over the last few months. Mayor Leon Barth, a Planning Board member, announced his appointment of Borough Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin to be the Class II, Borough official, member of the Board. Ticktin will serve the rest of the term of Housing Inspector William Lentz, who resigned from the Board.

With one dissenting vote—Gail Hunton—and one member absent—Planning Board Chair Alan Mallach—the Board gave concept approval to Debra Fischer to construct a second story balcony on the front of her house on Farm Lane. In an unusual front-rear duplex configuration, the Fischers' house has no backyard, and the attached dwelling has no frontyard. Although no approval besides a building permit was necessary, Zoning Officer Paul Eichler had suggested that the Fischers seek informal approval from the Planning Board. Hunton expressed concern about the aesthetics of wooden decking material against white cinder block walls. She opined that such construction would not be compatible with the historical architectural spirit of Roosevelt's original houses, but she acknowledged

that the town lacks official architectural preservation controls "much to my dismay." Fischer reassured the Board that the decking would be pressure treated, stained and weatherproofed. She added that eventually the house will have wood siding in harmony with the balcony.

Harry Parker presented plans to subdivide his residential lot, which extends from the new house facing Oscar Drive to North Valley Road between the Swiss screw factory and the farm house. The Board held only a limited informal review because Parker had not notified surrounding neighbors that the application would be heard that night. Parker's application would require a variance from lot frontage requirements. Board members expressed concerns about allowing a house to be built where there may be steep and unstable slope conditions and wetlands. They told Parker that such concerns would have to be addressed when, and if, he pursued the application, with an opportunity for interested neighbors to be heard.

The Board unanimously approved a variance allowing the Swiss screw factory to rebuild and enlarge its loading dock. The approval was conditioned on confirmation that surrounding

property owners received notification of the application.

In other business, Ticktin proposed that the Board establish committees to pursue continuing review of the Borough's Master Plan. Hunton lamented the fact that the Farmland Study Committee became dormant after its Chair, Anita Cervantes, was not reappointed by Mayor Barth when her term as an alternate member to the Planning Board expired. Hunton said she would be willing to ask the volunteer consultants who worked with the Committee to make a presentation to the Board concerning future preservation of open space in the northern approaches to the town.

Paul Eichler said the standards for front yard setbacks need to be made consistent, since he has received at least one inquiry from a resident interested in adding a front porch. David Bulkin requested that zoning standards be consolidated so that residents can locate the requirements more easily. Board Vice Chair Mel Friedman noted that Mallach, who has been out of town for a few months, has been gradually drafting revisions and updates of land use ordinances. The Board determined to pursue all of these projects when Mallach returns in July.

Health Watch: Lyme Disease Follow Up

by Mary Alfare

Reporting Cases

As of June 13, only one of the many rumored cases of Lyme Disease had been reported by a resident to the Monmouth County Health Department, according to Michael Meddis. This brings the four year total of cases in Roosevelt to three.

Accurate reporting of cases effects Health Department funding to support education, research, laboratory facilities, and personnel needed to fight Lyme Disease.

Residents are again urged to report all cases of Lyme disease to the Monmouth County Health Department, even if you believe your physician has already done so. Reports are cross-ref-

erenced to prevent duplication. All reports are confidential.

To report, phone: Michael Meddis at (201) 775-4060. Those reporting will be asked for the following information:

- Full name, birth date, age, sex, phone number, and address of person infected
- Date and symptoms when first observed; other relevant circumstances, such as a known tick bite
- Victim's occupation and place of employment or school
- Name, address, and phone number of doctor or hospital involved in diagnosis or treatment

Information Packets Available

Some 250 information packets on Lyme Disease and Deer Ticks, supplied by Mr. Meddis, were distributed, during May, at Rossi's Deli. A notice will be posted on the bulletin board when further packets become available.

Please: Bottle Those Ticks!

Live ticks, taken for examination to the Health Department, will not be accepted unless they are in covered glass containers that are properly labeled. Ticks can and do burrow through plastic bags. For further information, phone: (201) 431-7465.

Census Bureau Needs Part Time Help

When the Constitution was drafted, the founding fathers directed that an enumeration of the United States be made every 10 years. The US Census Bureau, a vital part of the Federal government for almost 200 years, is gearing up for the 1990 21st Decennial Census of Population and Housing.

Accurate counts will impact on congressional reapportionment and federal funding for our communities. Redistricting of political boundaries and statistics to be utilized for future planning will result from the work of persons willing to give time to precensus activities so that the most accurate 1990 census can be assured.

The need for individuals to assist in precensus census work is *now*. Can you spare at least 20 hours per week? Do you enjoy meeting people? \$6.00 per hour and \$.225 per mile for authorized travel will be paid to those who engage in this interesting work.

To join our force of census workers all persons must participate in a 30 minute test of general knowledge and provide two items of identification such as a current drivers license, birth certificate, original social security card, passport or employment I.D. card at the time of testing.

Paid training for the enumerator job is provided prior to beginning work in the community.

During this phase of precensus work the enumerator will be given an address register and will compare the address lists with the actual housing units. These up to date lists will be used to mail out the actual questionnaires in March of 1990.

If you can help, call 609-394-6680 for a test site in your area and get ready to assist your community to be counted.

—From a Commerce Department
Press Release

Seniors Hear About Crime Prevention

by Helga Wisowaty

Jeanette Koffler presided at our June meeting and reminded us of plans for the future.

We received commodities on June 8. The hard work of Jeanette and the DeVitos really paid off for us.

We look forward to our picnic on July 11 at Etra Park.

Mr. Larry Cavanaugh of the Monmouth County Police Academy spoke to us about crime prevention. We are aware of problems that can arise and how important it is to be careful. We enjoyed Mr. Cavanaugh very much, and hope to see him again.

Frieda Rockoff was our hostess. As usual, we enjoyed coffee and refreshments with good friends.

Have a good summer.

Helga Wisowaty is Secretary of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club.

**The Roosevelt Public School Office
will be open
Tuesday and Thursday mornings
to issue working papers
to eligible persons under the age of 18**

Summer Help Wanted

**Two high school students
are needed at RPS
to help with summer cleaning.
Pay: \$4.00 per hour.
Call Mr. Groveman at 448-2798
between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM.**

Outdoors Around the Assunpink

Through Hell and High Water: A Guide To Family Camping

by Dennis Connaughton

Many years ago, my wife Donna and I decided that it would be nice to escape the madness of modern living and try our hand at survival in the forest.

Our plans then were modest, as were our means. We would take what gear we had on hand and head North until we discovered the idyllic spot to make our camp. So, with little forethought and even less knowledge of what we were doing, we loaded up our VW Beetle and embarked upon our first "Family Camping Trip." Our private, affectionate name for this trip is not printable in these pages.

You see, our camp, I must confess, was quite primitive by any standards. We had one Sears pup tent, a couple of cast off sleeping bags, one Boy Scout mess kit and a small hatchet. For food we had brought along what we surmised to be non-perishable and easy to transport: a large supply of one hundred percent organically grown brown rice and legumes.

It didn't take long at all to realize that our gear was not equal to the task. Our tent, which seemed almost spacious on a dry summer evening, became a muggy crawl space with the first rain. To be perfectly frank, elves from the Keebler forest would have found themselves cramped under those conditions.

We also discovered, in the course of our stay, that brown rice, although hearty and nutritious fare, has a cooking time over an open fire that roughly approximates the wait for a New Jersey State income tax refund check.

Nevertheless, we faced our hardships with true pioneer determination and despite the torrential downpours, the muggy heat, and epic battles with mosquitos the size of bats, we survived our glorious "week in the woods" and lived to tell the tale.

In retrospect, you could say we even had a good time. Almost.

Today's family camping, with a little help from modern technology, has



drawing by Drew Goldberg

blessedly evolved into a much more relaxing endeavor. And whether you are a backpacker, car camper, or a Winnebago cowboy you'll find gear and techniques that can provide you with all of the comforts of home.

Tenting Tonight

Probably the most important item you will need to be a happy camper is a good tent. Since tents come in all sizes and varieties, you'll need to do a little shopping to find the right tent to suit your particular purpose.

This is to say, if you have a family that generally camps by car during the summer months, a standard cabin or umbrella style tent would be your best bet; but if you do a bit of backpacking or any cold weather camping, an expedition style tent would offer you better protection from the elements.

One feature that I am really sold on is the shock corded, exterior frame. Since a great many tents sold today use this design, it should not be hard to find one.

These tents are a joy to set up, and, because there are no stakes or guy lines for support, once erected they are nearly impossible to knock down. Sit out just one thunderstorm with gusty winds or a day or two of driving rain and you'll know what I mean.

The family and I spent nearly four days confined to our tent during a trip to Skyline Drive in Virginia. Although the weather was hot and sunny at the

base of the mountain, a friendly little rain cloud made the trek to the top with us and provided a non-stop downpour for our entire stay. But even while we were chilly and a little damp on the inside, the exterior frame on our old umbrella tent weathered the storm admirably and kept our trip from being totally washed out.

Just as the design of the tent is important, so is the fabric used to construct it. When we bought our tent years ago, canvas or drill was the most widely used fabric. I can't argue with canvas: it breathes well, is quite waterproof and, with proper care, will last for a very long time. Our tent was purchased some fifteen years ago, has endured countless expeditions, and is still in service today.

However, these days, because of the cost involved, canvas construction has become hard to find and nylon is the fabric that you'll probably find yourself using.

Most nylon tents come with a "breathable" inner shell and an outer waterproof shell or "fly" that is erected over the top of the tent. Although lacking in romantic appeal to my eyes (there is something special about canvas) you will find nylon tents to be much lighter, easier to pack and filled with as many special features as you are likely to ever need. So, if you are tent hunting and find only nylon offered, don't be dismayed. It is a fine choice and will serve you nicely.

One note on buying a tent. Tents are all graded by sleeping capacity. Anyone who has ever camped will tell you that all tents are designed by extremely small people for extremely small people. Keeping this in mind, if a tent is rated as sleeping four adults, know that this means four adult elves and move to a larger size unless you enjoy the warmth and camaraderie that sleeping stacked up like cordwood seems to foster.

Keeping the Home Fires Burning

Second in importance only to the tent in making you a happy camper is the campfire. Since the campfire serves a variety of needs from cooking breakfast to keeping the kids occupied after dinner, it generally becomes a central point in camp life.

For this reason you will find that a goodly portion of your time will be spent on its care and feeding.

First of all, unless you haul or buy your own wood, you will need a good bow saw and an axe.

For these particular items I would strongly advise not going to a sporting goods store. The reason for this is that most axes and saws you will find at sporting goods stores are lightweight versions of what you will really need. When working with an axe, remember that the weight of the axe head or "bit" should be doing most of the work, not you! This is why I would suggest avoiding any contrivance advertised as a "Hudson Bay Axe," "Camp Axe," "Hatchet," or "Camp Saw." Instead, go down to your local hardware store and pick up the standard garden variety working axe.

I finally broke down last summer and bought a new axe and saw at Agway. After one day of cutting wood I was wondering why I waited so long!

For starting a fire, it would be a good idea to cart along some newspapers and perhaps even some charcoal lighter fluid if you are car camping. If you intend to backpack, a great inexpensive fire starter can be fashioned from the paraffin and sawdust fire logs so popular for home fireplaces.

Simply slice off a piece or two of the firelog and wrap it in foil. When you are ready to start your fire, just break off the amount you'll need. You will find that a little goes a long way and will help you considerably when the weather, and the wood, is damp.

For safety's sake, follow sensible procedures when building your fire. Do select a site away from any combustible material, clear an area around your pit, and surround it with rocks or logs. Most importantly, *don't* leave a

fire unattended; and when you leave your site, douse the fire with water and feel it with your hands to be sure that nothing is still burning.

When cutting wood, it is very important to keep your axe finely honed. Not only does a sharp axe make for easy work, but most accidents with an axe occur when a poorly sharpened bit slips. Make it a point to bring a file and a honing kit with you on every trip, and use it!

Keeping up a fire is a lot of work, but there are few things that compare with sitting around an open fire at the end of a long day. This is what camping is all about!

Attack Chipmunks and Other Pests

Along with the abundant wildlife you're likely to encounter, you are also likely to encounter an equally abundant insect life. Nothing can spoil a trip faster than the cry of "bon appetit" from a horde of hungry mosquitos. So, if you want to avoid being the main course at the annual "skeeter" roundup, I would advise taking some precautions.

Wear light clothing, if possible, and tuck your trousers into your boots or socks to discourage ticks and chiggers. For mosquitos I would suggest using an insect repellent that contains DEET (an abbreviation of a chemical developed by the Army for jungle warfare).

"Backwoods OFF" and "Cutter" are probably the best commercial brands and you'll have no trouble finding them.

Another product that works, but no one knows why, is Avon "Skin So Soft." Originally marketed as a skin softener, this product was found to repel insects, is gentler than DEET, and is now so popular that it is sold in most camp stores.

Of course, desperate times make desperate men and these precautions are for normal mosquitos. So when you can't hear your country station for the buzzing and the skeeters come in with landing lights, it's time to go to chicken wire and a 12 gauge shotgun. It gets them every time.



Helpful Hints in Mosquito Control
drawing by Peter Rossi

Other campsite pests can be every bit as much of a problem. Skunks, raccoons, and bears will all be attracted to the smell of your soap, food or garbage.

On a trip to Promised Land State Park in Pennsylvania a while back, we were foolish enough to leave our cooler out after hitting the sack. Around two in the morning we were awakened to find a half dozen raccoons dining *al fresco* on the contents of our cooler.

The next night, after restocking, I cleverly locked everything up in the car. However, I did neglect to close a window. Around five in the morning, I awakened to a tense and angry whisper in my ear. "Get that damned thing out of the car!" Donna said demurely.

It appeared that, on a trip to the "John," Donna had noticed the open window, and upon closer inspection was startled to find a raccoon the size of our youngest daughter calmly finishing off the rest of the previous night's repast. I sent him on his way, but not before he had eaten about three days' worth of food and sampled most of the rest.

I can't complain though: it was a new car and he was courteous enough not to leave so much as a crumb behind.

Seriously: there is a real problem with rabies coming our way so I would not advise encouraging the woodland critters to hang around your campsite.

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Roosevelt Art Manifesto

by Bob Mueller

In my opinion, the visual arts must strip off the layers of our habitual seeing and educate our eyes to a new way of seeing and looking—that is, if it is to be called Art with a capital A. Art must create a new habit of human seeing; Art must alter the way we look at things and recreate a way of looking that is at once intense and imaginative, solicitous and detached; Art must charm you by its detail at the same time it addicts you to its incongruity.

Roosevelt is happily populated with many artists who are dedicated to these propositions, and whose work frequently does indeed peel off the wrappers that cover the visual realities of existence. The humanity of these Roosevelt artists transcends the modern glut of art-as-fashion, or art-as-shock, so prevalent in our society today.

But you must attend to their work to reap the value of their inner eyes and outer manifestations in media. The Roosevelt Arts Project is affording us many opportunities to do so. Recently, under its auspices, Roosevelt printmakers were given a show at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey that attests to their power and insight. This show proved that ordinary seeing can be altered in a way that enhances general seeing; this show demonstrated that our most successful Roosevelt artists attend to a new vision, a revelatory vision, a rigorous vision that extends from our conventional seeing to a new beauty of form and insight.

Beginning with photographs, perhaps—which most people might call “conventional seeing”—we discover a singularly unconventional way of looking at the realistic world about us. Louise Rosskam has focussed her camera-eye on visions of the past; on the picturesque desolations of crumbling farm buildings in our county, eschewing the perfections of the world as too sentimental, too ahistorical a notion of beauty to sustain her eye-reality. Edwin Rosskam's socially conscious photographs force us to rip off the mask covering the unembellished world of fundamental human living. He aggressively moves his close up camera vision past the anonymous, the

poor, the socially defenseless. Sol Libsohn, another photographer with a powerfully moving vision of humanity, has vastly enlarged our image of what is aesthetically important for the camera-eye. He has taken the steady gaze of his camera into corners of society we seldom visit, and thereby afforded us the most compassionate glimpses of the family of humanity.

Moving to the hand-formed print media, we must frequently marvel at how it is possible that each and every stroke of the image has been cut out by subtle human hand movements to culminate in an image of startling beauty. Bernarda Bryson Shahn's images are such unusual, delicate images, whose individual pixels of passion scan out pictures as mysterious as any image ever wrought by historic hands. The etching medium she uses allows her to build images on copper plates with a delicate needle-pointed stylus, so that like grass or the leaves of great trees or the petals of unusual flowers they grow into admirable beautiful and complex forms. By contrast, Pat Mills' use of etching as a source of texture and alluring formal relationships shows the opposite extreme of this subtle medium.

Gregorio Prestopino uses the silk-screen process to realize two of his typically beautiful studies of bold forms, depicting nature or abstract human forms in nature. He employs several screens to build up the colored process of printing in a complementarity of imagery. Edward Schlinski also uses silk-screens to develop his surreal, almost compulsively satirical images of social injustices. Ben Shahn is also represented by two bold silk-screen prints, one an abstraction made out of the Hebrew alphabet, the other a mercurial image of passion entitled *Mine Eyes a Fountain of Tears*.

Jacob Landau employs lithography to realize his lovely, delicate drawings of symbols and human figures. The contingency of his reality is summed up in lovely arrays of casual fragments of figures, Biblical phrases, and mystical symbologies. His is indeed a great art of the soul, a soul bespeaking a

posture of alienation in a world where the politically powerful reigns.

Jonathan Shahn also uses boldly-drawn lithographed images to evoke magnificent heads that are quite memorable in their strength. He proves how simple a physiognomic image can be and yet create something both imaginative and memorable.

Tony Wisowaty is represented in this show by two lovely little prints in the more realistic manner. His work is complemented by Harry Mack's mainstream prints that allow us to gaze at another person's reality with detached curiosity and admiration.

Stefan Martin's wood engravings capture in delicate, but nonetheless firm lines, images that lower the threshold of our visions of energy and human aspiration. Like my own images (Robert Mueller), which I realize not in hard wood but instead in soft pine, the wood medium allows an artist to discover how the complexities of historic social imagery can be transformed and manipulated into a new and more powerful statement of the human condition. The boldness of woodcut prints allows this.

Roosevelt artists are fast developing a justification for their art, if it needs any in this modern art-mad age. In fact you can see emerging what some would call a manifesto—for they all serve the human condition in their ways, and enhance the humanity of us all. Reality, the reality of the artists' eyes, its plurality manifest, is fascinatingly brought home to us in a print medium. Heterogeneous subjects and fictive imaginations are able to be brought together by the ideology of humanism. Certainly moral claims can be made on behalf of the printmaking Art. Multiples can be shared; the print is more than a mechanical reproduction since each and every print is touched directly by the hand of the artist. The effect of prints is to convert the world into a mall of Art, and all can appreciate the article of consumption, reduced to an singular, relatively inexpensive item for every person's aesthetic appreciation.

Jacob Landau Wins Governor's Award

by Mark Zuckerman

Jacob Landau, Roosevelt artist, was presented with a 1989 Governor's Award in Art Education at a ceremony in the Trenton State Museum on June 7.

Landau was nominated for this honor by the Arts Foundation of New Jersey, which had recognized him previously with a Distinguished Service Award presented during the New Jersey Summer Arts Institute.

Hiroshima Day Remembrance Planned

by Herb Johnson

Roosevelt's eighth annual Peace Walk and Hiroshima Day Observance will take place on August 6. The Peace Walk will begin at 7:10 PM at the corner of Pine Drive and Tamara Drive, to proceed along Pine Drive and Rochdale Avenue to the Roosevelt Memorial amphitheater for messages, music, drama and contemplation.

To plan this event, Cynthia Imbrie and Herb Johnson met with Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament chair Addie Weiner in late May. Then on June 4 they met with David Brahinsky, Freda Hepner, Fran and Jacob Landau, Jon Shahn, Jane Rothfuss, and Carol Watchler to proceed with the planning.

Landau will make a poster, Shahn will make a flyer, Les Weiner will coordinate the flyers' distribution, Rothfuss will get out press releases and arrange for co-chairs, Brahinsky will coordinate the music, Weiner and Johnson will collaborate on a dramatic rendition, Hepner and Watchler will arrange for a guest speaker, and Johnson will prepare candles in sand-weighted brown bags to light the pathway.

In case of rain, the gathering will be held at the Borough Hall.

Folsom Receives Award

Franklin Folsom, one-time Roosevelt resident now living in Boulder, Colorado, has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the Margaret Mahler Institute of the Gray Panthers. Mr. Folsom will prepare a treatise on the historical achievements of jobless persons in effecting changes in social legislation which have benefited all persons.

During the 1930s, jobless persons played a key role in developing the social security measures which became an established program in the United States.

Folsom is a 1928 graduate of the University of Colorado with a BA in English. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford in 1930-1933; editor of *New York Hunger Fighter*, 1934-1935; National Executive Secretary, League of American Writers, 1937-1942; New York Executive Secretary of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, 1943. He has received numerous awards and has published 40 books for children and 7 non-fiction books for adults, including *The Great Peace March*, 1988.

At age 79, Mr. Folsom was the oldest participant in the 1986 Great Peace March.

The Gray Panthers Project Fund is authorized to grant awards from the Margaret Mahler Institute to scholars, researchers, and artists over the age of 70. Awards are made twice annually. The closing date for receiving applications for fall awards is September 1, 1989.

For more information, contact: Margaret Mahler Institute, Gray Panthers, 311 South Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 545-6555.

Outdoors

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Take no food or soap into your tent at night, and either lock your supplies in your car, or hang them from a tree away from your site. Remember that bears are not known to share their food with any grace, and if one moves into your tent, the odds are on you moving out.

On the Road

There are literally hundreds of good locations for camping available to the Jersey camper. The New Jersey shore, although pretty commercialized and very crowded, offers some hideaways close to the beach.

If mountains are what you like, the Delaware Water Gap has some prime spots in one of the most scenic areas of the nation.

In Pennsylvania, there are unlimited opportunities for camping. Two of my favorite spots are within a two hour drive from Roosevelt. Hickory Run State Park, near White Haven PA, and Promised Land State Park, both offer quiet secluded sites, easy access to shopping in town and great fishing as well.

Hickory Run, in particular, has been a favorite of mine for almost twenty years, and I still try to get out there at least once a year.

For any additional information you may require, you can write to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, and they will be happy to provide you with anything you need to know.

So, fellow campers, have a happy and relaxing vacation. Get the car tuned up, check all your gear, and—most importantly—go over all your well laid plans. Soon you will be hearing the real call of the wild, that voice we've all come to know and love: as amplified over countless campground speakers, we listen to the joyful cry of "Good Morning Campers!"

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— Letters —

To the Editor:

Kirk Rothfuss, Maureen Parrott, Ann Baker and Joe Solomon would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Roosevelt for the confidence you had in our abilities to represent you on the Borough Council and as Democratic committeepersons. We worked hard during the campaign to earn your trust, and we will continue to work hard for the good of Roosevelt in order to demonstrate that your trust was well placed.

This campaign offered the voters of Roosevelt clear choices between candidates who spoke out on the issues and were unafraid to tell you where they stood, and candidates who retreated from positions they had taken regarding the need for development and the future of Roosevelt Public School.

Parrott and Rothfuss believe that we do not have to sell the soul of Roosevelt in order to improve our school and rehabilitate our sewer system. With development all around us, voters in town can readily see that development often brings more problems than it solves. If Roosevelt accepts development in the future it must be because the residents had an adequate opportunity to weigh the pros and cons of a given proposal, not because they were stampeded into development by special interest groups.

With over a 50% voter turnout, compared to slightly more than 20% statewide, the Roosevelt electorate made its decision. They had the **Borough Bulletin** profiles, Candidates' Night, more campaign literature distributed than in any previous campaign, and active campaigning by the candidates. Parrott and Rothfuss decisively defeated Lee

Allen, and defeated Howard Prezant by about the same margin Leon Barth defeated Ed Moser in November, 1987.

Now we learn that the defeated candidates are unwilling to accept the verdict of the voters. This means that this campaign will be repeated in the fall for the general election. It is unfortunate that we must expend our energies on a duplicate campaign rather than on solving the problems that face our town. However, because you placed your trust in Maureen Parrott and Kirk Rothfuss, you can be assured that they will campaign hard to make certain that your mandate is not betrayed.

We look forward to working with everyone in Roosevelt for the good of the community.

—Maureen Parrott
—Kirk Rothfuss
—Ann Baker
—Joe Solomon

To the Editor:

The Hazell family would like to say thank you to the staff of the Roosevelt school for all the help and encouragement which they have given all the members of our family who have attended RPS (John, Matt and Andrew). Everyone was very understanding in the first few years, and applied all the help they could to bring the boys into the American way of both school and social life.

English schools are very different and it was pretty strange for the older two boys to begin a new system. But, they came through. Matt graduates from high school today, and will go on to Mercer County College. John is waiting to join the Marines.

I have to thank especially Dolores Chasan, for without her experienced eye Matt would not be where he is today. Also thanks to Lila Mayberg who gave Andrew the confidence to be

himself; to Ilene Levine for such interesting and unusual projects; and to Alfred Luckenbach for allaying my fears of the 6th grade.

Many negative things have been written about the school in recent years, and I for one was in agreement with those things, but this previous school year has been so different, more as it used to be. It was comfortable to walk in the school. People smiled again, and welcomed you in. The talents of townfolk was once more recognized, and the communal way of life was renewed, with various people being invited into the school to show the children how, what, where, who and when. I hope that the positive actions of all those involved since last summer help to void the negative ones of the previous few.

Roosevelt school is an asset to this town. Our children can go safely into a warm, unpretentious environment,

and can learn many things. They learn not only through books, but also how one person treats another, how a small town is proud of its roots, how communal service is useful, how to interact with the same small group for seven years, how difficult it is to get a sports team together from that same small group yet how great it is that each teacher knows each child, from their name down to their own little quirks and problems.

I have one more thank you, and that is to all of the teachers who have allowed me to go on almost all of Andrew's school trips as a chaperone. You have no idea how that has helped me to learn about this country. What a great way to learn!

Now it's goodbye to Roosevelt school and hello to Grace Rogers. I hope that experience is just as rewarding, but somehow I doubt it.

—Gloria Hazell

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— Letters —

To the Editor:

Someone once said that an orchid in the wrong place is a weed. Such concepts can be applied to animals as well.

In the right locations, a rattlesnake is an amazing creature. Able to track prey with odor particles picked up on its tongue, it is capable of distinguishing between warm- and cold-blooded animals. They help control the rodent population; and, because they normally live far from man, they rarely inflict wounds. Statistically, you are far more likely to be struck by lightning than to be bitten by a rattlesnake.

But put a "rattler" in the middle of town, and the situation changes. Now you have a frightened, venomous, specialized, but none too intelligent animal trying to survive.

Pests are usually thought of as squiggly, crawly, low-to-the-ground creatures with six or more legs, or else four legged with long hairless tails that skulk in the dark. Look at a great tall mammal, with its head erect six feet off the ground, with beautiful eyes as big as your fist, and it is pretty hard to see it as a pest. Nevertheless, that is what the deer have become in Roosevelt.

It's not their fault. They didn't create the housing boom which constant-

ly narrows their grazing areas. They are not responsible for the elimination of all of the predatory species that are their natural enemies. They survive and reproduce. The effect is that we now have herds of hungry deer roving in and around town trying to survive.

Part of that survival includes eating our shrubs, girdling our trees, and helping themselves to the produce of our gardens. They also harbor the ticks which transmit Lyme Disease and perhaps other parasites inimical to human beings and household pests.

Ordinarily, it takes a square mile of forest land to support a single deer. In the woods bounded by Rochdale, Homestead, Valley and Farm (roughly 8 sq. mi.), there is a herd of upwards of 13 adult deer plus young. They cannot resist grazing in our backyards (and, incidentally, leaving scat filled with intestinal parasites), nor leaving behind ecto-parasites. As they become hungrier, they become bolder and harder to scare away.

What favor are we doing these beautiful animals by permitting them to graze themselves into starvation, subject to disease because of their weakened condition, and likely interfering with their normal ability to

reproduce? We condemn them to a slow, miserable, lingering death.

An alternative is to work with the Mayor, Borough Council, the State Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, and interested citizens to examine the feasibility of a controlled and organized deer hunt in Roosevelt.

This would probably entail having volunteer drivers in the above-mentioned woods moving the deer to the east and across Valley Road. There, well away from homes, we could have well-positioned shooters or some alternative method of removal.

Another option is to open certain areas within the Borough to bow hunting by Roosevelt residents. Since this form of hunting is one of the safest, it could prove ideally suited to our needs.

Does it sound bloody? Only if you're a strict no fish, no fowl, no meat vegetarian. The alternative to dealing with the deer population swiftly and humanely is to pretend that there is no problem, and to let them sicken, starve, and die out of our sight.

We hope that we are better than that.

—Ed Moser

—Dennis Connaughton

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