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Voters Approve Referendum to Exceed "Cap"

By Bob Clark

On Monday, March 5, by an overwhelming margin, Roosevelt voters chose to allow the Borough Council budget to exceed the 5% spending increase "cap" imposed by State law. The referendum passed 159 to 31, with nearly 44% of Roosevelt's 435 voters coming to the polls.

On Feb. 27 Mayor Leon Barth and Council members Esther Pogrebin, Lou Esakoff, Marilyn Magnes and Bill Counterman urged residents at a town meeting to vote in favor of the referendum in order to save important ser-

vices, such as trash collection, Council first aid and fire contributions, senior citizen and recreation programs and road repairs. Barth explained that without the referendum the Borough could increase its expenditures by no more than \$4,150. The local government budget calls for more than \$27,720 over that limit.

Barth attributed most of the increase (\$18,575) to an obligation to pay a court ordered judgment obtained by R. J. Hicks for repairing Borough roads damaged by the severe winter of 1977-78. This amount would otherwise have

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School Budget Stable; Candidates Unopposed

By Barbara Boyles

Tuesday, April 3 is voting day for the School Board elections and the school budget. Voting will be from 5 to 9 p.m. at R.S. Roosevelt School.

Four candidates are running for the two vacant seats on the School Board.

One of the candidates is Mr. Summa, the current Superintendent. They are all running as Democrats.

Mr. Lane lives on Parkside Ave. Mr. Horowitz lives on Parkside Ave. Mr. Orlando lives on Parkside Ave.

Lane; and Cynthia Horowitz, an incumbent Board member who lives on Lake Drive. Sandra Orlando, a resident of Rochdale Ave., is running for the one-year term.

The March 8 PTA meeting was Candidates' Night. Residents had a chance to meet the candidates and ask their questions about their views.

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come from the current budget and would have meant the cutting of essential services.

Under questioning by members of the audience, Barth acknowledged that he overlooked the necessity for bids in responding to townspeople's demands that the roads be repaired. He maintained that the lack of bids was an "oversight" born of his hopes that an emergency appropriation could be made to pay Hicks, who appeared to be the only available contractor at the time. Barth also noted that a lot of money would have been spent on the road repairs, even if bids had been obtained.

Council member Lou Esakoff pointed out that inflation increased costs by at least 7% each year, while the Borough has been restricted to the 5% cap.

Borough Treasurer Howard Prezant pointed out that any "fat" in the budget has been eliminated as the Borough sought to remain within the 5% figure over the last three years.

Following the town meeting, a committee of citizens prepared and circulated a leaflet in favor of the cap override.

Although the municipal budget will be increased, a decrease in the school budget tax rate will reduce the Borough's overall tax rate by eight cents per \$100 of assessed value. Thus, the owner of a house assessed at \$40,000 will pay approximately \$32 less property tax in 1979.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To all taxpayers,

In accordance with Revenue Ruling 76-45 of the Internal Revenue Service, a portion of your water and sewer bill paid, as applicable to interest, repair and maintenance, can be treated as a real estate tax deduction.

Year	Percentage Deductible
1978	64.3%
1977	74.9%*
1976	83.4%

*In May monthly rates changed to \$20.

Howard L. Prezant
Treasurer

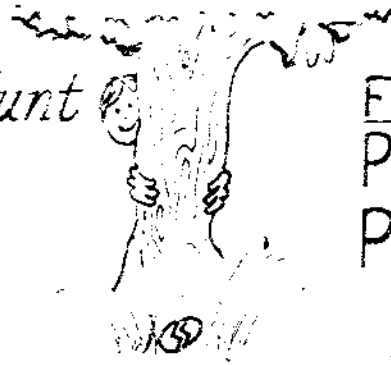
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Spring Egg Hunt Set April 14



ROOSEVELT - Peter Rabbit, 43, of R.P.D. Roosevelt, announces the relocation of his egg-hiding practice to the front lawn of the Roosevelt Public School, and invites students and pre-schoolers to uncover his work at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 14. Aided by the Roosevelt PTA, Peter will have hidden dozens of candy-filled eggs.

R.P.S. students and pre-schoolers will hunt in separate areas to give the younger children an equal chance. Each area has a gold egg and a silver egg hidden, and the children who find them will receive large Easter baskets.

Help celebrate spring and join the festivities. Hop to it.

Squad Plans Pancakes for April 1 Breakfast

By June Counterman

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad will have a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, April 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The price will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children. Eggs will also be available.

The North Shore Antique Auto Club plans to attend the breakfast and visit the school to view the Shahn mural. If weather permits, they will display their antique cars here.

Friday, March 30 Pianist and Poets Plan Special Evening

Laurie Altman will play jazz piano over, below, in and around poems read and made by Rod Tulloss and David Herrstrom Friday night, March 30, in the Borough Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Roosevelt Writers' Committee, admission is free. Laurie Altman, pianist and composer, is a winner of the Mason Cross Fellowship and currently working on an opera, Vanuck, Vanuck.

Rod Tulloss, a mathematician as well as a poet, and poet David Herrstrom have been published in numerous magazines and are working on an anthology of poetry and fiction, US1 Anthology, to be published late this year.

POTHOLE WAS A CAVERN

A pothole on Farm Lane proved on March 6 to be a cavern of surprising proportions.

A leak that developed in an underground street drainage pipe eroded the earthen base of the road on Farm Lane. When a small piece of the road fell through on March 6, the road was already badly undermined by the running drain water, and the street level pothole became a peephole into a deep pool of mud and water.

Repairs were made by Hendrickson Excavating on March 7 and 8.

Borough Clerk Elizabeth Johnson said none of the town's other potholes appear to be as serious as the Farm Lane cavern.

ROOSEVELT - Minutes Ago

By Arthur Shapiro

These items were culled from official minutes of Board of Education and Borough Council meetings of the past. We hope to have more in future issues.

40 Years Ago: (1939)

At the May Board of Education meeting the principal reported that the PTA was holding a Strawberry Festival, the proceeds to be used to finance the sixth and seventh grade trip to the World's Fair in New York. At its June meeting the Board's Recreation Committee reported that "...as yet no program has been worked out due to waiting approval from the W. P. A. for a recreational worker."

At the Council's March meeting, Mayor Goldstein reported for the Housing Committee that "...negotiations were being carried on with the Federal Government...to find a basis upon which the community could take over the houses." In April, Borough Council agreed to pay the Borough's State and County taxes to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The total was \$19.72.

YOUTH GROUP SERVES BREAKFAST

By David Cooper

Coffee, scrambled eggs and a generous helping of conversation were shared at the National Council of Synagogue Youth Group breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Roosevelt Synagogue.

Irv Rose, father of member Abigail, fried eggs as the other members served bagels, cream cheese, coffee and tea. About 45 Rooseveltians participated.

The group will announce future breakfasts.

20 Years Ago: (1959)

At the May meeting of the Board of Education, Mr. Stults and Mr. Perrine, officers of the First National Bank of Hightstown, appeared to request consideration for use of their bank for school finances.

At the June meeting of the Borough Council, the chairman of the Public Safety Committee reported that the term of office of the Constable was about to expire. He recommended that Wilbur Loftus be reelected.

10 Years Ago: (1969)

The chairman of the Library Committee of the Board of Education reported at its April meeting that Bookmobile services to the school was still a problem because of the county's difficulty in hiring the required male driver.

7 Years Ago: (1972) or the déjà vu dept.

The Board of Education announced at its March meeting that it had been notified by the East Windsor Regional School Board of its proposal to terminate its sending-receiving relationship on June 30, 1976. The East Windsor Board invited the Roosevelt Board to a meeting "...to study the possibility of regionalization."

SISTERHOOD TO SELL CAKES DURING SCHOOL ELECTIONS

By Molly Bulkin

As in the past, the Sisterhood of Roosevelt will be holding its annual cake sale on School Board Election night, Tuesday, April 3, at the school.

Some of the finest bakers in town will be offering their wares. Both kosher and non-kosher pastries will be available.

School Budget

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At deadline, the local tax levy figure scheduled to appear on the ballot on April 3 was \$315,011. That is the amount that will have to be raised from Roosevelt taxpayers to support current expenses totaling \$477,014. This year's current expense total also \$477,014 - required a local tax levy of \$338,011. The \$20,000 needed over the local tax levy was possible because the State's total was stabilized, while state aid increased. The proposed budget figure is \$324,011 under the state's cap on spending allocation for Roosevelt District.

A budget hearing on Thursday, March 15 was scheduled to allow the residents an opportunity to question Board members about the school's financial plan.

Tuesday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. is the last date and time for receipt of applications for absentee ballots from the Board Secretary (448-2798). Anyone who cannot meet this deadline may apply in person before 2 p.m., April 2 at the County Election Clerk's office.



Photograph by Andrea Lakin

SPRING ACTION - Josh Brahinsky takes aim in a stance that is as undeniably a sign of spring as is the crocus. Josh's picture was taken on March 10, the day he and other Roosevelt ball players tried out for Little League. Millstone-Roosevelt Little League will open the season April 21. Josh will be playing for the Indians.

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE SET

April 26 is the last day for candidates to file petitions to have their names appear on the June Primary ballot.

In Roosevelt, two three-year Borough Council terms and one four-year mayoral seat will appear on the ballot.

Candidates for office should obtain petitions from Borough Clerk Elizabeth Johnson and return them to her office in the Borough Hall by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 26.

Letter to the Editor*Former Board Member Responds*

I am writing as a recent member of the Board of Education, in response to Ilse Riesenfeld's letter about the school and its budget.

There are several errors in fact in her letter. Two rooms in the school were carpeted last year, not "most of the school rooms." (There are demonstrable educational advantages to carpeted classroom floors, but it is not in order to go into these now.)

Purchase of a trapezoid, not a "trampoline" for the gym was authorized. Trampolines are dangerous; a trapezoid is a legitimate piece of physical educational equipment and costs less than \$500. It is true that upgraded and expensive playground equipment was discussed, but Mrs. Riesenfeld neglected to mention that such consideration was tabled.

Mrs. Riesenfeld charges that our students "do not get an education which compares favorably with other schools in the area." Roosevelt graduates are doing well in high school. This year, at the end of the first marking period, half the Roosevelt freshmen won honors. In an article in this paper last spring, Mr. Gantwerk wrote of the large number of Roosevelt students in all high school grades who won honors.

Foreign language study, typing, home economics, woodworking, instrumental music - it is true that Roosevelt Public School offers none of these. But could these extras legitimately be offered in a school the size of ours? Home economics and woodworking, for instance, require expensive equipment and space which is nonexistent in our school. All require increased staff and salary expenditures in addition to those which Mrs. Riesenfeld already decries. Studies have shown that children in high school language classes

who have had no previous language study do as well after a few months as those who did have some in elementary school.

The question of using money from the Board's "free balance" or surplus, to reduce the amount to be raised by local taxes is an important one. For several years members of the Board have wanted to do that. In the time I served on the Board, and until now, the County Superintendent and the State Department of Education have advised that surplus funds should not be used, because the budget "caps" would be going down and Boards would eventually need to use the surplus account. The Roosevelt Board followed that advice.

The capital reserve fund of \$35,000 must be retained for necessary major changes in the school building. Even more may be needed to meet the needs recently outlined by State School Facilities Planning inspectors.

It should be noted that the budget prepared by the Board for 1979-80 calls for the same total expenditure as the previous year. (It is \$30,000 under the "cap" set by the State.) Because state aid has increased, there is less to be raised by local taxes this year.

Hortense Socholitzy
Editor's Note: A public hearing on the school budget was to be held on Thursday, March 15. The newspaper's final deadline for this letter and all other copy was Wednesday, March 14.

BULLETIN WELCOMES CASSIDY FAMILY

Robert and Theresa Cassidy moved into 22 North Rochdale Ave. in November, along with their sons Robert, age 2 and one-year-old Joseph.

Welcome to Roosevelt.

Dratfield Performs Yiddish Songs for Senior Citizens

By Hse Riesenfeld

At their March meeting, the Senior Citizens enjoyed songs by Lee Dratfield, a Princeton entertainer and former Roosevelt resident.

Ms. Dratfield sang Yiddish songs from her show, From Broome Street to Broadway.

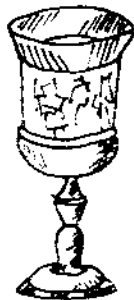
In other business, a new slate of officers was voted in. They are: Esther Pogrebin, president; Belle Meier, vice president; Aglore Buote, treasurer; Helga Wisoway, recording secretary; and Hilde Kamm, corresponding secretary.

Brucie Barrett, Roosevelt School's first grade teacher, addressed the Seniors with an invitation to visit her class on the afternoon of March 15.

Librarian Dottie Beinlin listed titles of "Talking Books" for people with limited vision.

Mrs. Meier reminded Senior Citizens there is still room for more travelers on the Wednesday morning shopping bus.

*The Bulletin
Staff Hopes
You Have a
HAPPY PASSOVER*



Planning Board Debates Lake Drive Site Plan

By Bob Clark

At its Feb. 26 regular meeting the Borough Planning Board reviewed a site plan submitted by builder Seymour Lewkowitz for a house on the north side of Lake Drive next to the dome studio.

The land was recently subdivided by Jacob Landau and is in the process of being sold to Lewkowitz, according to Fran Landau and real estate salesperson Esther Pogrebin, who attended the meeting.

The plan does not call for a setback in accordance with the average setback line in the neighborhood and provides for a small, square house.

Before the property was subdivided, the dome was constructed near the center of the original tract. The severed lot is narrow in the middle where the property line was bowed to provide adequate sideyard clearance for the dome. A house built near the middle of the new lot would require a sideyard variance on the dome side.

After lengthy discussion, the Planning Board voted, with Peter Berlinut abstaining, to ask Lewkowitz to submit an alternative plan in compliance with the setback requirement. The Planning Board decided to consider a sideyard variance on the dome side in return for a greater setback.

In other action the Board classified as a minor subdivision an application by Walter Riesenfeld to divide a lot at Joe's Shop into two lots, each 100 feet in width along Rochdale Avenue.

The Mural Comes to Roosevelt

(Editor's Note: This the third and final part of a special series.)

By David Herrstrom

You'd think there would be a party. After months of climbing up and down scaffolds, innumerable trips to Washington, not to mention mucking to Hightstown and struggling with the finicky plaster base of the fresco mural, you'd want to celebrate. But, of course, with only eight families in town, it's difficult to have a real celebration. No rockets went off, but Ben and Bernarda Shahn, to be sure, with James Francis Rafferty, Shahn's skilled plasterer, stopped at the local bar and had some refreshment in honor of the mural, Irish plasterers, Jersey Homesteads, and themselves.

Back in Washington, months before, when Alfred Kastner, architect of Roosevelt, first asked Shahn to do a mural in the community school that he was designing for the Resettlement Administration, Shahn was immediately excited. After doing a mural with Diego Rivera, the Mexican painter, he was anxious to test his own ideas on a larger scale. And here was a wall 55 feet long and 11 feet high.

Shahn began to draw the "cartoon" or life-size sketches for his mural, persuading Bernarda Shahn to pose as a garment worker. Arriving in Roosevelt in their Ford, packed to the wipers, the first problem facing the artists was to find a place to live and a good plasterer.

A true fresco is painted directly on wet plaster, so when it dries the paint becomes a part of the crystallized plas-

ter itself. After rejecting a dozen plasterers, Shahn began to wonder where Michelangelo got his help. It must have been Ireland, because at last James Francis Rafferty arrived: blusterer, sometimes on a drunk, but an artist with plaster. The mural could begin, and the partners fell into a routine. Rafferty laid the plaster and arrived at 4:00 every morning to wet it down so Shahn could begin work by eight.

With fresco, only as much of the final layer of plaster is laid as can be painted the same day, so work progressed slowly. Before the paint can be applied, the cartoon must be pasted on the wall, its outlines of figures and buildings already punctured by tiny holes, charcoal pressed through the holes, the cartoon removed, and the "synopia" or final sketch drawn, roughly following the charcoal-dotted lines.

Bernarda Shahn, pregnant throughout the work, climbed the scaffold and did some of the figures in the mural. All was progressing smoothly until Shahn noticed some strange men lurking around the building. When these agents of the FBI found that the artist wasn't going to include the head of Stalin in the mural, they finally gave up and left.

When the last bit of plaster and brushful of paint had been laid, Rafferty summed up the way they felt in his lament: "I'll never have a job like this again." It's true; there's no mural like ours, and for us that's cause for celebration.

Council News

Small Items Add Up to Lengthy Report

By Bob Clark

At its Feb. 14 regular meeting the Borough Council handled a variety of routine matters.

The Council passed a resolution, supported by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad, calling for State hearings on the advisability of establishing regionalized paramedical corps that would take over many of the functions of local first aiders.

As suggested by Council member Bill Counterman, the Council decided to purchase safety lights for the Borough's new truck and snow plow at a cost of \$130.

Council member Marilyn Magnes announced that Librarian Dottie Beinin is inquiring into the purchase of cassette players so that residents with failing eyes can listen to library tapes. Magnes also said she will work with Peter Berlinsut to organize an oral and written folk history of the Borough.

Council member Lou Esakoff announced that in accordance with the terms of sale of the old Borough Hall two outbuildings will be torn down. Council accepted an offer by George Bradford to move a quantity of pipes from the old Borough Hall to the water plant for \$200.

The Council passed a resolution proclaiming March as Red Cross month and approved use of Memorial Park on April 21 opening day activities by the Millstone-Roosevelt Little League. The Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission's report of work in Roosevelt during 1978 was summarized.

The Council received a letter from Mark Katz praising last year's Spring Clean-up campaign and urging a similar effort this year.

Council member Esther Pogrebin said that she plans to attend a meeting on recreation opportunities at the Monmouth County Library.

At a special meeting preceding the agenda meeting on Feb. 12, the Council agreed to sell the old Borough fire truck to William Forman of Englishtown, the high bidder, for \$350.

Mayor Barth told Council members that a CETA Program report praised Borough Clerk Elizabeth Johnson for a well run CETA operation.

Arnold Will Sing With Sarah Caldwell

David Arnold's recent performance of "Emperor Jones" was described in the New Yorker as "arresting" and the Michigan Opera which presented it has engaged Arnold to sing Il Trovatore and Rigoletto in future seasons.

Following on the heels of the "Emperor Jones" success, is Arnold's contract to sing "Ford" in Verdi's Falstaff with Sarah Caldwell this spring.

Arnold's performances of Schoenberg's Gurrelieder with the Boston Symphony Orchestra will be telecast, recorded by Phillips, and presented at both Symphony Hall in Boston and Carnegie Hall in New York. +

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Principal Becomes Student; Subject Is Survival Skills

Friends,

Recently I participated in a five-day "Outward Bound" winter survival program in the mountains of Maine. Our school has sponsored an extensive outdoor education program and when the person who directed that for us left, I felt that I needed to develop the expertise necessary to continue the program.

I find it difficult to write about an experience that had such significance for me. Yet I feel both a desire and an obligation to

share some of it with you.

There were nine people in the group. We had two leaders. The average age of the participants was 32. We were all adults who had come together from various parts of the Northeast for various reasons. We were faced with a formidable task: We had to survive outdoors for five days and five nights in the mountains of Maine. We were issued equipment and food and set out.

Some of us had some camping experience; others were novices. We all learned quickly by doing--a different method of learning than my formal learning had been. We had to put up tents in the dark, melt snow for water, cook and make a fire with little wood, stay dry, stay nourished, cross country ski, move about on snow shoes and try to stay warm. We navigated the trip, learning how to use maps and compasses as we went. We learned a great deal about first aid for frostbite and hypothermia. We

learned a large number of skills critical to survival in the wilderness.

Perhaps the most significant learning, however, was on a more personal level. We had to ski and climb a mountain with packs on our backs which weighed 65 pounds. It was cold, wet and at times lonely. There were times when I felt that there was no way I could take another step. But I did. And another. I found in myself the resources to go on when I did not think I could; to accomplish tasks I did not believe possible. I felt humbled by the mountains, the snow, the vastness of the outdoors. I also felt a small, personal satisfaction--not as a conqueror of the wilderness--but as a student of the wilderness who had learned to cope, to achieve personal good in a difficult and sometimes hostile environment.

I brought back some of that with me. This job for me, learning for kids, teaching for teachers, these are often tasks filled with doubt and at times the feeling that you can not go further. While intellectually I've always known that you can, living it and having the experience myself in a very dramatic way has renewed my sense of what we are capable of. My hope is that the experiences we provide for children in school will enable them to discover their own inner resources and will help them to experience the joy of achievement and accomplishment.

The trip was a very important one for me in many ways and I hope you have been able to gain some sense of that from this brief description.

Lew Gentwerk

School Puts Video Tape to Work

School video tape

By David Ashkinazy, age 11 years

Roosevelt School bought a video tape recorder in January, 1978. Although the recorder looks like a big and ordinary tape recorder, it can record television pictures as well as sound.

It is connected to a special television camera and a television set. During the recording process the object in front of the camera is displayed on the T.V. screen while it is being taped on the video tape.

The school bought a black and white video tape recorder because they have a black and white T.V. The purchase of a color video tape recorder would have been more expensive and would have meant that the school would need a color T.V. and a color monitor.

The video tape recorder cost \$1,700. The PTA donated \$1,000 and the Board of Education paid \$700.

The school video taped last year's graduation rehearsals and this winter's music concert. Physical education classes have been taped and shown during parent conferences.

Four people know how to work the special T.V. equipment and principal Lew Gantwerk plans to teach more people to operate the video tape recorder.

STUDENT FILMS TO PLAY HERE AND AT GUGGENHEIM

Roosevelt School's film making project is almost half finished. The students are working on animation and have action projects. They are producing some wonderful material.

In the late spring we will make a presentation of student work to the community. Dates will be published in this newspaper.

On May 22 the films will be presented at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City. Principal Lew Gantwerk will be working with the Board and parents to arrange for school children to be at that event.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Peddie School will host the Cross Country phase of the Junior Olympics on Dec. 8, 1979, the National Junior Olympic Committee announced recently. The Bulletin will keep you informed as we receive further details.

PTA SHOWS FREE MOVIE

The PTA offered a free movie during the afternoon of Tuesday, March 13 at the Borough Hall.

The Charlie Chaplin film was for Roosevelt students of all ages and was scheduled to coincide with an early closing day at the school.

More of the World's a Stage for These Two

By Elly Shapiro

Who among us has not wanted to master the art of entertaining? Acclamation from an appreciative audience is heady stuff, an experience most people enjoy. Through acting you can shed your skin and act your way into someone else's. You emote, express. You live someone else's life.

The Children's Theater Workshop, a Roosevelt theater group begun in 1972 by Margaret Schlinski, has spawned among others, aspiring actresses Nathalie Altman and Amy Hepner.

Both girls are students at Lee Strasberg's Theater Institute in Greenwich Village. These two 17-year-olds were members of Roosevelt School's class of 1975, five of whose 25 students aspire to theater careers. Besides David Scitz and David Steinberg, there's Cantey Turner: Now a Texas resident, she's been named Best Young Actress for that state.

Nathalie, born in New York City and raised in Roosevelt, was involved in the Children's Theater Workshop from the first year, and she acted in many productions. She was inspired, she says, by Robert Imbrie, a Roosevelt playwright who advised her to read about the Stanislavsky method of acting. Constantin Stanislavsky was cofounder of the Moscow Art Theater in 1898, a heavy influence on modern acting, and pretty impressive to Nathalie. With aid from her grandfather, a former Strasberg student, Nathalie began studies with Strasberg in September, 1977.

Now she attends one class each week, a play production course in which some of the 25 students act out scenes. (Her favorite part is "Rosie", from William

Hanley's comedy Slow Dance on the Killing Ground.) A 12th grader, she will be auditioning for admission at several colleges that offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater. Although she says she hasn't a "good quality voice" Nathalie is in the high school choir. She also has had dance experience in tap, ballet and jazz.

Amy Hepner, a senior at the Summit School in Levittown, Pa., attends the Theater Institute on Saturday mornings. Her first course - Theater Techniques - followed workshop productions in Roosevelt. She has continued this interest since then by appearing in her school's productions of Guys and Dolls and Bye, Bye Birdie. Amy hopes to continue studies to make a career in acting after a long trip to Israel later this year. Amy has already had three years of voice lessons.

Both Nathalie and Amy say an actress must learn total relaxation and concentration on the senses. Exercises in sensory awareness are as integral a part of their acting classes as is improvisation. The performers say they must begin without inhibition and with the ability to accept criticism.

REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

It isn't too late! If you haven't returned the PTA summer school flyer, do it now. We need to estimate our enrollment, and we need volunteers to help organize. Have your calls return the flyer to the PTA enclosure outside the main Roosevelt Public School office at the Lost and Found box, Room 101, East Main

Board Hears Eight Policies

By Arthur Shapiro

Proceedings at the February 13 School Board meeting included acceptance on first reading of eight policies.

Included were policies dealing with administrator evaluation; curriculum and program adoption; promotion and retention; field trips; early completion of elementary school; length of school day; use of community members in the school; access to student records.

There was a discussion regarding a meeting between Principal

Lew Gantwerk, Mayor Leon Barth and an architect to explore the possibility of refurbishing the school playground. No architect was hired, pending a letter from the state regarding a building evaluation.

The need for development of a policy regarding jury duty came to light when Elly Shapiro, Instructional Aide, received notice to serve at Federal Court.

A motion passed authorizing leave with pay for the duration of the service, less any remuneration Shapiro will receive from the court.

In other business the board agreed to pay for educational workshops to be attended by Jane Premon and Bruce Barrett.

Visitor requests will now be heard twice during board meetings, once after correspondence and again after bills for payment.

Vote April 3rd

HYPERTENSION SCREENING INCLUDES TEENS AND ADULTS

By June Counterman

There will be a free Hypertension Screening sponsored by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad in conjunction with the Monmouth County Board of Health, on Monday, April 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. This screening will be held at the Roosevelt Municipal Building and will help identify those over 12 years of age who have high blood pressure. #

Kaye Article Stirs Discussion

By Elly Shapiro

The article by Pat Kaye which appeared in the Update section of the February issue of New Jersey Monthly has caused Page One attention in the area.

David Salowitz, staff writer for the Windsor-Heights Herald quoted Ms. Kaye's article "Twin Rivers Ties With Nazis Disturb Jews" in a recent front page news article. Kaye's story dealt with the increase in holdings in W. R. Grace and Co. (the company currently developing Twin Rivers) by a German company, the Flick Group, which used slave labor from concentration camps. The late Friedrich Flick, founder of the German company, was described during the Nuremberg trials as "the greatest single power behind the Nazi war-making machine."

East Windsor Planning Board member Torrington Watkins initiated a discussion about the magazine article at a recent meeting of the board.

Mr. Watkins is quoted in the Windsor-Heights Herald as saying, "I think the public has a right to know."



HOMEGROWN

By Carl Johnson

March is generally thought of as the beginning of the gardening season in this part of the country. The lengthening days in March bring warmer temperatures and the promise of spring. If you haven't already done it, draw your garden plan. This is the time of year that tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and many flowering annuals are started from seed in greenhouses or even on sunny windowsills. It doesn't take much room to get a few plants started.

The most important ingredient in a successful garden is soil preparation. Even the most healthy and vigorous seedlings will be somewhat less than disappointing when grown in a soil that cannot supply proper nourishment and moisture. Good garden soil contains plenty of organic matter, such as compost, rotted manure or peat moss. Your garden should have the ability to drain off excess water quickly.

The pH (acid-alkaline balance) of the soil is also important. For most vegetables and flowers a pH of from 6.0 to 6.8 is most satisfactory. In general, soil along the East Coast of the United States is acid and an application of lime (5 lbs. for every 100 sq. ft. of garden area) is indicated. The lime used should be dolomitic or agricultural lime and not the type that is

generally spread on a lawn. It's a good idea to have your soil tested so that the correct amount of lime can be added to it.

A vegetable garden should be situated where it will get a minimum of six hours direct sunlight a day. Rows should be run north and south to receive maximum exposure from the sun.

Early spring (late March- mid April) is the time to plant carrots, leeks, lettuce, onion sets, peas, radishes, spinach and turnips directly in the garden as soon as the soil can be worked. Seedlings of broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower can be planted at this time. If you haven't started your own plants from seed, these varieties are available now at many local garden centers.

Cole crops (broccoli, cabbage, etc.) are heavy feeders and require a lot of organic matter in the soil. Side dressings of commercial fertilizers are also beneficial. These crops should be grown in an area where cole crops have not been grown for at least three years, as they are susceptible to diseases left in the soil by old crop residue.

Remember, even a small (15 feet x 25 feet) garden can produce \$250 worth of fresh vegetables in a single growing season.

In future columns I will discuss matters of general interest to home gardeners. If you have specific questions concerning your garden, address them to Carl Johnson, Roosevelt, N.J. 08555.

Variations on a Potato

By Elly Shapiro

Much like a cornucopia, my mailbox last month yielded goodies. This recipe, from Mary Jane Berlinrut, was a hit at a recent party for "Bulletin" people. The Berlinruts serve this as a main dish at dinner with a vegetable and a tossed salad.

Potatoes Provençal

Paré 4-6 potatoes and cut into chunks. Parboil these for five minutes (not longer or they'll be too soft) in 1 cup of water in which you have dissolved a

OLD STAFF, NEW STAFF BULLETIN'S GOT THE STUFF

By Pat Kaye

Accepting the editorship of this newspaper was possible because a talented and reliable staff of volunteers contribute to these pages monthly. This month we have new staff members to report.

Student David Ashkinazy makes his debut in this issue of the Bulletin with his story on the school pages. We are pleased to report that several other students have expressed an interest in contributing to future Bulletins.

Also appearing for the first time this month (and just in time for spring) is garden columnist Carl Johnson who will share his expertise with those of us whose thumbs are still flesh colored.

Thanks to Jim Dulicai, a new staffer, and Hortense Sochohitzky, our proof-reader-turned-editor, for agreeing to help edit the copy that fills each month's Bulletin. They have already proved that they are worth their weight in gold copy pencils.

bouillon cube. Add more water if necessary so potatoes are just covered.

Drain, reserving the liquid. To the boiled potatoes, add 1 onion coarsely chopped, 2 tbsp. oil, 1 tbsp. flour or cornstarch, 1 clove garlic (crushed), 1/4 tsp. each of chopped dill weed, celery seed and parsley, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well and transfer to a greased baking dish.

If you want to zap the flavor, now add a couple of dashes of soy sauce, or sesame oil, or both. Top the whole thing with crumbs mixed with Parmesan cheese, and dot with butter. Sprinkle chopped peanuts over the top as another variation.

Pour broth carefully around the potato mix and bake for 20-25 minutes (or until the potatoes are soft) in a 450 degree oven. The recipe can easily be doubled for company and will be a welcome meatless addition to any cook's repertoire.



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New Martin Work Commemorates Holocaust

By Elly Shapiro

Stefan Martin has created a stirring new wood engraving entitled "Holocaust" to heighten awareness of the Holocaust Commemorative Program scheduled for April 22 in East Windsor.

The work is an edition limited to 100 prints which will be made available for purchase through the Council of Jewish Organizations (COJO).

Martin, who has lived in Roosevelt much of his life, is one of very few engravers, and has acquired world renown in that art. Wood engraving, which is often confused with wood cutting, uses different tools as well as different skills. The wood is laminated and glued, and

then sized with six layers of egg white. Martin uses the wood as if it were a piece of paper. He creates an image by first drawing and then engraving his design.

"Holocaust" shows an outstretched arm reaching upward toward a dove, symbol of peace. The numbers which are tattooed on the wrist belong to an actual survivor of Dachau.

The engraving, which Martin says symbolizes his hope that mankind will never allow the recurrence of a Holocaust, may be bought through Lea Bookman. Call her at 448-2392 for additional information on the picture of the Commemorative program.

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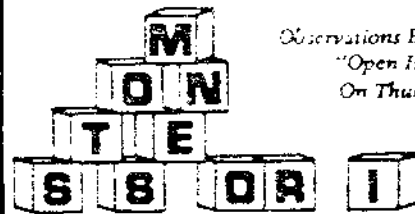
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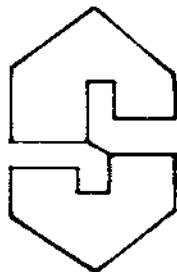
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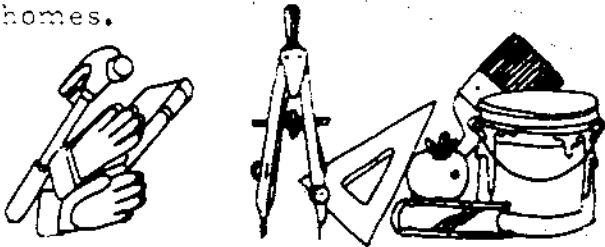
By Bob Clark

The Borough Bulletin will publish home improvement plans, photographs, descriptions or ideas that have proved successful for Roosevelt residents. Such information would also be turned over to the Planning Board for a special "solutions file."

At its Feb. 26 regular meeting the Planning Board discussed a suggestion by member Virginia Edwards that information about ways to renovate or remodel Roosevelt's original concrete and block houses be collected to give guidance to other Borough residents with similar houses. Chairman Ralph Seligman noted that the Board had previously discussed the possibility that a "solutions file" could be compiled and made available to neighbors.

Although most Roosevelt houses present challenges to builders and building materials, some creative ideas would inspire the interest of other residents and help them to make their own homes more comfortable, spacious or appealing.

If you have had luck with a particular building material, plan or design, just call Bob Clark at 443-5883. The Bulletin will publish it and provide it to the Board. We will do the same for ideas for improving newer, more conventional homes.



PROFESSOR RIESENFIELD AND FAMILY ON SABBATICAL IN OSLO, NORWAY

Professor Richard Riesenfeld, on sabbatical leave from the University of Utah, is presently a visiting professor in Oslo, Norway.

His field is computer aided design and he is the son of Ilse and Walter Riesenfeld of Tamara Drive. While in Europe, Riesenfeld will give lectures in England, West Germany, Sweden and at the Technion in Haifa, Israel.

His wife, Dr. Elaine Cohen, also a computer scientist, and their daughter Samantha, age 2, are with him.

LAKENS ADD TO BULLETIN

The Bulletin relies upon Andrea Laken for headlines monthly, but this month husband Bruce Laken added a few computer headlines to our pages. Thank Bruce for Space Age heads like the one at the top of the adjacent column.

Andrea Laken gets special thanks for the two terrific photographs in this edition.

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Wednesday and Thursday (March 21 and 22) the evening performance will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday (March 23 and 24), performances begin at 8:15 p.m.

For those who do not already hold reserve tickets, general admission tickets will be on sale at the door.

COMMUNITY-SCHOOL CALENDAR

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	Wednesday, 3 p.m.	Parent Advisory Council, Roosevelt School
	Wed., 7:15-8 p.m.	Bookmobile, store parking lot
,22	Wed., Thurs., 7:30 p.m.	Nightstown High School presents
,24	Fri., Sat., 8:15 p.m.	<u>Fiddler on the Roof</u> , High School Auditorium
	Monday, 8 p.m.	Planning Board meeting, Borough Hall
	Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.	A.C.O.S.S., Borough Hall
3	Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.	Senior Citizens meet at store parking lot for trip to <u>Gypsy</u>
28	Wednesday, 8 p.m.	First Aid meeting, Borough Hall
30	Friday, 8 p.m.	Poetry and Jazz presentation, Borough Hall

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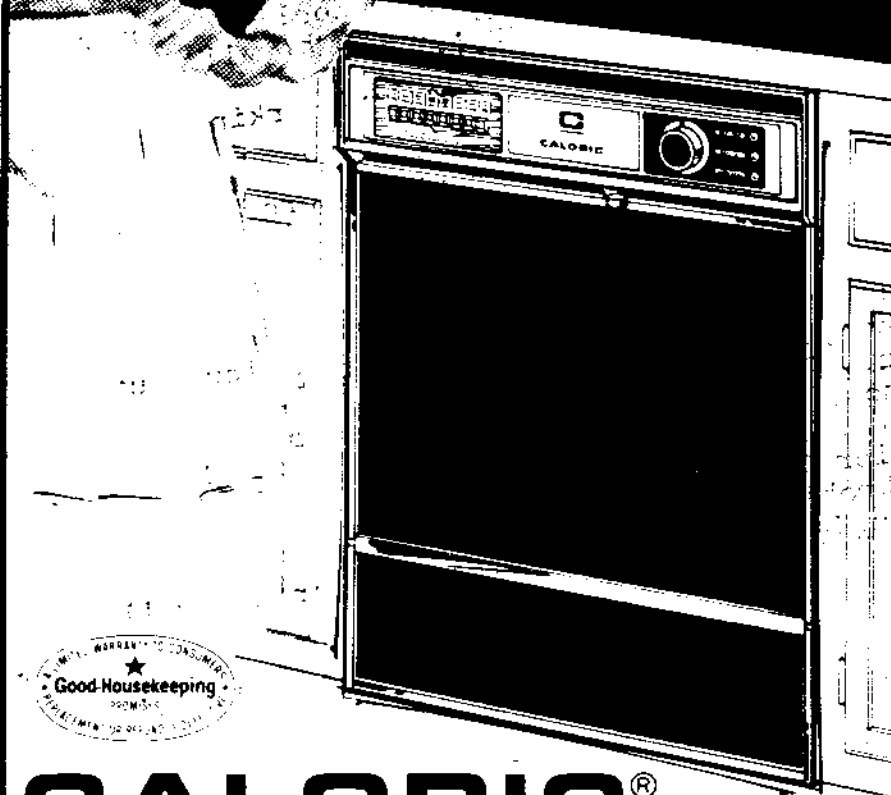
1	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-1p.m.	First Aid Pancake Breakfast and Antique Auto Show, Borough Hall parking lot
3	Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.	Early Closing, Roosevelt School
3	Tuesday, 5-9 p.m.	School Board Election, Roosevelt School
3	Tuesday, 5-9 p.m.	Bake sale, Roosevelt school
4	Wednesday, 2 p.m.	Senior Citizens' meeting, Borough Hall
4	Wed., 7:15-8:30 p.m.	Bookmobile, store parking lot
4	Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	<u>Borough Bulletin</u> staff meeting, Borough Hall
5	Thursday, 10:30 a.m.	Puppet show, Roosevelt school
9-13		School closed, Spring Vacation
9	Monday, 8 p.m.	Borough Council agenda meeting, Borough Hall
10	Tuesday, 8 p.m.	School Board meeting, school
10	Tuesday, 8 p.m.	Borough Council meeting, Borough Hall
11	Wednesday	First Seder
14	Saturday, 11 a.m.	PTA Spring Egg Hunt, Roosevelt School grounds
15	Sunday	Easter Sunday
16	Monday, 5 p.m.	<u>Borough Bulletin</u> copy and advertising deadline. Mail to Pat Kaye. Must be typed.
18	Wed., 7:15-8:30 p.m.	Bookmobile, store parking lot
19	Thursday, 8 p.m.	PTA meeting, Roosevelt School
21	Saturday, 12 noon	Roosevelt-Hillstone Little League Opening Day Exercises, Memorial, Roosevelt School (followed by first game of season)
22	Sunday, 8 p.m.	Holocaust Commemorative program, Temple Beth El, Maple Stream Road, East Windsor
23	Monday, 6-9 p.m.	First Aid free hypertension screening, Borough Hall
24	Tuesday, 13:20 p.m.	Early Closing, Roosevelt School
25	Wednesday, 3 p.m.	Parents Advisory Council, Roosevelt School
26	Thursday, 4 p.m.	Deadline for filing for candidacy in June Primary Elections, Borough Hall

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