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■ BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

by Herb Johnson

PCD II Ordinance Adopted—Mayor Vetoes—Council Overrides

The Mayor and Council's Reorganization Meeting on January 6 and Regular Meeting on January 13 started the new year off with excitement, but not to the same extent that the December meetings that ended 1996.

Two exciting special meetings occurred in December. After over a year's deliberations about the Planned Community Development II Ordinance proposed by Roosevelt's Planning Board to guide zoning changes in the northern 500 acres of the Borough, the five public questions on the subject on the November ballot, the December 16 public hearing at which five Millstone Township residents and at least 12 Roosevelt residents spoke, four members of the Council, David Donnelly, Jeff Hunt, Paul Hoogsteden and Stuart Kaufman, voted in favor of the ordinance. Voting against it were Rose Murphy and George Vasseur.

The Mayor, however, has the power to veto measures passed by the Council within ten days of receiving an official copy of measures passed. In an unusual move to nullify the PCD II Ordinance, Mayor Lee Allen sent a veto message to the Borough Hall by fax at 11:30 p.m. on December 30. After completion of the business scheduled for the brief Special Meeting on that date, the Mayor had revealed to the Council that he planned to veto the ordinance by the midnight deadline. He left when the Council would not adjourn the meeting. Twelve members of the public were present when Borough Clerk Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik and the Council received the fax message. Council members Donnelly, Hoogsteden, Hunt and Kaufman then reconvened and passed Resolution 101 of 1996, which overturned Mayor Allen's veto.

In its last act of the year, the Council then passed a resolution to award a plaque of recognition to Councilman Kaufman for his six years of outstanding volunteer service as a member of the Council of the Borough of Roosevelt. The Mayor assisted in the presentation at the January 6 meeting.

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the Borough Hall on Monday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Allen presiding. Newly elected member Michael Stiles, and re-elected member George Vasseur took the oath of office, which was administered by Borough Clerk Bieracka-Olejnik. The

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THE ROOSEVELT/MILLSTONE COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING STUDENTS. PLEASE CALL 426-9523 OR 448-1854 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

RESIDENT BOB MUELLER is taking part in a juried group exhibition entitled **ART & SCIENCE** at the Marlboe Gallery of the Richard L. Swig Arts Center in the Peddie School in Hightstown which opened on January 17th. In connection with the exhibition, Bob will give a lecture on Thursday, February 13th entitled **EXPERIMENTAL BEAUTY: THE MATHEMATICAL ORIGINAL OF A NOVEL ART FORM** at 7:30 p.m. in the Masland Room, downstairs from the gallery.

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Thank you!

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■ PLANNING BOARD NEWS

by Bob Clark

Roosevelt's Planning Board reorganized on January 8, electing Gail Hunton Chair, Joseph Zahora Vice Chair, and Ann Kassahun Secretary. Mayor Lee Allen, who also serves on the Board, announced that he had reappointed Paul Henry as a Class IV member and Mark Roberts as an alternate. A long standing alternate vacancy remains unfilled. Jeffrey Hunt continues as the Borough Council's representative on the Board, and Michael Ticktin, who also serves as the Borough's Tax Assessor, remains as the public officer member. Other members of the Board are Bert Ellentuck, David Leff and Harry Parker.

The Board unanimously approved retaining Alan Mallach as its Planning Consultant and Michele Donato as its attorney. The Asbury Park Press and Messenger Press will continue as newspapers for official notices, and meetings will still be held on the

second Wednesday of every month.

Ralph Warnick was introduced as the new Zoning Officer to replace Mr. Ellentuck, who had served a lengthy period as the Acting Zoning Officer. Although no job description has yet been adopted for the position, Mr. Warnick, who has lived in Roosevelt for a number of years, said he would ask Mr. Ellentuck and others for guidance until a job description becomes official. Mr. Hunt circulated draft job descriptions that Mr. Ticktin, Mr. Ellentuck and Mr. Hunt had prepared and asked for feedback from the Board. Mr. Warnick, a ceramics and art teacher, said he would be unable to meet with anyone on Borough business before 3:15 PM due to his other jobs.

Mr. Ticktin reported that the house adjacent to the former service station had been foreclosed and is now held by a bank.

Roosevelt Library Needs Volunteers

by William Presuitti, CSA

The Roosevelt Library is open on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00—8:30 P.M.. As you know, the library is staffed by volunteers. As of this writing, the library needs more volunteers. This is particularly important at this time since a number of people who volunteered in the past can no longer offer their services. Therefore, on some evenings you may have found the library closed. I know this can be very frustrating but the library needs your help if it is to remain open on a consistent basis.

Some residents have suggested that we open the library from 4:00—5:30 P.M.. one afternoon each week. This is a great idea but once again we need volunteers to help staff the library at this time. The majority of people who currently help with the library work during the day and would not be available.

Consequently, I am asking that if you could help in the library one day each month that would be great. The job is simple:

1. Sign out books.
2. Take request from residents for books located in other libraries.
3. Notify residents when requested books come into the library each week.
4. Shelf books that are returned to the library each week.

There is also a need for volunteer to go to the main branch of the Monmouth County Library two or three times a year to pick out new books for our library so the same books are not always on our shelves. The County Library will then deliver the books to Roosevelt. No carting books is required.

Please call Helen Barth at the school (448-2798) if you can lend a hand. Be specific in what you would like to do and the days and times you are available. I will then contact you with a schedule etc.

Thank you for your support!

■ Letter from the Chief School Administrator

by William Presutti

As you may know, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Education has been investigating numerous educational alternatives that may help in easing the tax burden in Roosevelt while continuing to provide a quality education for our students. The committee is in the final stages of completing their report outlining their findings. The Committee has developed the following timetable for presentation to the full Board of Education and the community at-large:

February 13, 1997: The Ad Hoc Committee Report on Educational Alternatives will be presented to the Board of Education and community at the February 13, 1997 Board of Education meeting at 7:30 p.m.

February 27, 1997: A second opportunity for the public and Board members to comment on the content of the report will take place at the Board of Education meeting on February 27, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

February 28, 1997: A Community Survey will be distributed to all households in Roosevelt to receive feedback on all aspects of the educational process in Roosevelt including Grades 7 through 12 and the alternatives discussed in the Ad Hoc Report.

The Board of Education looks forward to your participation in this process.

On October 29, 1996 the Roosevelt Public School was moni-

tored by the State Department of Education. At the Board of Education meeting on January 23, 1997 a report from the Monmouth County Superintendents of School was presented to the Board commending the district in the area of standardized testing and student attendance. The district passed all areas of monitoring and will be recommended for a seven year certification by the New Jersey State Board of Education.

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■ Nursery School News

by Marsha Rust, Head Teacher

Brrr...Winter is here. But, the students of RCNS are enjoying the signs of winter and making seasonal projects. In January, we rang in 1997 by making bells. We also made snowmen, polar bears and mittens. The numbers through 5 were reinforced, as well as the colors blue and white. We have also been learning the initial sounds of letters. In January, the children made cotton ball C's, Cookie Monster and Clifford for the letter C.

February is the shortest month of the year, but it has a lot of special days. The children will have fun making heart people and cards for Valentine's Day. They will learn about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. There will also be activities focusing on dental health. They will learn that some foods are good for your teeth and some foods are not.

For the initial sound of the letter D, the children will make dinosaur prints as well as make paper dotted dogs. The color purple will be emphasized as well as the number 6.

On another positive note, our class size has expanded, but we still have openings. Please come to see us if you have a pre-school child between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5. Please call 426-9523 or 448-1854 for more information.



PTA News

by Ellen Silverman

It is 1997 and the Roosevelt PTA is ready. A big "Thank you!" goes to the Assembly Committee, Debbie Fischer, Linda Silverstein, Gail Tickin, Tracey DeRosa and Kim Schwartz for bringing a circus to the school on January 23rd, the circus performed and then held workshops for the students. These committee members were also responsible for a great assembly program on January 9th on Emergency (911).

The PTA sponsored the WITS program at the school in January also. The WITS program brings a professional writer to the school to hold workshops with the students and teachers. The place really

hummed with excitement the week of January 13th through the 17th.

The PTA will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Flower sale on February 12th. Thanks to Diana Moore and her crew, the students will not have to look further than their school for an appropriate gift for their loved ones.

Winter carnival will take place on February 23rd. At the carnival there will be games, crafts, food and a Chinese Auction. Thinking of the Chinese Auction reminds me that I once won something at a school carnival; in fact it is the only thing I ever won by taking a chance

at a drawing. It was a 50 pound bag of cow feed. I did not own a cow at the time and I still don't. I want you to know right now that this did not happen at Roosevelt, it would not happen at Roosevelt, we are too cool for that sort of thing. Come to the Winter Carnival. The games and crafts will be really fun and the Chinese Auction will be full of very appropriate prizes and the food will be very desirable people feed.

Here is just a reminder to parents and staff of the Roosevelt Elementary School: If you are not a member of the PTA, it is not too late to join.

From the R.P.S. Art Room

by Rita R. Williams, Art Teacher

On December 5th I had the great honor to be part of the NJN filming at R.P.S. I really enjoyed being in front of the cameras teaching our fourth graders about our mural. As the bright lights were shining in my face and the camera was rolling, I was struck by the fact that as I was talking about the immigrants that Shahn depicted, I was part of the mural.

I was part of the mural because my parents were part of that immigrant flood that came to the United States searching for freedom. My parents were forced from their East-

ern European country into displaced persons camps and finally found their freedom here in New Jersey on a chicken farm. I was taught to treasure the freedoms that we have here in this country. These freedoms have made me the person that I am today and as I teach our children at R.P.S., I teach them about freedom every day.

In the R.P.S. art room each child has been given the freedom to be able to create. Each child is allowed to think, decide, design and create in their own way. We try to set basic rules to be followed and

basic guidelines for projects, but each child explores their own creativity with real freedom. That is why our children create such wonderful and unusual projects. They have been allowed to have creative freedom.

It is not unusual for children at R.P.S. to use their freedom of speech and I encourage it. Children may want to explore or experiment a part of a project in a direction that I had not intended. I give them the freedom to explain what they want to do in a type of self guided project and then they have the freedom to ex-

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plore. Recently a student was very involved in cartooning and did not want to work on the classroom project. He stated his case very well and was allowed to have the freedom to work on his own cartooning project as well as what the rest of the class was doing. With our small class sizes and a strong spirit of Roosevelt freedom, we are able to accomplish great things in the art room.

Our second graders are in the spotlight this month doing wonderful work as sculptors! This second grade class is a group of great thinkers who want to get their hands into the media. They enjoy being allowed to experiment with their materials and thoroughly enjoy the "making of."

Our class discussions centered around animals in winter. We talked about the animals that we can see around Roosevelt in winter and where they might live and eat when the weather is very cold. The children were concerned about animals getting enough food. They were very interested in the library books with pictures of animals and some children entered the research phase of the project like scientists and made sketches and plans for their sculptures. Others enjoyed brainstorming and making lists of as many animals that they could think of.

Armed with lots of newspaper and masking tape the children began to use their sketches or visualizations to create the armature or

skeleton for their sculptures. We folded, twisted, rolled and manipulated newspaper into every way possible and secured it with pieces of tape. It was interesting to see how actual, recognizable animal shapes were appearing from newspaper.

With a huge bowl of papier mache paste and strips of newspaper, the students began to build their sculptures. The strips of paper were covered in paste and then smoothed onto the armature.

What amazed me was that there was such a variety of animals being made and each child was allowed to take their idea and turn it into something real. We made a wonderful mess, had a great time and came back the next week to continue the process. As the animals dry, they will be painted with acrylic paint and then an environment will be created from sticks, pine needles etc. for display. Our second graders will have learned to create a three dimensional sculpture and work with papier maché paste. But more important than that, they will have learned that their ideas are what are important and that the creative freedom that they are allowed is special.

During quiet moments here in the art room (there aren't many), I think about how I am obligated to provide our students with freedoms. It helps to have an open mind as an educator and it helps to have had struggling immigrant parents who instilled in me the spirit of freedoms that I bring every day to the R.P.S. art room.

Cub Scout Pack 119 News

by Ellen Silverman

February is the Anniversary of Cub Scouts, and Pack 119 will be celebrating in the traditional way with a "Blue and Gold" Banquet at our pack meeting. That night will be double fun for the scouts because the Pack's Pinewood Derby will also be held on this auspicious occasion. The boys in the Cub Scout Den can hardly wait. They have made invitations for their parents, decorations and are practicing their skit for the occasion.

The Webelos have also been working hard in their meetings not only preparing for the Banquet but also on their required achievements for their Webelos badge. All the scouts have been working on their own and with their parents on that special car for the derby.

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■ Board of Education News

by Joann San Nicola

The meeting of the Board of Education convened on Thursday, January 23rd. at 7:30 PM chaired by President Mike Hamilton. Three members were absent.

It was announced that Mrs. Irene Levine will be attending the Curriculum fair at Shore Regional High School. She will be presenting the project on the Lenape Indians which she and her class created. The art work in the school and the town hall will be appraised for insurance purposes.

Mr. Hamilton announced that elections for the Board of Education will be held on April 15th. There are three four year positions and one two year position open. Petitions for three spots will be received until 4:00 PM

Monday February 24th, at the Board of Education office at R.P.S.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Mrs. Skye, who has relocated.

The Board also voted to accept the findings of the State monitoring team resulting from their visit of October 29th. R.P.S. received commendations in the following areas:

1. Exceeding stated standards
2. Writing and Math scores above level
3. Student attendance

The meeting was adjourned at 9 P.M.

RECYCLING Household Batteries

by Mary Alfare

Small household batteries may be dropped off at the Roosevelt Post office only if they are placed in the plastic container provided. Please don't put plastic bags into this container. Large amounts of batteries may be dropped off inside the Borough Hall during regular hours.

Batteries left sitting in plastic bags collect moisture, become corrosive and then become hazardous to children and counter tops.

Thank you for your cooperation.

WINTER FUN



Snow is falling to my delight
Flakes so thick and very white
Boys and girls sled down the hill
Warmly dressed to avoid a chill
What a wonderful sight for all to behold
Children playing on this day of cold
A snowman was made as best we could
Not very tall, yet there it stood
For all to see what we had done
Keeping busy and having fun
Long will I remember this playful day
Good times and laughter in a special way
Mom calling for me to come back
So long Eddie, Good-bye Jack
It was great to be home and feeling warm
Happy as can be to have been born
Just the right moment to make a wish
For Mom to be cooking my favorite dish



by Sol Axelrod



GARBAGE & RECYCLING GUIDELINES

by Gayle Donnelly, Recycling Coordinator

GARBAGE COLLECTION is on Wednesday (as early as 6:00 a.m.). Containers are supplied and repaired by our contractor. For repairs, leave your container close to the street and call the Roosevelt Department of Public Works (DPW) at 448-5745. If you find you have more garbage than fits in your container, put it in a plastic bag and call the above number before noon on Tuesday.

RECYCLING CURBSIDE COLLECTION is every other week. (Feb. 5th & 19th)

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD:

Flatten, fold or cut to a maximum size of 2 feet by 2 feet and tie with string. Corrugated cardboard has two layers with a "waffle" layer in between. Excludes: Single-ply packaging such as cereal boxes and gift boxes.

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Tie with string or use a sturdy container like a 5 gallon bucket or plastic box. Paper must be secure against blowing out of the container. Do not use plastic or paper bags. Includes: Magazines, unwanted mail, office paper, envelopes and books (remove hard covers).

Excludes: Phone books and brown grocery bags.

NEWSPAPER: Tie with string into piles no more than 10" high.

COMMINGLED COLLECTION:

Includes: Glass bottles and jars; aluminum and tin cans; and, plastic bottles #1(PETE) and #2(HDPE) only.

Excludes: Styrofoam, plastic bags, aluminum foil, light bulbs, window glass, deli/yogurt containers and all plastics containers labeled with #3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Clean plastic bags can be recycled at some supermarkets.

HOW DOES RECYCLING AFFECT MY TAXES?

By reducing the amount of garbage that you make, you will reduce the cost of garbage disposal. Our new 5 year contract has a set fee for collection of garbage and recyclables plus we pay the landfill fees (disposal) for garbage. By recycling, you are reducing landfill fees. It is to our advantage to recycle, reuse and reduce to ensure that the non-recyclable waste you create is minimal.

Take a look at what is in your garbage - paper products comprise approximately 42% of the waste stream in Monmouth County, and food and yard wastes comprise an additional 20%. In addition to recycling, by reusing and composting your waste, you can do more by selecting products and packages that are environmentally sound. Waste prevention means reducing the volume and toxicity of waste destined for disposal at our landfill.

The Monmouth County Recycling Hotline phone number is (908) 577-8400. Roosevelt's Recycling Coordinator is Gayle Donnelly (448-5745), and Rebecca Reuter is a Master Composter (426-1304); we are willing to answer questions or help you get started composting and/or trouble-shooting.

Household Batteries can be dropped at the Post Office in the battery container or inside the Borough Hall. If you have a large amount of batteries, please bring them directly to the Borough Hall during regular office hours.

The Monmouth County Health Department has opened a permanent hazardous waste collection site in Tinton Falls. Call (908) 922-2234 for an appointment. They also will have a household waste collection day in Upper Freehold this year.



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Council adopted "Robert's Rules Of Order" and outgoing President of the Council, Rose Murphy, nominated David Donnelly to replace her. All approved. The Council then approved of resolutions or motions to appoint persons to fill 24 paid and 33 unpaid positions, as well as to designate the chairperson and members of each of the six committees of the Council (see the list of appointments following this article).

Existing committee assignments, with Mr. Stiles replacing former Councilman Stuart Kaufman, were continued pending the approval of an ordinance amendment next month to amend the Administrative Code of the Borough of Roosevelt to change a provision on committee assignments. At the next Regular Meeting of the Council, Monday February 10, the Council will consider final approval of this ordinance after a public hearing.

The Regular Meeting held on January 13 began with mentions of eleven correspondences to the Mayor and Council, many of which were posted on the bulletin board and created interest, comments and action. Five committee reports were given. Rose D. Murphy, Administration Committee Chairwoman, proposed that Fay Nulman's request for the use of the Community Room at the Borough Hall for a private party on February 2 be granted. This approval was granted later in the meeting. Unanimous approval was also given for Resolution 22 for 1997 to revise the Personnel Policy to protect any employees who acted as "whistle blowers" regarding the business of the Borough of Roosevelt. The Danskin Agency's correspondence requested action on that matter in terms of insurance costs.

Finance Committee Chairman Paul Hoogsteden invited the public to a workshop with the Council to prepare the 1997 budget. This meeting was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21. Mr. Hoogsteden also reported that he has followed up on the Council's interest in securing annual income by permitting use of the water tower structure and property below it for poles, panels, parabolic antennas radio communication systems, pagers and video systems. Edward L. Pease of REI Communications had previously expressed interest in such a use. Mr. Hoogsteden conferred with Borough Attorney John Ross about procedures to get offers from other firms as well. Mayor Allen referred to contacts with other municipalities and the different ways contracts there have limited the possibilities of revenue. Borough officials are investigating to be sure that there would be no threat to public safety, aesthetics or

wildlife. Mrs. Murphy cited the need to be sure the Borough owns enough property at the North Valley Road location of the water tower to permit the leasing of some ground space and having enough left for the erection of a second water tower if needed in the future.

Municipal Utilities Committee Chairman David Donnelly credited completion of the improvements of the water aerator for the high quality and clarity of the water in recent weeks. Steps to insure adequate monitoring of water quality on weekends and other times at which trained employees of Applied Water Services may not be on duty were arranged with AWS Operator Sean McGuire, who agreed to be on call at all times. Mr. Donnelly said action on Leonard Sacharoff's written request for reimbursement of expenses incurred to replace a defective water shut-off valve in the roadway would take place in the next few days. The matter had been discussed at the previous week's Agenda Meeting and paying what the Borough has recently paid for replacing such valves was favored as opposed to paying the amount, twice as large, that Mr. Sacharoff paid his contractor without giving the Borough a chance to close and, if needed, replace the valve.

Newly designated Public Works Chairman Michael Stiles, reported that salting and sanding of the roads took place "today." Jeanette Koffler restrained her outrage about the "three days late" action until Mr. Stiles and others finished their committee reports. Mr. Stiles added that Public Works Supervisor Gayle Donnelly gave him a letter to point out the urgent need for a ten-hour per week Public Works Employee. An ad for such has been up on the bulletin boards in town for three months.

George Vasseur, Chairman of the Environmental — Health & Safety Committee, reported that he felt that the two-inch snowfall the previous Saturday morning had created a danger, which he offered to help remedy, but that Mr. Stiles said that he had conferred with the Public Works Supervisor and decided that plowing was not needed.

Jeff Hunt was not present to give a report for the Community Development Committee, but reference was made to a letter from Millstone township Mayor Sy Littman regarding the recently passed Planned Community Development II Ordinance. Mayor Littman's letter included a report from the Millstone engineer recommending that, in

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deference to the preservation of the value of the \$500,000 homes adjoining Roosevelt, there be no industrial or apartment development within 1,000 feet of the Millstone-Roosevelt border. (It should be noted that virtually the entire area designated as developable under the ordinance is within 1,000 feet of the Millstone line!)

Jeanette Koffler criticized the Mayor and Council for not having the Borough's roads plowed Saturday, or at least sanded and salted as soon as it stopped snowing. She pointed out how dangerous it was for people who must walk regularly for their health, or walk their dogs, or drive, citing a car she saw swerve off the road onto a lawn on Pine Drive. Herb Johnson joined in the complaint that people of all ages were put at great risk Saturday, Sunday and Monday until the roads were sanded. Mr. Hoogsteden, speaking for the Council, promised that such a delay would not happen again. Mr. Stiles had just become Public Works Chairman only that week and had not yet become familiar with the standards to be maintained. The Supervisor of Public Works expressed regret for deciding that the snow would melt off the roads quickly enough to make any action unnecessary.

Mrs. Koffler had two other serious matters to discuss with the Council, and she tried to use humor to soften her criticisms. Speaking for the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club, she said many were demoralized that none of the \$800 budgeted for senior recreation activities in 1996 has been given. She asked if the sun would ever rise on the day that the Council would provide any funds for senior citizens programs. Without waiting for any answer, she asked if the Reorganization Meeting held the previous week was a secret. Mayor Allen said announcement of it was posted on the bulletin boards at the Borough Hall and the Post Office, but he apologized for not having invitations to it mailed to every home in Roosevelt as he had done the last four years. Mrs. Koffler questioned the claim that it was posted in the Post Office. Mr. Allen said the Postmaster grants permission to post only certain announcements on the front door or glass next to it. Meeting notices get posted on the bulletin board on the south wall of the lobby.

Nona Sherak said that Maple Court was still icy and requested it be sanded early the next day. She then was critical of the Council persisting in accepting the idea that a blow-off valve might solve the problem of rust water on Maple Court. She referred to an "engineer's statement" that

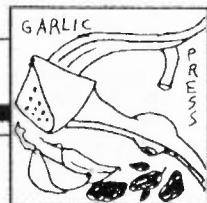
it would be inadequate. To answer her arguments, Mr. Donnelly said the Borough's truck with a large capacity empty water tank would be parked at the location of the blow-off valve to receive all the blown-off water during cold weather, so that none would freeze on the road; and, it was the Council's decision to try to solve the rusty water problem with the \$2,500 solution proposed by the Borough Engineer, rather than to spend the estimated \$70,000 for an alternate solution proposed to be more certain to solve the problem. However, Ms. Sherak demanded that the \$70,000 be spent if necessary.

Glenda Unger's letter to the Council was the next correspondence to be mentioned. Mr. and Mrs. Armond Sylvester, who rent and reside in Ms. Unger's property at 6 Farm Lane, said that Ms. Unger's letter falsely stated that the Sylvesters would not allow her to enter the house to make repairs needed for a Certificate of Occupancy. They said that she was in the house on Sunday for two hours taking photographs of all the improvements the Sylvesters have made until State Police, who had been called by the Sylvesters, arrived. The Sylvesters asked the Council for advice and support; they have invested \$3,000 in carpets, ceiling fans, electrical work and other improvements in the residence and now have been told by Ms. Unger that she has ordered their eviction. Mayor Allen expressed support, but said that eviction is not a matter over which the Borough has any jurisdiction.

Michael Ticktin urged the Council to approve a resolution urging the New Jersey Assembly to pass A-2654, introduced by Assemblywoman Nilsa Cruz-Perez, to repeal a provision of the New Jersey statutes which gives municipalities the power to license people described as "roving bands of nomads, commonly called gypsies." This is the only State law that singles out one ethnic group for special regulations. The resolution was not printed on the agenda but the Council had a chance to read it because Mr. Ticktin had prepared copies before the meeting. The Council approved it unanimously later in the meeting. The reasons given for supporting this legislation were as follows: that "many of the founders of this community were immigrants who came to this country to escape ethnic and religious persecution," that "over the last six decades, this community's residents have shown their strong commitment to civil liberties and equal rights for all," that "this



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■ BREAKING BREAD

EAT YOUR VEGETABLES "

by Ellen Sorrin

Perhaps if my mother had roasted the family's vegetables, we might have spent more time at the table enjoying our meal, and each other, than preparing for the inevitable battle over eating them. It went something like this:

Mom: Eat your vegetables.

Me: I had some already. Anyway, I'm full.

Mom: Eat a little more, they're good for you.

Me: I ate enough. I don't want anymore.

Mom: Well, if you want dessert (or to watch TV, or to talk on the phone or to go outside after dinner), eat the rest of your vegetables.

Then, after a few more exchanges, either my mother would relent and say "Okay, just 2 more bites", or my father, quiet until now, would have heard enough and strongly suggested that we stop the nonsense before we were all sorry.

Those were the days of the pressure cooker, so vegetables could be, needless to say, rather uninteresting. The only time vegetables became more appetizing was when they ended up in a chicken fricassee or a baked casserole. There was, however, our favorite vegetable: mashed potatoes with chopped spinach. Mom's trick to get us to eat spinach (good for us) was to mash it with potatoes (which we loved); but the combination was so wonderful that nary a complaint was heard. In fact, even now there are cold winter evenings that cry out for spinach and mashed potatoes, and I oblige.

I don't remember exactly when it was that I discovered roasted vegetables. I was certainly eating them before I discovered them, if you know what I mean. I think that one night I did not have much time

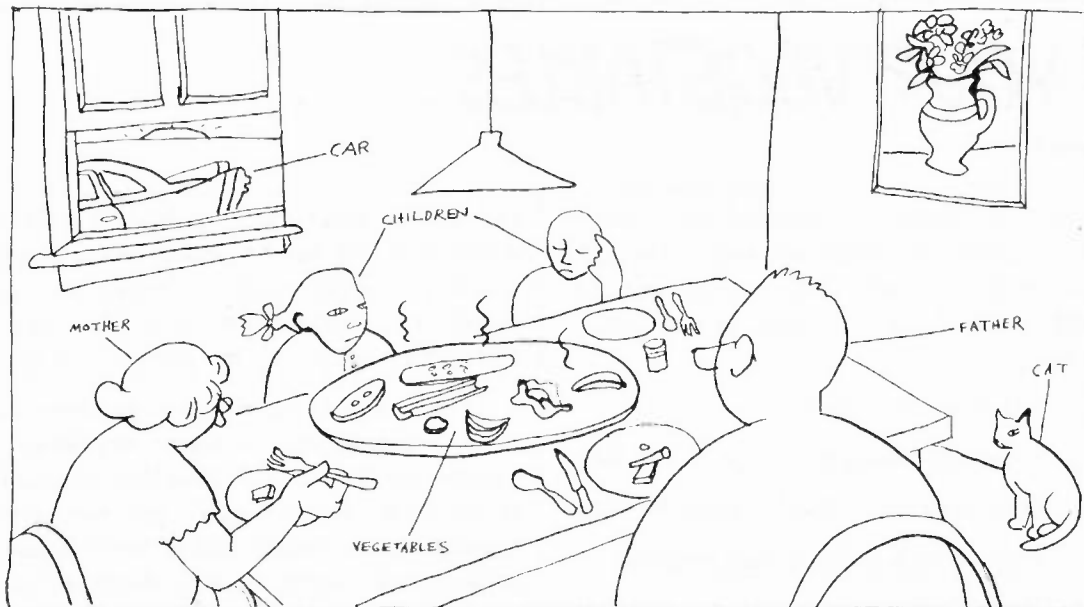
and wanted some sort of potato. I recalled reading somewhere that roasted potatoes were quick to make; that they were cut into pieces, tossed in oil and roasted in the oven at a high temperature. They were fabulous. I couldn't wait to have my parents over for dinner.

Since then, there are few vegetables that I do not roast. In the summer, of course, vegetables get grilled outside, but the rest of the year they are usually roasted in the oven. Roasted garlic gets served with warm baguette before dinner and in mashed potatoes (and spinach) with dinner; roasted onions and peppers (and maybe a little garlic) get thrown on pizza; roasted eggplant and mushrooms find their way onto pasta; and, roasted potatoes get served with almost anything. I even roast fish in the oven, which gives it the most wonderful, crisp outside and succulently moist inside. There is no limit to the variety of dishes that roasted vegetables can enhance. They can't be beat.

I guarantee there are no catches. The theory is basically that roasting at a very high temperature (between 450°-500°) prevents the vegetables from steaming in their own juices, which in turn causes them to caramelize and become slightly crispy on the outside, bringing out their rich flavors and aromas. All the vegetables are tossed in some kind of oil, usually canola or olive, as they have none of their own. Often black pepper, a little vinegar, fresh herbs like rosemary or thyme, and coarse salt are added. They are roasted in the center of the oven, uncovered, in a shallow pan into which they fit comfortably. Generally, vegetables roast anywhere from 15-45 minutes, until a knife slides in easily.

Here's what I cooked for my parents. We ate all our vegetables and had a great time at the dinner table to boot.

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PASTA WITH ROASTED CAULIFLOWER, RED ONION AND GARLIC

(serve with a green salad)

Serves 4

Preheat oven to 450°.

- 1 small head cauliflower, broken into small florets
- 1 large red onion, cut into 1/2 inch dice
- 1 head garlic, whole, with papery outside skin removed
- 3 T. olive oil (or more, if desired)
- 1/4 t. salt (optional)
- fresh sage (about 6 leaves, chopped) or 1/2t. dried
- hot red pepper flakes to taste
- 1 lb. penne or other tubular pasta
- 1 T. or more vinegar (your choice)
- parmesan cheese

Put cauliflower and onion into large bowl and toss with 2 T. olive oil. Add salt (if desired), sage and hot pepper flakes. Place mixture in a shallow baking pan, making sure the vegetables are not crowded, leaving room for the garlic.

Place whole head of garlic in the pan and pour 1 T. olive oil over it.

Put the pan on a rack in the middle of the oven and roast for approximately 30 minutes, tossing the cauliflower and onion mixture a couple of times, until the mixture turns golden. Remove from oven.

In the meantime, bring a large pot of water to boil on the stove. When boiling, add salt and the penne. Cook according to the instructions on the package. Drain, reserving a little of the cooking liquid.

When cool enough to handle, squeeze the garlic from the skins and add to the cauliflower and onion mixture. Toss with the drained pasta, vinegar, and about 1/4 c. of the cooking liquid.

Serve with parmesan cheese on the side.



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provision unfairly stigmatizes an entire ethnic group and, in blatant violation of the Constitutions of the United States and New Jersey, purports to allow imposition upon this group of restrictions not imposed on anyone else", and, that "this provision confers a power that no municipality whose citizens value their own freedom should ever seek to exercise."

Ms. Sherak then asked if the Mayor had any forecast on school taxes and funding. The Mayor replied that the State had moved Roosevelt up from the II to the I level, the second highest socio-economic level, which makes it more difficult to get additional funding. The reason for this classification is apparently our high percentage of college graduates, even though that is not matched by high average incomes or property values.

Ms. Sherak advised that she had complained to Comcast Cablevision that their changes of channels discriminated against people who have cable-ready TV sets. Comcast said that anyone who did not have the notice of changes that was mailed last month could call them and they would mail out another. Ms. Sherak, a member of the Cable Advisory Commission, requested that the Borough Bulletin inform readers of this. The Commission members are going to consider renewal of the Comcast franchise on Monday, January 20, at the Borough Hall.

The meeting recessed for an Executive session closed to the public.

Some other important matters were handled at the December meetings. At the December 2 Agenda Meeting, Stuart Kaufman reported on public works projects; the School Lane improvements were nearly completed. Only the two inch macadam topping for the road was needed. George Vasseur complained that the Borough Engineer made a serious error in not correcting a low area where a two inch deep pond of water collects after heavy rainfalls, by the bamboo trees just before the school grounds begin. Mr. Kaufman said that he conferred with Engineer DeMuro and two ways of solving the problem were discussed: putting in a storm sewer from the low spot to an outlet past the school, which would cost about \$8,000, or forming an "inlet and leeching the water out", which might cost \$2,500. Mr. Vasseur pressed for another solution: scrape some of the high regions of the school's driveway down and add extra macadam in the low area. At the next meeting, Mr. Kaufman said that method was used and it seemed to be a very satisfactory solution.

Louis Esakoff brought a bottle of "yellow, slimy water" which he drained from his hot water tank which was less than one month old. He complained bitterly about what he declared "horrible neglect" by the water contractor. Mr. Donnelly had already reported that he called the Applied Wastewater Service manager about the serious discoloration and he wants the manager to attend the Council's Regular Meeting to hear the public's complaints in person.

At the December 9 Regular Meeting, three resolutions and two motions were on the agenda for new business. Only two were acted on. One authorized refunds of overpaid taxes and the other awarded a contract for some water and sewer facility repairs. The Council approved of both. The postponed motions concerned appointing a solid waste Contract Administrator and authorizing the Borough Engineer to advertise for bids for repaving the Borough Hall parking lot. The postponed resolution was to award a contract for garbage and recyclable collections.

At the Special Meeting on December 16, scheduled initially for the second readings, public hearings and final adoption of the PCD II Ordinance and a related amendment concerning the existing PCD zone, two of the postponed matters were considered. The Council approved a motion to appoint Gayle Donnelly to be the solid waste Contract Administrator, for which no salary was set. It also approved Resolution #94 of 1996, to award a contract for collecting garbage, trash and recyclables to Longview Waste Systems for five years at the rate of \$30,500 for 1997 and increments of \$1,600 each of the next three years and \$1,080 for the year 2001. The Borough must also pay landfill (tipping) fees charged by the solid waste disposal sites about \$25,000 in 1996, projected to increase to about \$27,000 in 1997.

The amendment to the PCD-I Ordinance was defeated when Mayor Allen voted "No" to break the tie. Council members Hunt, Hoogsteden and Kaufman voted for the inclusion of this phrase: "Average number of bedrooms in single family dwellings shall not exceed three bedrooms per dwelling unit," while Council members Donnelly, Murphy and Vasseur voted against it. Before the vote, there were at least ten comments by members of the public and eleven responses from Council members. The PCD-I zone comprises the Notterman property which extends eastward from Farm Lane. Daniel Notterman was the only member of the public who spoke against the proposed amendment. He said it was an "encumbrance which will forego development." Peter Nurko said, "It's not like the PCD-II in other ways."

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Before the PCD-II was passed, 17 members of the audience spoke about the measure, some more than once. Mr. Nurko and one other person spoke against its passage, while five Millstone residents who live near Nurko Road raised questions about what kind of light industry would be permitted, where it could be located and what the setbacks would be. Richard Cummings, a Nurko Road resident,

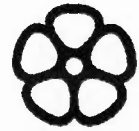
spoke in favor of it. After Council President Murphy raised many questions about its suitability, she and Councilman Vasseur voted against it, while the other four members voted in favor. Thus, one year after its initial introduction, the Council passed the zoning ordinance amendment allowing cluster development at a ratio of one house per four acres.

**THE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT ON JANUARY 6, 1997:**

Municipal Accountant	Gartz, Kaplan & Stankewicz (Freehold)
Municipal Attorney	John Ross, Esq.
Municipal Engineer	James DeMuro
Water/Sewer Engineer (thru 2/28/97)	Schoor, DePalma & Canger
Bonding Attorney	McLaughlin, Bennett, Gelson & Cramer (Wall Twp.)
Municipal Court	Millstone Township Court
Municipal Court Administrator & Deputy	Diane Canzenella, Melody Kitson
Deputy Borough Clerk	Nancy L. Warnick
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	Nancy L. Warnick
Purchasing Agent	Nancy L. Warnick
Superintendent of Public Works	Gayle A. Donnelly
Housing Inspector	Robert Jordan
Zoning Officer	Ralph E. Warnick
Assistant Tax Collector	Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik
Clean Community Coordinator	Gayle A. Donnelly
Animal Control Officer	Mary Klink
School Crossing Guards	Lucretia E. McGuff-Silverman JoAnne Parker Kim Grasso
Recycling Coordinator	Gayle A. Donnelly

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:

George Vasseur, Council Representative
Ed Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator



Jack Rindt, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Kim Dexheimer, Fire Chief

Beth Battel, First Aid Squad Captain

Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik, Borough Clerk

Peggy Malkin, Welfare Director

Gayle A. Donnelly, Public Works Superintendent

Mel Friedman, Communications Specialist

John Ord, Public Representative

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION GROUP FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

Rebecca Reuter

Mary Alfare

Cynthisa Cybert

Judy Nahmias

Lynn Friedman

Leonard Sacharoff

CDBG REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATES:

Rose Murphy

Rebecca Reuter

Mary Alfare

Mayor Lee Allen

Council Representative to the Board of Education:

Paul Hoogsteden

Municipal Assessment Search Officer

Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik

Deputy Municipal Assessment Search Officer

Nancy L. Warnick

Tax Search Officer

Salvatore P. Cannizzaro

Public Agency Compliance Officer

Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik

Town Historian

Arthur Shapiro

**Fund Commissioner for the Monmouth County
Joint Insurance Fund**

Gayle A. Donnelly

Safety Coordinator required by the MCJI Fund

Gayle A. Donnelly

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Officer

Michael Stiles

Jersey Homestead Historic District Advisory Council

Arthur Shapiro & Helen Barth for 3 year term thru 1/1/00

Planning Board Representative of the Council

Jeff Hunt

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Planning Board Representative of the Council Jeff Hunt

Public Official on Planning Board Michael Ticktin
Council Representative to the Michael Stiles
Environmental Commission

Welfare Board

Rose D. Murphy, Council Rep. - 1 year term

Peggy Malkin, Director - 4 year term

June Ord - 4 year term

**RESOLUTION #7/96 PASSED BY ROOSEVELT'S BOROUGH COUNCIL,
DECEMBER 16, 1996. A PLAQUE WITH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED TO
COUNCILMAN STUART KAUFMAN ON DECEMBER 30, 1996:**

WHEREAS, Stuart Kaufman has served two complete terms for a total of six years as a Council member, and

WHEREAS, During that time the Borough of Roosevelt has accomplished many significant projects with Councilman Kaufman's direction and cooperation. He has served effectively and enthusiastically as Chairman of the Environmental - Health & Safety Committee; Chairman of the Public Works Committee; Council Representative to the Planning Board; Council Representative to the Board of Education; Americans With Disabilities Coordinator; and, Chairman of the Environmental Commission. He also served as a member of the Administrative & Executive, Community Development, Finance and Utilities Committees during his two terms in office.

WHEREAS, Stuart Kaufman personally donated his time and expertise to modify and improve the Municipal Building to enhance working space, saving the Borough hundreds of dollars. He has also been involved in the Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade; the sewer line rehabilitation; the upgrading and repaving of Nurko Road and Eleanor Lane; the reconstruction of Farm Lane, Tamara Drive and School Lane; and, the opening of Lake Drive through to Rochdale Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that on behalf of the Governing Body, the staff and residents of the Borough of Roosevelt, it is with pleasure to present to you, Mr. Stuart Kaufman, this token of our appreciation for all the deeds you have accomplished and all the time you have unselfishly given for the good and welfare of this municipality, the Borough of Roosevelt.

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**RECYCLING
DATES!
February
5th & 19th.**



View From a Council Seat: Where is the "honor" in "His Honor"?

by Jeff Hunt

On Monday, December 16, as you may know, the Council finally voted 4 - 2 in favor of the PCD 2 Ordinance. It was then presented to the Mayor by the Borough Clerk on December 17th. From that date, the Mayor had ten days, excluding Sundays, to approve or to veto the Ordinance or any part of it; time would run out at midnight, December 30, according to the Clerk's counting. This fact was hardly considered by most since the mayoral veto power has seldom, if ever, been used in Roosevelt. It did not elude Michael Ticktin, however, who called me later that week to inform me that the PCD business was not necessarily over and done with. In addition, the timing of this possibility was key since the Council was due to change at month's end, a situation which might postpone reintroduction and passage indefinitely. (An ordinance may not be introduced by one Council and passed by the successive Council, thus final action needed to be taken or the Ordinance might have expired).

As the following week passed, the Borough Clerk informed me that Mr. Allen had taken the Ordinance home with him, something he was not in the habit of doing; and, that even by week's end he had not returned it with his signature. By this point, other members of the Council had been alerted to the possibility that an override vote might be necessary and made themselves available for a lengthy special meeting on the 30th. It was hard for anyone to believe that the Mayor would actually attempt such a move.

On Monday, December 30, the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council opened and progressed as if nothing special might happen. Some year end business was concluded; only one member of the public, former Mayor and present Planning Board Member Ellentuck, attended; no one from the press was there. Sometime around 8:30 the Mayor was asked, "We have not seen the Ordinance come back with your signature for

approval or vetoed, and time is running out as of 12:00 tonight. What are your intentions?" The Mayor answered in his most infuriatingly supercilious way, "I don't have to tell you." This was the beginning of a period of contentious debate which culminated in the walkout of the Mayor, who exclaimed his outrage at the "accusations and insinuations" being dealt him by those present.

The fact is that the Mayor was within his rights to withhold his intentions until 11:59 of December 30th by the letter of the law. However, could he not have informed the Council earlier in the week? Or did he hope to forestall passage by this chicanery. Perhaps it was his strategy to deliver a veto later that night to the Borough Hall or Clerk in the hopes that no one would notice a veto delivered in the eleventh hour (it is questionable whether this would constitute timely delivery to the Council however). Once the veto issue was on the table on the night of the meeting, what could have been the Mayor's reason for not indicating his intentions when asked?

The Mayor held out defiantly for a half hour defending his legal rights and powers, but finally when pressed, said that since the Council members present, Hoogsteden, Hunt, Kaufman and Murphy, clearly didn't have the votes to override him, that he was, in fact, intending to veto the entire Ordinance. However, he refused to deliver his veto in writing any sooner than required by law. What might his motivation for this have been? If it was his aim to irritate and alienate members of Council, he surely was on target. Following the Mayor's walking out of the meeting, a recess was called until such time as the veto might arrive. David Donnelly, who had pulled himself out of a sickbed to provide the last necessary override vote, had to go home again to wait for the veto's arrival during the 2 1/2 hour break in proceedings.

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The Mayor chose not to be further confronted, as is his wont, by Council members or by members of the public and faxed a veto to the Borough Hall at around 11:20. In his veto, the Mayor points to one passage in the Ordinance, which he misinterprets, as reason for vetoing the entire thing. When asked during the public portion of the meeting why he had not noticed this egregious passage before this, the Mayor answered, "Because I was dumb." The Mayor knows full well that he has what is tantamount to a line item veto, and could well have saved the bulk of the Ordinance. Thus, his argument was not stupidity but a ruse, nothing more. Members of Council passed the override resolution. The vote was 4-0, Rose Murphy having chosen not to return.

A week later, on January 6, as the Agenda meeting adjourned, the Mayor discreetly passed copies of a letter to members of Council. In the letter the Mayor instructed Borough Attorney John Ross to investigate the propriety and legality of the veto/override business. Consistently, this was done in such a way as to avoid Council discussion on the request, which would cost taxpayer's dollars. Talk about beating a dead horse; enough already!

Evidently, the Mayor is too arrogant to realize that he should be embarrassed by his behavior. Having championed an ill conceived referendum concerning the PCD Ordinance, he then made specious arguments to refute its clear mandate. He has now attempted to single handedly undermine the wishes of the public and Council members alike, and in a most undignified way. One is left to ponder possible ulterior motives to explain his tenacity on this issue. I hope that members of the voting public will speak out against this type of subterfuge by Mr. Allen, legal though it might be, and that you remember this episode in the future.

Senior News

by Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

DECEMBER, 1996

Our meeting, chaired by President Jeanette Koffler, was brief. We reminded everyone that on Tuesdays and Thursdays Lou Esakoff will take those in need of transportation to their appointments. Then a class of students from the school along with their teachers and Mr. Presutti, the CSA, came to play games with those of us who wanted to. Everyone enjoyed playing Bingo with these youngsters who are so alert and a pleasure to be with. After refreshments supplied by our hostess, Toby Levin, they returned to school.

We finished our meeting by discussing plans for the future over goodies and coffee.

JANUARY, 1997

We start the new year with wishes for the best one yet and hope that both young and old understand and appreciate each other. We compliment the vital community members who serve in many areas - First Aid, Fire Department, Council, Environment, The Borough Bulletin, PTA - the list goes on and on!

We also remember the past and the wonderful friends we had then, many of whom are now in Florida, Hightstown and so forth. We lost our member and friend, Edith Ernstein, a few weeks ago. She was a lady who was liked by everyone. We'll miss her.

A bright moment for me was reading a poem in the "Senior Newslines" in the "Monmouth County of Aging" by Ilse Riesenfeld who taught at our school years ago. Ilse, I agree with you!!

The Share A Ride Program is now available to all senior citizens at \$1 each way. (See announcements for details).

Thelma Thompson and Louise Aronowitz helped with the refreshments - a great team.

Until next month.



ROOSEVELT WEATHER ALMANAC

by Ron Filepp

Waiting For Winter

Astronomical Winter began on December 21. In our area, meteorological Winter started December 1. Three and three-quarters inches of snow fell on December 9. But, as quickly as Old Man Winter arrived, he was gone, leaving December's average temperature 6 degrees above normal.

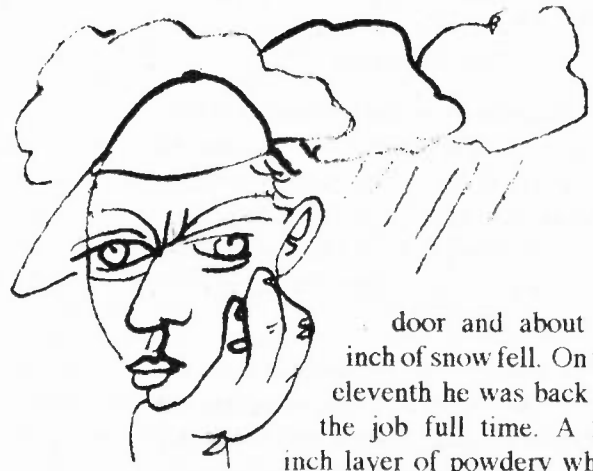
On January 4 Winter still shunned our town. Most of the trees had given up their coats of leaves more than a month earlier. Now, their branches were plunged into the uncertain atmosphere expecting to be covered with a blanket of snow. Instead, a warm damp southeast wind wrapped its mist around the naked trees. The accumulated steam fell in fat drops from the tips of tree buds.

Drops plopped upon streets, lawns and fallen leaves. There was no elegance in their descent. Yet, in our rain forest town, there was a clue to the whereabouts of Old Man Winter.

Snow decorated the windows of one Tamara Drive house this tropical January day. It gathered in the corners of small glass panes with a uniformity that suggested fake snow. The snow was real, but it was on the inside of the windows. Mother Nature and Old Man Winter were in the house taking a long Winter's nap. While the couple was holed up inside, a season of confusion was underway outside.

Snowdrops, early harbingers of Spring, began to bloom in December instead of February. The green stems and leaves usually offer contrast to a snowy scene. This year it was the snow white flowers that stood out against the green, gray and brown landscape. Birds visited feeders with less frequency than they would in the cold of normal winter days. Lawns were still green. A sweater, hat and umbrella were all that was needed to venture out into the weather on most days.

On January 9, exactly one month after his first tentative appearance, Old Man Winter peeked out the



door and about an inch of snow fell. On the eleventh he was back on the job full time. A 2.5 inch layer of powdery white snow was on the ground and a brisk northeast wind blew in Arctic air.

It seemed the perfect weather for those who like Winter in small civilized doses. Driveways could be cleared or left filled with the unobtrusive snow. The bitter weekend temperatures of the eleventh and twelfth absolved any guilt related to staying indoors. Then, Mother Nature and Old Man Winter went to work overtime.

The coldest weather of the season was delivered Thursday the sixteenth by a wind that roared through like a train. High temperatures in early January frequently went into the upper 30's and low 40's and occasionally higher. Daytime highs averaged 20 degrees for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Low temperatures fell to single digits Sunday the nineteenth. It was our turn for a long winter's nap.

NOTABLE NUMBERS OF 1996:

The coldest temperature of the year in Roosevelt was recorded on the bitter night of February 5. The mercury dropped to -7 degrees. It was the only day of the year to dip below zero. The year's highest temperature did not occur in the Summer. On May 20 and 21

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the temperature topped out at 93 degrees. The best, or worst, the Summer could manage was 92 degrees on July 18. Only eight days hit 90 degrees or higher in 1996. The year's average temperature was very close to normal.

December was the wettest month of the year. Eight point six-two inches of precipitation fell. The month's warm weather may have been a blessing. Had all the precipitation in December been snow we could have been buried in over 80 inches of the stuff.

Not only was December wet, the entire year of 1996 brought nearly 17 inches more precipitation than a normal year. The year-end total precipitation is 61.36 inches. Normal yearly precipitation is 44.39 inches.

WEATHER WORD:

Sleet is precipitation that is partially frozen and partially liquid. It is formed predominantly when drizzle falls through cold air and begins to freeze from the outside first. Source: "The Basic Essentials of Weather Forecasting" by Michael Hodgson.

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DEC 15 - JAN 15

Day	High	Low	Average	Precip
15	46.0	40.0	43.0	0.25
16	47.0	42.0	44.5	0.00
17	60.0	44.0	52.0	0.04
18	56.0	49.0	52.5	0.00
19	44.0	30.5	37.3	0.00
20	28.0	20.0	24.0	0.41
21	32.0	17.5	24.8	0.00
22	40.0	18.0	29.0	0.00
23	48.0	32.0	40.0	0.00
24	64.0	40.5	52.3	0.00
25	37.0	28.5	32.8	0.44
26	39.0	23.0	31.0	0.00
27	48.0	32.5	40.3	1.00
28	54.0	32.0	43.0	0.00
29	57.0	48.0	52.5	0.00
30	50.0	42.0	46.0	0.06
31	39.5	32.5	36.0	0.00
1	31.0	14.0	22.5	0.00
2	47.0	30.0	38.5	0.00
3	60.0	44.0	52.0	0.03
4	55.0	42.0	48.5	0.00
5	60.0	46.0	53.0	0.00
6	49.0	35.0	42.0	0.00
7	36.0	28.5	32.3	0.00
8	38.0	25.0	31.5	0.00
9	37.0	26.0	31.5	0.00



Roosevelt Arts Exchange

Fall 1996 Workshop Series

by Bess Tremper

A spirit of creativity and community made the inaugural series of the Roosevelt Arts Exchange, a program of the Roosevelt Arts Project, a memorable success. Ask Dolores Chasan, who attended all three events!

Participants enjoyed chatting with neighbors while creating original collages with Shan Ellentuck on November 15 and decorative boxes with Robin Middleman on December 7. Those who attended the Furniture Restoration Lecture on November 23rd. left with lots of helpful hints and information from Gary Edelstein.

The Furniture Workshop evolved into a question and answer session about original Roosevelt houses. As a result of the interest expressed, the Roosevelt

House will be the topic of a future workshop. Gary has kindly agreed to do another Furniture workshop. Thanks go to Shan, Robin and Gary for volunteering their time and talents.

Do you knit or want to learn? Quilt? Bake? Build? Write? Please share your ideas for activities you would like to attend and/or teach. Plans will be made soon for a Spring series. Some ideas currently simmering are gardening, Roosevelt History and the Roosevelt Homepage as well as Gary's Furniture Workshop redux. Rooseveltians are encouraged to volunteer their ideas and talents. Contact Rebecca Reuter or Robin Middleman at 426-1304 or 426-4583.

ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 1996 - 1997 SEASON

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1996—1997 calendar of events, featuring art exhibits, the third annual fall folk music festival, two special evenings of poetry and the return of your favorite performers.

At all events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$4.00 for students and seniors. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and *The Bulletin* for additional details.

Saturday	February 8, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. PIANO RECITAL—ALAN MALLACH	<i>Borough Hall</i>
Saturday	March 8, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. POEMS by a potpourri of Roosevelt poets	<i>Borough Hall</i>
Friday and Saturday	April 25 and 26, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. (Please note the changed dates) ROOSEVELT STRING BAND: Crossing Borders	<i>Borough Hall (two nights)</i>
Sunday	June 1, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. ART AT THE FACTORY	

Also during the year, RAP will be sponsoring THE ROOSEVELT ARTS EXCHANGE, a series of workshops for adults and children presented by members of the community. The Arts Exchange recognized that not all artists are performing artists, and it will provide a venue for townspeople to share their talents and share in the talents of others. Workshops may be offered in the theater arts, culinary arts, or the art of motorcycle maintenance, as well as the art of collage, garden or haiku. The Arts Exchange will offer you new opportunities to meet with your neighbors, exchanging talents in a participatory setting. Watch for details.

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances and exhibits.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible in part by your support and a generous grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation.



WRITERS-IN-THE-SCHOOL, A.K.A. WITS, a Poetry Writing Workshop

by Bess Tremper

Each year, by way of a grant from the New Jersey State Council On The Arts and additional monetary support from the P.T.A., a poet spends four days at our school, encouraging the children to express themselves in poetry.

From January 13 through the 16th, grades 1 and 2 spent forty-five minutes a day with Craig Czury, the talented, published poet and teacher who had been in charge of the program while grades 3 through 6 spent an hour a day.

The results of this literary experience culminated in two Poetry Reading Events on Thursday, the 16th, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Grades 3 through 6 children were called on and bravely came up to the microphone and read the poem each one had composed to overflow audiences who enthusiastically applauded their efforts.

As for Grades 1 and 2, they had created a "group" poem which was written and posted behind the speakers and was recited to the audience by Mr. Czury.

We will be publishing some of the poems in subsequent months, but we thought it fitting to begin with the following which is the combined efforts of the 1st and 2nd graders. This poetry writing workshop is an example of the enriched program offered to the students in our school.

WATCH YOURSELF

**The speed limit on most streets
in Roosevelt is 25 MPH, on
School Lane it is 15 MPH.
Please be aware of your
vehicle's speed. Our neighbors
are very important to us.**

ROOSEVELT— A group poem by Grades 1 & 2

Way in the middle
of the woods
Daniel Finds
a big tree
all cut up
with knives
Emily found a stream
that Jonathan found water bugs in
Cecelia finally found
the slipper
that her dog buried
in the water
Tyler found Indian clay
for pots and bowls
Sarah found Hunter
squishing around inside the stream.
In Joseph's yard
he has bamboo
Every night
deer, foxes and moles
come to his house
A raccoon comes to
Christina's house
in the morning
Once Mathew saw an owl



All the kids

have garden snakes

Joel ran his over

on his bike

Daniel poked a stick

in its mouth

right up through its skull

Joseph shot his

with a B.B. gun

The turkey vultures

peck at your dog

poo in your yard

Leah was at the pool

When a turkey vulture

dropped a whole deer

w/ its guts hanging out on top of Toby

Samantha builds a fort

with a blanket

and a laundry basket

hiding from her kitten

John makes his fort

Out of quilts and 2 sofas

A deer with antlers was eating crab apples

in Bianna's back yard

Emily's dad makes peace

in the world

Julia grows corn

in her garden

Ian's grass, miniature forest

and wild strawberries

When we don't see Dan

he's in his house

experimenting

with water, spray bottles

paint cans and baking soda

Tommy's experimenting

with the garbage

to get rid of bugs

Corey's doing

the bunny hop

on his bike

on the sidewalk

Caitlin's stepping

on her daddy's tomatoes

She likes the way

they squash

Gabrielle likes to

go down the slide

and land on her feet

Lindsay rides her bike

up and down Elm Court

Sometimes on weekends

Larry plays football

with his friends

Danielle Jumps and flips

on her trampoline

Everyone shudders

at the thought of ticks

Lauralee makes wishes on her lucky teddy bear

and they come true.

When you least expect it

the electricity goes out

It's snowing here and nowhere else.



The Mayoral Veto— A Rarely Used Power That Occasionally Matters

by Michael Ticktin

Like the President of the United States and state governors, the mayor of a New Jersey borough has the power to veto legislation. As is the case at the Federal and state levels, a two-thirds vote of the legislative body is required to override the veto.

In Congress and state legislatures, two-thirds of the membership is considerably more than a majority - and thus more difficult to obtain. In a six-member council, however, the same four votes needed to constitute a majority also constitute two-thirds of the members.

Thus, a mayor's veto is usually no more than a means of delay except in those cases where less than the full membership was present to vote on an ordinance and the mayor has reason to believe the absent member(s) would have voted the other way.

Mayor Lee Allen's veto of the PCD II Ordinance, however, would have been impossible for the Council to overturn had there been a slight difference in timing. The Clerk has five days - excluding Sundays - to present a passed ordinance to the Mayor for signature and the Mayor then has ten days—again excluding Sundays - in which he can veto it.

In this case, the ordinance was passed on December 16 and presented to Mayor Allen by Clerk Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik the next day. Mayor Allen then had until the end of December 28 to sign, veto or let the ordinance become law without his signature. (The Mayor and Council were under the impression that the time period ended on December 30 because they did not count Christmas- but the statute excludes only Sundays, not holidays). Had the ordinance been presented two days later or had the Special Council Meeting been held two days later, the ten day period would have ended after December 31, and a new Council with only three members committed to the ordinance, would then have been in office.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

John and Meredith Murray with their son, Patrick (age 7), to the former Hatzfeld house on Lake Drive.

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Henry J. Goldstein of Tamara Drive died on December 9 at the age of 70.

Barbara Anne Smith Dexheimer of Rochdale Avenue died December 12 at the age of 51.

Charles Warren Drury of Lake Drive died December 15 at the age of 66.

Edith J. Ernstein of Pine Drive died December 21 at the age of 70.

Condolences to their families and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

First Aid Squad needs members, especially to cover weekday and evening hours. The squad pays for training. For information, call Captain Beth Battel at 448-7701.

For information on joining the Roosevelt Fire Department, contact Chief Kim Dexheimer or leave a message at the Borough Hall, 448-0539.

FROM RPS:

First Marking Period Honor Roll:

Grade 6: Jimmy Carroll, Jessica Drewitz, Katy Hamilton, Nathaniel Kostar, Jamison Parker, Jeff Possiel, Chris Wong and Shiri Yeger. Grade 5: Avery Axel, Josh Butler, Erik Cokeley, Brian Davis, Lian Garton, Christopher Iacona, Deirdra Lloyd, Jesse Parsons, Lindsay Possiel, Joseph Rocchia and Tina Vasseur. Grade 4: Reuben Alt, Ina Clark, Laurel Hamilton, Meredith Lawson, Mollie Marko, Joshua Nulman, Danielle Petrics, Zev Reuter and Elizabeth Stinson.

November Students of the Month—Physical

Education: Allison Harding, Samantha Mateyka, Devin Kostar, Nicholas Gates, Danielle Cokeley, Zabrina



Ortiz, Briana Parsons, Chris Iacono, Tyler Drewitz, Avery Axel, Ryan Grasso and Christina Septak.

November Students of the Month—Health: Benjamin Silverman, Jennifer Rindt, Kimberly Grasso, Mollie Marko, Lindsay Bernardin, Erik Cokeley, Thomas Septak, Lindsay Possiel, Daniel Fischer, Leah Howse, Adam Adlerman and Nathaniel Kostar.

December Students of the Month - Physical Education: Matthew Lawson, Reuben Alt, Niayasia Mendies, Danielle Petrics, Hunter Ellentuck, Brandon Tyers, Samantha Cedar, Jeff Possiel, Corey Conover, George Jackson and Heather Cordo.

December Students of the Month—Health: Ashley Lawson, Erik Skye, Joseph Albini, Sara Allen, Leah Skye, Deirdra Lloyd, Christine Iacono, Shiri Yeger and Jan Czyzewski.

FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

7th Grader, Haley Reimbold, was inducted into the Student Council.

7th Grader, Mollie Petrilla, successfully challenged to become first chair in the clarinet section of the band.

1st Period Honor Roll: 7th Grade: Shaun Conover, William Edelstein, Brandon Lugannani, Alicia Moore,

Molly Petrilla, Haley Reimbold, Christine Rocchia and Sarah Skillman. 8th Grade: Adam Axel, Hannah Stinson and Joseph Chesier.

Students of the Month for October, November, December and January: Joseph Cheshier, Ryan Cybert, William Edelstein and Molly Petrilla.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

James Edelstein, Grade 12, has been named a “Commended Student” by the National Merit scholarship Program for demonstrating “exceptional academic promise.”

Sean Parker, Grade 9, achieved the Presidential Physical Fitness Award.

1st Marking Period High Honor Roll: Grade 10: Kathleen Alfare and Jessica Hamilton. Grade 9: Elizabeth Carroll and Joanna Giordano.

1st Marking Period Honor Roll: Grade 12: James Edelstein and Jessica Hermann. Grade 11: Jack Cummings and Rachel Ticktin. Grade 10: Eyal Lavon. Grade 9: Kate Freedman, Sean Parker and Dylana Possiel.

To have items included in this column, call Mary Alfare at 443-4243 or mail to Box 58, 08555. Please include contact name and phone number.

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Be sure your heater is in good condition.
- Only use fuel recommended by the manufacturer.
- Never use these appliances without proper venting.
- Keep all flammable liquids stored in approved containers.
- Be sure stoves and fireplaces are installed properly.
- Keep children away from heater
- Woodstoves should be UL listed.
- Have your chimney inspected annually and cleaned when necessary.
- **Do Not** use flammable liquids to start fires.



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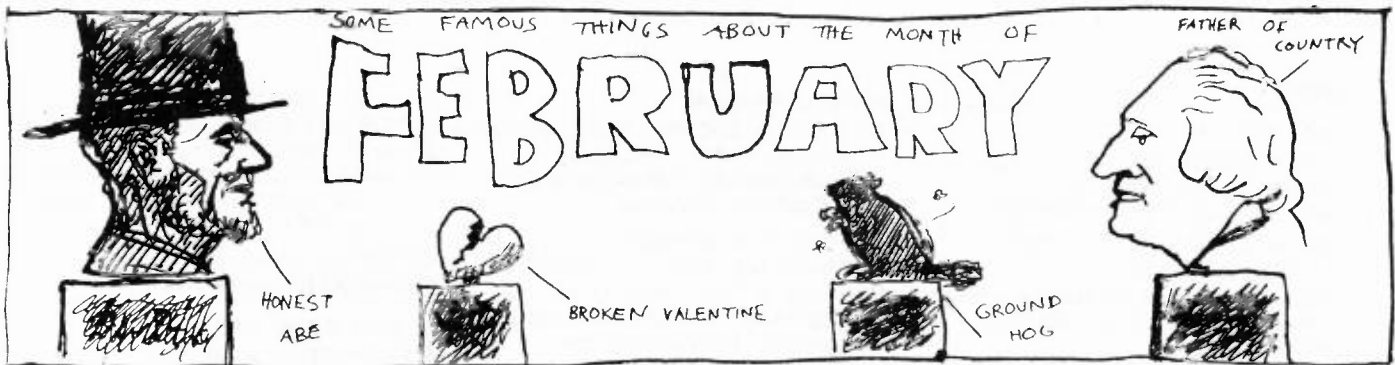
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Please call Jane Rothfuss at 448-3713 to put events on the calendar.

MON. 2/3	7:30 PM Council Agenda Meeting —Borough Hall—Lee Allen, Mayor —448-6978.	FRI. 2/14	Agenda Meeting - RPS - Mike Hamilton, President - 443-5227.
TUES. 2/4	1:00 PM Blood Pressure Check - Borough Hall. 2:00 PM Roosevelt Senior Citizens - Borough Hall - Jeanette Koffler - 448-2259. 5:30 PM Roosevelt Community TV - CABLE CH 8. 7:30 PM First Aid Squad - Borough Hall - Beth Battel, Captain - 448-7701. 8:00 PM PTA Meeting - RPS - Diana Moore, President - 448-7742.	MON. 2/17	PTA Flower Sale. President's Day. RPS Closed. Borough Hall Closed 7:30 PM Council Committee Meetings - Borough Hall - Lee Allen, Mayor - 448-6978. 8:00 PM Synagogue Board Meeting - Michael Ticktin - 448-0363.
WED. 2/5	RECYCLING 8:00 PM Environmental Commission - Borough Hall - John Towle, Chair - 490-0692.	TUES. 2/18	5:30 PM Roosevelt Community TV - CABLE CH 8.
SAT. 2/8	8:00 AM Stream Watch (Volunteer Water Testing) - Kirk Rothfuss - 448-3717. 8:00 PM RAP Program - Alan Mallach - Piano - Borough Hall.	WED. 2/19	RECYCLING.
SUN. 2/9	9 AM - NOON RCNS Pancake Breakfast - Borough Hall - Jane Rothfuss, President - 448-3713.	SAT. 2/22	PTA Winter Carnival - RPS - Diana Moore, President - 448-7742.
MON. 2/10	7:30 PM Council Action Meeting - Borough Hall - Lee Allen, Mayor - 448-6978.	MON. 2/24	7:30 PM Council Committee Meetings - Borough Hall - Lee Allen, Mayor - 448-6978.
TUES. 2/11	RPS 4 Hour Session. 5:30 PM Roosevelt Community TV - CABLE CH 8.	TUES. 2/25	RPS 4 Hour Session - Conferences. 5:30 PM Roosevelt Community TV - CABLE CH 8.
WED. 2/12	8:00 PM Planning Board Meeting - Borough Hall - Gail Hunton, Chair - 426-4338.	THURS. 2/27	7:30 PM Board of Education Meeting - RPS - Mike Hamilton, President - 443-5227.
THURS. 2/13	7:30 PM Board of Education		

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