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by Judith Trachtenberg

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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

Way Appears Clear for Borough to Take Over Former Gas Station Reporter's Questions Concerning Finances Satisfactorily Answered

by Herb Johnson

Progress on a long standing problem in Roosevelt, the status of the former service station on North Rochdale Avenue, was made at the January 12 Council Meeting. Michael Ticktin advised the Council that Governor Whitman had just signed Senate bill #39. Among other things, this legislation provides immunity from third party suits for municipalities that foreclose on tax liens on contaminated properties. However, in a dissenting note, Nona Sherak requested the Borough Council not to acquire the property unless a public referendum approves of it doing so. Ms. Sherak's objection was duly noted by the Mayor.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had previously indicated that it would not penalize the Borough, or require the Borough to pay clean up costs if the Borough were to foreclose. In fact, DEP had already removed all gasoline from the tanks at its own expense. Possible liability for third party claims was the only remaining obstacle that had been mentioned.

If and when the Borough brings a court action to foreclose on the tax liens, the owner and any mortgage holders will have an opportunity to pay off the liens. If they do not do so, the Borough will become the owner of the property.

At the Reorganization Meeting, on January 5, Paul Hoogsteden took the oath of office to begin his second three year term on the Borough Council. He was nominated to be Council President by David Donnelly and approved unanimously. Councilwoman Rose Murphy took the oath of office on January 12 to begin another term on the Council. During that

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOG LICENSES

Where is everyone? Only about 1/3 of the dogs have been licensed. Please remember to do so in February if you have forgotten. The fee in February is \$9.20 for altered dogs and \$12.20 if non-altered. If you send the fee by mail, remember to include a stamped, self addressed envelope and if necessary, the new rabies vaccine certificate and altering certificate if your dog has been recently altered.

May 3rd and 4th will be the Town-wide Yard Sale Weekend. Get Ready!

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

by Bob Clark

The Borough Planning Board began 1998 with a new chair, Joseph Zahora, but Gail Hunton, who decided to step down after seven years as chairwoman, will not stray from the Board's leadership. She accepted the board's unanimous vote recruiting her to serve as vice chairwoman. Mr. Zahora, a professional planner who had served in 1996 and 1997 as vice chairman, could not attend the Board's January 14 reorganization meeting, but Ms. Hunton reported that she had talked to him about her decision and he had expressed his willingness to serve as chairman. Mayor Lee Allen, who also serves on the Planning Board, re-appointed Mr. Zahora to a three-year term on the board, and the board then unanimously elected him its chairman.

Mayor Allen also re-appointed David Leff to a three-year term and Michael Ticktin, the Borough's tax assessor, to a one-year term as the public officer member. He switched Harry Parker, who no longer serves on the School Board, from the School Board representative's position to an alternate slot. Mayor Allen indicated that he would fill the remaining vacancy with a School Board member. Meanwhile, Jeffrey Hunt will continue to serve as the Borough Council's representative. The other members are Bert Ellentuck, a former mayor, Paul Henry and Mark Roberts, an alternate. Altogether, there are nine members and two alternate positions on the Board. Qualifying to do so on account of its small population, Roosevelt eliminated its Zoning Board of Adjustment many years ago. Since then, the Planning Board has performed the Zoning Board's functions as well as its own.

The Planning Board also unanimously continued Ann Kassahun as secretary, Alan Mallach, a former Planning Board chair, as planning consultant, Michele Donato as attorney and the Asbury Park Press and Messenger Press as newspapers for official notices. During 1998, the Board will continue to meet in the Borough Hall on the second Wednesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Ellentuck, the Board's representative on the Environmental Commission, reported that the

Environmental Commission would meet on the third Wednesday of every month.

Ms. Hunton also reported on January 14 that the Board had received no response from Sydney Israel to a Board policy statement regarding an adult community that Mr. Israel had proposed on the northern farmland east of Route 571. Mr. Israel's informal proposal would require a zoning change. Ms. Hunton drafted a policy statement that was forwarded to Mr. Israel after discussion and revision by the Board at its November 12 and December 10 meetings.

In a memorandum to the Board on November 18, Ms. Hunton noted that Mr. Israel had telephoned her to say that he would need four units per buildable acre on the Beer and Hoffman tracts (a total of 100 buildable acres) in order to make his project work. Ms. Hunton reported that Mr. Israel said he also would have to build some units on the Hoffman property. No construction is permitted on that land under the current planned community development zoning (PCD II) which governs the northern farmland on both sides of Route 571. Mr. Israel also indicated he would have to "work with DEP" to obtain a permit to build a 600 ft. road through wetland, according to Ms. Hunton.

In its policy statement the Board expressed its intent to propose to the Council changes in the PCD II zoning ordinance that would permit an adult community option in the PCD II zone. It cited the "potential positive fiscal impacts on the Borough in the form of substantially lower municipal property taxes and reduced utility rates." The Board conditioned its support on the adult community being "designed as an extension of the existing community" without gates, walls, berms, etc. The development also would have to conform to the PCD II; except density and area requirements would be changed, non-commercial recreational facilities would be permitted, office/research buildings would be omitted, different roads would be required, and the developer would be responsible for compliance with affordable housing requirements.

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Letter from the Chief School Administrator

by William Presutti

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I am proud to announce that over 40% of the Roosevelt students have made the honor roll at Kreps and Hightstown High School. Congratulations!!! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!!

The students and teachers have been working very hard on integrating technology into the curriculum using the computer lab and the computers in their classrooms. The Kindergartners have used Kid Pix to illustrate the books they wrote in class and are enjoying the Living Book Program on their classroom computer. In Grade One, the students have used Kid Works to learn their calendar skills and have produced a calendar of their own. In Grade Two, Ms. Gagliardi has integrated Tabletop, a graphing and data analysis program, into the science unit on air and weather and has produced some very impressive results. In Grade Three, the students have used Claris Works to write wonderful stories that have been illustrated and made into big books. The multi-media program HyperStudio has been used by a number of grades this year to create multi-media presentations. In Grade Four science, each student created a presentation on their

Monarch Butterfly unit - the results were spectacular. As part of language arts, they are currently developing a multi-media book report. This is a wonderful experience for the students since they will have the opportunity to learn many new aspects of the program. In Grade Five, the students have used HyperStudio to do a multi-media report on the explorers as well as a health project on nutrition with Ms. Elliott. Both projects are almost completed. The finished projects should be great. In Grade Six, the students have used Claris Works spreadsheet to keep track of their annual pie sale and are strengthening their writing skills through the use of the program Cornerstone. Technology is alive and well at RPS.

The reviews are in ... the Winter Concert was outstanding!!! Congratulations to the students and Mrs. Philhower, our music teacher. It was truly a great performance! The chorus ended the concert with the song "Light the Candles All Around the World." The students shared a beautiful message which was heightened by the expressions on their faces and the energy in their voices. I'll leave you with their message:

All of the people all around the world have their own ways, their own celebration.

And that's okay, That's okay. That's the way that it should be.

Ev'ryone, Ev'ry way, Ev'ry nation.

But wouldn't it be nice if we could have one celebration -

All of us together, just one time, one day, one world?

We could light the candles all around the world!

Let them shine. Let them shine in harmony.

O light the candles all around the world!

Let them shine. Let them shine. Oh, let them shine!!



JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NEWS FROM RCNS

by Ginny Weber

It's hard to believe that the new year is already here! We've been so busy that time has gone by very quickly. However, we have accomplished quite a lot in January.

Dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes were roaming through our school. We learned about different kinds of dinosaurs and how they lived. We all became paleontologists as we went fossil hunting. We may even have found some dinosaur eggs!

The children are excited by the prospect of snow, so we are doing lots of snow related projects. We discuss winter weather and what snow is made of. We also made bird feeders to make it easier for our bird friends to find food when there is snow. January is a fun filled month!

Although February is thought of as the shortest month, at nursery school we are busier than ever. Among the holidays we will celebrate this month are Groundhog Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday and, last but not least, Valentine's Day.

The children may exchange valentines with their friends. We will celebrate the day as a day of friendship and emphasize the need for kindness and sharing with our friends.

February is also Dental Health Month. We will learn the importance of good dental hygiene, what teeth are made of and how we can keep them healthy. We will also experiment on why foods taste the way they do and how our tongue helps us taste food. In addition, we are looking forward to a visit from a local dental hygienist who has a very interesting and fun filled program to share with us.

PTA NEWS

by Ellen Silverman

On December 8th and 9th Debbie Fischer, Reenah Petrics and their PTA crew held the Holiday Gift Fair. It was a great success. Thanks go to all. In January the PTA again sponsored the WITS program at Roosevelt school. It is always fun to see the creative explosion that happens with this event.

The PTA will be making exciting things happen at the school in February. Stay tuned for the Valentine Flower Sale on February 13th and the Winter Carnival on February 28th.

Also coming soon will be School Spirit Sale.

Don't forget that Roosevelt Phone Books are out. If you have been unable to locate one, call Ellen Silverman at 490-0557 or Diana Moore at 448-7742.

CUB SCOUTS

by Ellen Silverman

Here is a big THANK YOU! to all of those people who bought popcorn from the Cub Scouts of Pack 119. The sale was a great success.

In December the Cub Scouts worked in wood with the help of David Parson. In their first meeting in December, all thoughts were on the upcoming Pinewood Derby and the making of their pinewood derby car. At the second meeting in December, Mr. Parson helped them make a wood and tile trivet to give as a holiday gift.

In January, the Cub Scouts continued with more crafts, a tin lantern was made and later that month Ralph Warnick showed them how to make a clay pinch pot and sculpt a Wolf or a Bear. They also worked on keeping physically fit with exercises and games.



Health and Phys Ed at RPS

by Ms. K. Elliott, Teacher

Music, Music, Music. That is the sound coming from the gym as the students learn about beat and tempo through our Jump Rope/Jump Band Unit. Various challenges are being taught to the students. Some challenges are done alone, others are performed with two, sometimes four or more students! It's great to see a smile on a child's face when he/she completes the challenge!

Another delightful event includes our Kindergarten Alphabet Challenges. The students have an opportunity to explore and demonstrate different movements by acting out animals and objects and naming various foods starting with the "letter of the week." So far we have learned the letters R, A, F, G, H, O, C, D, S and I.

The following are other exciting events to look forward to. The 2nd annual Health Fair/Family Fun Night on February 24th. Disabilities will be the theme and grades 2 and 6 will demonstrate a few games using a Kinball during our gym show portion of the Health Fair. D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) provided by the NJ State Police for grades 5 and 6 will begin on February 5th. The program will be completed with a graduation assembly on May 28th.

Our annual "A-thon" has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st. This year's theme will be a Jump-A-Thon to reinforce our Jump Rope/Jump Band Unit.

May 13th will be our Bicycle Rodeo. Field Day is scheduled for June 9th with a multi-cultural theme researched and designed by grade 6. Finally, the much looked forward to Staff versus 6th grade game of Kinball is set for June 19th. More information will follow as we move closer to the scheduled dates.

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated to our 5th and 6th grade clothing drive. It was a HUGE

success! Two 5th and two 6th graders will have the opportunity, along with Mrs. Malinowski and myself, to drop off the clothes to Check-Mate Inc. and Linkages. Check-Mate Inc., out of Freehold, provides a variety of services to low and moderate income area residents. Linkages, out of Monmouth County, provides transitional housing for homeless women and their children. The students have expressed how great it feels to help others and have implied that they would like to continue this clothing drive annually. Thank you again for all of your support!

Food was the Health topic for the month of December. All grades learned about the 6 food groups, healthy snacks, food labels and RDA (Recommended Daily Allowance). Combined into the Nutrition Unit will be a Physical Fitness/Exercise Unit because diet and exercise go hand in hand.

To incorporate physical fitness into our 6th grade physical education class, the students will be taking a field trip to WOW (Work Out World), a gym in Brick Township. They will participate in a cardiovascular workout of either spinning, cardio boxing or step. Spinning class consists of stationary bicycles with 4 pound flywheels. The class simulates what a regular bicycle ride outdoors would be like. The students climb hills, perform jumps and glide downhill all without leaving the spinning room! Cardio boxing combines martial arts and boxing for cardiovascular conditioning. Step class is designed to introduce the students to proper stepping techniques and terminology. Appropriate music and a certified aerobic instructor help set the mood for each of the classes.

Our next Health units will include Drug Education and Family Life.

Until next time, keep exercising and stay healthy!



NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

by Frances Duckett

On January 8 at 7:45 the Roosevelt School Board met. Present were members Clark, Cokeley, Ellentuck, Silverman, Hamilton, John-Alder and Ticktin, plus Chief School Administrator William Presutti, Business Administrator Karen Minutolo and three members of the public.

The hiring of Nancy Cole-Hohn as a special education teacher's aide for the remainder of the school year was approved.

Important upcoming events are the finalization of the 1998 budget figures, promised for Feb. 2, an open budget workshop (as yet unscheduled) and the next School Board Election on April 21.

Arrangements were made for a School Board retreat to be held Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Peddie School. Some suggested topics:

1. Should education in Roosevelt be more individualized? (John-Alder)
2. Improving communications with Kreps (Hamilton)
3. The flag salute (Ticktin)
4. Have teachers enough time to teach the core curriculum? (Silverman)
5. The Honor Roll (Ellentuck)

Mr. Presutti reported that as part of his lighting survey of Roosevelt, Sgt. O'Donnell suggested additional lights at the middle and south ends of the school.

Also in his report: 40% of our Kreps students made the honor roll. Our suggested method of reimbursing East Windsor has been approved at the County level. The Association of School Boards has reduced our dues by \$1,115.73!

RPS's after school art program was featured in the latest Examiner. An upcoming issue plans to feature Roosevelt's butterfly studies. Also, New Jersey Network plans to return for more shots of the mural.

The Board held a short Executive Session. Additional business included approval of an employee health policy and approval of a \$675 jointure to transport one student to Princeton Day School.

During the public portion of the meeting, Miss Cecilia Ticktin, a third grader, read three suggestions:

1. There should be a longer interval between snack and lunch.
2. The kindergarten should have more picture books, and
3. The fourth, fifth and sixth grades should be allowed to bring drinks to school.

Mr. Presutti noted that time factors explain why the upper grades are not allowed drinks from home but pointed out that students can always get water. He also explained how teachers select books to buy for their classes.

RECYCLING DATES
February 4th. & 18th.



LOOSE LEAVES

HUNTING, LLAMAS AND READING SEASON

by Ron Kostar

We'd heard there were two llamas in town so we went looking for them one night in early December. When we got out of our car they must have been hiding in the bushes, but then suddenly they appeared and peered down at us through a high fence. They looked strange -- anomalies: bored, even haughty -- very Old World and aristocratic? -- and understandably a little confused, as if they were contemplating how they had gotten here in the New Jersey woods, far from their native Nepalian or Peruvian steppes.

When I was growing up my father liked to tell a story about being targeted by a llama when he was stationed in Central America during World War II, so the only thing I really knew about llamas was that they spit. These llamas, however, didn't spit at us, but by their expressions they seemed to be just tolerating us. More interestingly, as they walked around their impromptu pen they seemed to change shapes, and maybe even identities. Which is to say, they looked like camels, or horses or even large awkward birds, depending on your perspective. And they seemed to me to be what Darwin calls an incipient species -- a species that's wafting between two definite species: in their case an animal suspended in the evolutionary gap somewhere between an ostrich and a camel.

Later, in fact on the same Sunday evening that a lost tribe of ancient, red eyed Moth Men sat camouflaged on trees, plotting against encroaching Developers, in another memorable episode of the "X-Files", our Roosevelt llamas were spotted being walked down Pine Drive on leashes. God forbid! The recurring Saturday morning gun blasts, often heard before dawn, were reminders that it is (or was) December -- and therefore Hunting Season. And though upon this writing our local hunters were still tracking only small game, one could imagine their dread and surprise upon coming around a bramble or bush near the Sewage Plant and coming face-to-face with an incipient species! It was also suggested by a friend that

Personally, I think I could enjoy hunting but I don't think I could ever actually shoot anything, least of all a deer or a llama. And yet, the first afternoon the hunters hang their hunt from the side of the shed in Clarksburg, I'm racing over to the Inn so I can gawk at them.

placing a large, inflatable rubber dinosaur (like the ones sold in "Kay-B Toys") alongside a heavily hunted deer path might stir up our hunters' Saturday mornings, and that sighting a dinosaur and a llama on the same morning would promote camaraderie not to mention raise the volume, inside one Clarksburg Inn.

Personally, I think I could enjoy hunting but I don't think I could ever actually shoot anything, least of all a llama or a deer. And yet, the first afternoon the hunters hang their hunt from the side of the shed in Clarksburg, I'm racing over to the Inn so I can gawk at them. There's something fascinating about those thick

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FIRST AID NEWS

by Gayle A. Donnelly, EMT-B

ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, THE ROOSEVELT First Aid Squad will sponsor its semi-annual blood drive at the Roosevelt Borough Hall from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

We would like to thank the 20 people who gave blood last October and encourage more of you to come out and give blood. While the entire process takes about 45 minutes, the actual donation only takes about 10 minutes. The first step is registration. Signature I.D. must be presented even if we know you. Next your medical history will be taken and your temperature, blood pressure, pulse and hemoglobin will be checked. After the donation, we have homemade cookies and drinks.

Thanks also to the volunteers who make the blood drive happen: Marilyn Magnes our main organizer, Captain Beth Battel, Beth Logue, Louise Anish, Orlando Ortis and Herb Johnson for working the night of the drive, Florence Johnson for her great cookies, Helen Barth for making phone calls and Rossi's Deli for donating soda and juice.

The First Aid Squad is in need of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Herb Johnson and I completed our EMT training last year. We took our classes at the Manalapan High School. Lots of what we learned is very valuable whether you're on a first aid

squad or not. One learns about how our bodies function, which I found helps me live a healthier life. It also gives one a confidence in living your life so that if an accident happens you can help. It is rewarding to help your neighbors and both Herb and I would be glad to tell you about our experience in joining the Squad.

We will be organizing a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class in February. This is such a basic yet valuable life skill that everyone should know how to do it. Hopefully you never have to use it but the alternative is scary. If you are interested in taking the class, call Gayle at the number below. This is also one of the first things one does to join the First Aid Squad.

We also need help with everything from ambulance maintenance to organizing the plant sale. Millstone's First Aid Squad has an active cadet program if any teenagers are interested. Many of Herb and my EMT classmates were high school and college students who are going into the medical field. If you are interested in volunteering with the First Aid Squad, please call Beth Battel at 448-7701 or Gayle Donnelly at 448-5745.

Presently because of the shortage of EMT's on our squad, both Millstone's and Roosevelt's first aid squads are being dispatched for all of Roosevelt's first aid calls.

RECYCLING DATES:
FEBRUARY
4TH & 18TH.



Memorial for Robert Monk

A synopsis from the Eulogy by Rev. Coates of the First Baptist Church of Hightstown

Robert Monk was committed to his family, married to his late wife, Maline, for 55 years. He was a loving and caring father to his three daughters, Virginia, Mary Ann and Nancy. He was one fine grandfather to his eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was faithful to his one surviving sibling, Stewart, and his family.

He was committed to traditional things. He loved his History Channel and he knew every John Wayne movie ever made. He could quote the line before John did, that's how much he loved John Wayne movies.

He was committed to his work. He retired after 44 years of faithful and committed service as a manager of the Pennsylvania Truck Service (Scott Brothers) in Trenton.

He was committed to his sport. He was an avid sportsman who loved to hunt, fish and trap, and had a sharp eye right to the end.

Living in Roosevelt for over 50 years, he always loved the outdoors. He planted one of the largest gardens in Roosevelt in his back yard.

Finally, he was committed to his church. He was committed to prayer and Bible reading and served on the deaconate. He was a committed Sunday School teacher combining 54 years of teaching between the Olive Baptist Church of Trenton and the First Baptist Church of Hightstown.

Bob usually taught children in the 3rd and 6th grade level; he cared about them. He really cared about them. He'd do something more than just teach them on Sunday morning, he'd take them fishing. He'd relate to them in a very special way and do some special things with them. He would care about "his" kids and when they missed a class, he would always say, "Now, I want to see you back in Sunday School. I want to see you back in church." He was a Baptist missionary, he reached out to children or to anyone by inviting them to his church. There are so many people who attend because Bob Monk invited them to come.

He was a "people person." We all need to be like a Bob Monk. And now our Baptist missionary, Bob Monk went home to be with the Lord for Christmas. He was tired, worn out. He fought the good fight until the end and won the good battle.

But you know, you and I have been better off because we knew Bob Monk.

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.

**Be a good citizen!
Attend Borough
Council Meetings
the second Monday
of each month.**

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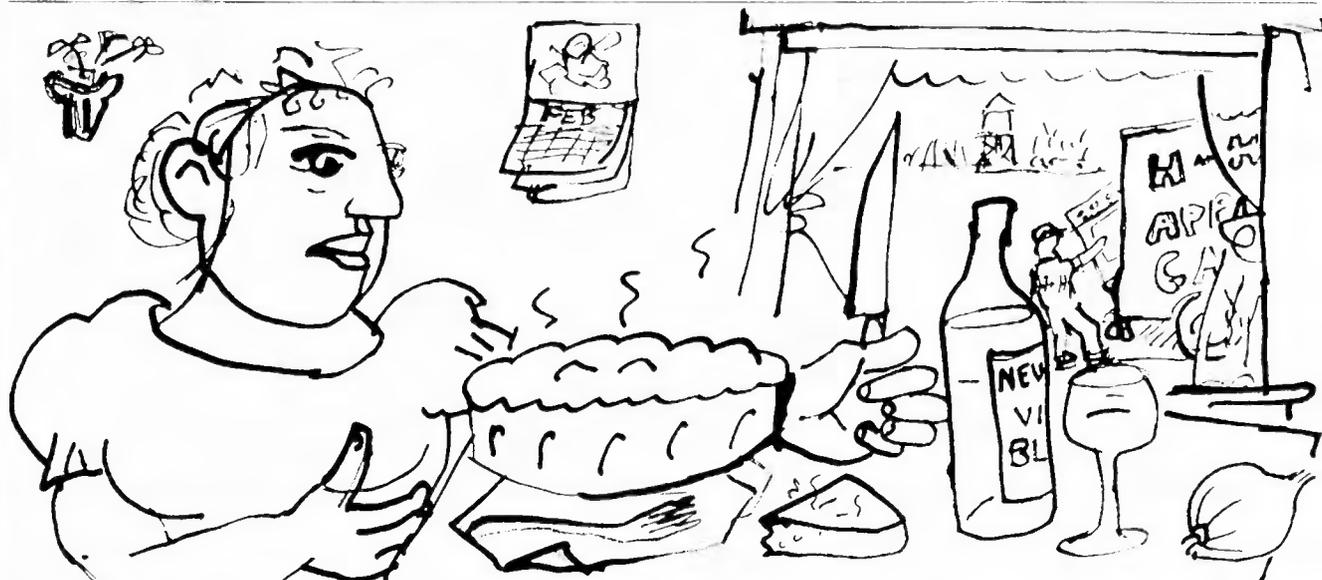
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■ BREAKING BREAD

The Ranges of Roosevelt

by Michele Guye-Hillis



The approach of winter seems to have triggered a gas stove shopping epidemic in town. Two days after we got our shining new stove in the kitchen, our neighbors, Sol and Bess, had theirs delivered. According to Bess, quite a few people were shedding their old stoves for a new one. For us, it all had to do with winter coming and taking the guesswork out of making bread. Imagine what fantastic, engineeringly correct and delicious homemade bread we would make!! Now, we would be able to look at it rising and getting golden brown through the glass door!

Well, I'm still waiting for the mythical five day snow storm to hit town. In the meantime, let me give you an easy recipe that we natives of Neuchâtel, at the foot of the Swiss Jura, consider quite good: namely, our "tarte a l'oignon." Now, in Neuchâtel, it is traditionally offered by the town's bistrotts to the hearty souls who make it through the night during the three day Neuchâtel

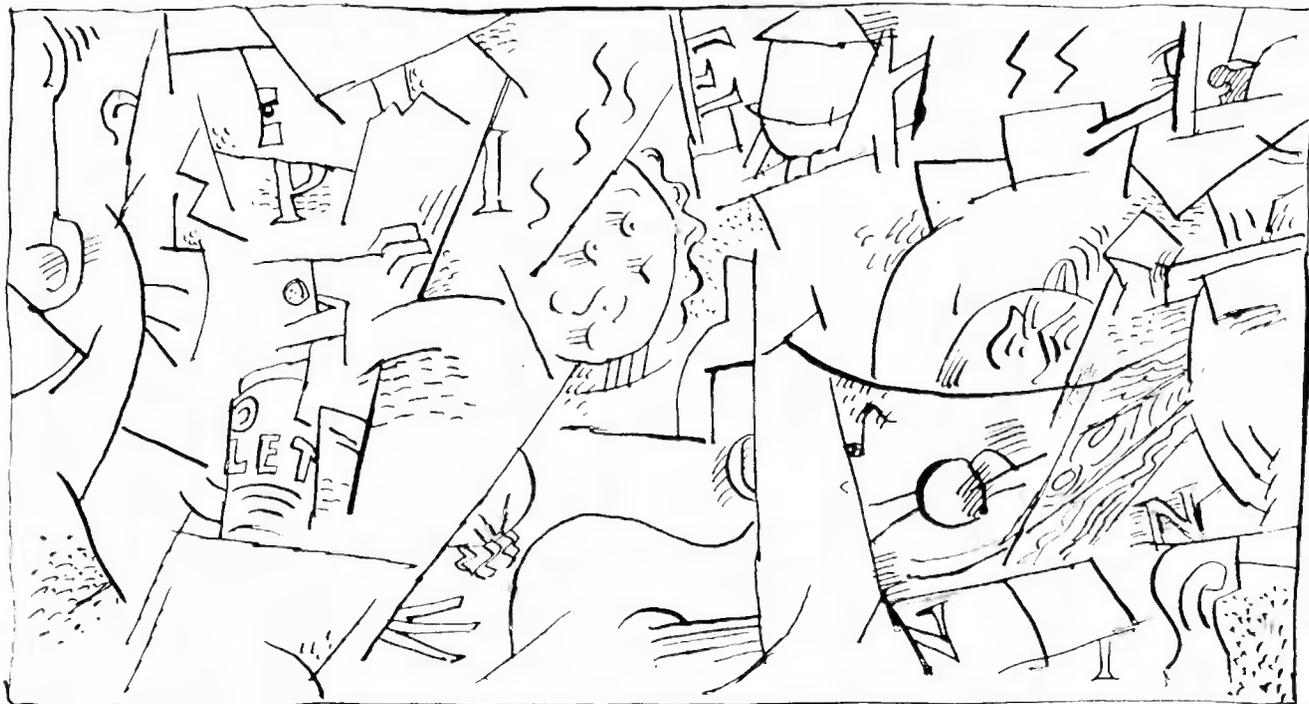
wine festival. On that occasion, the town's many fountains are cleaned up and emptied and decorated with flowers. The wine from the previous year is then served directly from the fountain basins. The town - all of its streets reclaimed by pedestrians, fills up with the sound of live bands, the smell of roasted sausages wafts in the cool October air and people have a great time sampling the dry sparkling wines of the lake vineyards. Incidentally, Neuchâtel is the birthplace of the Fondue Au Fromage (cheese fondue), made with the same great little wine.

Anyway, here comes the recipe for the warm, sweet onion tart. It should be served piping hot from whatever oven you have, accompanied by a dry white wine. If you cannot find a bottle of Neuchâtel since it tends to be quzzled down by the local population as soon as produced, try a French wine.

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Tarte a L'Oignon

Unsweetened pie dough to cover a 12 inch plate

I use a European straight sided tart pan with removable bottom.

6 medium size yellow onions, minced

2 Tbs. oil

2 1/2 Tbs. flour

2 eggs

3/8 cup milk

3/4 cup heavy cream

1/2 lb. crisp bacon cut into bits

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Sauté the onions in the oil until golden. Let them cool.

Mix the milk and cream. Add the eggs, the flour and salt and pepper.

Place the pie dough in the pan and prick all over with a fork so it does not puff up.

Lay the onions on the pie dough.

Pour the mixed liquids and the bacon bits over the onions.

Bake 30 minutes in the oven at 425 degrees till the top is golden.

Serve very warm. Bon appetit!

(Watch for more from the new stove owners in the months to come.)



Roosevelt Weather Almanac

by Ron Filepp

El Niño And A New Year's Resolution

Devastating weather has been blamed on El Niño. However, this season's El Niño, the biggest on record, is not just a bully-child on the weather's playground. It was a gift - at least to one weather observer.

The government's Climate Prediction Center forecast for the winter of 1998 suggested El Niño would bring a wet and turbulent season to California through the southern U.S. to the Carolinas. The same forecast predicted dry conditions in the Northeast. (Tell that to the folks in New York and further north. It wasn't dry ice that felled trees and utility towers in early January.)

Car manufacturers were ready to do their bit for the people of the region. One television commercial implied that a certain sport-utility vehicle was a talisman that will protect owners from El Niño's capricious acts. Another claimed that vehicles originally to be shipped to the West Coast were instead diverted to the East Coast. The reason for the change, according to the announcer, was the expectation of inclement weather in the Northeast caused by El Niño.

Despite the dramatic and sometimes destructive weather and the resulting commercialization, I found some good from the child's mischief. On January 6, I was huffing and puffing my way along the moderately inclined trails of Clayton Park in Upper Freehold. The warm temperatures of early January - whether or not the result of El Niño - gave me resolve to make good a New Year's resolution to exercise more often. So warm was the day, that after 10 minutes of walking at a brisk pace, a T-shirt was required more to retain modesty than to retain body heat.

The "heat wave" began on January 2 when daytime high temperatures first reached above normal. Temperatures did not fall back into the seasonable range until January 14. The warmest temperature recorded in

Roosevelt during that period was 70 degrees on January eighth.

The warm weather "the child" brought in the first half of January provided assistance to an undisciplined exerciser who needed all the help he could find in fulfilling a New Year's resolution.

'97 Numbers '97

Appropriately, the highest temperature in Roosevelt in 1997 was 97 degrees. The mercury hit that mark on the 16th and 17th of July. The year's low was 2.5 degrees. Gratefully, that temperature, recorded on January 19, did not repeat itself. Two days earlier, on the 17th, the year's lowest daytime high temperature, 18 degrees, occurred. The highest overnight low temperature came in at 74 degrees on August 16. The average temperature for the entire year was 54.1 degrees. That's 1.3 degrees above normal.

What about water? The year's total precipitation of 45.39 inches overflowed the average by exactly one inch.

WEATHER EVENT

On February 6, 1933, the Northern Hemisphere's lowest recorded temperature was observed in the former USSR. The mercury plunged to 90 degrees below zero. The world's coldest recorded temperature, -129, occurred July 1983 in Antarctica.

PROVERB

An English weather proverb indicates the importance of snow to crops. "Under water, famine; under snow, bread." Winter rain can bring floods that wreck fields. In contrast, slow melting snow allows water to soak into the earth.

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WEATHER WORD

“Virga” is precipitation that falls out of clouds but evaporates before reaching the earth. Falling ice crystals that evaporate before hitting the ground are called “falling streaks.”

DECEMBER 15 - JANUARY 15

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip
15	40.0	22.5	31.3	0.00
16	50.0	30.0	40.0	0.00
17	52.5	30.0	41.3	0.00
18	44.0	25.0	34.5	0.00
19	52.0	30.0	41.0	0.00
20	53.0	32.0	42.5	0.00
21	39.0	24.0	31.5	0.00
22	38.0	20.0	29.0	0.00
23	44.0	34.0	39.0	0.77
24	46.0	31.0	38.5	0.17
25	55.0	40.0	47.5	0.65
26	50.0	36.0	43.0	0.00
27	38.0	32.0	35.0	0.00
28	39.0	25.0	32.0	0.45
29	44.0	24.0	34.0	0.00
30	36.0	34.0	35.0	2.05
31	32.0	17.0	24.5	0.11
1	30.0	14.0	22.0	0.00
2	48.0	26.0	37.0	0.00
3	58.0	37.0	47.5	0.00
4	60.0	46.0	53.0	0.00
5	55.0	45.0	50.0	0.00
6	65.0	40.0	52.5	0.00
7	66.0	60.0	63.0	0.52
8	70.0	50.5	60.3	0.68
9	67.0	46.0	56.5	0.10
10	47.0	32.0	39.5	0.00
11	47.0	30.0	38.5	0.00
12	40.5	27.0	33.8	0.00
13	50.0	40.0	45.0	0.00
14	32.5	23.0	27.8	0.50
15	48.0	22.0	35.0	0.00
Total Precip			6.00	

Dr. Notterman, son of Drs. Rebecca and Joe Notterman grew up in Roosevelt on Tamara Drive.

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NOTTERMAN: doctor, researcher, adviser

by JoAnn Gutin

Laughter may be the best medicine, but reassurance runs a close second. And Daniel Notterman, MD, dispenses large doses of reassurance, along with information, advice and a sympathetic ear. “One of the most important parts of my job,” he says, “is to deflect anxiety.”

The job he’s referring to is chair of the Committee on the Health Professions, a task he assumed in 1996. In that role, which he performs in tandem with Jane Cary, director of Health Professions Advising, Notterman helps undergraduates aspiring to medical careers thread their way through the grueling application process. Notterman is also a practicing pediatrician and a molecular biology researcher.

To watch Notterman talking to students is to wish there were a way to bottle what he does. At the start of an informal lunchtime counseling session in Butler Dining Room recently, the atmosphere fairly crackled with anxiety. Students peppered Notterman with worried questions: How many times can I take the MCATs? How many schools should I apply to? Do I have to be a science major to get into medical school? He listened gravely, responded thoughtfully and conveyed the impression that he had all the time in the world for the questioners. The tension leaked out of the room like air from a balloon.



Skill in the trenches

Maybe Notterman excels at reassurance because he learned the skill in the trenches, so to speak. Before coming to Princeton, he spent a dozen years as director of pediatric critical care medicine at the New York Hospital of Cornell University, taking care of the sickest of sick children. Equally important, he took care of their parents.

But while that set of experiences surely prepared him to counsel medical students, when Notterman came to Princeton "that was the farthest thing from my mind," he says. Instead, his interests were academic; he wanted to become a student of sorts himself.

"When I finished medical school in '78" he explains, "I was just a little too early to savor the revolution in molecular biology." And once launched on his demanding medical career, Notterman had no time for savoring anything else. Although he wrote 50-odd papers in the fields of clinical pharmacology and critical care medicine, he says, "I began to feel that the most interesting thing in medicine was passing me by, and I didn't have time to do anything about it."

In 1992, Notterman decided to make the time. Taking a sabbatical from Cornell, he arranged to spend a year here in the lab of molecular biologist Arnold Levine. (The sabbatical was in some sense a homecoming. Notterman grew up in Princeton; his mother Rebecca is a local pediatrician, and his father is long-time Princeton psychology professor Joseph Notterman, now emeritus.) As visiting senior fellow in Levine's lab, Notterman sat in on a few courses - "trying to get up to speed," as he put it - and did research.

He returned to pediatric intensive care when the year was over; but molecular biology had him hooked. "I really felt that I wanted to become a scientist," he says. He arranged a leave of absence from Cornell, moved his family from Tenafly to Princeton and signed on as a visiting research scientist in the Molecular Biology Department.

Medical school hopefuls adrift

Though Notterman wanted a break from medicine, medicine evidently didn't want a break from him. In 1995, after he'd spent 18 months in the lab, beginning to probe the habits of the tumor-suppressor gene p53, Notterman was contacted by Eva Gossman, then associate dean of the college. Princeton's incumbent pre-medical adviser had taken a leave, she said, and the University's 150 or so medical school hopefuls were feeling adrift. Would Notterman pitch in and counsel the students several afternoons a week? "I like young people, I'd always worked with young people, and here were some young people," he observes. "So I said yes."

After a year pinch-hitting, Notterman accepted a part-time appointment in the office of the Dean of the College and now divides his time between his office at 305 West College and a lab bench in Lewis Thomas. Says Director Jane Cary, "Dan and I make a good team. We learn from each other every day."

That teamwork provides the roughly 180 Princeton premedical students with what Notterman calls "an unusually supple expertise." He and Cary meet often with students in groups and individually to guide them through the application process. They help finalize lists of schools, write letters and hold workshops on interviewing skills. But Notterman's medical experience clearly provides an extra dimension. As Cary points out, "Dan can make students aware of the emotional and physical requirements of medical school and of the profession, because he's been there."

For instance, as a critical care doctor Notterman confronted knotty ethical issues daily, and he wants the office's advisees to be ready for them. That's why he's arranged with the Student Bioethics Forum for small groups of students to observe deliberations of the Ethics Committee of New York Hospital beginning in the spring term.

And last summer, Notterman organized the Princeton University Medical Experience Program, persuading 150 doctors at Princeton Medical Center to

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agree to be shadowed by premed students. More than 20 students took advantage of the program in its inaugural months.

"That's Dan's baby," says Cary. "It was a doctor-to-doctor thing, which is why it worked so well." Adds Notterman, "These doctors are thrilled to have our students, and the kids love the chance to see what the medical life is really like."

And what will that medical life really be like for those students? Some of the students at the lunchtime advising session say they've heard that managed care has taken all the joy away from the practice of medicine, but Notterman shakes his head.

"This is still the most splendid of professions," he says firmly and reassuringly. "When you've helped, say, a child with asthma to breathe easily again, and you've experienced the parents' gratitude - you'll be hooked. There's nothing in the world like it."

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MONDAY OF
EACH MONTH

LAURIE ALTMAN AND BRIGHT MOMENTS IN CONCERT AT PEDDIE

ONE of the area's most exciting and compelling jazz groups, the BRIGHT MOMENTS QUINTET, led by jazz pianist and composer Mr. Laurie Altman and featuring guest vocalist Jackie Jones, will perform on Saturday, February 7, 1998, at 8:00 P.M. in the William Mount-Burke Theatre of The Richard L. Swig Arts Center at The Peddie School, South Main Street, Hightstown, New Jersey. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$5 for students and seniors, and are available at the door the evening of the event. The evening's program entitled The Great American Songbook is a salute to the great music of George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern and Richard Rogers, and will feature such musical numbers as "embraceable You," "Love Walked In," and "You Can't Take That Away From me," among others. The concert is part of the Roosevelt Arts Project Cultural Series. For additional information please call (609)490-7550.



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Despite Mr. Israel's contention that he would have to build some units on the more northerly Hoffman tract, the policy statement limits development to the larger Beer tract, which borders Oscar Drive. The policy statement also permits a maximum density of 1.5 units per gross acre. If all 219 acres of the PCD II lying east of 571 were included within the adult community, a total of 328 units could be built, according to the Board's calculation. That would allow 72 units less than the 400 sought by Mr. Israel within the 195 acre total of the Beer, Hoffman and Brotman tracts.

At a special meeting on December 17, the Board approved by a 6-2 vote a zoning variance permitting Matthew Trust to use the house next to the abandoned service station on Route 571 as a residence. The house and service station had been built before their lots had been incorporated into a retail commercial zone. When the house was abandoned, its lot reverted to the commercial use restriction. Thus, a variance was required in order to resume the house's use as a residence. The house sits on a one half-acre lot surrounded by the four-acre service station lot. Since this was a use variance, a vote of two-thirds of the full membership of the Board - or six members - in favor was required. This number had not been obtained at the regular meeting.

Voting in favor of the variance were Ms. Hunton and Messrs. Parker, Henry, Leff, Ticktin and Roberts. Voting against were Messrs. Zahora and Ellentuck, who cited their preference for encouraging commercial use in the area. Those who supported the variance asserted that a commercial use at this time was unlikely and occupancy of the house would help to clean up an eyesore on the threshold of the community. Prior to the vote, Council member David Donnelly related that at least ~~four~~ members of the Council favored residential occupancy of the house.

Mr. Ticktin, who had previously opposed the variance, said that he would support it if it were conditioned on Mr. Trust and succeeding owners of the house assuming any risk that contamination from leaky gaso-

line storage tanks at the service station might affect the residence and waiving any claims against the Borough arising from use of the service station lot for permitted commercial purposes or as a firehouse and first air squad headquarters. He offered a motion to this effect which was approved by the Board. Mr. Trust indicated he would accept these conditions.

Mayor Allen reported that the Borough was "in discussions with people to get the garage area cleaned up." The Council has held off foreclosing on the property for unpaid taxes because of concern that the Borough might be liable for the affects of the soil contamination. The recent passage of a state law that would relieve municipalities from such liability opens the way for Roosevelt to finally take ownership of the long vacant property. The Borough could then sell the property to a commercial developer or renovate the building and offer it for use by the Fire Department and First Aid Squad.

Zoning Officer Ralph Warnick gave the Board a copy of his report of activity for 1997. Mr. Warnick has assertively but politely informed residents of infractions involving unregistered vehicles; improper signs; improper placement of garbage sites, construction or household materials; habitation of trailers; sheds; and, parking of vehicles on lawns. When residents complied with the notices, Mr. Warnick sent notes of thanks. When they pointed out that he was mistaken in two instances, he sent letters of apology. Three municipal court appearances were pending.

According to Mr. Warnick, habitation of trailers remains a problem. He reported, "problems with driveways and large number of cars at some locations (first case will be going to court shortly)." Lastly, Mr. Warnick reported, "Numbering of the homes in Roosevelt is an important problem with no solution at the moment." He suggested that the Public Works Department "paint a number right on the asphalt in front of every driveway."



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

by Mary Alfare

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

Kingsly and Jennifer Wright with their children, Gernette, Darren and Nicolette have moved into the former Freider house on Farm Lane.

David and Jamie Kosa are moving into the former Sabogal house on North Valley Road.

MOVING OUT:

Mary Anne and Lauren Sabogal and Don Greenberg of North Valley Road are moving to Princeton.

ENGAGED:

A June '98 wedding is planned for Mindy Shapiro, daughter of Arthur and Elly Shapiro of Pine Drive, and Matthew Ashby, son of Neil Ashby of Boulder, Colorado, and the late Joan Ashby.

Mindy, a graduate of Rutgers University, is a teacher and medical assistant in Boston and will attend graduate school in the fall. Matt holds a doctorate from Cornell University and works for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Sarah Harmon Daver, born November 15 to Debbie and Adam Daver of Lawrenceville. The proud grandparents are Judy and Norman Nahmias of Roosevelt, and Sandy and Ron Daver of Ewing.

Adam Benjamin Block, born November 26 to Maryanne and Joseph Block, big sister Alissa (13) and big brother Nicholas (11) of Lake Drive. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Prinke of Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Block of Lake Drive.

Shoshana Rivka Shapiro, born December 7 to Rochelle and Erik Shapiro and big brother Yitzchak of Passaic, NJ. The proud grandparents are Elly and Arthur Shapiro of Pine Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Pollak of Los Angeles.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Meira Yeger who won second prize in an essay contest sponsored by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. The topic was "Identify a government service leader or career that interests you and describe the associated rewards and sacrifices."

Meira Yeger, taking advanced classes at Florida State University made the Dean's List in December with a 3.91 GPA.

FOND FAREWELL TO:

Robert Monk, 51 year Tamara Drive resident, died December 28 at the age of 81. A donation to the Bulletin was made in Robert Monk's name.

Catherine Yuhas, died January 2, at the age of 81. Mrs. Yuhas lived 5 years at the Solar Village and lived most of

her life in Hightstown.

Condolences to their families and friends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Roosevelt Public Library needs volunteers to staff the library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday evenings on a rotating basis. Call Helen Barth at 448-2798 if you can give some time.

The First Aid squad needs members. The squad pays for training. For information call 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:

November Students of the Month for:

Health: Jesse Parsons, Elizabeth Stinson, Mathew Stinson, Casey Ward and Lauralee Ward.

Physical education: Jeremy Cokeley, Michael Cordo, Ryan Grasso, Matthew Lawson, Deidra Lloyd, Brian Moore, Cody Parker, Briana Parsons, Megan Plaska and Larry Van Brunt.

December Students of the Month for:

Health: Lindsay Bernardin, Ina Clark, Hunter Ellentuck, Dan Fischer, Jamie Hague, Sam Husth, Justin Lenart, Samantha Mateyka, Zev Reuter and Tina Vasseur.

Physical education: Samantha Cedar, Jack Curry, Laurel Hamilton, Allison Harding, Chris Iacono, Joshua Nulman, Kelsey Reibold, Daniel Rossi and Nicholas Rossi.

FROM KREPS MIDDLE SCHOOL:

First Marking Period Honor Roll: Grade: 8: Shaun Conover, William Edelstein, Brandon Lugannani, Alicia Moore, Molly Petrilla, Haley Reibold and Sarah Skillman.

Grade: 7: Elan Grunwald, Katherine Hamilton, Wesley John-Alder, Nathaniel Kostar and Christopher Wong.

Sports Team Managers: Field Hockey: Alicia Moore and Christine Rocchia; Basketball: Christine Rocchia, Alicia Moore and Alissa Gates; Wrestling: Sarah Skillman.

FROM HIGHTSTOWN HIGH:

1st Marking Period - High Honors: Rachel Ticktin (Grade 12); Kathleen Alfare (11); Joanna Giordano (10); and, Hannah Stinson (9).

1st Marking Period Honor Roll: Avery Cayne and Senayit Kassahun (Grade 12); Shoshana Grunwald and Jessica Hamilton (11); Elizabeth Carroll, Kate Freedman, Sean Parker, Dylana Possiel and Ronit Yeger (10); Adam Axel, Naomi Cayne, Joseph Cheshier and Victoria Taylor (9).

Fitness Award: Senior Rachel Ticktin was one of fourteen students to win the Presidential Award for fitness.

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



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meeting, Council President Hoogsteden moved that all of the 1997 chairpersons of the Council's six committees, and the members of those committees, continue in those positions for 1998. The five members of the Council present approved, Mr. Donnelly being absent. The 59 appointments to paid or volunteer positions, made at the two January meetings of the Council, were listed in the January 5 and January 12 issues of the Examiner. Mr. Hoogsteden announced that the Council's Budget Workshop would be on Monday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m.

At the Council meeting on December 8, this reporter had asked the Council about the reason for two of its actions, their approving a resolution to appoint the Borough's accountant to be and assistant to the Financial Advisor, for a fee of \$10,000, just one month after it had decided to appoint Douglas Bacher, rather than the Borough Accountant, to be the Financial Advisor for the sale of bonds, for a fee of up to \$10,000 and their accepting the Annual Audit without a reconciliation of the Current Fund's December 31, 1996 balance of about \$725,000. The audit reconciled the other three funds of the Borough Council, which totaled about \$373,000 including a Money Market Fund balance, in the Water and Sewer Utility Fund, of \$161,313 and six checking accounts totaling \$212,466.

Councilman Paul Hoogsteden, the Finance Committee chairman, responded that he was satisfied with the Borough's accounting practices. Councilman David Donnelly expressed confidence in Mr. Hoogsteden's oversight of Borough finances. This reporter then stated that Mayor Lee Allen had looked through the 1997 Annual Audit for over 30 minutes after the Agenda Meeting the week before and could not find a reconciliation of the Current Fund. After hearing that explanation, the Mayor confirmed it and added that he reviewed some of the audits of the past ten years and found that they were done the same way. Councilwoman Rose Murphy pointed out that the State of New Jersey examines the audits of municipalities and had not reported any inadequacy.

At the Borough Council's Committee Meeting on December 15, Mayor Allen was asked by this reporter to answer three written questions. These questions were: (1) What are the checking accounts and investments and their balances which reconcile the Current Fund's 12/31 balance? (2) Why was the bank balance of \$1,098,462.58 about \$5,000 less than the total shown on page 29 of the audit for cash, cash equivalents and investments?, and (3) Why did the Borough Council resolve to issue up to \$2,700,000 in bonds to refinance the 1992 FmHA loan when the balance owed on the loan was \$232,000 less than that amount while the costs of refinancing were predicted to be less than \$50,000?

The matter was resolved after the January 12 Council Meeting when Mayor Allen allowed this reporter to photocopy Chief Finance Officer Ed Debevec's report. It showed that the Current Fund's cash balance of \$733,955 consisted of a Money Market Account with the First Union Bank of \$635,518 and two checking accounts which totaled \$98,437. The \$5,000 difference between book balance and bank balance seems to have been caused by \$11,248 being "deposits in transit" in a Water/Sewer account while "checks outstanding" in several accounts added up to \$6,305. This reporter expressed satisfaction that all of the Borough's 12/31/96 fund's balances have thus been reconciled.

At the public portion of the December 8 meeting, Jeanette Koffler said that she found out that there is no money in the Council's budget for senior programs in 1997. The Solar Village Community Room being designated as the Senior Citizens Center of the Borough of Roosevelt was supposed to make it possible for the Council to release funds for senior programs. Councilwoman Murphy said the funds had been put in the Transportation line of the budget, but that funds for senior programs would be available in January or February. Mayor Allen said it may be March before the 1998 budget is approved and then funds could be given for senior programs.

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Nona Sherak asked three questions: (1) What is the disposition of the proposed work on the water valve under Pine Drive at Maple Court? (Mr. Donnelly said he has not received responses from contractors he requested to bid on the job.) (2) Has a snow removal procedure been adopted? (Mr. Stiles presented her with "the first draft" and requested her suggestions.), and (3) Why doesn't the Borough make an effort to get more residents to recycle "white paper," to have it put out separately with other recyclables, but clearly marked? Mary Alfare complained about the collectors' twice neglecting to take her box of white paper, clearly marked as "paper."

Sgt. James O'Donnell, State Police community relations officer, gave a brief report to follow up on suggestions made the previous month. He said a mobile speed indicator is being considered and that additional lighting in some areas would be recommended.

Nestor Sabogal thanked the Mayor and Council for presenting him with a plaque honoring the four and a half years he served as a member of the Borough Council of Roosevelt.

Under Old Business, the Council passed three ordinances after their second reading and public hearings. The 1998 Salary Ordinance #46-37, described in last month's Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, was passed. Then a parking ordinance passed with only Mrs. Murphy voting in the negative (Councilman George Vasseur was absent.) This ordinance provides that "No person shall park any commercial vehicle, such as tractors, trailers of any type, recreational vehicle, motor drawn vehicle, bus or omnibus having a rated maximum gross vehicle weight in excess of four tons or having more than two axles upon any street within the Borough with the exception of vehicles engaged in construction at an active construction site, and vehicles making pick ups or deliveries in the Borough." The fine is between \$100 and \$500.

The third ordinance provides for improvements to North Valley Road and appropriates \$190,000 for it,

which includes a \$150,000 grant received from the Department of Transportation. Ms. Sherak urged the Council to ask all property owners on that road if they have a water or sewer problem that would be in need of repair before the road is rebuilt, and to check that all the water valves under the roadway operate properly before construction. All members of the Council present approved of this ordinance.

Under New Business, the Council passed five resolutions and (foUr) motions. Resolution #97 of 1997 awarded a contract for improvements to the Borough Hall's restroom at the rear of the building, in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, for \$8,995. The lowest bid for correcting three doorways was about \$11,000. The Borough is trying to receive additional Community Development Block Grant funds for that work.

Resolution #98 approved a Corrective Action Plan, prepared by the Chief Finance Officer, based on the last audit report recommendation. It increased the Tax Collector's surety bond from \$71,000 to \$74,000. Other resolutions supported a United States Senate bill entitled "Investment in Education Act of 1997," opposed the House of Representative Bill No. 1534 pertaining to "Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997," and authorized a transfer of funds in the Current Fund.

Motions approved included increasing Diana Moore's salary to \$10 per hour effective January 1, 1998, authorizing a letter asking for additional block grant funds for ADA improvements, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for additional transportation services for senior and disabled residents.

Mayor Allen announced that as the Borough Hall would be closed in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday on the third Monday of January, the Council approved of canceling its regular meeting of committees on that date.

Under Good and Welfare, Attorney Ross reported that his inquiries revealed that the gasoline tanks at the



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majestically antlered animals hanging headdown from the meat hooks. I can't put my finger on the attraction, but it's there -- as palpable and pungent as the smell of lamb stew or fried oysters, or tomatoes and mayonnaise. Hunting is an anachronism, though, and one rendered unnecessary by the wide variety of red meats wrapped and stacked in the meat sections of the Acme or Shop Rite, and by the increasingly more common and spiritual sensical appeal of the local fruit and vegetable stands. And why would anybody want to shoot something unless he had to?

But tracking animals is different.

A few summers ago, my son Nathaniel and I used to track deer. What we discovered was that deer are very predictable, and therefore easy to track. We found out that by night they're sleeping in the high grasses alongside cornfields, and in the morning they walk into the fields to eat. Then, in the afternoon they retreat back into the woods to avoid the sun. Hunters build their tree stands along the wood paths because just before dusk, the deer return to the fields for a second meal, and they get there by walking down the paths.

Deers' habits may change in the winter due to the sudden appearance of anomalous, two legged creatures wrapped in bright orange and yellow parkas and hats, moving clumsily through the woods, usually in packs of four and five. Still, we almost always spotted deer, and if they're nearly as predictable in December as they are during the summer months, it's easy to see why so many of them get picked off. That and, of course, because they're unarmed.

Apropos of hunting, on Thanksgiving we packed up our turkey, pumpkin pies and cassette tapes and visited my sister and brother-in-law and their two daughters in Maryland. My sister's house is surrounded by cornfields that in the fall are besieged by very large flocks of migrating birds. The Maryland hunters dig "hunting holes" -- short, deep trenches in these fields which they camouflage with cornstalks that stick up from the ground like the front of Baltimore Colt's quarterback Johnny Unitas' '50's butch cut. Then for hours they sit in the trenches, drinking and talking or ruminating, waiting for the ducks and geese to land.

Down in these Maryland fields there are so many

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deserted Rochdale Avenue garage would have to be removed before the Borough could receive a remediation grant. He suggested that passage of legislation may help. Michael Ticktin suggested that it may help the Borough if it becomes an Environmental Opportunity Zone. Nona Sherak asked if the rubber tire and tree stump recycling project was on any County group's agenda this month. Mr. Hoogsteden explained that he was told the subject would not get on the County's agenda until a month after the company provides all the information requested, and that the company has not submitted anything yet in December. Ms. Sherak urged the Council to provide a generator capable of providing adequate electricity to the Borough Hall in case of a power outage during cold weather. The Borough Hall has a

kitchen and can be used as an emergency shelter. Mayor Allen said the building is designated as the Emergency Command Center for the Borough.

At the close of the Reorganization Meeting on January 5, this reporter complimented the Borough Council on having the Flag of the State of New Jersey displayed on a flagpole behind the Mayor's chair. The flag had been donated by Michael Ticktin several months ago.

Dr. Martin Earl Johnson and Jack Alvin Johnson, visiting Roosevelt from Rochester and San Diego respectively to celebrate their brother Herbert's seventieth birthday, were then introduced to everyone present at the meeting.



ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT 1997–1998 SEASON

The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce the remaining events of our 1997-1998 season, featuring an art exhibit, special evenings of music and poetry and the return of your favorite string band performers.

At most events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$6.00, only \$5.00 for students and seniors. This year, we will ask \$10.00 for admission to the Roosevelt String Band concert and for Laurie Altman at the Peddie School \$5.00 for seniors and students. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and *The Bulletin* for additional details.

Saturday	February 7, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. Peddie School	LAURIE ALTMAN—THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK
Saturday	March 7, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. Borough Hall	POETRY—A Potpourri of Roosevelt Poets
Friday and Saturday	April 24 and 25, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. Borough Hall (two nights)	ROOSEVELT STRING BAND: In Concert
Sunday	May 3, 1998 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 recognizes that not all artists are performing artists, and it will provide a venue for townspeople to share their talents. Workshops may be offered in the theater arts, culinary arts, or woodworking, 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, exhibits and events.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible entirely by your support. Donations given to the Roosevelt Arts Project, other than for admission to an event, are tax-deductible. We appreciate your continuing support of our efforts to bring the highest quality art and performances to Roosevelt.



Alan Mallach In Concert

by Gladys Nadler

“Images and Evocation: a Piano Recital with Commentary by Alan Mallach” is what he called his January 17 Roosevelt Arts Project presentation.

AS ALAN MALLACH pointed out in his comments, the program included many things, but certain common threads ran through it.

First, all the composers represented, including himself, wrote in the Romantic style. Second, interspersed throughout the program, Mallach illustrated how Romantic composers have written fugues and adapted them to their own styles.

The fugue is a form that dates back to Bach in the Baroque period of music. In this form, one voice or instrument introduces a single melodic line, followed by its imitation in harmony, with or without variations. These two voices can be joined by others, and the melody varied according to the composer's style. I've always thought of the fugue as a very simple musical form, similar to singing rounds like "Three Blind Mice." It was fascinating to hear the variety possible as fugues by Mallach, Clara Schumann and Robert Schumann were performed in the same program. They all followed the form of a fugue but the

music produced in this form was clearly the composer's own, and was as simple or as rich as the composer chose it to be. Only once, in the second fugue by Robert Schumann, was the piece reminiscent of Bach. It sounded, in part, like a variation on a Bach concerto.

I've always thought of the fugue as a very simple musical form, similar to singing rounds like "Three Blind Mice." It was fascinating to hear the variety possible as fugues by Mallach, Clara Schumann and Robert Schumann were performed in the same program.

Mallach also played his own "Sonatina for Piano" a lovely piece that he wrote in memory of his aunt who died around the time he composed it. Throughout the sonata, he interspersed musical notes E, B, A in descending order, musical symbols of his aunt's initials.

The program also included six charming pieces by Moritz Moszkowski, "Sechs Fantasiestucke, op. 52."

He devoted the last part of his program to Chopin. He played three of Chopin's nocturnes and ended with the Ballade op. 47. The program closed with a piece by Moszkowski as an encore. Alan Mallach plays the piano with a lovely lyrical tone. A recital by him provides double pleasure, both aesthetic and intellectual.



ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT ACTIVITIES

by Judith Trachtenberg

THE ROOSEVELT ARTS PROJECT WEBSITE continues to grow, with some 66 Roosevelt artists represented in its Directory listing of current artists. This listing includes links to examples of the artistry of those listed, as well as listings of upcoming public events featuring different artists, and there are even links to the commercial websites of those artists who have taken to the WorldWideWeb as a way to market and disseminate their work. Columbia University continues in the role of the website's beneficent sponsor, where we may be found at <http://woof.music.columbia.edu/~roosevlt/>. If by some unfortunate omission, you have not been listed in the Directory of Artists, you should contact either David Herrstrom or Richard A. Lloyd, and we'll see about getting you included. Also, we are ready to assist artists with converting information to being presentable on the Web, and if there are those with any audio snippets of music or literature, we can call upon the assistance of Brad Garton to help with translating your audio into sound files that can be listened to on the Web.

The website also features information about past artists, and will shortly be able to feature a rendition of Ben Shahn's mural on-line. In addition, we have endeavored to present something of an historical perspective for those visiting the site, with material about Roosevelt's past and present, including Ron Filepp's monthly weather almanac. There's even been one reported instance of a resident artist being contacted by a long-out-of-touch relative, who happened to be browsing the Web for their name! And several months back, the folks at Bell Atlantic Internet Solutions advised us that they were including the RAP website within its Internet Access Service as a "best of the net" site. For further information, you're invited to contact Richard A. Lloyd at 443-8206 or David Herrstrom at 443-4421.

Remember, too, to watch for information about the Arts Exchange and our regular performances during the coming winter and spring. The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible entirely by your support. Donations given to the Roosevelt Arts Project, other than for admission to an event, are tax deductible as charitable contributions. Thank you for your support of the arts in Roosevelt.

Senior Citizen News

by Helga Wisowaty

At the Senior Citizens' meeting of January 6th, our president, Jeanette Koffler presented a letter from Sister Mary Simon, Executive Director of the Office On Aging in Freehold, in which she asked about attending one of our meetings. We hope that April 7th will be convenient for her. I had met her years before and will be pleased to see her again.

Our group has sent a contribution for a tree in Israel in memory of Faye Libove who was a club member and a friend.

Thelma Thompson who was our hostess brought delicious homemade apple pie.

Recently my family and I went to a showing of Bobby Drapala's photographs at the Georgian Court College in Lakewood. I had seen them before as Tony, my husband, framed them. I sat beside a small table and watched everyone enjoying the display.

The nuns spoke with me and I asked about Sister Mary Simon. They promised to give her my regards.

Later I saw three ladies coming in. When they found out that we were from Roosevelt it was hugging and kissing time. They knew many who lived here!

Our first friends and neighbors were Ben and Edna Surasky, Jack and Frieda Rockoff, the Levins, the Klatskins and Ann and Lou Cohen and we'll never forget them.

We spoke of Judy Weinberg's article in the Borough Bulletin about her mother, Faye Libove, her thanks to us and best of all - the lovely description of her mother.

Happy New Year to everyone.

til next month....



(Loose Leaves, continued from page 21)

decoys scattered on both the lakes and fields that it's hard to tell which birds are real and which are wooden, or, today, plastic. This area around the Chesapeake Bay is a major stopping point for migrating birds, though, so most of the birds on the ground are real. The way you can tell if they're real is by watching them very closely while waiting for them to move.

Because Canadian Geese fly at night, you can hear them honking after dark, and if you look closely at the sky around sundown, you can see patches of birds moving across the sky. The neat thing is that, because the sky down there is like a dome -- it's very big and high, and often white -- you have to look closely to see anything at all; but if you really look you can see one moving black patch of birds after another. In this respect, anyway, looking for birds in the Maryland Eastern Shore sky is kind of like reading: moving black letters against a white background, and the more you look, the more you concentrate, the more bird -- or word -- patterns you see. But you have to really look.

So all the best hunters in Maryland are also great readers? Maybe. But it's the tracking part of hunting that interests me, and its similarities with reading. Both tracking and reading necessitate moving and looking for small, subtle clues, like deer droppings or flattened grass, or a telling phrase placed at the end of a paragraph. In both activities, the clues add up and the plots thicken, forcing you to stop, periodically, and ponder. And in both, meaning accumulates slowly, spurring you to track, or read, on. So you read on, and your attention rises and sometimes your pulse even quickens until, at some point, you round a corner and enter a clearing - on page 215? - and you come face-to-face with what it is you went into the woods, or book, looking for: a llama, a metaphor, or something.

And at this moment of discovery, who in his or her right mind would throw his book, anymore than who in his right mind would pull a trigger?! Who would want to? Especially if what they came face-to-face with on page 50 was an ostrich aspiring to be a horse aspiring to be a camel?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Appreciation

Roosevelt was always a special place where neighbors became relatives. I attended the funeral reception for Diana Moore's mother this month; I was reminded of my own mother's reception, and am still overwhelmed by the warmth and help given by those in the neighborhood. Things haven't changed.

We are looking to give a big thank you to whoever placed the sign on our dad's oak tree, "The Monk Oak" with a red heart in the corner. We brought our father and ourselves past our home, in our town, to say goodbye to millions and millions of wonderful memories. Through the tears, we saw the sign and we smiled and laughed, somehow that sign said it all. It was the best of surprises. So, who are you? We think we know and believe that you wish to remain anonymous. That's o.k. if it gives you a secret smile. Know that we appreciated it so very much.

I would like to thank all of you, on behalf of all of Robert Monk's daughters, for your presence, your cards, your mass cards, your donations to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad, the Borough Bulletin and our dad's church. So many of you, the condolences are unbelievable. Some called to share their feelings and experiences of losing a loved one, greetings and hugs at the post office were received. This is really a special place and you have all made it that way. There are so many to thank that we hope no one was overlooked. If so, please accept our apologies, know that you helped to make it easier and lifted some of the pain.

Bob's girls,

Nancy Warnick

Virginia Gerrish

Mary Ann Froehlich



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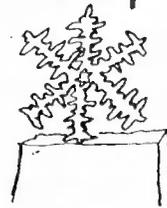
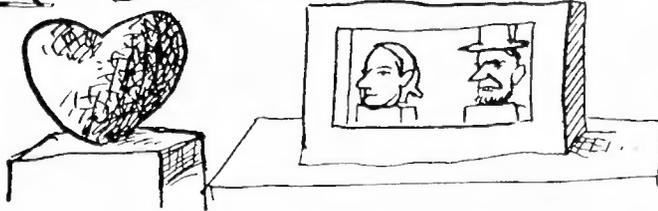
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| Tues. 2/3 | 1:00 p.m. | Blood Pressure Check - Borough Hall. | Wed. 2/18 RECYCLE. | |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Roosevelt Senior Citizens - Borough Hall—Jeanette Koffler, 448-2259. | 8:00 p.m. | RPS 4 hour session - Parent/Teacher Conferences. |
| | 7:30 p.m. | First Aid Squad Meeting - Borough Hall - Beth Battel, Captain, 448-7701. | | Environmental Commission - Borough Hall - Wayne Cokeley, Chair, 443-6287. |
| Wed. 2/4 | RECYCLE. | | | |
| Sat. 2/7 | 8:00 p.m. | RAP Program - Laurie Altman—Peddie School—David Brahinsky, 443-1898. | Thurs. 2/19 | RPS 4 hour session - Parent/Teacher Conferences. |
| Sun. 2/8 | 10-1:00 p.m. | RCNS Pancake Breakfast - Borough Hall - Diana Monroe, 426-8832. | Fri. 2/20 | RPS Pizza Day. |
| Mon. 2/9 | 7:30 p.m. | Council Action Meeting - Borough Hall - Lee Allen, Mayor, 448-6978. | Sun. 2/22 | 8:00 a.m. Stream Watch (Volunteer Water Testing), Kirk Rothfuss, 448-3713. |
| Tues. 2/10 | 5:30 p.m. | Roosevelt Community TV - Cable CH 8. | Mon. 2/23 | 7:30 p.m. Council Committee Meetings - Borough Hall - Lee Allen, Mayor, 448-6978. |
| Wed. 2/11 | 8:00 P.M. | Planning Board Meeting - Borough Hall - Gail Hunton, Chair, 426-4338. | Tues. 2/24 | 5:30 p.m. Roosevelt Community TV - Cable CH 8. |
| Thurs. 2/12 | 7:30 p.m. | Board of Education Agenda Meeting - RPS - Lauralynne Cokeley, President, 443-6287. | | 6-9:00 p.m. First Aid Squad Blood Drive - Borough Hall. |
| Fri. 2/13 | | PTA Valentine Flower Sale. | Thurs. 2/26 | 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting - RPS—Lauralynne Cokeley, President, 443-6287. |
| Mon. 2/16 | | President's Day
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| | 8:00 p.m. | Synagogue Board Meeting, Michael Tickin, 448-0363. | | |
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