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Autistic home's 'teaching parents' welcomed

"You talk when you cease to be at peace with your thoughts:

And when you can no longer dwell in the solitude of your heart you live in your lips, and sound is a diversion and a pastime.

And there are those who have the truth within them, but they tell it not in words.

In the bosom of such as these the spirit dwells in rhythmic silence."

Kahlil Gibran
The Prophet (1923)

By Bob Clark

Roosevelt has no formal "welcome wagon" for newcomers, but Kim and Dave Carroll, a young professional couple who will soon move into 40 Pine Drive, were greeted on Dec. 16 by the mayor and several members of the council, planning and school boards, and the general public.

The reason for the special welcome is that the Carrolls are soon to be "teaching parents" for five autistic children. They were introduced by Jeff Markowitz of the state Division of Youth

and Family Services (DYFS) in the Department of Human Services.

Markowitz explained the state's Teaching Family Program and answered a number of probing questions about what such a "community-based group home" means to Roosevelt. The house in Roosevelt is one of four in

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Jan. 24 clearance sale to help clean out school

The P.T.A. will sponsor a clearance sale Saturday, Jan. 24, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the R.P.S. gym. The sale is being held in conjunction with the school to help clean house.

Tons of odd junk and "ancient" text books are being given away or sold inexpensively.

"There is no room to store these unused items," said Beverly Hetrick, principal. "The school hasn't used them for years. Broken items are often too costly to repair or have been replaced by modern equipment."

Autistic

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central New Jersey (the others will be in East Windsor, Freehold and, tentatively, East Brunswick) that will provide a family-type environment for autistic children.

Markowitz described autistic children as socially withdrawn--living in their own world. He said they have little ability to express themselves or communicate, although they are capable of understanding. Markowitz noted that such children need a highly structured life. He emphasized that their withdrawn ways prevent them from getting into trouble. Markowitz added that the children are "not in any sense a danger to a community." They can learn to be productive but will usually need a sheltered environment and reassuring degree of sameness throughout life. Markowitz said that experts can clearly distinguish autism from delinquency or emotional disturbances.

According to Markowitz, DYFS will be responsible for the children until -- between the ages of 18 and 21 -- they are phased into adult programs in other communities. At state expense the children will be bused five days a week to a school that the state plans to lease from the Helmetta school district. For 12 months a year at the school, they will learn language, social skills and basic self care from the school staff. At home the Carrolls will directly monitor and run the program on a day-to-day basis.

During the late afternoon and week-ends, college-trained "associate therapists" will assist Kim and Dave in the

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home-based learning process. Markowitz said there will always be at least two staff on duty. The children will spend most of their time at school, at home or playing in the back yard. They will go on shopping trips and occasional walks around town. DYFS encourages couples such as Kim and Dave to become involved in their towns, but only in situations that will benefit the children and in which the community is comfortable.

Markowitz said that no more than five children will reside in the house. He added that the state is not interested in having any more group homes in Roosevelt so as to preserve community good will. Markowitz

said that during the three years such homes have operated in New Jersey (10 years nationwide) "there hasn't been an incident of any sort which has been problematic for the program or a community."

Markowitz assured those present that the state would pay the town the same amount as property taxes through "appropriations in lieu of taxes." He said any other bills, not called a tax, will be routinely paid by the state. Markowitz added that he couldn't think of any services the house would require that weren't provided to other houses in town. Noting his own medical and first aid background, Markowitz enthusiastically agreed to spend time with First Aid Squad and Fire Company members to answer their questions.

DYFS will pay the housing and living expenses. The educational costs will be paid by school districts where the children's parents reside, according to Markowitz. Federal education funds are also provided, and DYFS has funds available to meet contingencies, Markowitz said. Thus, Rooseveltians won't bear any financial burden for the program, he promised.

Markowitz said that "consumer evaluations" will be solicited from the community as the program progresses. He added that continuous evaluations will take place to ensure that the program complies with state regulations and standards of the National Association of Teaching Families and the National Institute of Mental Health. Also, the highly successful Princeton Child Development Institute has

agreed to provide staff support and evaluations.

Markowitz praised the support that Rooseveltians have provided so far. He said the alternative to community-based programs is more expensive, less effective institutionalization.

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Italian quake victims get \$500 aid from boro

Roosevelt citizens have contributed almost \$500 in relief aid for Italian earthquake victims.

The local collection was spearheaded by John Grauel and Fran Landau, who lauded Rooseveltians' "fast and generous charitable behavior."

The local funds will be sent through a Joint Distribution Committee that is supervising collection of aid and delivery of money to the scarred area.

Senior Citizens News

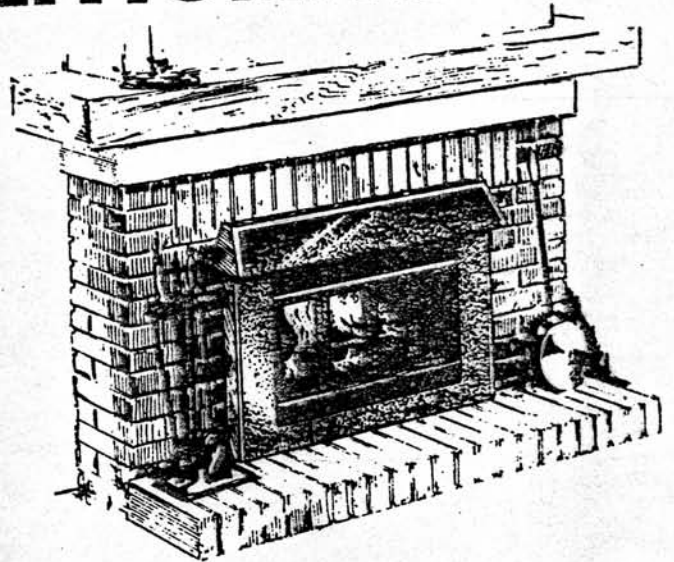
By Helga Wisowaty

Mrs. Pat Meyer, who is a Millstone First Aid Squad member and is affiliated with the Wallman addition of the Freehold Hospital, showed the Dec. 3 meeting of the Senior Citizens a film about nutrition, stress, non-smoking and other health issues.

She also described programs available to senior citizens, and suggested contacting the office on aging in Freehold to find out what medical payments seniors must make beyond what Medicare pays.

Mrs. Meyer will return March 4.

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Child development: why attachments matter

By Adeenah Yeger

With all the babies and small children in Roosevelt, it only seemed natural to write an article on child development. Physical development (and even mental development) is quite obvious as a baby grows, so I would like to discuss a less distinctive, though important, aspect of development--personality.

According to Kagan and Havemann in Psychology: An Introduction, a child establishes personality traits by age 10 that will remain more or less constant into adult life. One of the most important personality traits that develops during an infant's first 18 months is tactile comfort and attachment.

Harry Harlow's experiments with baby monkeys clearly show this. Briefly, he took baby monkeys away from their natural mothers and put them in cages with surrogate mothers made of either terry cloth or wire mesh. The monkeys preferred the cloth mothers, which better resembled their natural mothers tactually. It was concluded that the monkeys had a need for warmth and comfort, which they could not get from the wire mothers.

The personality theory of tactual comfort and attachment that grew out of Harlow's work is relatively new. It's not known if the need for attachment is a stimulus need, a built-in reflex behavior, or a combination of the two. Psychologists do agree, however, that a human baby inherits strong tendencies to become attached to another person. This idea has received support from observations of

babies in orphanages. Many such babies die of marasmus, a wasting-away disease thought to be caused by lack of comfort and love.

Some psychologists argue that this attachment relationship could be learned through reinforcement. A baby suffers from unpleasant sensations from time to time--hunger, thirst, pain, discomfort. He can't satisfy his needs on his own yet. His crying brings his mother, who relieves the discomfort and provides pleasure. The baby, in turn, learns to become dependent upon and attached to the mother. While it is difficult to prove which theory is correct--learned or inherited--all agree that this attachment is of vital importance in early personality development.

A closely related personality trait is exploration of the world around the baby. This helps him learn to adapt to his environment. But it also leads to separation anxiety and stranger anxiety, which occur at about 10-11 months of age. Babies left in a room alone or with a stranger will cry and

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make some search for the mother. The disappearance of the mother creates uncertainty in the baby. If the baby sees the mother leave the room through a familiar exit (a door into another room), he will not become as anxious as if the mother disappears through an unfamiliar exit (through doors into a closet). As the baby grows and becomes more aware of his environment this anxiety lessens.

Many personality traits develop out of a child's relationship with his mother. By making this first relationship with another human being pleasant, the mother encourages social attitudes of trust and affection. Neglect during this period very often leads to maladjustment in the form of aggression.

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Review: Accolades for Winter Music Program

By David Brahinsky
Special Correspondent

On Monday evening, Dec. 22, the Roosevelt School presented its annual "Winter Music Program" to a full house of enthusiastic parents and friends. Directed, conducted, and accompanied by Laurie Altman, the children opened with 18 songs based on the overall theme of American folk music. The Roosevelt Chorus then did a long and rather complex cantata entitled "The Lonesome Train" by Millard Lampell and Earl Robinson; it thrilled the audience.

The performance was well done with an interesting admixture of choral singing interspersed with numerous solo parts sung by a good many of the performers; and an aura of professionalism was added by the able musicianship of Thomas Marvel and George Naha on bass and guitar.

The children themselves were obviously happy and excited, for their faces radiated and their comportment was admirable. All in all, a magnificent show. The people of Roosevelt must be proud of their "results of their mutual love," as the children may be called, as well as their splendid musician in residence, Laurie Altman, who, under conditions that few parents would wish to face themselves, (let us all say "Amen"!) pulled off a winner.

HONOR STUDENTS

The Borough Bulletin congratulates the following students for outstanding achievement first marking period:

Grade 9; High Honors - Mindy Shapiro; Honors - Rachel DiTursi, Debbie Friedman, Terri Sajgo, Andrew Schwinger and David Terry.

Grade 10; High Honors - Jackie Meyers.

Grade 11; Honors - Danielle McKernan.

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| 5 | Monday | | School reopens - R.P.S. H.H.S. |
| | | 8:00 p.m. | Council Reorganization meeting -
Borough Hall |
| | | 8:00 p.m. | Deborah meeting - Borough Hall |
| 7 | Wednesday, | 2:00 p.m. | Sr. Citizens meeting - Borough
Hall |
| 8 | Thursday, | a.m. | School pictures - R.P.S. |
| 12 | Monday, | 8:00 p.m. | Council Agenda meeting - Borough
Hall |
| 13 | Tuesday, | 8:00 p.m. | School Board meeting - R.P.S. |
| | | 8:00 p.m. | Fire Company meeting - Borough
Hall |
| 14 | Wednesday, | 8:00 p.m. | Council meeting - Borough Hall |
| | | 8:00 p.m. | Borough Bulletin meeting -
Adeenah Yeger's home |
| 15 | Thursday | | Martin Luther King Day - school
closed - R.P.S. and H.H.S. |
| 22 | Thursuay, | 7:00 a.m. | Final Borough Bulletin copy
deadline |
| 24 | Saturday, | 1-4:30 p.m. | P.T.A./R.P.S. clearance sale |
| 27 | Tuesday | | Early closing - R.P.S. and H.H.S. |
| | | 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Blood Pressure Screening -
Borough Hall |
| | | 8:00 p.m. | First Aid meeting - Borough Hall |
| 30 | Friday, | 12:30 p.m. | Early closing - R.P.S. |

Food**Hot muffins make morning become delectable**

By Beth Johnson

With so much emphasis on croissants, brioches and other fancy morning pastries, have we forgotten how absolutely heavenly a fragrant hot muffin can be?

Well, just try one of these--they're great for a Saturday breakfast, Sunday brunch, or to add lift to an otherwise plain meal.

Best of all, now that flour is measured unsifted for greater accuracy, muffins can be made faster than ever.

Spicy Apple Muffins

2 cups unsifted flour	2 eggs, beaten
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
3 tsps. baking powder	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup oil or melted butter
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt	1 cup chopped apple
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice	

Preheat oven to 400°. Stir flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in bowl. Combine egg and rest of ingredients. Add all at once to flour mixture. Mix just until flour is moistened and still lumpy. Drop by tablespoons into muffin pan (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch). Bake for 25 min. or until done.

Yields 12.

Cinnamon Banana Muffins

2 cups unsifted flour	1 cup milk
$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup oil or melted butter
2 tsps. baking powder	1 cup mashed ripe bananas
$1\frac{1}{2}$ tsps. cinnamon	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon
$\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar	1 Tbs. sugar
1 large egg, well beaten	

Preheat oven to 425°. In bowl, stir together flour, salt, baking powder, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsps. cinnamon and $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar. Stir together egg, milk, oil; add all at once to flour mixture. Stir only until dry ingredients are moistened, batter will be lumpy. Fill greased muffin pan (2 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) two-thirds full. Mix together remaining cinnamon and sugar. Sprinkle over top. Bake for 20 to 25 min.

Yields 12

Food co-op puts out call for donation of scale

By Andrea Lakin

The Roosevelt Food Co-op put out a call for donations of a scale or two, and decided to maintain the 10% markup to accumulate money to buy one if none is donated. (If you have one to give, call Sara Prestopino.)

At the general meeting of the food co-op, held in the Borough Hall on Dec. 16, a nominating board discussed officers for the coming year.

Starting in January new rules for distribution will give everyone a chance to work. The new rule on jobs is: A member who orders will be assigned a job time. If a member/household fails to work, an additional 10% will be charged on that month's order."

The co-op is looking into paper goods distribution.

LYDIA JACOBI'S 97TH BIRTHDAY

Lydia Jacobi of Tamara Drive celebrated her 97th birthday on Dec. 22. She was listed as Roosevelt's oldest citizen in the 1980 census.

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David works as an engineer for Ebasco Services in New York City. Until last summer Rosemarie worked for Express Press in Hightstown.

Anya will attend kindergarten at Roosevelt Public School.



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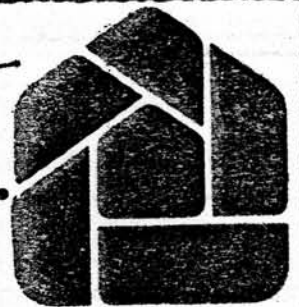
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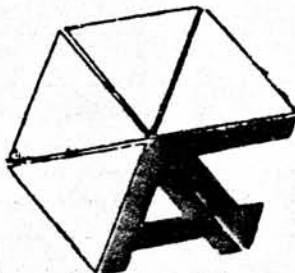
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Cat tales suggest: 'No mews is good mews'

By David Herrstrom

For some time it's been dawning on me, a realization that my house is one the main stations on the underground cat railroad. Looking out my window just after sun-up after the dry pellets are out in the dish for the three cats who live here, I notice a stranger, a large yellow tom advancing up the walk, his wide face aimed at the food. He looks more like a toy truck than a cat. Calmly, he halts at the food dish and inhales. I rattle the door, chortle, make a grotesque face; finally, after casting a long, disdainful look at me, he trundles off to another stop. Out of inexplicable sentimentality, I refill the cat dish.

Then around the corner comes what looks like a piece of barbed wire on four legs. Furtively, she approaches the dish. She then proceeds to eat with the grace of a giraffe, until I impolitely interrupt her repast by sneaking to the door, turning the handle without a sound, and bursting out with a Comanche whoop that, besides startling the garbage man, sends the cat into a half gainer over the crabapple.

I've just settled back to writing, when I spy a large, cream-colored tom making his way up Farm Lane. I hedge my bets. He won't come here; from a distance he seems completely indifferent. Sure enough, he turns in the driveway. But there I am, already stationed like a Praetorian guard beside the dish in front of my door, and he stops. After carefully scrutinizing the situation, he decides I'm just another tree and continues. But I make a

threatening sound, a "skheeeee" from mid-throat through bared teeth, and he halts again, impressed by my clever impersonation of a hostile cat.

He's confused. This is his regular station, and there are usually three conductors on the premises. I slowly stoop and pick up a pine cone, cock my arm and let fly. Missed. He flashes like a flame for three paces and stops again, looking at me as if filled with pity at the limitations of my muscular system. I stand. He stands. I gesticulate wildly. He stands. I "skheeeee" again. He stands. I try to stare him down. He stands. Finally, I look away. And, bored with such poor competition, he sidles off down the lane, dressed in his struttin' clothes.

But where are my own three cats? It seems every cat thinks he's his only living contemporary, so I'm sure they're close, but won't deign to eat while I'm engaged in such embarrassing activities. I go back to writing. All three, the orange, the white, and the smoke appear. It's hard for them to take me seriously, what with my inferior eyes and coordination, but they've made a pact among themselves to at least be civil, though their disappointment in me surfaces every now and then.

It was clear at the outset with only the white and orange that I had made a mistake in believing they were pets like canaries or dogs or some such insulting comparison. The orange one patiently taught me

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Cat

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the contrary by shrinking from my hand every time I went to pet it and stopping just out of reach. I'd put out my hand again, and again Knackflarn, as she is named, stepped just out of reach. Then she'd jump up on the car's hood and purr until the entire car resonated with the sound, as if to say, "Don't step through my circle." I didn't. I don't trust that motor inside her.

Parsley, as the white one is called, wasn't as subtle. She kept leaving squirrel tails all over the yard, because when I first came to Roosevelt I made the mistake of naively wondering aloud why I saw so few squirrels. She then took up mauling birds on the driveway whenever I came out the door,

until I could hear the ticking of their fragile bones.

She was daunted only one time, on a spring day sitting beneath her favorite azalea bush, which happened to be under a bird's nest in the eaves. The first fledgling that fell she accepted as her right. After consuming it, she settled back in her favorite place. She fell like a stone on the second fledgling. Sated, she again drowsed under the bush. When the third fluttered down in front of her, I overheard her whisper incredulously, "What luck, a magical bush producing tender young fledglings." But she had to admit the universe was inscrutable. By the end of the summer, as I was working on the second story of my house with a friend, and she would come across the lawn and meow, I ordered him not to answer. Too dangerous. Friend, the smoke one, visited

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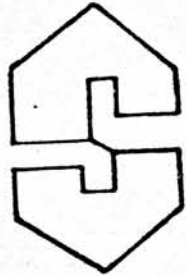
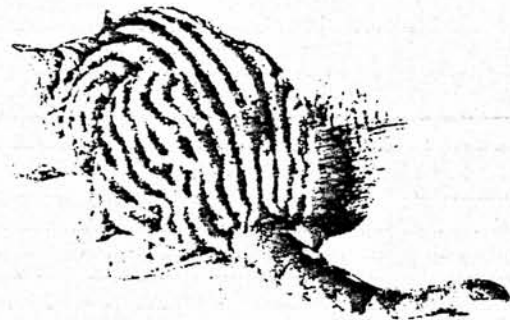
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this station a year ago, and I tried all my most militant tactics to no avail. He knew his sheer ugliness would break my spirit, with one eye that glowed at you and the other eye that simultaneously peered across the street. His fur coat looked like it had been through Le Machine. Every time I went inside, he returned to the dish. If I chased him around the house one way, he would appear from the other side. But he simply decided that I was the kind of pet he wanted and stayed.



Most of them don't stay, of course, but every cat in Roosevelt has been here, and a number make it a habitual stop. This house is part of a network, there's no denying. I've seen cats from as far west as Pine Drive. What are they running from? I've seen Skimbleshanks from Lake Drive, Rum Tum Tugger from Homestead, MacCavity from Tamara, Artemus from North Valley, Munkustrap, Quaxo, Coricocat, Bombalurina, Jellicle, and Little Wog. I've seen a cat counteract death by brisking about the life.



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Robert and Ronnie Baren Royal moved to 14 Tamara Drive in early fall of last year. Bob is the editor of Prospect Magazine, which is published by Concerned Alumni of Princeton University.

The Royals have a daughter, Elizabeth, two years old, and expect a second child this month.

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OBITUARIES

EDWARD J. HRANICH

Edward J. Hranich, 56, of 49 Lake Drive, Roosevelt, died Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Princeton Medical Center, Princeton.

Born in Old Forge, Pa., he moved to this area 20 years ago.

He was employed as a pricing analyst by the IBM Corporation in Dayton. He was a Naval veteran of WW II and a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church of Hightstown.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Avvisato Hranich; a son, Edward J. Hranich Jr. of Roosevelt; a daughter, Mrs. Catherine Williams of Seneca Falls, N.Y.; his mother, Mrs. Catherine Hranich of Old Forge, Pa.; a brother, Joseph Hranich of Old Forge, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated on Dec. 18, at his former parish, St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Old Forge, Pa. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Roosevelt First Aid Squad of the East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 2.

YONA WEISMAN

Yona Weisman, a resident of Roosevelt since 1937, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 1980. She lived with her husband, Israel Weisman, at 4 Cedar Court.

She was an active member of the Pioneer Women, and the Jewish National Fund's tree planting program in Israel.

Mrs. Weisman was born in Palestine. The Weismans were married in Israel, and would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.