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## Council opens bids on water treatment plant

By Ann Baker

Sealed bids for improvements on the water treatment plant were opened at the April 8 council meeting. Schoor Engineering will review the bids and make a recommendation to the council. Action on the bids can be expected at the May 6 meeting.

Two firms submitted two sets of bids: one for the plant rehabilitation and one for the later construction of a solids contact unit, in accordance with the original plans proposed by Schoor, DePalma and Gillen, Inc. When the council moved that a second engineering opinion would be solicited, Kupper Engineering recommended that rehabilitation of the water treatment plant would, in all probability, be sufficient to solve the borough's problems, and that it would be unnecessary to undertake construction of a solids contact unit for precipitating out large amounts of mineral deposits. A solids contact unit would not be appropriate for a community the size of Roosevelt with its anticipated incremental growth, they said.

Bids ranged from \$142,050

to \$248,842. The low figure was submitted by Water Specialists of Bedminster.

Rensko Associates of Matawan posted a bid of \$163,569 and the highest figure came from Layne New York of Linden, N.J. The latter two firms also submitted bids for Contract 1a (rehabilitation and solids contact unit) which increased their bid figures to \$323,369 and \$474,474, respectively. Loans for this project are through the Farmers' Home Administration.

### Well Bids

Chairman Aaron Datz of the Public Works Committee reported that HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) is still working on the review of bids for the well. The allocations for that project are \$170,000 from the community development block grant program administered by HUD, and an additional \$15,000 yet to be appropriated. This project involves the replacement of water and sewer lines in the borough.

### Budget Passes

The 1981 budget, as printed in the March 19 edition of the

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## Board considers subdivision of 18 acre tract

By Bob Clark

At the March 30 regular Planning Board meeting, former resident Fuller Brooks unveiled plans to subdivide an 18 acre tract between Cemetery Road and Oscar Drive into six lots of approximately three acres each. The parcel is part of an area recently rezoned to allow residential lots measuring at least  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres.

Brooks has contracted to purchase the land from Stanley Silverzweig but has not yet submitted a formal subdivision application to the Planning Board. Brooks said that he and his wife, Gay, lived in Roosevelt for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years before moving "because Roosevelt lacked larger lots." Saying he is "not a developer or builder," Brooks indicated that he would well the lots individually if subdivision approval were granted.

Brooks said that the wooded terrain and large lot sizes provide the opportunity for residences that accommodate the scenic beauty of Cemetery Road. He added that the financial feasibility of the venture also depended on the board's approval of maintaining Cemetery Road in its rustic state without asphalt, curbs or sidewalks. In addition, each lot would be served by individual wells and septic systems.

Most discussion of the proposal concerned Cemetery Road. Brooks noted that some improvement of the surface -- widening, better drainage and additional gravel -- would be necessary to sell lots. David Glassman, the owner of land on the other side of the lane, said he favored a paved road. Others expressed a desire to preserve the rural beauty so familiar to strolling Rooseveltians.

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## Council opens bids

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Messenger Press, was passed unanimously. The budget anticipates revenues of \$166,779.88 to offset borough expenditures of the same amount. There was no public comment on the budget at the council meeting.

In other action at the April 8 meeting the council announced that it would accept applications for the liquor license between April 14 and May 29. The liquor ordinance will be acted on at the June 10 meeting of the council. Peter Berlinrut commented to council members that his sense of the borough's citizens is they only want a license to be granted in conjunction with a complete food store.

### Council-Board Dispute

Clarification was sought on the receipt of a hearing date from the administrative office of the Courts regarding the dispute between the council and the Board of Education over the 1980-81 school budget. This matter had been resolved by the Ad Hoc Committee and both bodies had ratified the agreement at their March 30 and March 31 meetings. Attorney Donald Lomurro indicated that resolution of this dispute had not reached the proper authorities at AOC before the notice was sent of a hearing date. The basic agreement was to halve the disputed \$50,640.00 and restore \$25,320 to the school board for current expenses. The amount of \$25,320 will be added to the tax levy for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

### Trash Pick-up

Council member Bill Counter-

man, chair of the Public Safety committee, announced that May 18 will be the major pick-up of large, discarded trash items by IDS.

The first aid and fire company is planning a flea market for May 17.

### Protest Clarification

Council member Marilyn Magnes read the following statement into the record:

At the February Council meeting I and two of my colleagues left the meeting prior to adjournment. The implication in the press was that this departure was prompted by the public's comments on the status of Mr. Loftus' employment. I would like to clarify the situation, and my response.

The structure of an agenda is to allow official business to be attended to in an orderly manner with suitable points for public participation and questioning of the council and mayor. At the meeting in question, the public had an opportunity to comment freely on Mr. Loftus' employment status. The public portion was closed and the agenda continued as prescribed. Then Mayor Barth, in violation of the agenda format, re-opened the meeting to the public. At that point three members, including myself, left the room to protest this violation which I could see only as an attempt to embarrass me and my colleagues.



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## School budget passes; new members sworn in

By Arlene Markow

The results of the School Board elections were made official at the April 14 meeting with the swearing in of new board members Ms. Esakoff, Ms. Feigenbaum and Ms. Orlando, and returning board members Mr. Hepner, Mr. Loyer, and Mr. Zalesky. The 1981-82 school budget was approved by the public at the recent March School Board election and so will not face scrutiny by the Borough Council.

The board voted to appoint Mr. David Zalesky as board president and Mr. David Herrstrom as vice-president. In addition, chairpersons to the board's ten working committees were appointed.

The board voted to maintain its current schedule for meetings: agenda meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. and regular meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month. All meetings are held at the Roosevelt Public School and are open to the public.

Mr. Lou Esakoff requested that the board reexamine its current agenda format so that public comment would be called for prior to voting and not at the end of the meeting. Mr. Esakoff stressed that if the board truly wanted the public to attend meetings this restructuring would perhaps increase community participation. Board president Zalesky assured Mr. Esakoff

that it was the board's intention to encourage the community to participate and promised to review the agenda format.

Mr. Lakin, in his Finance Committee report, shared correspondence from the board's attorney, Ms. Utriskin, proposing a motion to end the borough-board litigation. As the result of meetings between an ad hoc committee and an out of court settlement was reached to terminate the fight over last year's school budget. Ms. Utriskin, basing her motion on the settlement reached by that committee, called for a restoration to the board's budget of \$25,320.00, \$10,640.00 to maintain the vocational program and \$14,680.00 to be restored to net current expense. Pending approval of the Borough Council, the scheduled April 16 court battle will be averted as each party has agreed to split the contested \$50,648.00 with half being restored to the board and half being raised through additional tax levy.

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## Beware Mickey Mouse?

By Ed Goetzman  
Special Correspondant

Four thousand "Mickey Mouse" stamps laced with the hallucinogenic drug LSD on the reverse side were recently confiscated in Essex County, New Jersey. "Superman" stamps are also in circulation. Regular blotter type paper impregnated with LSD has surfaced in Bergen, Union and Middlesex Counties selling for \$3 to \$7 per stamp or dose.

A serious danger exists in that young children might find the cartoon character attractive and lick or handle the stamps. LSD can be absorbed through the skin as

well as ingested. The confiscated stamps were in a red cardboard box with a colorful picture of Mickey Mouse on the cover. The stamps were in 5" x 5" sheets of one hundred with each stamp 1/2" x 1/2" square. All stamps and blotter papers were wrapped in foil or sip-lock bags.

Anyone with information should contact the New Jersey State Police, Narcotic Bureau, Criminal Investigation Section, Division Headquarters, West Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 (609) 882-2000, extension 406.

### POEMSJAZZPOEMSJAZZPOEMS

Composer Laurie Altman will play jazz piano in and around the poems of David Herrstrom and Rod Tulloss at the Roosevelt Public School, Sunday, May 17, 8:00 p.m. Admission is free.



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## Bernarda Shahn muses.....of our town

By Bernarda Shahn

For a village so small as ours, Roosevelt has probably been more written about than any town of its size within our area. It has been praised as an economic experiment, damned as a social experiment, extolled for its freedom from crime, criticized for its factional fights, admired for its "familial" feeling. But it has never been inconspicuous.

Most of our residents are fully aware of the early motivations of our town -- that it was to be a co-operative, that it was to provide a rural setting for a garment factory, and for the garment workers, usually committed to earning their livelihood in the most densely populated sections of cities. However, the town had not just one theoretical beginning, but two. The other was the Tugwell plan. After several aborted beginnings, at first by the garment workers themselves, then under the aegis of the Department of the Interior, Roosevelt (then called Jersey Homesteads) was turned over to the Agriculture Department. It fell to that particular section called The Resettlement Administration headed by Rexford Guy Tugwell, an ex-Columbia Professor, a figure in Roosevelt's "Brain Trust," an imaginative and original thinker about the human condition and what might be done about it.

Tugwell was not going to skimp upon the lives of the garment workers. To re-design the town(it had twice been unworkably designed, once ripped-off by a dishonest

contractor), he took on Alfred Kastner, a product of the Swiss Bauhaus, probably the world's most celebrated center of architecture, as architect. The town was designed with the utmost feeling for everyday life. The houses were so modern - for that day - that they were written up in many books and magazines. It was planned around a center "common," and each of its extensions backed upon open or wooded space set aside to provide an uncluttered and open environment for the town dwellers. Each house was set in a half-acre of land, providing space for lawn and garden.

The entire town, built upon a circular plan, was to be - in fact, was - surrounded by a circle of farms, hence the term, "greenbelt community." Among the farms there was one dairy farm, the rest were mostly what are called "truck farms," and of course the area abounded then, as now, in orchards, chicken farms, potato farms and the like.

The two show-places of the town were the school - in its early days, almost a model school - with its mural by Ben Shahn, its sculpture of a garment worker by Lenore Thomas, its sculptured aluminum doors by Otto Wester, a German sculptor, and the factory. To see the building now one would never suspect its original elegance. It was all windows, with a beautiful floor - very open in space. Indeed, so pleasant was this

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## Club works to satisfy needs of senior citizens

By David Herrstrom

It is regrettable that our culture, unlike others in the past, tends to segregate the old and the young. As a result, we are forced to give a label, "senior citizens," to a group, which sounds like some bureaucratic utopian greeting. Worse, it's now possible to live, as do some of my friends, in a virtual youth ghetto, and we all know about the pressure to exile the elders of our society to islands of the aged. One of the features of Roosevelt I find most appealing is its mix of old and young. My daughter, as well as the rest of us, need to hear Mrs. Hecht's famous comment, "I get up in the morning; if nothing hurts, I think I'm dead." It's undeniable that the old have different needs than the young, though all would like to see more social interaction.

Discussing these special needs and local efforts to meet them, the President and founder (with Ilse Reisenfeld) of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club, Esther Pogrebin, graciously accepted the label, clearly feeling that there were more important things of concern to the older people in town. The club was organized about five years ago principally to provide a "social aspect for their lives," especially for those who live alone or don't drive. Soon, however, its members realized that museum trips and musical programs were not sufficient, for together they clarified some

specific group needs not addressed by the council or the county, especially at a time before the Monmouth County Office on Aging was involved.

Now the club has about 30 members, probably the best attended volunteer organization in town, and is linked with the county office. With the help of this office, the local club has sponsored a number of valuable services, such as eye examinations, hearing clinics, blood pressure checks, and a weekly shoppers' minibus. It has also expanded its own programming from concerts and theatre trips to lectures and informal talks by local experts on wills, probate court, soaring gas bills, and nutrition. Despite attendance at these functions, the greatest need now is for young and old willing to visit or call people living alone, to help plan, and to participate actively. The club wants the self-sufficient, who are willing to "give rather than take."

Since it belongs to the New Jersey Federation of Senior Citizens, a lobbying group, it can keep its members informed of legislative developments affecting them. There is political pressure mounting in Trenton, for example, to put casino funds, which were allocated by referendum to senior citizen projects, into the general budget, and a push to raise the maximum drug prescription charge under the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program from two dollars to three.

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## senior citizens

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Because Roosevelt is at the western tip of Monmouth County and services for the elderly used to be concentrated in the eastern, more populous part, no one seemed to know that Roosevelt existed. To the County Office on Aging, it seemed impractical to send a bus from Freehold to take two Roosevelt people to Shoprite and back.

Insisting that we get our share of county services, even if she had to go over the heads of the Freehold directors to those in Trenton, Esther Pogrebin has advertised the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Club. Recently reappointed to her second three-year term on the Advisory Council to the Monmouth County Office on Aging, she is in a good position to make the needs of the elderly in Roosevelt known and does not let up in reminding the Office that we may be small, but we are a part of Monmouth county.

Perhaps the club's greatest accomplishment thus far is the instigation and planning of a local housing project of 20 units to be located at the east end of Farm Lane. The mayor has received recent notice that the first step in making this project a reality has been accomplished. The Federal Housing Administration has approved the "preapplication" for mortgage funds. A waiting list of over 40 people indicates the need for such a project, which will alleviate the pressure of rising taxes on people with fixed incomes and the burden of maintaining a house and grounds. Though the date has been changed a number of times, Esther expects

the project to be completed by 1983.

Ironically, this project will segregate many of the elderly in Roosevelt. But by then maybe we will learn how to better integrate old and young in the life of the town. Perhaps the youth could organize to provide snow-shoveling and leaf-raking for a nominal fee to those who are infirmed, and the elderly could be encouraged, for example, to participate in the school classroom as aides. Few want to go back to the time when, so it's reported, the community was an extension of family life, but my life is enriched and haunted by a seventy-five year old friend of mine's phrase, commenting on the occasional strike of pain behind an eye or ground glass in the knee and summing up, "old-age is a time of false signs."

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## Local NOW chapter mobilizes for action

By Carol Watchler

The Eleanor Roosevelt chapter of the National Organization for Women, in its sixth month since a rejuvenation last fall and steadily increasing in membership, has joined with other central New Jersey NOW members in activities in support of legal abortion and continuance of funding for the many federal programs that affect women. "Families headed by a woman and women who are senior citizens are an increasingly large percentage of poverty victims. They will be the hardest hit by Reagan's budget cuts," explained chapter coordinator, Carol Watchler.

Members provided tables of information recently at Quaker Bridge shopping mall and the New Jersey Education Association's "Women in Education" conference. "People were eager for information in both instances and readily signed petitions in support of abortion rights," commented Evelyn Datz. The group has also published an ad regarding abortion rights in area newspapers, gathered for letter-writing-to-Congress parties, participated in a statewide conference on abortion rights coordinated by Ann Baker, and made arrangements to visit fourth district Congressman Christopher Smith to discuss proposed legislation to outlaw abortion and federal budget cuts.

At the March 25 meeting the chapter hosted the present NOW state Coordinator Christine Carmody-Arey shortly before her election at the March 28-29 state conference. A long-time feminist activist in Hudson County, Carmody-Arey


provided a wealth of experience in county action in support of women's rights. Local member Carol Watchler was also elected to the state office of Assistant Coordinator for Action at the March conference.

County action was necessary on April 9 when the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders threatened to vote down budget monies that had been allocated in previous years to Planned Parenthood for family planning education programs. Despite calls aimed at supporting this funding by chapter members and other concerned citizens in town, the Freeholders voted unanimously to withdraw their support of this program. Lone Democratic Freeholder Alan McDonald has been among the most vocal opponents of Planned Parenthood programs.

Further action was spearheaded by the chapter which brought a group of Rooseveltians to Monmouth County library in Freehold on Sunday, April 26, for a debate sponsored by the library on the viewpoints expressed by the "Moral Majority." An overflow crowd at this event represented groups from throughout the state.

The May meeting of the Roosevelt area chapter will be held on Wednesday, May 27, at 8:00 p.m. Information about location and further membership information can be obtained from Carol Watchler, 443-6540, or Freda Hepner, 448-4344.

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## Bernarda Shahn muses

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building that it was the accepted spot for parties and all kinds of celebrations. I can remember more than one banquet in the factory building.

I think that it was in the early 40's that the town was declared an official failure. I will never forget the New York Times headline: "DREAM TOWN GOES BUST." As a garment co-operative, it had indeed "gone bust." But that was only one aspect of the town. Its living conditions, its community sense persevered. Of the first generation of young people who grew up here, we probably had more college graduates than any town of comparable size.

When the town opened up to any sort of person who wanted to live here, it proved particularly attractive to artists, and to other professional people as well as to those who worked in the area. Originally, open only to garment workers, it now acquired a diverse population, greater versatility and more varied interests. But Roosevelt has, in great part, kept its community feeling. Our children can still walk to their school; they know each other, their parents are friends. We still have a mutual interest in town celebrations as well as town problems.

Roosevelt was only one of some 35 or so greenbelt communities; each of these has had its special purpose - as for instance, Arthurdale, in West Virginia, that resettled coal miners from their habitual slums - and there were a number of others. Roosevelt, despite its many changes, has retained

its quasi-rural setting, it has provided a base for some pretty well-educated young people as well as a thoroughly productive life for their parents. Perhaps it could be said that, even though the co-operative was a failure, the Tugwell plan has been a success.



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KINDERGARTEN ART SHOW

The Kindergarten and First Grade held an art show on Tuesday, April 7. Handmade invitations were sent out to parents. The children presented the cream of the crop, works specially selected by them from the large amount done during the year. The show included paintings made and matted, by the young artists; pottery and sculpture; and a model of Roosevelt. Silk-screen tee shirts, printed by the children, were worn at the show. The hosts served punch, homemade peanut butter, crackers and chocolate chip cookies.

## Pig invasion subdued by brave Rooseveltians

By Tess List and  
Debbie Friedman  
Special Correspondents

Have you ever wondered what you would do when faced with the problem of disposing of two rather large pigs? Not little pink-eared curly-tailed piglets, mind you, but a pair of prize hogs with a combined weight of 600 lbs? Not many people encounter that sort of problem, although on April 11 it became the crisis of the day.

The wandering hogs were first sighted by Jack Bowker Jr. making their way up Rochdale Avenue. As the pigs turned down Tamara Drive, via the Porter's lawn, a crowd had already begun to assemble. Thanks to the brave "heroics" of Roy Terry, Jack Bowker Sr. and Evan Myers, the hogs were somewhat subdued. Not, however, after the larger female hog dragged Jack Bowker about 50 yards at break neck speed.

After continuous pushing and proding the hapless hogs were tied to a tree outside Mrs. Buote's house.

While the state police were notified, John Burghardt went all over the vicinity trying to find the owners, or at the least someone who could keep the hogs until the owner was located. Meanwhile Pig-Sue and Pig-Jim (names they were given by Evan Myers) routed up a good piece of Mrs. Buote's backyard, including her yucca plant, which she said, "would not be missed."

At about 8:00 p.m. some pig farmers by the name of Timco came to pick up the hogs to hold on their farm. Alas, upon seeing the hogs they came to the conclusion that they were too big to be transported by pick-up truck.

The next morning Pete Nurko and Mayor Barth set up a fence until about 10:30 when the two hogs were, by a joint effort, loaded onto a small trailer and taken away to await claim.

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## Culinary Delights

### "Tips" on enjoying an early spring offering

By Barbara Halpern

#### Asparagus

Asparagus is a refreshing springtime vegetable which should be enjoyed as frequently as possible during its brief season. When buying asparagus select firm slender spears with closed compact tips. Peel off the outer skin of asparagus stalks (below the tip) with a vegetable peeler to insure tenderness. A good way of cooking asparagus is to steam them in a vegetable steamer with one inch of water in a large pot. Cook for 5-8 minutes until tender. Asparagus may be served plain, with lemon juice or with one of the following savory sauces.

#### Asparagus with Cream Vinaigrette

Serves 4

- 6 Tbs. salad oil or olive oil
- 2 Tbs. freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp. finely minced shallots or green onions
- 1 tsp. minced parsley or tarragon
- 1 egg yolk
- 4 Tbs. sour cream
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper
- 1 lb. freshly steamed asparagus

Combine first four ingredients in a screw top jar and shake vigorously for 30 seconds. Mix egg yolk, sour cream and mustard in a bowl. Gradually beat in the oil-lemon mixture. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Makes about  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup. Serve over warm or cold asparagus.

#### Lemon Butter Sauce

- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp. salt
- pinch of pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup (1 stick) chilled unsalted butter

Boil lemon juice with salt and pepper until it has reduced to 1 tablespoon. Lower heat to a simmer and beat in butter with a wire whisk, one tablespoon at a time. Serve immediately over 1 pound of steamed asparagus.

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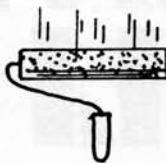


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Roosevelt Community and School CalendarMay 1981

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|----|---------------------------|---|
| 2  | Saturday                  | Plant sale benefit - First Aid                          |
| 4  | Monday                    | last day to register to vote<br>in primary              |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                 | Deborah meeting - Borough Hall                          |
| 5  | Tuesday                   | early closing R.P.S.                                    |
| 6  | Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.      | Senior Citizens meeting -<br>Borough Hall               |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                 | 4th of July committee meeting -<br>Borough Hall         |
| 7  | Thursday, 8:00 p.m.       | Bulletin meeting - David<br>Herrstrom's house           |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                 | Fire Company meeting - Borough<br>Hall                  |
| 9  | Saturday                  | Plant sale benefit - First Aid                          |
| 11 | Monday, 8:00 p.m.         | Agenda meeting - Borough Council                        |
| 13 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.      | Borough Council meeting -<br>Borough Hall               |
|    | 7:10-8:30 p.m.            | Bookmobile - store parking lot                          |
| 18 | Monday, 8:00 p.m.         | Planning Board - Borough Hall<br>Big Garbage Day Pickup |
| 19 | Tuesday, 1-10 p.m.        | Food Co-op  |
| 20 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.      | Citizens Advisory Committee<br>(re: sewer plant)        |
| 25 | Monday                    | School closed - R.P.S.                                  |
| 26 | Tuesday, 11-2             | Free Blood Pressure Screening -<br>Borough Hall         |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                 | First Aid meeting - Borough Hall<br>Primary Election    |
| 27 | Wednesday, 7:10-8:30 p.m. | Bookmobile - store parking lot                          |

## Principal's Letter

### Principal issues call for workers for next year

By Beverly Hetrick

"What do you mean, 'Next Year'? This year still has a long way to go!"

"But we have to start looking for people now. Here goes!"

On behalf of the Roosevelt Board of Education I would like to invite people interested in certain kinds of work to apply before the first of June. We need artists, Spanish speakers, and part-time, summer maintenance workers. Read on.

**Artists:** During past years RPS has sought to employ local artists to work with students in the school. If you are interested in working part-time next year please send in a resume which includes name, address, and phone number. I will contact you for an interview. At that time I will be interested in your ability to work with children and staff and a portfolio (or equivalent) which represents your particular medium. We are looking for people who are "practicing artists." Any art form: dance, drama, puppetry, weaving, painting, sculpting, woodworking, film making, etc. will be considered. Please include local references.

**Spanish speaker:** We are looking for someone who is a fluent Spanish speaker to work primarily with seventh and eighth graders three days a week for about 40 minutes a meeting. The purpose of these sessions is to expose our students to the Spanish language and cultures and prepare any

interested students for the High School test for course credit. New Jersey teaching certification is not required. Please send in a resume with your name, address and phone number. During your interview I will review the scope of your duties and answer your questions about materials. Please include local references, if any.

**Summer Maintenance Workers:** During the summer RPS will be undergoing a general facelift, inside and out. We will be hiring part-time help as needed. Be prepared to do heavy yard work, run the mower, wash windows, climb ladders, paint, polish, pack, move furniture, etc. You will get hot, dirty and probably, poison ivy! We will pay the minimum hourly wage. While we will prefer people 18 years of age or older, we will consider mature and responsible 16 and 17 year olds who have proper working papers. Please send your name, address and phone number

Please include a listing of relevant work experience, if any. Also include local references.

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One other announcement. We would like to welcome Mrs. Joan Patterson who has recently joined our staff at RPS. She is a Guidance Counselor and Social Worker and will be working with the students individually and in groups.

The 6, 7 and 8 grade group

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# Principal's Letter

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program, "Decisions Are Possible" will enable the students to explore alternatives in decision making now and in the future. The primary and intermediate grade program, "Developing Understanding of Self and Others" focuses on developing a better understanding of self and others along with acquiring skills necessary for satisfying relationships.

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to Ms. Hetrick or Mrs. Patterson who comes on Thursdays.

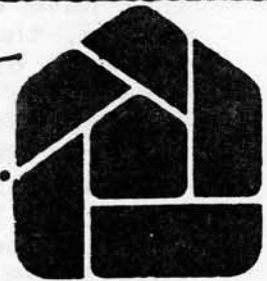
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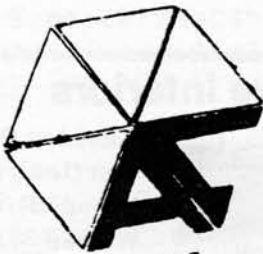
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## Issues & Debate

### Objections and replies to big development plans

By Peter Berlinrut  
(second of two parts)

It is difficult to conceive of any reform or improvement that wouldn't arouse someone's objections. And a retirement community as part of our borough, is no exception. Let me mention a few I have heard.

"It would change the character of our town drastically." I don't know how to go about answering that, it is so unspecific and unformulated. Take it first at the physical level. Would a retirement development change our town layout, our roads, our green acres, our houses? I can't see how. We wouldn't even be physically integrated. If either one of the two sites that have been proposed is chosen, the old part and the new part of Roosevelt would be separated. The traffic headed for the retirement part would turn off Route 571 before reaching the main crossing at Homestead Lane - Pine Drive. We would be two different localities. Traffic to the turn-off point at Route 571 would undoubtedly be heavier. We would live with it.

When I moved into town, the road between Roosevelt and Clarksburg had a long, rough, unpaved section, and there were no houses at all on what is now Lake Drive. Both are now built-up. Has that changed our lives in any drastic way? Possibly, but I don't know how. I cannot imagine how a retirement community adjacent to the part of town we live in would seriously interfere with the way in which we conduct our

lives, with what we do and think and say and fear and hope for. If anything (and this may be unfounded optimism) it would interfere for the better.

#### Would Tail Wag the Dog?

Another objection: "We would be swamped by the greater number of newcomers. We would be a little dog wagged by its huge new tail." I grant that summons up some frightening pictures: All of us innocent souls dumped into a sea of newcomers and pummeled by them into slavish submission by means of the ugly tail they have become. Or something like that. The metaphor may be a bit mixed but the prospect is terrifying.

The actuality, however, would be a little different, perhaps a little more human. It would be that of retired human beings added in slow, gradual number to our town, learning it was founded by idealistic people as a cooperative community, learning that it is a liberal town that gave pluralities (scandal of scandals!) to George McGovern and Jimmy Carter, learning that it aspires to live by

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enlightened principles. They would like that and fall in with us, or dislike it and move to some other place more in spirit with their outlook. That's about the way it happens. I know of several families that moved away from Roosevelt, not finding it too congenial to their tastes. Godspeed. I think the fear of being swamped by newcomers is a bit excessive. I would like to see a development proceed in two or even three stages, with an option available to us to stop it if by some unexpected chance it appeared that everything we stand for was being mocked or betrayed. I'd prefer such an arrangement if possible. If not, we should take the risk.

### What About Education?

Another objection: "Retired people aren't concerned to get the best possible education for the young and would vote to starve our school budget." Based on reports I have heard, that isn't true. I have heard that the residents in Rossmor, Clearbrocke and Meadowlakes vote in an enlightened manner and are zealous in upholding education. That, of course, doesn't make me an authority, but it falls in with an intuition that, out of self-respect, most retired people want to do right by a next generation (out of the realization that the preceding generation did its best by them).

That still leaves room for an important distinction: Costly education and good education are not necessarily synonymous. It is a distinction I myself recognize, and I doubt that it leads retired people to seek destructive economies in education. As for the general out-

look of retired people on social issues, I like the story of how residents of Meadowlakes saved the job of a liberal minister in Hightstown. It happened in 1964 when Johnson and Humphrey were the Democratic candidates for the top offices and this minister (a good man and a friend) signed a letter in their behalf, published in local newspapers. The Republican members of the congregation were outraged and indignantly called for his resignation. The Meadowlakes people, also tending to Republican allegiance but sensitive to the importance of civil liberties (and generous supporters of the church) stated that if the minister went, they would go, too. The minister stayed.. Retired people aren't necessarily reactionary in pursuing their self-interest.

### Change the Land-Use Plan?

A year or so ago the Planning Board completed a land use plan (which the council later ratified). We toiled hard to do justice to the issues and to come up with recommendations and suggestions that would lead to the best use and development of our land. We made no provision for any retirement community in the sites now under consideration. It may have been a fault on our part. It may have been (more accurately) an inability to foresee the future.

Whatever the case, the Municipal Land Use Law, which created and legislated the role of planning boards as regards land use plans, couldn't have done more to provide for such a situation. If there is a prevailing spirit to the

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law, it is that land use plans are not to be accepted as straitjackets. They are not to be considered the Ten Commandments, eternal, unchangeable, permitting no deviation. On the contrary, the law provides for review and revision. In fact, it insists on it. Article 11 spells it out under the title Periodic Reexamination of Municipal Plans and Regulations.

(Municipal Land Use Law, First Reprint February 1977, p. 68):

"Such report (examination) shall state...

c. The extent to which there have been significant changes in the assumptions, policies and objectives forming the basis for such plans regulations as last revised, with particular regard" etc., etc. ...

It couldn't be clearer that the Municipal Land Use Law intended to leave the way open for any municipality to revise its land use plan when due study showed this to be desirable. Let no one say we are locked into a land use plan that ties our hands.

I end with the hope that the town will look with approval on the prospect of the right kind of retirement development locating within borough limits. It would be to our advantage.

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It isn't too much to say it may even be a necessity. It seems to me it wouldn't be very consistent for a town such as ours, founded by venturesome people with an idea and an eye for better things, to recoil in fear of a promising change. Sometimes the best way to hold on to what we have is to go forward.

"Issues and Debate" is a regular feature intended to stimulate discussion on issues that might be important to Rooseveltians. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Bulletin itself. We encourage readers to respond with their own views.



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## Development of conscience in early childhood

By Adeenah Yeger

The preschool years are a time of many changes. The three- to four-year- old develops and uses language to express himself. He can get his point across with words. He plays with other children, no longer content just to amuse himself. Sharing becomes a part of his vocabulary. He may also go to nursery school and learn that his environment outside the home also has rules that must be followed.

One of the most important things that happens to the preschool child is that he begins to develop a conscience. Early parent-child relationships play a vital role in this. The child identifies with and imitates his parents. By doing so he can share a bond of similarity with his parents; he can share their strengths, virtues, skills and triumphs. This imitation is very obvious, even to someone without a preschool child. Almost anywhere you go you can see small children imitating others, especially parents and siblings, but also peers. I recently had friends visiting with a two-year-old son. My daughter, 20 months, tried to do everything she saw her little friend do, even things she wasn't quite ready for. By watching him, though, she learned to go down the stairs by herself.

The development of conscience takes place in two steps. The first is by overt observations of the behavior of models (usually the parents). The child imitates his parent's behavior; he learns to comply with their

wishes. The parents, in turn, provide discipline by being good models, setting standards, prohibiting certain tasks, and meting out punishment. The child gradually learns to obey his parents automatically; constant reminding is no longer necessary. I can see this beginning with my daughter. When I first gave her a box of crayons (a few months ago) she took them out and started to color the walls. Each time I gave her the crayons I had to show her to color on paper, not the walls. Now she knows automatically when I give her the crayons not to color on the walls; I don't have to keep reminding her.

The second step in the development of conscience is internalization. The child internalizes his parents' expectations and turns them into his own standards. He behaves the way others expect him to. He develops the motive to live up to certain standards. The conscience provides approval or disapproval.

Internalization is a function of mental development. The child must first develop concepts of time. He understands cause and effect as the scope of his imagination widens. He then develops a broader concept of consideration for others. Preschoolers learn "mine and yours" when they play with

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others. Sharing was one of the most difficult things to teach children when I taught preschool. It's not easy to let someone else touch one of your treasured possessions.

Moral demands also become a part of the child's environment at this time. Moral development begins as a simple learning situation. Socially acceptable behavior is rewarded. Goodness becomes motivated by reward or fear of punishment. Moral demands, therefore, are dependent upon an external person. Between the ages of four and six morality becomes an inner concern. The child feels that wrongdoing must be punished and learns not to do the things that are wrong.

Through reward, punishment and identification a child develops conscience. He looks to adults or peers for sources of standards. In a large city a child come in contact with many people who can provide a variety of standards and types of conduct. He must choose which behavior and ideals will be acceptable and which will be unacceptable. These then become part of his conscience. In a small town such as Roosevelt a child comes in contact with a smaller number of people who can provide standards for his conscience. He is more likely to associate with the same persons even in a variety of situations. Their standards are more likely to be similar, thus providing his conscience with less conflicting material to sort and choose.

The goal of society is to produce capable, ethical adults. This process begins almost at birth, when the parents begin to guide the child through life.

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FIRE COMPANY NEWS

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## The "Fabulous Fifties": Navasky takes us back

By Freda Hepner

Some of the news features in the media last year were that schools will be going "back to basics"; that fashionable women will wear stockings with seams; and all in all that the 50's were the "good old days." I get a little worried about these media messages because they seem to be saying: "Hey, folks, we have serious problems now. We don't know how we got them, so we're not sure how to solve them. Therefore, let's do what we used to do before we had these particular problems and everything will be better." Well, maybe my memory is failing, but I don't really think there were "good old days" and going backwards has rarely helped anybody out of a jam.

Expanding a curriculum beyond the three R's didn't mean not learning basic skills; it meant a broader more inclusive education. That still sounds pretty good to me - what good will narrowing a child's view of the world do? As for stockings (with or without seams) or any fashion that restricts women's comfort, well it would be very easy to believe that it is a political symbol; part of anti-feminist campaign.

Those "good old days;" the 50's, were the days of the Cold War, the Korean War and the House Un-American Activities Committee war. The first two are well documented in our history books, but HUAC's war against "subversives" has not been as clearly described. It

was a struggle that as much as anything tried to change the moral code of our society by glorifying the informer as a patriot. The lists of the intimidated spanned all walks of life. People lost their jobs, their friends and sometimes their self-respect, because some other frightened soul named them "Un-American."

Naming Names by Victor S. Navasky is a recent exploration of what happened to the entertainment industry in Hollywood in those years. Navasky interviewed those who testified before the committee voluntarily and those few who refused. To testify in order to clear one's own name (after being labelled subversive) meant to inform on others; to name names; regardless of the truth. The book evokes a time of frightening intensity, a time when nobody knew whom they could trust. Family, friends, lawyers, even therapists might inform if enough pressure was applied. Thirty years later, Navasky asks these people what they remember and how they feel about it now.

It is an important book for us all to read because we must be armed against the media-hype that calls those times good. The damage to democracy under the guise of self protection was almost irreversible. We came very close. If we don't learn about how such things happen to people like ourselves, we are doomed to permit it to happen again. History is resplendent with repeated mistakes. In fact, they tend to magnify each time around. Let's be alert to the dangers this time.



## Baseball season opens

By David Brahinsky

May 2 marks the opening of the Roosevelt-Millstone Little League schedule for this year, with opening ceremonies slated to begin at Roosevelt Field at noon. This year's schedule runs until just prior to July 4.

The league is divided into four sections: the "majors," for ten through twelve-year-olds; the "minors," for eight- and nine-year-olds; girls softball, for ten- through twelve-year-old girls; and a clinic.

The "majors" have five teams this year, and will play their games Monday through Friday evenings in Roosevelt. The "minors" and girls' softball have three teams each and play in Millstone.

So come on out and enjoy the games! It's a chance for Rooseveltians and Millstoners to mingle, get to know one another, and cheer on the "results of their mutual love." All in fun, right? There will be no arguing with the umpire...There will be no booing of the "enemy"... There will be no intimidating of our own children...Right? Right! See you out there.

### GUSSIE ANISH PASSES AWAY

Gussie Anish, a resident of Roosevelt for 28 years, passed away on March 30. She and her late husband, Joseph, moved here in August of 1953. Two of her four children, Leon Anish and Ann Cohen, still live in town.

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We hope to see you then. Ms. Hetrick, principal, and Ms. Kathy Hawthorne, kindergarten teacher, will be there to meet students and parents. If you are unable to come to the meeting on May 7, call the school after that date to get

your registration packet and screening appointment. See you there!

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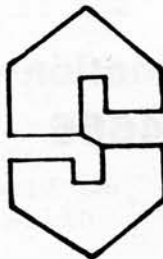
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