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## Local vote analysis: still a Democrat holdout

By Carol Watchler

Clearly bucking state and national trends, Roosevelt voters turned out at the polls on Nov. 4 to give better than a two-to-one majority for Jimmy Carter over Ronald Reagan (248 to 101). Third party alternative John Anderson polled 49 votes, Barry Commoner of the Citizens Party won 25, and Libertarian Ed Clark gained seven. The Socialist Workers Party and Communist Party USA candidates each drew one vote.

Likewise contrary to the full district outcome, in the race for the Fourth Congressional District representative, incumbent Democrat Frank Thompson received 216 votes while Christopher Smith, Right-to-Life activist on the Republican ticket, took 120. A handful of votes went to two alternative choices.

County races found Roosevelt voters going for Democrats for sheriff and freeholders, each

getting slightly more than 220 votes to the 71 or 73 won by the Republicans. As in the congressional race, the Libertarian Party candidates pulled off a smattering of votes.

Running unopposed on the Democratic ticket for two Borough council seats, incumbents Aaron Datz and Louis Esakoff drew 301 and 256 votes, respectively.

"Yes" votes for public questions exceeded 300 in the case of question No. 1, the Natural Resources Bond Issue, and questions No. 3 and No. 4, dealing with senior citizen property tax relief. All other public questions won majorities in Roosevelt, including the building construction bond issue and the energy conservation bond issue, which also received state-wide approval. Though passing in Roosevelt, questions No. 6, Sunday racing, and No. 7, legislative regulation of games of chance, went down at the state level.

## Water project's second phase may be avoided

By Carol Watchler

Following up on its October decision to obtain a second opinion from Kupper Associates regarding the engineering specifications for work to be done

on the water treatment plant, the Borough Council held a special meeting Nov. 6 to consider the recommendations of Kupper and the response from borough engineering consultant, Schoor, De Palma and Gillen Inc.

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## "No Parking" explained

(Borough councilman Bill Counterman, Public Safety Committee chairman, provided the following explanation of the new no-parking program. --The Bulletin)

Signs are being installed that will allow the enforcement of the no-parking areas in Roosevelt to facilitate traffic flow and safety.

The courts have no parking on one side, School Lane and Rochdale have no parking areas, and emergency parking only is allowed in front of the Municipal Building.

"No Parking When Road Is Snow Covered" signs will help reduce the cost of snow removal and give us safer streets during and after snow storms.

The interpretation of regulations by our Borough Attorney is that if any portion of the vehicle is on the part of the roadway that is improved and maintained for vehicular travel, then that vehicle is considered parked. In other words, in a no parking situation the vehicle has to be completely off the paved portion of the roadway to be properly parked.

The snow-covered road parking restriction remains in effect after the snow has stopped until the streets have been plowed so that parking will not interfere with traffic flow or safety.

Residents are also asked to facilitate the snow plowing by pruning back their trees and shrubs to the edge of the road with a height clearance of at least 10 feet.

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### NEXT ISSUE IN JANUARY

The next issue of the Borough Bulletin will appear in early January and, we hope, early in each following month until summer. We have to skip a late-December issue to accommodate the printing-production schedule, and so we are taking advantage of the unavoidable to change our overall schedule. The new one will enable the Bulletin to provide more timely coverage of some municipal events.

As a result of skipping the holidays, we can't offer the "Season's Greetings" listing of past years. Sorry!

-- The Bulletin staff

## **Planning Board warned on Philpot housing plan**

By Bob Clark

At its Oct. 27 regular monthly meeting the Borough Planning Board received advice from Board Attorney Malachi Kenney concerning a proposed 531-unit housing development for people over 50. Board Chairman Ralph Seligman relayed the telephoned advice to the board.

Kenney said that the development--proposed informally by local builder William Philpot--must be treated as a request to amend the town's Land Use Plan. Currently, the plan calls for future residential development east of North Valley Road across from Philpot's proposed northwestern site. The Philpot proposal also would require a zoning change from agricultural to senior citizen residential.

Kenney warned of court challenges to spot zoning. He indicated that such development would be more in line with the sequential development program set forth in the Land Use Plan if it were proposed for the area east of North Valley Road. Kenney told Seligman that physical or other constraints barring such development east of North Valley might pose a different question, but he noted that no such constraints have been demonstrated.

Kenney advised the board against rendering informal advisory opinions about possible courses of action so as not to unnecessarily bind future boards faced with formal applications.

## **Service station sold to Trenton mechanic**

By Elly Shapiro

The Roosevelt service station has been sold to Eldon Laue, an auto mechanic from Trenton. Mr. Laue, his wife and three children will be living in the house next to the gas station.

Dick Mellor, co-owner for the last 9½ years with Roy Terry, is moving to the outskirts of Roanoke, Va. to be closer to his children and grandchildren. His wife, Betty, and he will be semi-retired.

Roy and Jan Terry will remain in Roosevelt with their family. Roy will provide the school bus transportation as now.

Mr. Laue becomes the third owner of the service station originally built and owned by Leon "Frenchie" Vasseur.

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Letter to the Bulletin**Fire official explains  
use of rescue stickers**

To the Bulletin:

This letter is a rebuttal to the letter written to the Bulletin September 1980, page 8, entitled, "Fire Rescue Stickers Said Useless or Worse."

The first and second questions were; 1) "Was there ever a fire in Roosevelt where the Fire Department had to break windows to save anyone?," and 2) "Besides, why break windows when there are two or three outside doors in almost every house?"

To my knowledge, the Fire Department never had to break windows in this town to save anyone, but that does not mean that it couldn't happen today or tomorrow.

The reason for breaking windows is not only for the purpose of saving someone; sometimes it is a necessity for proper fire fighting.

There have been so many renovations done to most of the homes in town, with interior remodeling and additions, that we could not walk into someone's home and know exactly where the occupied bedrooms are, even though most of us have lived here all of our lives. Some homes have two to four bedrooms in them and from one to twelve people living there.

If a fire starts in a part of the home away from the sleeping areas, such as the kitchen or living room, it may be very difficult or impossible for us to enter the house through a door, since that's where most of the doors are

located. Also most deaths occur from smoke inhalation and you probably wouldn't awaken from the smoke. The first main objective of a fire fighter is to be sure that nobody is trapped in a fire. At 3 o'clock in the morning these stickers will show us the first places to check for people sleeping in the house, people who possibly aren't even aware there is a fire in the opposite end of the house or on the first floor.

Also there is the possibility of an outside Fire Department assisting us on a fire call and they would not know the first thing about the layout of these houses; but these stickers will show them where to look.

These stickers are not used just here. This is a nationwide program that is being supported by almost all insurance companies. Those companies insure you against fire and theft and I'm sure they would not support a program that may endanger your homes as far as thefts are concerned, as that would only cost them more money.

Whether you use these stickers or not is entirely up to you, but please remember this: These stickers are there to help us, but more important, they are there to possibly save a life!, your life and the lives of your family and maybe even your child's goldfish; because these are the things that are most valuable to us, more valuable than any other possession you could possibly have.

I hope I have helped answer any questions involving these stickers. If there are any other questions that we can help you with, please feel free to call me and I will be glad to help you in any way I can.

James A. Manzi  
Assistant Fire Chief

Letter to the Bulletin**Saturday postal hours draw reader's protest**

To the Bulletin:

The following letter was sent to the postmaster General:

I protest the recent shortening of Saturday post office hours at the Roosevelt Post Office for the following reasons:

1. It is unfair to the postal employee who works on Saturday. The new hours are 8:30 to 11:30 which is insufficient time to do his job. The first few Saturdays under the new hours, he came early and stayed late in order to finish the work. We can't expect him to continue doing this, which means that his job will be incomplete, in the future, when he leaves.

2. Under the new hours, the mail is not sorted until 9:45 to 10:00, which gives mail patrons only a very short space of time in which to pick up mail.

3. Saturday is the day many people go to the post office to mail packages and transact special business such as buying postal orders, large numbers of stamps, etc. Therefore, this shortening of hours is a hardship for both postal worker and patron.

4. Postal rates increase while postal service decreases. When I moved to this town five years ago, the Saturday hours were 8:30 to 3:30. With the hours now 8:30 to 11:30, the next step will be the elimination of Saturday hours altogether: if the work presently cannot be done in three hours, then it would be impossible to do it in less time.

5. We are a class B post office, despite the small size of our town. We have a number of businesses here, including mine, and we depend on Saturday service and hours.

6. The new hours were established without so much as a notice, and we feel this is unfair.

7. The nearest out-of-town post office is in Hightstown, seven miles away. Therefore, we need Saturday service from at least 8:30 to 12:30.

William Knight

**Community Band set to play again Dec. 11**

By Arthur Shapiro

Who said the big bands aren't returning? The Roosevelt Community Band, under the direction of Ilse Riesenfeld (former teacher of music, RPS) will resurrect itself to play for the Pioneer Women's Dec. 11 meeting.

Along with Riesenfeld will be such big names as Manny Koffler (graduate of Julliard), Ed Goetzmann (music major), and Lora Canape (music major, Trenton State College). Also featured will be Stefan Martin and Arthur Shapiro, former members of such big bands as "The Stardusters" and "The Mello-Tones" - both often featured in the '50's at the Teen Haven Canteen located above the Hightstown Firehouse.

New talent also will have a chance to make it. Mark Katz, Roosevelt eighth grader and former member of the singing group "The Greasers" will be featured on drums.

The group hasn't played together since July 4, 1979. Some question whether that's what it was doing, one member remarked.

**Water**

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In his statement for Kupper, Nicholas Campagna concurred with many aspects of Phase I of the work as proposed in the Schoor plan including replacement of the filter system, the relocation of electrical controls, the provisions of adequate metering and the upgrading of the chemical-treatment process.

But Campagna recommended varying the chemical treatment by using a higher pH and a polymer in order to remove iron more effectively. Furthermore, the Kupper report called for discharge of both the sludge from the sedimentation tank and the filter backwash water into the sanitary sewer system, thereby avoiding direct dumping into local streams. Kupper's overall approach was to rehabilitate the present system and call for an adequate preventive maintenance program in hopes of avoiding the need for Phase II aspects of the project.

James DeMuro, representing Schoor Engineers, said he didn't expect Phase I to solve the problems. He said that the present sedimentation tank is insufficient for the removal of iron and that the presence of iron is the primary reason why the filters degrade and have to be replaced in three to five years. His plan for Phase II includes a solids contact unit for the sedimentation of iron, as well as using the present sedimentation tank to store the 10,000 gallons a day of filter backwash water. This water then would be recycled into the system rather than discharged into the sanitary sewer. The inclusion of Phase II, according to figures in an Oct. 6 letter from DeMuro, represents an additional expenditure for the borough of \$231,000.

The basic question of whether Phase I will solve the iron problem, or will the solids contact unit of Phase II be necessary, raises another: how long will it take to determine whether Phase I is enough? There's concern about the effect of a delay on both on the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) loan for the project, and on inflation's impact on future construction of Phase II if necessary.

Both consultants agreed that borough water usage seemed excessive. Councilman Aaron Datz proposed to "rehabilitate the metering program and to start a program in town advocating water conservation." Some members thought such a program would have a chance of success in a municipality the size of Roosevelt.

After the special meeting, Councilwoman Marilyn Magnes contacted Andrew Law of the State Office of the Farmers Home Administration to discuss delaying use of the FmHA loan. He assured her, she said, that FmHA "wants you to have the opportunity to test Phase I" and indicated that 18 months would be considered a reasonable delay in using the total amount of the loan. Magnes said she was dismayed at information from the Clinton FmHA office that Barry Silber-

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stein of Schoor Engineers had spoken against delaying Phase II and had indicated to the same office that the borough intended to delay use of funds for two to three years.

At the regular meeting Nov. 12, the council agreed on a compromise to let Phase I prove its effectiveness yet not preclude Phase II construction if it is deemed necessary. Members unanimously approved a motion to authorize Schoor Engineers to revise plans and specifications to indicate two phases to be bid both separately and together with a provision that such a revision be resubmitted to the council before being put out for bid.

Three sealed bids were received by the council for the rehabilitation of the sewerage plant's trickling filter, which provides a back-up filter required by state and federal regulation. At the recommendation of William Kowalski, sewer plant operator, the low bid of \$4,845 and a \$22 hourly rate from Municipal Maintenance Co. was accepted by the council.

At the request of Esther Pogrebin, the council approved the use of up to \$300 or one-half the money needed for a senior citizens' party Dec. 28.

In discussion open to the public, Claire Narod inquired about the purchase of a Roosevelt home by the State of New Jersey. Lacking an official statement at that time, members of the council and the public pieced together the information that 1) the house, located on Pine Drive, has been bought by the state to house four autistic children in the care of house parents; 2) these children will be attending a special school in

Cranbury and will be transported there at state expense; 3) monies will be received by the borough of Roosevelt in lieu of taxes.

Councilman Leslie Weiner sought to clarify public perception of the council-school board controversy. He said administrative law judge Beatrice S. Tylutki "ruled in favor of the council in all three areas of disagreement"--- the deletion of \$40,000 from the school's free appropriation balance, the removal of funds for the industrial arts program, and the alleged predisposition of council members against the budget.

State Education Commissioner Fred G. Burke's October ruling "restores the full amount" of the money for the industrial arts program. But the ruling was "an interlocutory decision to the motion to dismiss" and he "awaits a final decision in this matter for a determination of the total tax levy for the 1980-81 school budget." A further hearing was planned Nov. 19.

Finally, a resolution was proposed to authorize the borough's duly certified special policeman to carry a weapon when on duty. This resolution, in accordance with state law requiring the appropriate governing body to authorize the carrying of a weapon, passed by a 4-2 margin, Counterman, Datz, Esakoff and Terry voting for approval, and Magnes and Weiner voting against the measure.



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## Thursday's talk of the town is 'Mama Loshen'

By Freda Hepner

We sit around a council table at the Borough Hall and discuss the eternal verities in "Mama Loshen," the mother tongue --Yiddish. We are a small group, eight to 10 at most, taught by Israel Weissman, who tells us he is not a teacher but teaches us anyway.

We all learned Yiddish as children in different countries and with different inflections. Sometimes we dispute a word; its meaning, or more often, its pronunciation. Yiddish is a folk language that has adopted words from all the languages of the countries in Europe where Jews lived. No wonder there are differences in remembering phrases; expressions vary so much from one part of the Yiddish-speaking world to another. Fay Libove's childhood in South Africa was very different from Al Hepner's in Belgium or Helen Barth's in Roosevelt.

Our emphasis is on conversation, so we stumble along trying to tell each other stories, jokes, anecdotes; all in Yiddish. Aaron Datz tells a doctor joke, Dotty Beinin tells a tall tale and Leo Libove tells a story about a parrot. I learn another new word: "papagayu" means parrot. It has a good sound and my tongue plays with it all week. Yiddish is a "zaftig" language; it's lusty and onomatopoeic.

Once, Mr. Weissman read us an essay he'd written on Roosevelt's history and we discussed cooperatives and farming and idealism and why Benjamin Brown's dreams were not fulfilled. Perhaps, because we had to speak slowly and think of the right words to use, it was not the heated debate it often is, but an exchange of

ideas and memories. Helen and Claire Sacharoff's childhood memories blended into the problems of farming the Liboves shared and the history Mr. Weissman introduced.

We meet on Thursday evenings. On Halloween eve, the mischief night, volunteer patrol members wandered in and out of the Borough Hall and each seemed a little taken aback to find us talking in Yiddish. We were, however, observing the occasion in an appropriate way. We were listening to I.L. Peretz's wonderful story The Three Gifts, which has its own magical quality.

Mary DeSanto came to join us last week and brought her mother visiting from Israel. Everybody is welcome. I'm not sure why - but no matter how tired or disgruntled I am at 8 when I go to the meeting, when I get home about 9:30 - I feel friendlier and more connected to my real world.



### LOCAL BOYS IN FOOTBALL VICTORY

The Hightstown-East Windsor Pop Warner pee wees defeated Piscataway Nov. 16 by a score of 13-6. Coach Harold Nauman credited the offensive line, especially the running of Marc Cooper and Tommy Kane. Cooper is the son of Dave and Bonnie Cooper of Rochdale Ave.

Also on the team from Roosevelt is Jon Block, son of Marvin and Karen Block.

The victory advanced the Rams to the championship against Iselin, slated for Sunday, Nov. 23.



## Local potters to show at Paterson craft fair

By Andrea Lakin

Local potters Naomi Brahinsky and Ingrid Jordan will be selling their wares at the New Jersey Designer Craftsmen Crafts Weekend, Dec. 5-7.

The juried show will display the works of about 60 craftspeople at the Rogers Locomotive Works, Paterson, N.J. Admission is \$2.00; senior citizens \$1.00; children under 12 are admitted free of charge.

Hours are 7:30-11 p.m. Dec. 5, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7. A champagne preview will be held on Friday night, Dec. 5, at a cost of \$17.50 per person; \$35 per couple.

For ticket information call the Great Falls Development Corp. (201) 881-3848.

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### PRESTOPINO'S WORK IN FLORIDA

Gregorio Prestopino's work will be exhibited for a month starting Jan. 7 at the Museum of Art on Los Olas Street in Fort Lauderdale. It is a retrospective show similar to the one in the Trenton Museum earlier in the year. This one is, however, expanded and includes more of his current work. During the same month a little further down on the same street, there will be a show of his current works at the Mr. and Mrs. Roberts Galleries. So, Los Olas street will be an art center for Presto in January.

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### KATY GRAHAM'S OIL TAKES PRIZE

Katy Graham of Farm Lane won second place in paintings for her oil on paper of tulips in the third annual Fall Juried Art Exhibit of the Tri-County

Art Association. The winners judged by Lucile Geiser and Stefan Martin, were disclosed at the opening reception in the Annenberg Library Galleries at the Peddie School in Hightstown, Nov. 9.

The exhibit is on view in the North and South Galleries of the Annenberg Library until Sunday, Dec. 7. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday; and 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. on Sunday. The Peddie School is closed Nov. 26 to Dec. 4.

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### STEFAN MARTIN KEEPS BUSY

What does an artist do when he/she's not drawing/sculpting, etc. Well, take Stefan Martin. In just the last month he's--- given a lecture demonstration on wood cuts and wood engraving at the Montclair Art Museum; has been appointed chairperson of the Fund Raising Committee for the Printmaking Council of New Jersey; received a commission from the executive director and staff of the Mercer County chapter, National Jewish Family Services, for a Biblical scene, and one from the local synagogue for a Noah's Ark scene.

Also in November, Martin narrated a slide show lecture on his wood engraving at the Middlesex County Arts Council in Kendall Park.

In the spring semester at Mercer County Community College, a grant from the State of N.J. will make possible a course given by Martin on "Examination of the Collage" and "Art of Wood Engraving." His work is also involved in several national and international traveling exhibitions, including Regensburg, Germany and Ressalovik, Greece.

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Artists, craftspeople, performers:  
Send your news items to Freda Hepner,  
c/o Borough Bulletin.

## Public sculpture: the bemusing triangle mystery

By David Herrstrom

It's not that Roosevelt doesn't already have public sculpture. If you enter the main doors of Roosevelt Public School (which happen to be in the back), turn left, go past two bookcases, and you'll see on your left, brooding in the corner beside a slab of windows towering beside him, an anonymous garment worker bent over his sewing machine.

The massiveness of this anonymous sculpture, its feeling of utter solidity, as if it were some earth-born creature, is out of proportion to its size. It asserts the nobility of a people who despaired, endured, and survived. Its sheer brute, mannered existence, quiet and unobtrusive in an obscure corner of the school, as if it were a troll, in on the elemental secrets that none of the rest of us are privy to, is mysterious. A mass of cement possessing moral force in just being; this is the ballast in the hold of the school.

We also have other public sculpture, that is, sculpture publicly displayed and at least partly supported by public money. Who can ignore Jon Shahn's head of FDR, especially in an age when even the Republicans are quoting him; and we are probably one of the few communities to have exquisitely crafted totem poles and a dragon's head on display. The tire playground, in fact, can be viewed as a sculpture. It divides space in pleasing ways and offers a variety of satisfying forms.

Given this tradition, it's no wonder that, in spite of the claims of the sewer treatment plant and the water works, a

number of people have been floating the idea of public sculpture for the triangles in town (intersections of Pine and Tamara, Homestead and North Valley), which are now known mainly for their barrenness and single vandal-proof bench. These people, including old as well as new residents, elected representatives as well as drifters, want to continue a tradition already rooted in our, as one of my neighbors describes it with pride, "peculiar" town. Or as another resident testily puts it, "Let's erect sculpture, not No-Parking signs."

But can we pay for sewers and sculpture? Playwright and councilman Leslie Weiner answers a cautious yes. He is in favor of spending some of our own money, with the hope that the rest would come from revenue sharing and community fund raising. Community involvement, he believes, is essential: public sculpture, almost by definition, should be an expression of community values.

In fact, Leslie has a "pet project." He would like to see commissioned a sculpture of Eleanor Roosevelt, one of our founding "mothers-in-law," for it was she who won the battle, when the original Roosevelt houses were still on the drawing board, for indoor toilets. Rescuing us from outhouses and having respect for immigrant, working-class people, she deserves to be remembered.

Assuming that money can be found for public sculpture; assuming that enough residents believe in what writer and sculptor Peter Berlinrut describes as the power of public art to "honor or memorialize the life we're living, to give it meaning," and assuming the public believes in the necessity of

public sculpture enough to pay for it, all admittedly big assumptions, the question remains, what should be the subject of public sculpture in Roosevelt?

A number of residents agree that the sculpture should express a principal community value, namely, that Roosevelt was "established to find a fresh base of cooperative living," in Peter's words, and, consequently, its public sculpture "must capture this spirit and make it notable." Leo Libove sees it in concrete terms as the value placed on "labor" and "freedom." No one, however, agrees on any specific subject or even that the sculpture should be representational. Evelyn and Aaron Datz declare that it should not be "heroic sculpture," though it must be "humane," reflecting human aspirations and activities, "not an impersonal hieroglyphic."

They suggest, as do others, that the best way is to choose the sculptor first, have faith, and then give the freedom to decide "how to fill the space." Others like a "touch of history." But the gods know we don't want our public places to look like the squares of so many European cities, graveyards full of 19th Century marbles and bronzes enshrining a moribund, conventional reality.

#### WITHERSPOON FAMILY MOVES IN

The Witherspoons moved to Roosevelt from East Windsor in June. Bettie is the Executive Director at Better Beginnings Child Development Center in Hightstown. Her daughter, Jaymie, 15, is a student at Hightstown High School.

#### ERNSTEINS' DAUGHTER VISITS

Susan Earnstein of Houston, Texas, visited her parents, Sol and Edith Earnstein of 16 Pine Drive, for a week in mid-October. Susan is employed in Houston as an X-ray technician in a diagnostic hospital.

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**ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY & SCHOOL CALENDAR**December 1980

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| 1  | Monday, 8:00 p.m.             | Deborah meeting - Borough Hall                |
|    | 7:15-8:30 p.m.                | Bookmobile - store parking lot                |
| 2  | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.            | Fire Compnay meeting - Borough Hall           |
|    | p.m.                          | Chanukah - 1st candle                         |
| 3  | Wednesday                     | Sr. Citizens meeting - Borcugh Hall           |
| 4  | Thursday, 8:00 p.m.           | Borough Bulletin staff meeting                |
| 7  | Sunday, 7:30 p.m.             | Chanukah Package Party - Congregation Anshei  |
| 8  | Monday, 8:00 p.m.             | Council Agenda meeting - Borough Hall         |
|    | midnight                      | Borough Bulletin copy deadline to Jim Dulicai |
| 9  | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.            | School Board meeting - R.P.S.                 |
| 10 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.          | Council meeting - Borough Hall                |
| 16 | Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | M.C.O.S.S. - Borough Hall                     |
|    | 11:30 a.m.                    | Early closing - H.H.S.                        |
|    | 12:30 p.m.                    | Early closing - R.P.S.                        |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                     | Food Co-op meeting - Borough Hall             |
| 17 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m.     | Bookmobile - store parking lot                |
| 18 | Thursday, 1:00-6:00 p.m.      | Food Co-op pick up - Borough Hall             |
| 22 | Monday                        | Winter Music Program - R.P.S.                 |
| 23 | Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.           | Early closing - R.P.S.                        |
| 24 | Wednesday - Sunday, Jan. 4    | Winter Vacation - H.H.S. and R.P.S.           |
| 25 | Thursday                      | Merry Christmas                               |
| 29 | Monday, 8:00 p.m.             | Planning Board meeting - Borough Hall         |

30 Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

First Aid meeting - Borough Hall

January 1981

8 Thursday, a.m.

School pictures - R.P.S.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC DEC. 16**

A clinic to screen people for high blood pressure will be offered in Roosevelt from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The clinic, run by the Monmouth County Health Department, also will offer information about high blood pressure. The National High Blood Pressure Education Program estimates that 15% to 20% of adult Americans have an elevated blood pressure. Half of them don't even know it because there are no symptoms. But a regular check-up can uncover the problem.

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**SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY**

Cynthia Horowitz has resigned from the Board of Education, leaving a vacancy that borough residents are invited to apply to fill.

You must have lived in Roosevelt at least two years, and you must be able to read and write. The term extends from now until the reorganization meeting, probably in May 1981. The regular school board election is planned for next April, to choose three members for three-year terms and one member for a one-year term.

If you're interested, send a brief note to George Katz, board president. Include your telephone number.



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## Winter's fire hazards: how to avoid trouble

By Adeenah Yeger

With the heating season upon us, it's a good idea to know about the fire hazards that crop up during the winter. According to Fire Chief Joe Maldera, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves are the causes of most fires at this time of year. A few common sense rules can prevent problems.

Creosol, a tar-like substance caused by incomplete combustion of wood, can build up in the pipes or shafts of fireplaces and stoves. If left in the pipe this substance can cause both toxic fumes and fire. The simple solution is to check your pipes periodically for any buildup of creosol.

The use of proper burning woods can also help alleviate the problem. Hard woods aged six to 12 months don't cause creosol buildup. Pine wood shouldn't be used, as it has a very high creosol content.

Also, make sure your fireplace has spark arresters. Without these an ember can get under the roof, smolder, and cause fire.

Furnace filters should be changed often. This helps to keep the furnace running more efficiently. It is also important to know the location of the emergency cut-off switch in case of a gas leak. If you smell gas, call the number on your gas bill immediately. Don't try to fix the problem yourself.

Similar rules should be followed for oil burners. Regular and general servicing is essential. Raw oil in the chambers can cause clogging.

Other common sense safety rules are 1) store gas and oil in approved safety cans, 2) don't leave wood dust lying around, and 3) use smoke detectors.

Self-cleaning ovens can also present problems. Spills should be cleaned up because grease and food can get baked on and prevent the cleaning device from working properly. Don't expect the oven to always clean itself of all dirt and grime. It needs a little help from you.

With the holidays approaching special attention should be paid to outdoor lighting decorations. Make sure you have proper wiring and extension cords for lights. Do not use a four-way plug; it can easily be overloaded.

Remember, in case of fire call 448-1234, give your name, address (be sure to say Roosevelt), and problem.

### FIRE COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Roosevelt Fire Company re-elected Joe Maldera fire chief for another one-year term and Jim Manzi assistant fire chief. Other officers are George Loyer and Dave Zaleski, captains; George Loyer, president; and Dave Teich, secretary/treasurer.

The squad planned to finish the fire safety inspections of all the homes in Roosevelt before the next monthly meeting.



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# First Aid Squad News

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad thanks the community for its support and help in making the flea market a success. The contributions of soup as well as the help of those who volunteered their time are especially appreciated. Because of the enthusiastic response another flea market is planned for the spring.

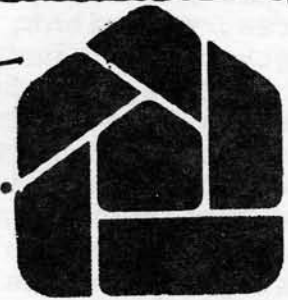
Beginning the first week of December the squad will be selling Shop-Rite vouchers. You buy a \$5 voucher that is good for \$5 in merchandise at the Shop-Rite markets. Shop Rite gives the squad a small percentage as a contribution, made possible by your purchase. Vouchers may be purchased from Helen Barth, June Counterman and Jack Yudin.

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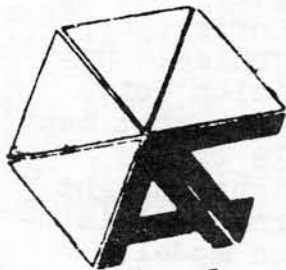
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## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

**First impressions of Roosevelt: talent, energy**

As the new kid on the block, I'm allowed to look at Roosevelt with an outsider's eye-- for a while anyway. My strongest first impression is that Roosevelt is overflowing with an enormous energy reserve of multi-talented people. Having grown up in a small town like Roosevelt, I feel quite at home here. And, as in all small towns, I've found that the well-being of the local school is a concern of the whole community.

Working in a small school in such an energetic community is most appealing to me. I couldn't agree more with E.F. Schumacher's thesis in his book on economics, "Small is Beautiful-Economics as if People Mattered," that small is "free, efficient, creative, enjoyable and enduring." Current legislation proposed in the New Jersey State Department of Education would like to see small districts like Roosevelt regionalized. One of the reasons behind this proposal is that education delivered in such small units is not cost-effective. I want to question this line of thinking by including thoughts about the quality of education. Can quality education be achieved better in larger, more cost-efficient institutions? In John Gardner's book, Excellence, and Robert Pirsig's book, Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, the concepts of excellence and quality are examined. After reading and thinking about these ideas I'm left wondering what kinds of bargains are available in public education.

Schools do need high quality education programs and financial accountability. It is the

responsibility of the community, school board, administrators and teachers to see that our children are not short-changed. During the next few months of planning and problem-solving we must not lose sight of this goal--quality education for our children supplied by caring, accountable people.

Because schools are closer to home than the White House and Trenton they often become the scapegoat for the frustrations that people feel toward the "They" who control lives and pocketbooks. If unchecked, these negative feelings become destructive; if these feelings are met and channeled, they can be the most powerful, creative, positive problem-solving forces to be found anywhere, at any price. We all have a great lesson to learn from Pogo in the comic strips when he says with wonder, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

Sometimes I feel like I'm tromping right along with Pooh and Piglet as they set out in pursuit of the insidious Woozle. Each time Pooh, Piglet and I circle the oak tree, the number of footprints increases and the situation looks increasingly desperate. But up in the tree sits Christopher Robin. He isn't fooled. His perspective and vision solve the problem. I think that many problems in schools can be solved with the right insight and attitude. Perhaps Christopher Robin can be a model.

In 1942 Eleanor Roosevelt wrote an article for the "Land Policy Review." She wrote: "A democratic form of government, a democratic way of life, presupposes free public education over a long period; it presupposes also an education

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## Stable life means more than horsing around

By Bob Clark

There is a corner of Roosevelt where the cacaphony of sewer, school-tax and suburban-growth discussions recedes and perishes--prey to the burbling of Empty Box Brook, the rustling of wind stirring a million leaves and the dashing of shod hooves on hard-packed clay.

Here, the local characters are Cluck the chicken, Ruby the dog and Paul the cat. They attend Beth Battel, manager, as she cares for the horses of Footlight Farm. This tiny, remote suburb can point to these 40 acres and proclaim, "Ah, we are truly rural!"

Rural, indeed, but also bustling. Beth and Head Instructor LeAnn Ruzic teach eventing (sometimes called combined training or horse trial)--the decathlon of horseback riding--to some 20 students from as far away as New Brunswick. Combined training includes the three phases of dressage, cross-country and stadium jumping. Although women today are keen to sport, it originated in the military, as Beth explained, "to produce the ideal officer's horse."

Each week the Allentown Messenger-Press notes several nearby events as the sport booms in central New Jersey. Beth's schedule revolves around the events, and occasionally her students enter them as the culmination of dedicated training.

In dressage, internationally prescribed precision movements test the horse's suppleness and obedience. Cross-country challenges speed, stamina and jumping ability as horse and

rider overcome rustic, imposing obstacles within a prescribed or optimum time. Beth notes matter-of-factly that in cross-country "form doesn't matter, survival is important."

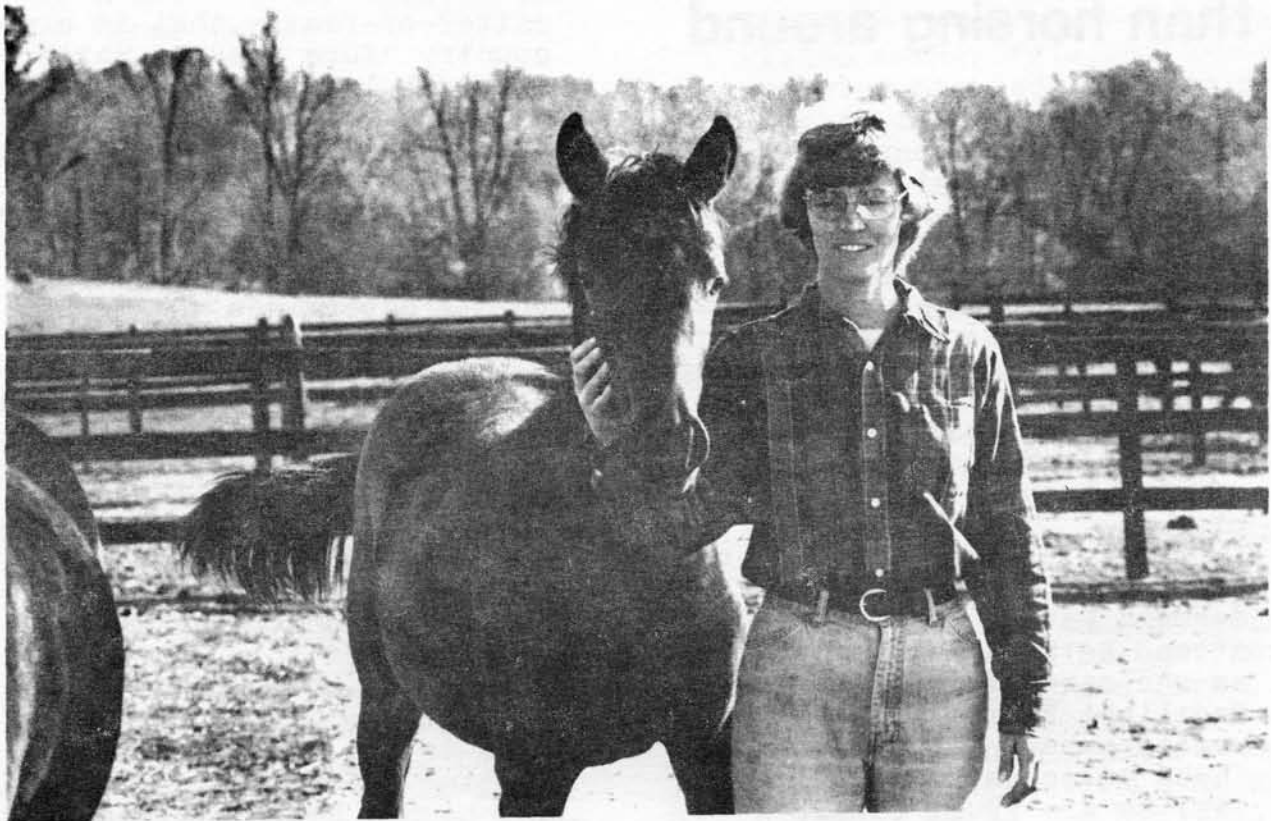
Finally, stadium jumping requires the ability to negotiate sharp turns on a confined course and to leap several prescribed obstacles within a time limit. The fewest penalty points determines the winner in each phase.

Equestrian activities include much more than combined training. Steeplechase--what Beth says originated as the "race to the nearest steeple as the crow flies"--is a flat-out race at high speed over simple obstacles. Showing hunters demonstrates style, attitude and form over fences, methods of movement and the "ability to give a pleasant ride to the hounds." Field hunting accounts for the horns and hounds Rooseveltians hear on occasion in the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area. (The Monmouth County Hunt Club solicitously spares the fox so as not to deplete the countryside of adversaries, Beth adds.) Open jumping produces leaps over seven feet in top competition.

Currently, Footlight Farm owns four school horses for lessons and four thoroughbreds for shows. Beth provides private, semi-private and group lessons, boards several horses for owners and ships horses to events by van. Easy access to the Assunpink, with its multitude of horse trails, vastly expands the acreage available to Footlight Farm's boarders and students.

Although Beth haunted horse farms as a child growing up in Northern New Jersey suburbs and has taught horseback riding for 20 years, she worked for 10 years doing lighting work in the theatre (hence the name Footlight

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Farm). Beth says she has "temporarily shelved" her career in the theatre in order to build the farm and devote necessary attention to the rigorous event schedule.

Despite her other interests, Beth's devotion to the farm and its animals is apparent. Of the colt born last spring she proudly proclaims, "his disposition for a thoroughbred is so good you want to just put your arms around his neck and give him a big squeeze." Asked if she feels overly rooted to one spot, Beth replies, "The truth is when I am away from the farm for more than a couple of hours I am anxious to get back."

The farm routine is grueling. Each day after the horses are turned out to pasture the soiled straw must be replaced. The horses eat about 200 pounds of hay to provide roughage along with at least 100 pounds of oats,

molasses and corn feed per day. The blacksmith appears every four or five weeks. The pasture must be seeded, and the fences, jumps and equipment kept in good repair.

The farm displays many cycles: the daily routine of care and training, the schedule of shows and events and the changing seasons. Beth plans to add more brood mares. I thus anticipate standing amazed again as a mare licks and nudges her newborn to his feet. Then, as the growing and training cycle progresses, many Rooseveltians idling by will thrill to the sight of his running, jumping and proudly striding in the pastures and paddocks of Footlight Farm.

# Senior Citizens News

By Helga Wisowaty

At the Nov. 5 meeting, Senior Citizens learned of the existence of a bus servicing Roosevelt to Freehold. They must be contacted a day ahead. The charge is fifty cents (.50).

The New Jersey Federation of Senior Citizens held a rally in Trenton on Nov. 24 at the State House, to protest the Casino Funds for Senior Citizens.

The number to call if you're eligible for utility rebates is 800-662-3029.

A large group of Senior Citizens saw Hamlet at Mercer County Community College Nov. 13.

Plans for the annual holiday dinner to be held Dec. 28 at the Hilton were discussed. Come to the next meeting, the first Wednesday in December, for details.

## CHILDREN'S PHOTO DAY IS JAN. 8

On Jan. 8, school pictures will be taken of the elementary school children. Families with pre-school children also are invited to participate in this fund-raising P.T.A. service to the community. Check with P.T.A. officials for details of time and cost.

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for personal responsibility that too often is neglected."

We must all accept that personal responsibility for the public education of all our children. Public schools are complex institutions subject to a myriad of variables. In accepting a personal responsibility for working within a small public school setting it is important that our attitude, perspective and goals be positive and realistic. Perhaps we can include Pogo and Christopher Robin in the Roosevelt community. We need their help in this important work.

--Beverly Hetrick



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**SCOTT JOHNSON'S NAVY TRAINING**

Scott Johnson, son of Ed and Liz Johnson of 53 Pine Drive, has completed boot camp with the U.S. Navy in Orlando, Fla. and eight weeks of schooling as Engineman. After a two-week leave at home in November, he was to report to the U.S.S. Saratoga, Philadelphia Naval Base for three months while awaiting further orders.

**Attention: subscribers**

The Borough Bulletin is updating its out-of-town mail-subscriber list--so now's the time to renew.

All current paid subscriptions will end with the December issue (except: those recently renewed will receive credit for extra issues). So if you're currently an out-of-town subscriber, or if you once ordered a subscription for someone away from Roosevelt--renew now. And wouldn't the holiday season be a good time to start gift subscriptions for far-flung family and friends?

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**FOOD****Going out in style with a persistent turkey**

By Beth Johnson

Ever wonder what to do with all that leftover turkey? Well, here are a few recipes to help solve that problem.

**Turkey Espanadas**

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped onion	1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 clove garlic, crushed	1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. jar sliced mushrooms drained
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter	1 egg, slightly beaten
1-8 oz. can tomato sauce	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water	pie crust mix or pastry (enough for 3 pie crusts)
1-2 tsp. chili powder	2 cups chopped, cooked turkey

Preheat oven to 400°.

In large saucepan saute onion and garlic in butter until onion is tender. Stir in tomato sauce, water, and chili powder; simmer 15 min. Add remaining ingredients except pie crust mix; stir to combine. Prepare pie crust mix or pastry according to directions. Divide dough into 12 portions. Roll out each portion on a floured surface to a 6 inch circle; trim edges. Spoon  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup filling on each circle. Moisten edges; fold in half. Seal edges by pressing with tines of fork. Prick tops with fork for escape of steam. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 400° for 20-25 min. Serve with chili sauce. Yields 12 turnovers.

**Turkey a la Mornay**

4 slices bread	2 Tbs. flour
8 slices cooked turkey	1 cup milk
4 slices cooked ham	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese	2 Tbs. shredded American cheese
	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

**Mornay Sauce**

2 Tbs. butter

Remove crusts from bread; toast and butter. Arrange on buttered cookie sheet. Cover each toast slice alternately with slice of turkey, ham and turkey. Pour Mornay Sauce over each; sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Broil 3 inches from heat, until golden brown. Yields 4 servings.

Mornay Sauce: Melt butter in top of double boiler. Blend in flour. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly until thickened. Stir in cheeses and salt. Yields 1 cup sauce.

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**turkey****Diced Turkey with Onions and Apricots**

1 bunch green onions, chopped  
 3 Tbs. butter  
 2 cups diced cooked turkey  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup quartered dried apricots  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup chopped parsley

1 tsp. dried mint  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. cinnamon  
 salt, pepper  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup dry white wine  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chicken broth

Saute onions in butter until slightly wilted. Put them and the butter into a shallow casserole with the other ingredients and stir together. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 30 to 40 minutes. Serves 4.

## Food co-op adds items with new distributor

By Andrea Lakin

The Roosevelt Food Co-op has a new distributor, Neshaminy Valley Natural Foods. As long as the total order is \$150 or more, Neshaminy will deliver to Roosevelt free.

With this new distributor, many new items will be added to the order form, including crackers, rice, flour, beans, oils, juices, pasta, and teas. The co-op will continue to get eggs, fruits, nuts and cheeses from the current distributors.

A general co-op meeting will be held at the Borough Hall on Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. On the agenda is a clarification of the term "working member," a decision about whether to have day or night distribution, a run through of the distribution process, and a selection of the nominating panel for next year's board members. Current members and those interested in joining are urged to attend.

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**DESANTOS HAVE SON**

Mari and Richard DeSanto of Rochdale Avenue are the parents of a boy, Jesse Thomas, born June 13. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. The DeSantos also have a daughter, Sara Nicole, 2½ years old.

Maternal grandmother is Rella Polkowitz of Jerusalem, Israel. Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Lillian DeSanto of Toms River. New Jersey.



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Robert and Susan Cayne moved to 58 Pine Drive in early October. Susan works for Dow Jones and Co. as a Programmer Analyst. Bob is employed by Raycomm Industries as a Technical Writer. He is also a free-lance musician who plays oboe for the New Jersey State Orchestra and the Trenton Civic Opera. The Caynes have a son, Avery, who was born on Oct. 4 at Princeton Medical Center.



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**DAUGHTER BORN TO BASHES**

Malcolm and Anita Bash are the parents of a girl, Jessica Cleary. Born at Mercer Medical Center on Sept. 28, she weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs. The Bashes have been residents of Roosevelt for about two years. Malcolm is employed by Prince Manufacturing Co., Lawrenceville, N.J. and Anita is the owner of the Learning Tree Nursery School in Hightstown.

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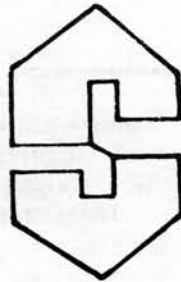


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