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531-unit housing development pictured for board

By Bob Clark

A 531-unit housing development for people over 50 moved a step closer to reality--from words to a poster-board diagram--as builder William Philpot returned to the Borough Planning Board this summer.

It also grew, to a 71-acre project on Route 571 between the service station and Nurko Road.

In April, Philpot discussed his idea of a smaller, 320-unit retirement community on 48 acres in the same area. Astonished board members then told Philpot to produce a more detailed and formal proposal if he were serious. Philpot returned in

July with the diagram and a brief projection of revenues for the community.

Philpot's proposal would require a zoning change from the existing agricultural designation. Estimates of the value of the development ranged from \$15 million to \$20 million. No juveniles would be allowed, and the minimum age of residents would be 50 years. Philpot, who returned with his attorney, described a clubhouse, a small commercial area, a wooded buffer between existing town and a private security system.

Philpot said he had talked to the Borough Engineer and to

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Principal resigns; consultant to seek successor

By Hortense Sochowitzky

Roosevelt School Principal Lewis Gantwerk submitted his resignation in order to accept the position of director of Jonathan School and its treatment program for high school age exceptional students in Marlboro, N.J.

He gave the board 45 days notice, which was in compliance with the terms of his contract. Gantwerk's last day at Roosevelt school was August 30.

The board decided to employ a consultant, Dr. Lawrence Kaplan of Rutgers, to find a successor to Gantwerk. This was decided in spite of much public discussion questioning the expense--\$800--and the need for his services.

Until a new principal is hired, the board voted to appoint Delores Chasan as acting principal. She will receive \$150 a week in addition

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531-unit housing

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people studying the planned renovations of the town's water and sewer systems. The development would connect to the borough systems and have its own water tower. Most of the buildings would be single-story, with two to six units in a building.

Philpot said he was trying to determine whether Roosevelt is "receptive" to his idea. Board member Mel Friedman told Philpot he had "obviously dropped a bomb" on the tiny town. Board of Adjustment Chairman George Levinson questioned the financing, marketing potential and feasibility of the project. After lengthy discussion, more questions remained than answers.

The board again considered the proposal for several hours at its August meeting. Several members complained that they couldn't commit themselves to any concept because the idea lacked definition and detail. Others noted the potential for such a project to brighten the borough's financial future.

Members decided to educate themselves before Philpot submitted formal applications. The board made no formal commitment to the concept. It decided that Philpot should be told about the discussion so that he could form his own opinion about the board's receptiveness to his ideas.

In other matters the board appointed Malaki Kenny of Little Silver as Board Attorney.

The board approved an addition to the front sitting area at the Roosevelt Deli conditioned upon higher exterior elevation than shown on the original drawing.

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Gantwerk interviewed: thoughts upon departing

Lewis Gantwerk, Roosevelt Public School's principal for six years resigned in July 1980 to become director of Jonathan School in Marlboro, N.J. Bulletin staff member Elly Shapiro, who had worked with Gantwerk and knew him well, interviewed him and filed this report.

By Elly Shapiro

For the five years that Lew Gantwerk was my boss at Roosevelt Public School, I saw him on a daily basis. When one day he came to work sans beard, it was difficult for me to get used to his "new" face. The children, too, were surprised at such a change without any warning.

Now, of course we'll have to get used to a truly new face. And Lew will be getting used to a new school, even smaller than ours. Jonathan School, the Marlboro, N.J., institution where Lew is the new director, has a student body of 30 high-school age exceptional children. Lew's responsibilities are administration and program development, as well as reality therapy with the students.

According to Lew, the difference between the two sets of students is this: "At Roosevelt school, you have healthy functioning people who need to develop their skills. At Jonathan school, we need to help the students succeed by providing them with a variety of ways to feel successful. We involve agencies such as C.E.T.A. and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for assistance in placing pupils in part-time work experiences." The students also have an opportunity to take courses at Brookdale Community College, where credits are held in escrow until the student is

graduated from high school and is enrolled in college.

"I feel this job will be a challenge," Lew said, "and although I wasn't actively looking for a new experience, it would have been difficult for me to pass up this opportunity."

"What I'll miss most about Roosevelt is the intensity of the place. Leaving Roosevelt is like leaving part of your life someplace. I've left other jobs and never really thought about them. This is different. It's akin to getting a divorce."

Asked what he felt his greatest accomplishments at Roosevelt School were, Lew paused to group his thoughts and then cited the recent District Progress Report in which the school was granted a three-year approval in all categories. (See Board of Education story)

"Another thing I felt good about is the recruitment and development of a top-notch staff. I think they are terrific, and I will really miss them. There isn't one I wouldn't want to take with me."

Lew also is very pleased at the physical appearance of the Roosevelt school. The colors, textures and equipment give the pupils the feeling that the building is "cared for," he said.

"I hope I'll have a chance to speak with my successor. I'll be available to offer the benefit of my experience," Lew said. "Most important, though, is that the new administrator needs to develop ways to work with the board, parents and kids--to see them as

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Gantwerk

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allies. He needs to listen and be available and to make decisions which are right after weighing all the information. The boards I worked with trusted me, and let me do my job. Much energy needs to be put into a sense of alliance between the board and the administrator."

On the subject of regionalization, a much-discussed topic here, Lew said: "Certainly it (regionalization) would afford us a broader range of programs than we can offer now, especially for sixth grade and up. I doubt that it would save a lot of money. That's not what I see from the studies I've read.

"One of the major draw-backs is that it would limit our board participation. A lot would, of course, depend on the other communities, for if they were not compatible, it would be detrimental." And he summed it up, "It would have to be very carefully planned, but it should certainly be pursued."

Listening to Lew speak, I felt his kinship with our community is still very evident. I hope his influence remains for a long time.

consultant

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to her salaries as learning disabilities teacher-consultant, Title 1 coordinator and supplemental instructor. Mrs. Chasan agreed to serve as acting principal only until Oct. 15. After that, at her own request, she will work only 3/5 time. Dr. Kaplan held meetings with the staff, members of the P.T.A. and the public to hear their ideas on what kind of school they wanted.

Contracts were approved with Anderson Bus Service, Roosevelt Auto and Rick Bus Company, for transportation for regular high school students, and for several special students.

Rules relating to discipline and general conduct of students, drawn up by former Principal Gantwerk and the staff, were approved by the board. They may be read in the school office.

A part time physical education teacher, Karl Kleeberg, was hired at 3/5 of the the first step of the B.A. scale. Bonnie Strapp was hired as Title 1 teacher, at the 11th step of the B.A. scale. Also appointed were Laurie Altman and Naomi Brahinsky as artists in residence, each at a salary of \$2,400. W. Donald Clark was appointed school psychologist at a salary of \$2,800. Ruth Howard was appointed school nurse at one fifth of the first step of the B.A. scale, or \$2,182.60 and Elizabeth Gagliardi as half-time Title 1 teacher on the eighth step of the M.A. scale, or \$7,116.

The board engaged Anne Hogue of the Family Services Commission of Princeton and East Windsor as social worker,

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Council clears bonding step for water - sewer loan

By Bob Clark

During the summer Roosevelt advanced a few more steps along the winding road toward upgrading the town's water and sewer services. At its Sept. 9 meeting the Borough Council approved bonding anticipation to make way for a loan of up to \$500,000 from the Farmers Home Mortgage Administration (FmHA) to refurbish the water plant and build a back-up well.

At its Aug. 13 meeting the council authorized Mayor Leon Barth to execute an agreement between Roosevelt and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a \$45,000 grant for a television study of sewer lines. The lines are plagued by infiltration of groundwater that taxes the capacity of the sewer plant. The borough will provide \$15,000 of local funds for the study. The local money had already been set aside. Engineers have estimated that state and federal grants of approximately \$750,000 will be necessary to revitalize the sewer system as mandated by EPA.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has granted Roosevelt \$300,000 to replace water and sewer lines in certain "target" neighborhoods. Meanwhile, a Citizens Participation Committee recommended that the borough apply for additional HUD grants for the following items:

- (1) \$190,000 for site work for proposed senior citizen apartments;
- (2) \$30,000 for development of an ice rink on Pine Drive;
- (3) \$20,000 for housing rehabilitation to eligible

homeowners in the target neighborhoods;

(4) \$10,000 for energy efficiency studies of target neighborhood homes. Members of the committee are Israel Weisman (chairman), Esther Marton, Len Sacharoff, Alana Porter, Lynn Friedman and Jan Terry.

Barth said that no water and sewer rate increases will be needed for another four years, but he couldn't say what the situation will be after that.

Meanwhile, the borough and Rochdale Corp., owner of the defunct store north of the post office, are still litigating whether the town's only retail liquor license can be freed for another user.

Council member Les Weiner announced that a public meeting would be scheduled in October to explore the significance of an application to have Roosevelt placed on the state and national registers of historic places. The designation would arise from Roosevelt's origins as a subsistence homestead during the late 1930s and its innovative site design patterned after English "new towns" and featuring abundant, publicly-owned open space.

The council gave its approval and support to 20 proposed, one-story senior citizen apartments at Farm Lane and North Valley Road. The solar-heated apartments would provide comfortable housing for Roosevelt's aging settlers. If FmHA and HUD funds are forthcoming, the groundbreaking could occur in the spring of 1981.

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Council

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The council reacted enthusiastically to Park Commissioner Peter Berlinrut's suggestion that the two town traffic triangles be landscaped and decorated with sculptures honoring Holocaust victims. The council will investigate the use of revenue-sharing funds for such a project.

Donald Lomurro of Freehold was appointed borough attorney. Steve Yeger was approved as a new member of the Fire Company.

Recreation Committee Chairman Jan Terry announced that officers in charge of the 1981 Fourth of July celebration preparations are President Ann Rector; Vice President Leon Barth; Treasurer June Counterman; Recording Secretary Jan Terry, and Corresponding Secretary Shiela Jaeger. The members and officers come from a variety of volunteer organizations in town.

Public Safety Chairman Bill Counterman asked residents to trim foliage blocking the views of automobile drivers. He also requested that residents watch out for a rash of petty thievery of bicycles, folding chairs and other items left in yards.

Borough officials requested that residents conserve water during the current dry spell by not washing cars or watering lawns. Although not yet an emergency, the drought finds the town without a back-up well or easy access to other supplies.

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for 1/5 time, or one day per week, instead of one day per month, as budgeted by the board. The additional money will come from a federal flow-through grant, applied for last March. Since there are not enough classified students in Roosevelt, the application was accepted in conjunction with Washington Township, and the money will be shared. At the Aug. 26 meeting, Mrs. Hogue and Linda Meizell, coordinator of the Family Services Commission, explained how the agency would make its many services available to Roosevelt students and their families, in addition to the usual services supplied by a school social worker.

Board member Sandra Orlando, elected in March, was ill at the time new members were sworn in last spring. She took the oath of office at the Aug. 12 meeting.

The "A10" vocational program, which was cut from the budget by the council, was reinstated by the board at the Aug. 12 meeting. The cut was upheld by Administrative Law Judge Beatrice Tylutki after a hearing on the board's appeal. Joyce Usiskin, board attorney, advised the board that it was legal to reallocate funds to cover the cost. Discussion centered on the council's proposal that residents of the community be encouraged to teach vocational skills; this had been tried earlier and found unsatisfactory, in spite of the experience and knowledge of the residents in their own fields. Also considered was the fact that the Washington Township program is a more complete

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Blood pressure clinic

A clinic to screen people for high blood pressure will be offered in Roosevelt at the Municipal Building from 10 a.m. to noon on three Tuesdays, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16.

The clinic, run by the Monmouth County Health Department, also will offer information on high blood pressure. The National High Blood Pressure Education Program estimates that approximately 15%-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 can uncover the problem.

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and better equipped one than this school could supply.

The board offered thanks to everyone who gave time and effort in creating the new playground, particularly Nancy Warnick, Saliba Sarsar and John Grauel.

Four field trips to the Pine Barrens were approved for Jane Fremon's class study of the Pine Barrens, at an expenditure not to exceed \$308.

The board voted to purchase a kiln for the school's pottery program, at a cost not to exceed \$600. In the past, the children's work has been fired by Mrs. Brahinsky, in her own kiln, at a cost of \$10. per firing. Mrs. Brahinsky had suggested that a kiln owned by the school would pay for itself in a few years.

A letter was received from the State Commissioner of Education evaluating the educational plan, the basic skills and compliance with other laws and regulations. In each of these categories Roosevelt School was judged "Approved," the highest classification.

At the Sept. 9 meeting, Delores Chasan, acting principal, reported on the opening of school. All went smoothly except for two problems. There has been difficulty in scheduling classes with the artists in residence. This will be discussed by the Education committee of the board at its next meeting.

The second problem arises out of the arrangement with Washington Township for sharing the grant money for social workers. The school hired a worker whose services it expected would be shared. Roosevelt has hired its own worker, expecting to get the shared funds. The board voted to ask Lew Gantwerk to clarify his judgment of the arrangement made with Washington Township school, and to consult with Joyce Usiskin, attorney, on further action to be taken.

The board granted permission to Andrea Lakin to use a room in the school for Borough Bulletin paste up the fourth Thursday of every month.

Borough's population drops by five, to 809

By Bob Clark

In the last 10 years Roosevelt's population decreased by five people from 814 to 809 in 1980. At least that is the preliminary count of the 1980 Census according to Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin.

Surprisingly, the population declined despite the addition of 40 new homes to the town. Ticktin attributed this to deaths among longtime residents, children leaving home, an increase in homebuying by single people and decreases in childbearing. Also, college students were included in the town's figures in the 1970 Census, but now they are counted in the place of their college residency. This may account for 40 to 60 people, he said.

Ticktin pointed out that, based on building permit data, the Monmouth County Planning Board had projected approximately 990 people in Roosevelt in 1980 and 1300 by 1985. Their 1980 projection was far over the mark.

Ticktin said that the preliminary count is accurate. Based on his own knowledge of borough households, he had predicted a figure of approximately 800. Ticktin noted that the total assessed value of town properties approximately doubled during the ten-year period.

Income figures are not public yet. The borough has a period of time to comment on the count before it is officially fixed at the end of the year.

LETTER TO THE BULLETIN

Fire rescue stickers said useless or worse

To the Bulletin,

I wonder about the idea of the Metropolitan fire rescue sticker in case of a fire.

Was there ever a fire in Roosevelt where the fire squad had to break windows to save anyone? I am sure in our town the firefighters know exactly where the bedrooms are without the sticker. Besides, why break windows? There are two or three outside doors in almost every house.

The sticker in the window however, could be valuable information for whoever is looking to break in, since the sticker clearly indicates the window where a helpless person lives. Or suppose no one is home? It seems to me that the sticker in the window is more of a hazard than a safety device.

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Rabbi Berman: teacher, therapist...new leader

By Irv Rose

Rabbi Menachem Berman is the new spiritual leader of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt. One of his goals is to "increase the awareness of Judaism in the community." Anshei Roosevelt is Rabbi Berman's first congregation.

He has held various positions since his graduation from the Yeshiva Torah Vadaas. He has taught school at all levels, and has run programs for Russian immigrants of all ages. He also has worked as a psychotherapist and marriage counselor specializing in therapeutic hypnosis.

As a hypno-therapist, he worked with alcoholics, obese patients and arthritis and stroke

victims. "A stroke patient couldn't swallow. He was being fed by tubes to his stomach. Under hypnosis, the person was taught to swallow," Rabbi Berman explained.

Asked why he chose to come to Roosevelt, he said, "We came here so my wife and I can consolidate our talents into one community." Mrs. Berman, who said she feels she must earn the title, "Rebbitzen," holds a B.A. in sociology and has worked as a leader in a group home for children and is now employed by the Rabbinical Alliance in New York.

In addition to his duties in Roosevelt, Rabbi Berman commutes to a yeshiva in Union City where he teaches mornings.

Historic landmark designation cleared

Terry Karschner of the State Historic Office said Roosevelt's application for designation as a historic landmark is being submitted for approval.

At an early August meeting with Borough Council members Marilyn Magnes and Leslie Weiner, who are responsible for the application, Karschner asked for more photographs of street scenes in Roosevelt. These pictures have now been taken by Andrea Lakin. Together with contemporary and historic photos by Edwin Roskam and Sol Libsohn, they form an impressive pictorial record of the town.

Sometime in November, according to Karschner, a town meeting will be called to explain the significance of landmark designation. All property owners will receive notice of the meeting from the State Historic Office.

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PTA plans Art Fair, seeks T-shirt design

By Elly Shapiro

Labor Day has come and gone, school is back in session and the P.T.A. has already hosted its Back to School Night.

This is not to say that the P.T.A. has been resting over the summer. It ran a five-week summer program that attracted about 50 children each week. Three field trips and twice weekly swimming sessions were included, as were arts and crafts and track and field activities.

The new tire playground is another project in which several P.T.A. members were involved. Part of the money for its construction was donated by the P.T.A.

Now, plans are being made for the annual Art and Craft Fair, which is customarily held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving at the school. A contest is being sponsored by the P.T.A. for a design appropriate for printing on T-shirts to be sold at the fair. If you have an idea, send a copy of your design before Oct. 15 to P.O. Box 273, Roosevelt, N.J. The winner will receive a free T-shirt as well as recognition in the November issue of the Bulletin.

This is also the time of the year in which P.T.A. holds its annual membership drive. Membership is \$1.00 per adult and is renewable each September. Dues may be paid to any P.T.A. officer, or may be brought to the monthly meeting held in the school on the third Thursday of the month.



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Tires and civic cooperation make a playground

By David Herrstrom

Piled helter skelter behind gas stations and truck terminals, the tires look like they would make a better landfill for a swamp than a fantasy-land for kids. Behind the Getty station scrounging a dozen truck tires, I have a hard time imagining them as an engineer-artist's medium, to be shaped into a delightful and lasting monument to the cooperative efforts of our community. But that is what has sprung up this summer behind the school—a playground made mainly from old tires. Judging by the flock of children that continually flutter around it, it's a smash success.

In the middle of August more than a score of Rooseveltians spent three days of back-breaking labor to create our playground. Under the direction of the engineer-artist, William Weisz, volunteers unloaded almost a hundred tires, some requiring a backhoe to lift them off the truck, drilled hundreds of holes, set poles, threaded chains, and tightened bolts. After an exhausting first day of wrestling with tires and telephone poles, a number of volunteers met that evening with Weisz for training as team leaders. The next day these teams assembled sets of tires into finished pieces, such as the climber and dragon, and the last day cleaned and painted.

But even fantasy lands aren't created in a mere three days. Months before, Nancy Warnick, Saliba Sarsar, and John Grauel, who volunteered to spearhead the playground committee, met with Weisz, an industrial and environmental designer, winner of the 1973 London Observer-Woudhuysen Design Competition and founder of Tire Playgrounds Inc. Hired by

the Roosevelt School Board, with the help of a substantial gift from the PTA, to design and prepare plans and specifications, supervise construction, train team leaders and provide special tools, such as drilling templates and bits, spreading tools and impact wrenches, Mr. Weisz provided the playground committee with a detailed list of the required materials.

Then the real work began. Nancy Warnick and Saliba Sarsar and others spent hours schlepping here and there to get everything from Hi-C to backhoes. Scores of phone calls were made to get people to show at the right time and place with the right tools--wheelbarrows, hoes, shovels, rakes. All this done in the face of more than a little apathy and criticism, giving rise to inevitable doubts and discouragements. But the committee persisted, and their persistence was rewarded. Tires were donated by the dozens. After many calls, Nancy even turned up cut-rate telephone poles with the promise of free ones to come. And in the end everything from sand to pastry was donated.

Used tires, who would've thought? Yet these are the perfect medium for a child's fantasy, safe, virtually indestructible, capable of many forms. And what a perfect project for Roosevelt, itself begun in a cooperative vision, a playground created by hundreds of volunteers, some giving materials, some their labor. A creation that can only come into being by a community effort, integrating the old with the new, involving contributions of young and old from all vocations, and in the process recycling America's detritus--a

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sow's ear into a silk purse.

The critics are silent now, subdued by the cries of children climbing in and out of the tires, jumping and sliding off them. This is our reward. That we have something we made together, its poles carved by our own artists, its holes dug by our own backhoe operators, and that we didn't spend a lot more money and settle for a lacquered, laminated, factory-produced instant playground is to our credit, but it can't hold a candle to seeing a kid delightedly yanking on the dragon's great red-forked tongue.

The following businesses and organizations helped with contributions: Agway, Inc., Hightstown; Aljons, Hightstown; AllEquip Rental Center, Hightstown; Auto Boys, Hightstown; Budny Tire Service, Trenton; Burger King, East Windsor; The Cakery, Hightstown; The Coca Cola Co., Food Division, Hightstown; The Copper Bell, Hightstown; Gino's, East Windsor; The Golden Coach Diner, Hightstown; and Gordon and Wilson, Hightstown.

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The Playground Committee thanks all those who cared.

Food co-op continues business, holds dinner

The Roosevelt Food Co-op continued business as usual this summer.

At the July meeting, members approved bylaws, decided to maintain the 10% markup for the time being, approved a 20% markup for nonmembers purchasing surplus, and adjusted the method of keeping accounts to simplify distribution.

A covered dish get acquainted potluck dinner was held by the membership on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Borough Hall.

Workers are needed for various jobs both on distribution day and at other times. If you haven't had an opportunity to work yet, please call Andrea Lakin, 443-3463.

Membership costs \$5.00 for individuals and \$10 for two or more; half price in both cases for senior citizens.

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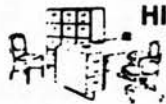
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Jim Braun, a sophomore, has returned to the University of Scranton, where he was on the Dean's List for the past two semesters.

Andy Braun, a 1980 graduate of Hightstown High School is enrolled at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



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ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY & SCHOOL CALENDAROctober

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| 1 | Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. | Sr. Citizens Meeting - Borough Hall |
| | 7:15-8:30 p.m. | Bookmobile - store parking lot |
| 6 | Monday, a.m. | Borough <u>Bulletin</u> copy deadline to Jim Dulicai |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Council agenda meeting - Borough Hall |
| | 4:00-9:00 p.m. | Last day to register to vote - Borough Hall |
| 7 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | Fire Company meeting - Borough Hall |
| 8 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. | Council meeting - Borough Hall |
| 13 | Monday | School closed - R.P.S. & H.H.S. |
| 14 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | School Board Meeting - R.P.S. |
| 15 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m. | Bookmobile - store parking lot |
| 16 | Thursday, 8:00 p.m. | P.T.A. meeting - R.P.S. |
| 20 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Congregation Anshei Roosevelt - Board meeting |
| 21 | Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | M.C.O.S.S. - Borough Hall |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Early closing - R.P.S. & H.H.S. |
| 27 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Planning Board meeting - Borough Hall |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Sisterhood of Roosevelt - Cong. Anshei Roosevelt
Aloe Demonstration with Jan Terry - everyone welcome |
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FOOD**Oh, how green is your tomato? Then try these**

By Beth Johnson

When someone says the word tomato do you picture something round, red, and juicy? Well, I picture something round, green, and juicy. This goes back to my childhood when my Irish grandmother would fry green tomatoes in a beer-batter mixture. They are wonderful and make a great lunch.

Another of my favorites is spaghetti served with a garlic and green tomato sauce. And my Jewish grandmother would pickle the tomatoes to bring when she visited.

Since it's the end of the tomato season the red ones are spoiling quickly but the green ones are still useable. The following recipes should help with the end of the season harvest. If anyone is interested in the one for pickled tomatoes please contact me.

Beer-Batter Fried Green Tomatoes

2 large green tomatoes, thinly sliced (about 16 slices)	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup beer
$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup flour	1 cup vegetable oil
$1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder	

Arrange tomatoes on a piece of wax paper; salt and pepper both sides, using 1 teaspoon of the salt and pepper. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and remaining 1 teaspoon salt in medium-size bowl. Remove $\frac{1}{2}$ out of the mixture to a piece of wax paper. Dip both sides of tomatoes in the $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour mixture. Stir beer and lemon juice into remaining flour mixture. (Mixture will foam.) Stir until the consistency of pancake batter. Heat oil in large skillet. Dip tomatoes into batter and sauté half at a time in hot oil until golden, about 3 minutes on each side. Keep warm in oven while sautéing remaining tomatoes. Serve immediately.

Spaghetti with Green Tomato and Garlic Sauce

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup olive oil	1 Tbl. salt
2 large onions, finely chopped	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. freshly ground pepper
12 medium-size cloves garlic, finely chopped	2 cups chopped parsley
6 large green tomatoes, cored and finely chopped	1 lb. spaghetti, cooked and drained
1 cup dry vermouth or dry white wine	freshly grated Parmesan cheese
2 tsp. leaf oregano, crumbled	1 tsp. leaf basil, crumbled

Heat oil in large skillet; add onion and garlic and cook until onion is soft. Stir in tomatoes, vermouth, oregano, basil, salt and pepper. Simmer rapidly, stirring frequently, for 20 minutes. Stir in parsley; heat until thoroughly hot. Serve immediately over hot cooked spaghetti, top generously with Parmesan cheese.

Makes 4 servings

Family Services offers help in coping, enriching

By Merle Rose

When you hear a clank in your car, even though it may be a minor problem, you take the car to a clank specialist to have it checked out. Just to be sure. Yet, when you're feeling not "quite right" about what's happening, you tend to ignore it, hoping it will pass.

Sound familiar?

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Any major change in the family living pattern can cause difficulties--a new baby, job, school, partner. Aging parents, single parenting, getting old, being lonely, sexual problems--all may produce tension that can be overwhelming. But a feeling of being overwhelmed, for whatever reason, gets to all of us sometime. It's normal. It's part of life. But it can be relieved, overcome. We can feel better about ourselves and we can function better. And the sooner we seek help, the sooner we reach out, the fewer sessions we are likely to need, according to Linda Meisel of Family Services of Hightstown and Princeton.

Family Services is a private non-profit organization, sponsored by United Fund. It is designed to help people of all ages, stages of life and economic levels lead more rewarding lives. The agency provides individual counseling for

individuals, couples and families. Group therapy and skills-training, and groups in interpersonal relationships also are offered. There is an alcoholism out-patient service. Programs for community groups on assertiveness, couple enrichment, parenting and our sexual selves are offered, too.

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Book review: "US1 Anthology" has local work

By Peter Berlinrut

Roosevelt can take pride that this book was not only born here but includes the work of three Roosevelt artists, poetry by David Herrstrom and Rod Tullos, woodcuts and drawings by Peter Vince. A most readable collection, it features poetry (winnowed from the work of writers in the US1 Poets Cooperative over the six-year interval of its existence) and includes three short stories and the words and music of a song. It is a book worth owning and copies are still available from David Herrstrom.

It has left me with some thoughts about the state of poetry today that I want to air here. They are based on a comparison that I made almost involuntarily between this collection and poetry as I recall it over half a century ago. (I drew endless delight from an anthology compiled by Alice Henderson and Harriet Monroe, founder and late editor of Poetry: A Magazine of Verse, circa 1925)

Indeed there have been changes, curious ones, as much in readers as in writers of poetry. Half a century ago every other man in the street knew and liked and recited poetry; it might be "Gunga Din" or "Boots" by Kipling, it could be "The Congo" by Vachel Lindsay or something by Longfellow or Poe or Whittier or Shakespeare.

Today the mere mention of poetry drives many honest people to the nearest escape door. Those who retain a mite of friendliness for this ancient and noble art mumble something

to the effect that poetry was all right as long as it was public and uplifting but once it went private and turgid and more obsessed with the poet's internal workings than with the great universals of human life, it went sour. It became a plaything for the verbal virtuosity of poets. They might also mention that the terrible upheavals of our times have shorn us of more elemental attributes of culture than appreciation of poetry.

There is an incidental irony in this situation. When Walt Whitman threw off the suffocations of tradition and custom that seemed to him the death of poetry, the literary artifices, the stilted language, the standard themes, the fetters of meter and rhyme, it was in the service of life. It was in the service of bringing poetry and representative human beings closer together. It wasn't successful in that mission. Ordinary people literate enough to like poetry at all preferred "The Raven" or "Annabel Lee" (Poe) to "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking" (Whitman).

The revolt, however, was extremely successful with poets. They seized eagerly on the new freedom to suspend all the requirements of poetry as an art loved by literate people, in favor of making it an occasion for spontaneous self-expression. And as often happens in turmoil, the baby was thrown out with the bathwater. Perhaps they even mistook their improved state of soul that followed an expressionistic outburst as a validation of the kind of poetry it produced. Not to mince words, modern poetry ex-

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Book review

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exploiting its revolution made of it a license to babble. Spontaneous babbling has been esteemed over probed and deliberate speech.

It is a pleasure to report that there is little babbling in this book. The revolution has come full circuit and is heading home, a chastened prodigal. It may not have gone as far as donning meter and rhyme but it honors a more important requirement of poetry: well-delved thought, eloquent metaphor. And if a condition for regaining an audience is speaking sensitively and movingly to the human point, this poetry deserves an audience.

There are twenty-two poets represented here and I wish I had the space to quote the memorable lines to be found in all of them. I haven't. I do have special reason to mention David Herrstrom and Rod Tulloss.

David stands somewhat apart from the others in locating the poetry that exists outside and beyond himself, in the movements of a fly, in the shell of a dead turtle, in the absolute impact of Otherness upon us. He has it that the poetry we come upon was there in creation before we happened to come along and will be there after we go.

For Rod, the satirical guise in which the physical world roundabout breaks in on us, does not lessen but actually increases its essential poetry and wonder. And he comes back from reading the great traditional Chinese poetry, fully himself and able to use its manner to his own advantage.

Peter Vince's woodcuts are original and striking. Ann

Woolfolk is well represented both by her poetry and her drawings. David Keller, Alicia Ostriker and Rod Tulloss edited the book, a well-designed paperback.

ERROR

The crow again.
Every winter I see him, early
on my way to work,
rowing crystal air at zero
with tiny slow turns
at the tips of his wings,
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Minutes Ago: Of scondis, soakers and Yishavovitz

By Arthur Shapiro

A few weeks ago, I read an article in the New York Times Magazine by Henry Morgan. He wrote about words such as "ice-pick" that are slowly disappearing because of the infrequency of their use. That article triggered memories of three conversations I had recently with individuals who also grew up in Roosevelt. In each case, words crept into the conversation that only a "Roosevelt Kid" would know. I am resurrecting them here in a last-ditch effort to save them from oblivion.

SCONDI (Scondee) A scondi was simply a Roosevelt kid's secret word for the letter "L." I'm not sure of its origin or why we used it, but it was a local joke for years. Although I never had a scondi, Melvin Friedman always did. Sara Lipsohn had a capital scondi until she married Paul Prestopino. I remember when my cousin came to visit me from Brooklyn for the summer, I introduced him to the gang. When I said, "Hey, guys, I want you to meet my cousin Allen," they looked at him and asked, "Does Allen have one scondi or two?"

SOAKER (Soak er) Growing up in Roosevelt meant having to adjust to a town surrounded by woods containing streams and marshlands (swamps). The mark of a true country kid was to travel through those swamps adroitly. Adroitly meant being able to cross streams via fallen logs and avoiding such things as skunk cabbage, poison ivy and soakers. You got a soaker by stepping into a swamp or stream deep enough to get your shoe and sock wet up to the ankle. The water, saturated even the inside of your shoe--

so much so that when walked it squished. (I guess we could have called them squishers.) Only amateurs got soakers. It was o.k. for your cousin from the city to get one, but for a Roosevelt kid a soaker was a cardinal sin. It was even an allowable source of ridicule. I remember hearing about one kid who had to move back to Brooklyn because he lost his loafer in the swamp by the sewage plant.

YISHAVOVITZ (Yish a vov itz) Perhaps the funniest inside Roosevelt word is this one. In the early 1950's, most of the Jewish kids who went to Hightstown High School came from Roosevelt. During one of those pre-Twin Rivers years, a group of Roosevelt kids plotted to take an extra day off from school by creating a mythical Jewish holiday called "Yishavovitz." We were to tell our parents that the school was closed while telling the school authorities that we were staying home for religious purposes.

But the Yishavovitz plan fell through at the last minute because of several reasons: The non-Jewish kids couldn't be included; we weren't sure if one particular faculty member at the high school was Jewish; and mostly, we chickened out.

Although Yishavovitz never became a holiday, the word was and still is used. I was recently speaking to Dave Spelkoman about a guy who grew up in Roosevelt with us whose mother still lives in town. I remarked that this person never visits his mother. "Yeah," said Dave, "he's planning to visit her on Yishavovitz!"

There you are, kids of Roosevelt: Three good words for you to keep alive!

The Borough Bulletin is doing an article on the reasons why people who grew up in Roosevelt and moved away, then returned with spouses and/or children, to resettle. We would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to fill out the following questionnaire and return it to us. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Why did you leave Roosevelt? _____

2. What impelled you to return to Roosevelt?
 - a) Was it for economic reasons? _____

 - b) Was it the town's appearance, the open spaces, the greenbelt? _____

 - c) Was it the security of "home?" _____

 - d) Was it to raise your children here? _____

 - e) Was it because Roosevelt has a place for everyone to shine, be it politically or socially? _____

 - f) Was it because of family obligations? _____

 - g) Other _____
3. Are you happy, or sorry, you returned to Roosevelt? _____

4. Did you feel as a youngster that you might return to Roosevelt as an adult? _____
5. Did growing up in Roosevelt make it difficult for you to live in a larger city? _____
6. How do you feel about raising your children here? Would you want them to live here when they grow up? _____

7. General comments. _____

Former Rooseveltian writes from Thailand

In our June issue we promised an early letter from teenager Darius Teter, who was a fourth grader in Roosevelt Public School in 1973. He came to our attention through a New York Times article about the work being done with Cambodian refugees in Thailand, where he now lives. We thought you'd enjoy hearing of the very different life of a former Rooseveltian.

--The Bulletin

In 1973, my mother, brother and I moved to Roosevelt, where I was enrolled as a fourth grader at the Roosevelt Public School. I never completed the school year there, but did enjoy one of the nicest towns I know for near to nine months. Since then I've moved to several places, ending in Bangkok, Thailand.

After fourth grade I moved in with my father, until the seventh grade, in Virginia. Meanwhile my mother, who is Persian, had moved back to Iran and had secured an exciting job with the United Nations. In the summer of 1977 my brother, Cambyse, and I went to Iran to visit her and I decided to stay for a year. I went to the now closed Teheran American School and lived in a small, comfortable apartment in the northernmost section of Teheran.

While in Iran I went on several car trips to small coastal towns on the Caspian Sea. Bandar-e-Pahlavi, a small port, is one of the nicest spots. To get there we had to drive over the Alborz mountain range and then northwest along the coast. Some villagers there still speak different dialects and all are very friendly. We rented a very clean hut and got dinner and breakfast for under five

dollars. We also went on several trips south to Esfahan, Shiraz, and Qom, now the Ayatollah's headquarters.

During spring vacation I went with my mother on one of her business trips to Thailand, Nepal, India, Afghanistan, and then back to Iran. We spent eight or so days in Thailand, mostly in Bangkok, the capital, and in Phuket, a resort island to the south. Phuket is the epitome of a tropical island--with great seafood, miles of beach, coral, and small fishing villages. Two years ago this resort was largely undiscovered by tourists and very preserved in its traditional ways. Rubber plantations and fish provide the main source of income.

From Bangkok we flew to Nepal, where I stayed busy bike-riding around Kathmandu, the capital. You could rent a bike for 30 or so cents and explore the city all day. At around noon all the army cadets go out on the city square or common to exercise. I found it fun to watch.

After Nepal we flew to New Delhi, but spent only the night there. All I remember was the hotel and the elephants walking along the highway with their tenders. The next morning we left on a plane for Kabul, Afghanistan, and spent about five days at the government guest house. Kabul is still largely undeveloped and all the more enjoyable to walk around. The streets are lined with small interesting shops. I bought an ancient blunderbuss pistol at one of them and had to sneak it back to the U.S. With the help of a U.N. car

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Thailand

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and driver we went to a small village where the men still wear guns and ammunition belts. The day before we left a member of the royal family took us on a picnic north of the city near a large power dam and reservoir. A week after we left, she and the rest of the royal family were killed in a Coup de Etat.

After ninth grade in Virginia and summer visits, I returned to Bangkok, where my mother had been transferred. The International School of Bangkok, where I enrolled, is an excellent school comprised of about half Americans and the rest an exciting mixture of Asians, Europeans, and Middle Eastern students.

But immediately after I started school, my mother had a chance to go to China on a U.N. mission and received permission for me to accompany her. I had my school books packed in no time and in the second week of September we boarded a plane for Hong Kong. From there we took a train to Canton and then a plane to Peking. We spent a week in Peking and had a chance to visit the great wall of Chian. I also explored the Forbidden City with the help of two college students who spoke some English. From Peking we flew south to Hangchow and spent two days on a beautiful lake there. One can rent a boat very inexpensively and tour all over the lake and islands--each with many beautiful temples. We boarded a train from Hangchow and went two hours north to Shanghai. We were staying easy walking distance from the very large harbour on the Whangpoo River. Much of Shanghai seems reminiscent of the pre-Communist

days, and much of the old American and English quarters of the city are still intact.

When I returned to Thailand, three weeks later, I learned of the Explorer Club with which I eventually started working with refugees. The Explorers of Bangkok are mainly concerned with hiking in the wild jungles spread throughout Thailand. On one particular trip, we went north of Bangkok to Khao Yai National Park. Since most visitors to the park don't camp overnight in the bush, you are required to take an armed park ranger to help trail-blaze and to provide protection in the event you have a run in with poachers or a tiger. We picked a trail to a place called Tattapoo Falls, which hadn't been visited since the last Explorers were there the year before. Nothing matches the excitement of hacking a trail through the jungle and then camping by a deserted waterfall. We spent four days in different areas of the park. On one trip that I missed the Explorers met with some Thai army cadets who took them night hunting.

In late October the Explorers, through a friend, asked permission to work at the border camp of Saio Kao, then operated by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). We eventually got permission and for several weekends about six of us would board a bus early in morning to ride to the camp.

When we started working the camp had just been started and 31,000 starving people were just sitting under sheets of plastic. We were put in charge of food lines--trying to keep order and tagging those who had received their ration of two eggs, some vegetables, and a bowl of rice. We also raised U.N. and Red Cross tents for

use as hospitals. In one tent, where they kept the freshly dead people, we counted 32 bodies. When the camp first opened that was the average lives lost on a bad day. Now, thank God, the camp has running water, some electricity, good medical facilities and food, and no one is dying.

The first thing I thought when we arrived there was, "God, that could be me in there." There are so many people at the border camps that are doing so much with so little for the refugees, and with no personal gain. This feeling was transmitted to us and we were sorry to stop work.

Over the winter (although there is no real winter in Thailand) the drama club sponsored the musical "Guys and Dolls." We raised enough money to take the whole show several hundred miles north to the city of Changmai to do a benefit performance and a show for the local T.V. station.

After the last drama show and the end of school I had a chance to work again with refugees; this time at Lumpinee transit camp in Bangkok. A transit camp is for refugees who are to be sponsored by families in the west and need to be introduced to the new life they will find. We also teach them English. At first, I worked as a sports organizer and organized games like soccer and volleyball between the Hmong (Laotian), Khmer, and Viet kids. I also did a lot of work with the younger kids--taking them to the park or playing with clay and other art supplies.

The young kids there have been through so much, yet they are ready to laugh if you give them a chance. They really shine once they know they're going to make it. All their worries have really made them tough. They

were getting out of hand one day but a small Vietnamese guy helped me put them back in order. I came to really like this guy and when he told me he was 15 (the same age as me at the time) I nearly flipped. The whole new generation of refugees has been stunted physically and sometimes mentally from malnutrition. And the ones really affected have no control over their own destiny.

One day, a friend and I decided to teach an English class centering on different customs they might encounter in the U.S. or Canada. We tried to familiarize them, through skits and an interpreter (my friend spoke French and one of the Vietnamese did also), with several bad incidents that might occur. No one had brought up such things as prejudice and unwelcoming attitudes that might greet them on arrival. Some didn't realize that although their new homes would be great, there might be bad things too.

I must admit, though, that their biggest worry was snow and winter. These are probably the only things they've never faced. We couldn't make them believe that there were lots of fun things to do when it was 0°F!

I'm really glad I got to work with refugees and plan to return to Thailand for my eleventh grade year. Asia is where the news is happening and can be one of the most exciting experiences. To have a chance to help someone makes you feel a little worthwhile and gives me much more reason for living. I recommend it to anyone.

Darius Teter
(Darius asks that friends
write to him at:
Phya Thai Court
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WEISBERGER ACADEMIC AWARD

Andrea Weisberger was presented with an award for outstanding academic achievement in Religious Studies at the Annual Florida International University's Awards Ceremony, where she is a student at the College of Arts and Sciences.

PHONE BOOKS AVAILABLE

Updated copies of the Roosevelt Telephone Book are available from the Pioneer Women. Call Frieda Anish at 448-2365, who will deliver them. Please make a \$2 donation payable to the Pioneer Women.

BRAUN WEDDING IN TEXAS

Mary-Martha Braun, daughter of Mrs. Bernard V. Braun of Roosevelt and the late Mr. Braun, was wed to Juan Gamboa in Holy Cross Church, D'Hinas, Texas. Attendants included Thomas Braun, who escorted his sister; Willene Braun as maid of honor; and David Braun as his sister's ringbearer. Mrs. Gamboa is a graduate of Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, while her husband received his associate degree in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Gamboa is a civilian employee at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Mrs. Gamboa is associated with USAA Insurance Co.

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When we were on the river we saw pitcher plants and sundews. Pitcher plants and sundews are two types of plants that eat insects.

We visited an old town called Martha. While we were eating lunch, we found bog ore, racks with iron in them. We also saw lizards, frogs, turtles, snakes, squirrels and rabbits, and other wildlife.

--the children of the fifth grade

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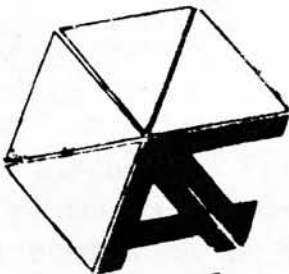
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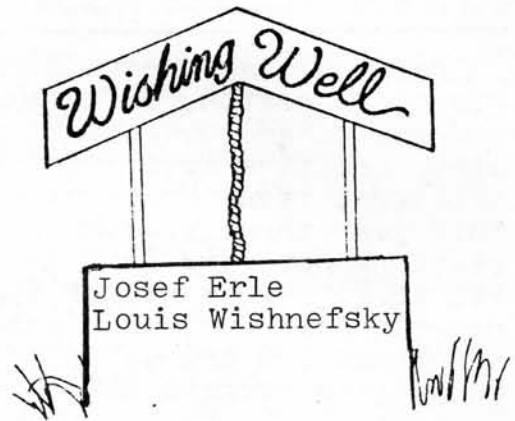
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Senior Citizens news


By Helga Wisowaty

The July meeting was held at the Levenson's home. Clara Levenson and Ellie Bermowitz were hostesses. In addition to swimming and socializing, there was discussion on future trips. The "Vial-for-Life" tubes were distributed to the members. The annual picnic was held in August at the home of Helen and Kurt Kleinman. New projects will be on the agenda in Sept.



SCHOOL STAFF SUBSTITUTES

The Board of Education is seeking substitute teachers, substitute lunchroom aides and substitute building custodians. State certification is not required for substitute aides or building custodians. A state teaching certificate, or substitute certificate, is required for substitute teachers. If you are interested in any of these "as needed" positions, please send a brief note to the board stating the position you are interested in, and your address and phone number. (Please - no phone calls.) Roosevelt Board of Education is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer.



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