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MAYOR'S COLUMN

## **Town Refused Sewer Grant**

### 'Pay as we go' policy adopted

By Freda Hepner

Dear Neighbor!

During the last few months of 1985, Mayor and Council have spent a lot of energy working on a grant proposal to upgrade our sewer system so that it would meet state permit requirements. Unfortunately, despite our aspirations and the services of a professional grantsman, we were not awarded a Small Cities grant. The State authorities looked at the 1980 census figures which show that only a little more than 30% of our residents are within low/moderate income range. To qualify for the grant, we need to show more than 50% in that category, and our own survey test results were not accepted by the state.

We will continue to search for outside funding sources but, for now, we must begin to upgrade our sewer system with our own resources. With the advice of our engineer, we will plan to

do the work in several stages over a 3, 4, or 5-year period. This will enable us to "pay as we go" without raising our utility rates exorbitantly all at one time. We will make every effort to keep any necessary increases as low as possible.

Municipal budgets are as difficult to manage as personal budgets can be. Council is just beginning to work on the budget, but we know it is going to be a tough year. We have already been notified, for instance, that our insurance premiums will be 39% higher than they were in 1985. Many of the budget items are, like insurance, beyond our control. It's a new year and a new beginning, but sometimes it is discouraging and I am reminded of Dorothy Wordworth's verses one cold winter: "The days are cold, the nights are long, The North wind sings a doleful song,..."

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The "Song" isn't all "doleful" though. We have received a grant to repave and upgrade Homestead Lane. This will be a big help to the "pay as you go" road improvement plan started two years ago. We've had some fruitful talks with Hightstown's Mayor Augenbaugh regarding some cooperative services, like garbage pick-up. neighbors have begun to move into the new homes on Eleanor Drive and we will be able to welcome new families on North Valley Road and Lake Drive this year. Plans for our Fiftieth Anniversary are well underway. Newcomers, original settlers, old and young are preparing a variety of entertainments, reminiscences, arts and refreshments for a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend Anniversary celebration. Call Borough Hall and leave your name if you'd like to help with the preparations.

Council meets the second Wednesday of each month and welcomes your interest and participation.

Happy New Year!



#### Birth Announcement

AnnaLee Rose Levin, born Nov 1, 1985 to Bruce and Pamela Levin of Las Vagas, Nevada. The proud grandparents, Toby and Jules Levin (Rochdale Avenue) just returned from a visit with AnnaLee and brothers: Sean and Brett.







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#### SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS.

By Helga Wisowaty

Jeannette Koffler brought us up-to-date on future activities. On February 5 there will be a Senior Citizen's Party at Convention Hall in Asbury Park. A box lunch will be given to everyone. Rain date, March 26. Confusion regarding the shopping bus will be cleared up after we contact the Director Of The Office Of Aging in Freehold.

At our January 7 meeting Mr. Robert Scanton, Field Representative for Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, etc., gave us much information about these programs. He said the retirement fund will be solvent until 2050 and will probably accumulate a surplus. Medicare is not as strong but has improved.

Attention Senior Citizens and Low Income Families

Distribution of Rice, Flour and Honey will be held Friday, Jan: 31, at the Solar Village Clubhouse, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring you Social Security card or number.

Jeanette Koffler



Announcement

The Monmouth County Department of Health is now holding the school age immunization clinics every Monday morning at its Asbury Park Office.

The patients are requested to be present between 8:30 am and 9:30 am.

It is necessary that the parent or legal guardian accompany the student.

We request that you or the parent call 775-4060 to make an appointment and to state what immunizations are required. Some vaccines are in short supply and it is necessary that we know what will be needed on any given date.

#### COUNCIL REPORT

A letter was read from Mrs. Leefer in reference to a nuisance on Homestead Lane indicating that a legal action taken by the Leefers was settled out of court. A letter from the First Aid Squad regarding bad road conditions on North Valley Road was also read. The Mayor stated that the Borough would continue to monitor the situation requiring the construction company to maintain the road in satisfactory condition. The letters are part of the public record and are thus available for reading by interested persons.

Re-organized committees reported that they would be holding meetings throughout the month to prepare for the 1986 budget. The Mayor reported for the Safety Committee reminding residents that dog licences must be renewed.

A motion passed with regard to budget re-adjustment to complete the 1985 budget.

Council persons Watchler and Leefer reminded members of the Council that the employee appreciation dinner will be held on January 20th. The Borough Clerk reported that employees had been notified.

#### ROOSEVELT SOLAR VILLAGE

## Asset or liability, boon or blunder?

By Peter Berlinrut

Not too many months after Solar Village was comleted (more or less) I had a conversation with a fellow resident, an old-time friend, that startled me a bit and has been haunting me ever since. And all the more so since the negative sentiments she expressed were matched by similar sentiments heard from other town people.

I was Building Inspector then and people found it natural to get their critical opinions off their chests in my presence. We were talking of other things, this friend and I, and somehow the matter of Solar Village came up and out of the blue came her surprising statement. "You know, I think that whole project is jerry-built, " she said, "it's just inferior."

I had heard critical opinions before but never one as sweeping and dismissory as this one and it left me astonished and silent. It was only with the passage of days and weeks that I took to asking a few hard questions and reached several conclusions: first and foremost, how did she know, by what evidence had she formed the notion that this senior citizens' housing development was poorly built?

Or how did that critic who was indignant about the nearness of the project to the road, reach the idea there had been dereliction of duty on the part of the Planning Board for granting site approval, if not actual skullduggery?

Or where was the origin or justification for the disgraceful suspicion that money had changed hands, a rumor I had heard being passed around?

Or finally, what facts supported the amorphous belief that this project was a millstone around Roosevelt's neck? As Building Inspector even if I was not omniscient (nor showed any signs of becoming so in the early offing), I was fairly close to the action at all times. And I therefore am in a fairly good position to pass judgment on all these claims and to deny them.

First, the belief that the project was jerry-built or that the workmanship was shoddy. It is false. Was the design at fault? No. The design and the drawings were done by an architectural firm chosen with much care by a committee of the Trustees.

I can't take space to narrate all the details but the Committee did its work most commendably, interviewing several architectural firms, viewing actual work done, etc., etc. Kelbaugh and Lee, who were chosen, were competent and their design earned a prize from an architectural organization.

All the materials specified for the buildings were standard and approved. Barring certain details which I will discuss later, the workmanship was excellent. I saw the structures rise from the stepped footings, to the sheet-rocked walls and windows and to the roofs, and everything was done up to standard. Most of this work was done by subcontractors which, by a peculiarity of the construction industry, was an advantage.

While (in my opinion) the general contractor was inexperienced for his role, his subcontractors knew their business for the most part and did their work properly (again, with exceptions I will take up). I was on the premises several times a week, able to see and judge what was happening. The architects, either Kelbaugh of Lee came frequently enough to keep tabs on what

was being done. The man who represented the Trustees and was their coordinator for the project was also their from time to time.

How then could this project be jerry-built with poor material of shoddy workmanship and yet escape our collective eye? The answer is that it couldn't and it didn't. Substantially, the project is well designed and well built (and once more, those exceptions).

I said the general contractor was inexperienced and unready for his role. I will cite several instances of my experience with him to establish the point. When I was on the premises for the first time and saw the ground markers staked out for the location of the several structures, I was dismayed by their proximity to the road. I asked to talk to the contractor but he wasn't there (he was seldom there).

I wanted to know where and how they had located the center line of North Valley Road to use as a reference for the location of the buildings. No one there, not even the superintendent in charge could tell me. I could have stopped the job there and then but thinking about it, I decided not to. Someone said the markers had been laid out by a surveyor and I concluded they couldn't be out more than a foot or so from the road. Meanwhile a backhoe was waiting to start digging the trenches so I let the matter drop.

Another time I came to a job site meeting attended by everyone connected with the project in some official or important capacity. There were two representatives from the Farmers Home Administration which was financing the project, David Davies the coordinator for the Trustees, Sam Gurlya superintendent of the job at the time, the general contractor's brother representing the aforesaid, a subcontractor and a supplier of materials.

I was there with an important letter from the Soil Conservation Committee of the district advising me what the contractor had to do to be permitted to continue work on the project. It involved spreading bales of hay to control the drainage and some other

uncomplicated and inexpensive steps.

I harely finished reading the letter before the contractor's brother flew into a rage and shouted he couldn't be concerned with these trifling technicalities. He was obviously uninformed who and what the Soil Conservation Committee was and the power it had to put pressure on me to stop the job pending compliance with soil conservation requirements.

Then there were numerous times when I appeared on the job site to find no one representing the general contractor in charge. This was in violation of a provision of the Uniform Construction Code requiring such a superintendent.

Most serious of all, days and days passed when no work and no progress was in evidence on the job, a result of the poor scheduling of subcontractors or the failure of suppliers to deliver necessary materials to the job site. I mention the unsatisfactory performance by the general contractor for one important reason: it did not affect the essential soundness of the structures, whatever the delay, the inconvenience, and the friction.

What then produced the difficulties found later? In my opinion, two factors that were related, one producing the other. First, solar heating construction as designed by the architects is still fairly new and second, journeyman workers competent in conventional construction are a bit lost with the requirements of this newer thing.

Example: pipes carrying water to be heated by the sun froze and burst after an intense cold spell. They should have been insulated but never were. The plumbing contractor whose work it was had an excuse not entirely implausible: first, the pipes were inside the buildings and high up off the ground; and second, how could sunlight warm the water inside the pipes if they were covered by insulation?

Whatever the case, the damage and inconvenience wrought by the uninsulated pipes were severe indeed and no doubt contributed not a little to the rumor that the project was jerry-built.

Then too any sort of solar con-

struction in which windows are a part of a roof have to be carefully calked and sealed with good materials. This was not done in all instances. There were probably other instances of hasty or careless work, the sort that crop up in almost every structure ever erected by human hands. We have all read of most expensive buildings, palaces, skyscrapers, breaking out with unsuspected 'bugs' when put to use. Frank Lloyd Wright's buildings (never cheaply or meanly built) and visited by knowledgable architects a few years ago were said to be in considerable disrepair. So that it is false to charge that Solar Village was jerry-built. On the contrary, basically its buildings are sound and well built.

I have run out of space for this month's issue. Next month I will deal with the remaining issues: Was Solar Village built too close to the road? Were bribes paid by anyone to anyone for improper favors or suspending rules? Is Solar Village a millstone of sorts around our collective neck? And to ease anyone's intolerable suspense, let me say I will respond to the first in the affirmative and to the other two in an emphatic negative.



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#### LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editors

You requested opinions about the Boro Bulletin. We feel it is an outstanding work of art. This last issue appropriately led off with the long, technical "town planning" article. How good to have the zoning map in our hands! Many people will appreciate the various issues dealt with there, particularly in these times of confusion about new houses in Roosevelt and the Planning Board's proposal for an historical preservation ordinance.

The new Children's Corner and the continuing regular columns are excellent and delightful. We miss Berlinruts' "Inch by Inch" and Russell's "To Health" but must say Ms. Russell sure is doing a great service by investigating and reporting on water Here's to pollution problems. health, and everyone else's too! We commend A. Weiner for keeping those "Neighbors" columns coming. How good it is to learn about our fellow townspeople! What a town this Roosevelt is!

Congratulations also on inspiring so many large and small donations, and getting many attractive ads, so that you can continue publishing. The fact that a person who moved away from Roosevelt a long time ago, Mrs. Grossman of Connecticut, would donate \$100 really impressed us with how important the Boro Bulletin is.

Florence and Herbert Johnson

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#### NEIGHBORS

# Two More Stalwarts

By Adeline Weiner

Fulfilling the American dream of democratic self-government is a widely shared ideal. In actuality though it requires that some of our neighbors periodically rush through dinner, bundle up against the cold (or sweat it out in the heat), drag themselves out of the house after a hard day's work to go sit through unending discussions of things like pot-holed streets, budget short-falls and garbage bids, all in order to run the town government on chronically insufficient funds.

Two such worthy citizens have newly joined the Roosevelt Borough Council: Ferris Stout, voted into office in the



last election and Edward Moser, appointed by the Mayor to the seat left vacant by George Levinson's tragic death. They are men of markedly different backgrounds and interests who will surely add to the beneficial diversity of our civic life.

Ferris Stout, who grew up in a well-to-do family in Bronxville, New York, is a chemical engineer who for the last twenty years has worked as a patent agent and consultant to several universities, helping to license and patent inventions produced by their faculty members. His background includes a host of experiences from dairy farmer to technical director of a paper mill; from process engineer for General Electric to airplane pilot. Mr. Stout still flies his own Mooney single-engine plane that takes him to his work around the country.

Although this is the first time Ferris has held political office and is a relative new-comer, it strikes him that Roosevelt is indeed a unique place. On the one hand, he says, there appears to be no urgent historical or economic reason for its existence, such as having been a railway junction or the site of some specific industrial activity. Still it has managed for 50 years to provide a pleasant haven of affordable housing for some one thousand people, an enclave that derives strength from its Jewish heritage and from its indigenous assembly artists. Above all, he feels that the community has been most fortunate in the high degree of voluntary service it is able to command.

He makes the point that the relatively small size of our community exacts a price which we must face up to and be realistically willing to pay. "Although I may well be subject to correction after actual experience on the Council, it seems to me not a wise

policy to rely on borrowing as much as we do. It is also my present impression that though Howard Chasan has done a magnificent job, we are still confronted with, for example, the expensive problem of an unsafe electrical power system."

Because Mr. Stout feels that we must inevitably rely on ourselves to finance crucial services such as water and sewage disposal, he was "quite shocked to find that a full 80% of real estate taxes goes to support our school", leaving a meager budget indeed for essential repair of the municipal infrastructure. On the other hand he "shortchange doens't want to children just because mine are grown up. "

He has in fact a strong feeling for youngsters as demonstrated by a past project with a group of preadolescent boys called "Olympics of the Mind". Aside from the prickly problems of our costly school budget, he feels that our town needs to make some hard choices, especially if we plan, as he suggests, to "stop borrowing and start fixing." There is no doubt that Ferris Stout is ready and willing to help shoulder that task.

Right alongside him with another point of view is Councilmember Edward Moser who comes from a family of Jewish workers in Brooklyn. He went to high school and college there and later pursued a doctoral degree at the University of Pittsburgh. His subjects were history and sociology which he taught at Trenton State and at different times at Fairleigh Dickenson and Rutgers.

He was an early advocate of Black Studies and affirmative action policies, eventually going to work for the N.J. Division of Civil Rights where he helped to persuade Little League teams to admit girl players and the N.J. State Police to recruit women officers. As a result of activity during the 1979 strike of state employees he became, and is now, a full time staff representative of the Mercer County Local of the CWA union of state employees.

In the course of our interview, Ed gave his view that the best thing for Roosevelt would be if we had a national moratorium on arms production and turned all those dollars toward federal aid to cities and towns. The cost of just one rocket could run the community for 20 years, he says, we are a lot less safe now than we were in 1966.

He thinks it's wrong for home owners to have to carry the burden of municipal services out of top-heavy real estate taxes. "It's simply a bad philosophy of government". Ideally, he thinks, big government should turn back



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a lot more of our tax money than it does. Even the many local companies and supermarkets that use the skills and patronage of people in the area should do their share to keep employees and customers alive and well so they can go on working and buying.

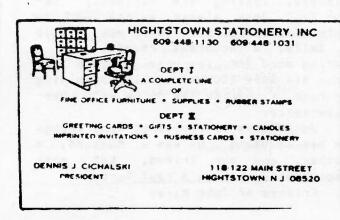
"Of course, there's no magic solution. Unless we all look for ways to reform the general tax structure we will always be in crisis, "says Mr. Moser. "But since we're boxed into dependence on local property taxes, we must share the poverty in such a way that basic necessary services are somehow accomplished."

Ed Moser has lived in Roosevelt since 1964 and for several years was a Democratic Party Committeeman as well as a member for two years of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He says though he may have certain "philosophical prejudices", he entertains no "local prejudices" regarding the jobs to be done. He will serve in whatever way he can to maintain the best level of municipal operations possible.









#### JOHN L. MALEY

John Lawrence Maley, 34, of Westerly, R.I., husband of Donna Jean (Totin) Maley, died November 13 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Providence.

A Navy veteran of Vietnam Conflict, he received an honorable discharge in 1978 after eight years of active duty. A special instructor in ordnance mechanics, Mr. Maley had completed several submarine deterrent patrols, last serving aboard the Nathanael Greene as a missile technician.

He was born in Princeton, June 8, 1951, a son of Thomas and Josephine (Houlahan) Maley of Roosevelt. He attended Hightstown High School.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Matthew Maley; two brothers, Thomas Maley of Ashville, N.C., and James Maley of Roosevelt; one nephew; and three nieces.

EXCERPT FROM RHODE ISLAND

#### A Real Hero

Fictional heroes are bigger than life. Their acts of heroism are heralded in print and emblazoned across movie screens. Real heroes perform their acts of courage and self-sacrifice quietly and in relative obscurity in the company of friends and relatives.

John Maley was a "real" hero. He was afflicted with a debilitating disease, leaving him virtually immobile. John always maintained an enthusiastic spirit. There was always a smile, a humorous remark, and a caring word for everyone. Those who knew him were touched by his unyielding courage, a quality few of us will ever experience.

John Maley accomplished many things in his 34 years. He was a husband, a father, and our friend, but most importantly, he was a real hero.

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#### FIRE COMPANY NEWS

#### 1986, The year of the volunteer

By Gloria Hazell

Would you assist your neighbor if they needed help? Would you join in a search for a missing child? Would you offer assistance at a motor vehicle accident?

I can almost hear people saying, "I'd like to think I would." Or, "Yes, of course I would." Yet isn't it strange that with all these caring souls around there are very few people in the Roosevelt Volunteer Rescue Squads?

We on the Fire Company are not heros, do-gooders, or brave. We are people just like you who care about our community and friends and want to help.

The Fire Company needs more volunteers. Even if you don't like fire or heights there are always other things you could do such as help with traffic control or be a gofer.

I know that the typical Roosevelt residents are caring people and many are involved in other groups or organ-

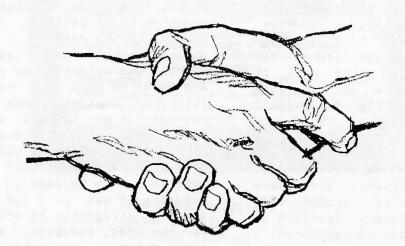
izations, but if you joined us you would find that the positions do not take up much time, but are spiritually rewarding.

In this year of the volunteer why not contact us and find out more about the Company. We do need you. And ladies, it would be nice to have other females in the Company, I get lonely being the only one!

Please contact any of the people listed below for details.

The new elected officers of the Fire Department and Fire Company are as follows:

Chief-----Kim Dexheimer
Ass't Chief---Jim Manzi
President----Jimmy D'Brien
V. President--Kim Dexheimer
Secretary-----Gloria Hazell
Treasurer-----George Loyer



#### LOVE OF WORDS

## Some vague remarks about ambiguity

By Josef G. Solomon

There are those who claim that ambiguity is the source of all humor. That's a bit extreme, perhaps, but it is certainly true that a great deal of humor is based on ambiguity. Come to think of it, so are a great many movies. One movie-incident in particular comes to mind: "I'll give you a ring", he said, when all he meant was that he would telephone her. And, on this slender thread, movies are made. Well, look at it this way: If not for old second-rate movies, your television screen would be dark half the time. There will be a brief pause, while we decide whether that would be bad.

Well, back to the subject. A considerable amount of humor is accidental, and arises from unintentional ambiguity. Perhaps the most common is the dangling participle. For example, "Walking down the street, I saw a yellow house." The house was not walking down the street. The sentence should be recast--something like, "As I was walking down the street, I saw a yellow house." One can find really hilarious examples of this genre. "Benny Hill" does jokes based on ambiguity very frequently; however, despite the fact that he's on television, his jokes are not suitable for a family newspaper, so none will be quoted here. (For those who do like that sort of thing, "The Benny Hill Show" is just the sort of thing you would like.).

Let's Hear It For Security!

My former place of employ was moderately security conscious, and there was a sign on the wall: "PLEASE WEAR YOUR BADGE IN PLAIN VIEW". Inasmuch as the sign was all caps, I appended a note: "Ok, I promise to wear my badge whenever I'm in Plainview." They did not appreciate my remark. It is not known whether it played in Plainview."

Some scandal-magazine had an interesting headline about a famous person whose name escapes me; you would recognize it instantly, if only I remembered it: "The true story of X's death by her own sister". What they really meant was, "The true story of X's death, written by her own sister." It makes a difference: As far as we know, X was not murdered by her own sister-or by anybody; she just died.

Remember Radio?

Many years ago, on some comedy show, the comedian had written a speech about himself. Someone else was to deliver it. Our hero read it aloud (so the audience could hear it the way it was supposed to sound), before finding his friend and giving him the speech. In the speech, he praised himself highly, and mentioned some of the things he had done in the entertainment industry ( and he really had ). His friend delivered the speech without having read it first, and the speech became something totally different. The words were all exactly the same as the comedian had written them, but the punctuation was changed. All I remember of it is that, after several clauses of the form "...a man who..., who...", it went on to say, "...who has had his own network show for ten years. who cares so much for radio,..." As delivered, that part came out, "...who has had his own network show for ten years. Who cares? So much for radio." Unambiguous COBAL

It's very difficult <u>not</u> to be ambiguous. In my days in the standards industry, I was part of a committee striving diligently to write a standard for the COBAL language. We had a vigorous debate on the subject of "levels of qualification"--which I will not further explain here. The question was, How many levels of qualification

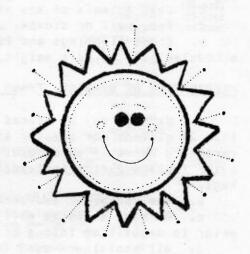
would be required? The language allows as many as 49 levels, but the language-implementers wanted to reduce that number drastically, to make life easier for themselves. (Although the language allows 49 levels, it's hard even to imagine a situation where someone would need as many as 10.) After several hours of debate, the committee decided that an implementer could implement as many levels as he wanted, but that he would have to implement at least 5 levels. The agreed-upon language said, "The implementer may set the maximum number of levels of qualification he will allow. The implementer may not set this number below 5."

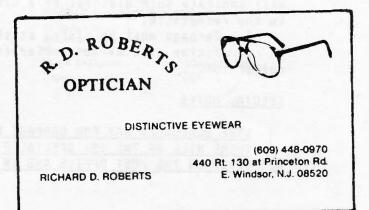
Clear? Unambiguous? Boy, did we hear it from the reader! (All the deliberations of the committee were published, as was a draft of the posed standard, so that it would be acceptable to the using community, rather than being imposed upon the users.) He started his angry letter with "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?", and went on to scold us for using muddy language. In particular, he pointed out to us--to our shock--that our "unambiguous" language could be read to mean, implementer may not set this number below 5"--or, of course, he may. not" could mean either permission or prohibition! "If you mean 'must not', say it." We fixed it.

Be Clear About Ambiguity!

What I remember most about my time with that committee was one kind of vote, which we did several times. Frequently, a reader of the proposed standard would write in to suggest that a certain phrase was ambiguous--as in the example cited above. Sometimes, someone would suggest a facetious answer to clear up the problem in the reader's mind. For example, in COBOL, one can use words such as AND, OR, and NOT. You can say AND NOT, for example, but one reader wrote in to ask whether it was legal syntax to say NOT NOT. One member of the committee suggested that we send him a letter saying, "NOT NOT" is a no-no, dum-dum." We didn't do it, but we enjoyed the suggestion.

Sometimes, we would recognize the justice of the claim, and rewrite the offending phrase. Often, alas, someone on the committee would agree with the reader that it was ambiguous, but some would claim that it was not. After a rousing discussion, we would vote on whether the existing wording was ambiguous! The vote would come out, say, 17-8 that the existing wording was not ambiguous, and that would be that. I would arque with them: "Guys, how can you vote on whether something is ambiguous? Either it is, or it isn't. Voting 17-8 that it isn't ambiguous is like voting 17-8 to make it unanimous. We're the experts. If some of us say that it's ambiguous, then it is." I lost that fight. Every time.





#### GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR 1986 WILL BE ONCE PER WEEK ON WEDNESDAY

Please take note of the following excerpts from the specifications for garbage pick up in the Borough of Roosevelt.

The contractor WILL NOT pick up garbage that does not meet these requirements.

A summons will be issued when garbage is left out on days other then collection day.

#### EXCEPTIONS TO HOUSEHOLD PICKUPS:

The following items are excluded from collection by the contractor:

- a. Materials created in the demolition or destruction of any building.
- b. Materials created in a course of construction or alteration of any building, such as, wall board, lumber, concrete, asphalt or their aggregates and pipe, either plastic or metal.
- c. Dead animals of any size or type or fecal matter.
  - d. Sod, soil or stones.
- e. Grass clippings and leaves will be limited to two (2) bags per scheduled pick up unit weight not to exceed sixty (60) pounds.

#### PREPARATION OF GARBAGE, TRASH AND REFUSE FOR COLLECTION:

- a. Garbage may be placed in durable covered containers not smaller than 20 gallons nor greater than 35 gallon capacity or in securely tied cardboard boxes if said boxes are protected against disintegration and water leakage during inclement weather or plastic or reinforced fiber bags.
  - b. The container and contents shall not weigh more than 75 pounds.
- c. Garbage shall be well drained and placed in a bag or wrapped prior to depositing into a trash receptacle.
- d. All containers used for garbage other than those defined in Section 4a, will be considered as an illegal container and disposed of as garbage.
- e. Any receptacle which becomes unusable due to wear and use will be disposed of by the contractor provided that the homeowner or tenant will indicate such disposal by a discriptive note or message attached to the receptacle.
  - f. Garbage must be placed at the curb or roadside in one location.
- g. Pickup will be no earlier than 6:00 am of the day of scheduled collection.

#### SPECIAL NOTES

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### Santa did come to town-1

Dear Editor:

On December 15, 1985 in the Trenton Times-page A2-an inciting article, topped by an inciting headline appeared making the town of Roosevelt look like a bigotted outpost wherein Santa Claus was not permitted to enter ( and during the Christmas season to boot!) Jewish, when I read such articles I get frightened because they are (mainly) untrue and emotions rise to an unhealthy level. As a result, I immediately wrote to the Trenton Times (as below) but I am writing to you in as much as I do not have much faith in them printing my letter as they have taught me that to provoke sells papers. So: here goes:

Trenton Times Attention Editors

How dare you print a headline such as that one on page A2 of your 12/15/85 paper. IT'S A LIE!! Santa came to Roosevelt in 1984, in 1983 and for the previous 46 years of the existence. He even came to the home of the Defoes -- to the home of the Hermanns and to the houses of any Christian who was residing in the town in any given year. Ho one sees Santa Claus!! The picture in your paper is that of Stevie Yeger who hardly looks like him--his beard is fake! Don't sham this holiday any more than has already been done by media ignorance and greed. A little dignity--please

Thanks Frieda Anish

### Santa did come to town-2

On December 14th Santa Claus came to town and instead of passing through as he did in '84 he stayed on to speak with the Roosevelt children and to sit with the adults singing carols and songs.

This all came into being by the efforts of a number of Roosevelt residents who felt that it was time Santa came here for the children instead of the children having to go to see Santa at Quakerbridge or elsewhere.

It had been hoped that Santa would arrive in town and journey to the Solar Village on the Fire Truck, but when the Council was

asked for permission to use it, they turned the request down. It was stated that the truck should only be used for fires.

Santa was played by Steve Yeger and his elf was Trene Rlock. The audience was made up of koosevelt residents both young and not so young, who thoroughly enjoyed this tradition, as they do in many other parts of the world.

One of the organizers, Mary Defoe, said she hoped that this would become an annual event and hoped to expand it next year.

Gloria Hazell



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## Toxic Waste in Assunpink?

By David Teich

The Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, which borders Roosevelt to the South, is a 5,400 acre tract of state Green Acres land. It has swamps, fields, forests, and miles and miles of trails. This trail network is so extensive that in over 9 years of walking, and more recently bicycling, I have yet to see them all.

Whenever I go to the Assumpink with someone who has never been there before, the newcomer invariably finds a trail that I don't know. When a friend and I went there this past November there was no exception to this rule, as we turned off onto a dirt road I had never explored. Proceeding along this road, we turned onto a trail that led through a dead cornfield. (The state cultivates some of the Assunpink land.) As the field climbed up a hillside, so did the trail we were on, until it led into the woods. As we got deeper into the woods, the trail got rougher, until it came to a clearing at the top of the hill, where we came across what appeared to be a dump. It was strange looking: huge wads of vinyl or plastic were piled about as high as a house; each one a different, bright color; each one had some sort of heavy metal mesh embedded in it. Alongside this pile was another pile, this one a heap of 55-gallon drum lids. It appeared as if they had been from fiber drums which had rotted away (spilling whatever) and left only the metal lids to deteriorate slowly. We came away from this scene offended, but resolved to do something about the situation.

In the phone book I looked under "New Jersey, State of" and contacted the Department of Environmental Protection. Their Division of Waste Management is responsible for investigation toxic waste, chemical spills, etc. I called and spoke to an officer who took all the information over the phone. He

told me that the next step would be for him to make a report, and then an officer would be assigned to make a visual inspection. He said he would let me know what the results of the investigation were, and I will follow this information up.

In this area, the number to call to report environmental hazards is 609-426-0780. The address is:

NJDEP Division of Waste Management Central Field Office Twin Rivers Professional Building East Windsor, NJ 08520

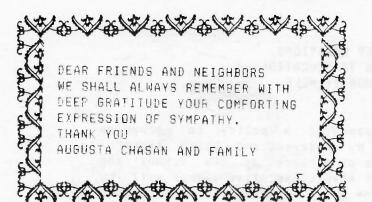


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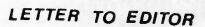
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The Maley Family



Clara Levinson

Letter From Florida

Dear Old Friends and Residents who moved away! Each and every one of you were in touch with me to express your shared grief and love of my dearest George.

Joel, Martha and I thank you for recalling beautiful memories of happier times in our lives, and we extend good wishes for good health and joyous days with you loved ones.

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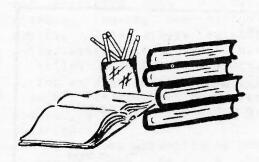
The board of education recently approved a policy to recognize long-term contributions to the school by employees and board members. Employees who have more than ten years of service at the school and board members who have served at least five consecutive years will be honored by having their names placed on group plaques in the school lobby. If you know of any staff or board member who should be recognized by this award, please notify Helen Barth or Jay Cavalluzzo in the school office at 448-2798. We have 50 years worth of school board minutes to check through, and your help in identifying individuals would be appreciated.

RPS is also in need of some volunteer effort on behalf of the school library. Clerical help is needed to inventory books on the shelves, file books and type index cards. Most of the work needs to be done at the school during school hours, but the typing could be done at home

The last request is for people willing to be added to our list of substitute teachers. We frequently have difficulty getting substitutes because they do not want to travel all the way out to Roosevelt, and many substitutes do not want to work around holidays. If you have completed two years of college you can substitute in a primary school. The school office will aid you in obtaining a substitute teaching certificate. The pay is currently \$38 per day and \$43 if the substituting session lasts for more than five consecutive days.

If you can assist the school in any of these endeavors, please call the school office at the number above. Thank you in advance for your help.

Mary King, President Roosevelt Board of Education.





#### SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By Herb Johnson

Since the last School Board meeting reported on, the board met 6 times through January 9th. This report will refer to matters of most interest.

On November 21, the board approved the school nurse, Faye Josephson, gettin training to be certified to administer strep throat tests to students. The board wrote Congress to oppose the Gramm-Rudman amendment which requires a balanced budget in 5 years with the President deciding which domestic programs to cut.

On December 5, an 8-page Long Range Facilities Plan was presented, the cost of which is estimated to be \$49,000 in '86, \$8,000 in '87, \$6,000 in '88, \$8,000 in '89, and \$12,000 in '90. Residents may get a copy of the very interesting report from the Board Secretary, Ms. Cavalluzzo. The ten field trips of students this fall were reported on. The board considered roof lighting for the problem of people climbing on the school roof at night.

On the 12th, the board had a workshop on determining the budget for the '86-'87 year. More on this later.

On December 19, the Negotiations Committee reported that its meeting with the teachers' committee The Policy Committee went smoothly. continued its steady updating of board The board approved policies. second reading of the Student Discipline Policy, and the first reading of the Awards for Student Achievement Policy. Also approved were: an additional day per week for Special Education teachers Ms. Staggard and Ms. Cohn; and spending \$1,000 for new books for the school library.

On January 2, Ellen Francis was hired to be Lunch Room Aide at \$4.75 per hour. To prevent another long delay in uncovering the library mural, the board members decided to secure scaffolding and repair the ceiling tiles themselves on January 26. New music books and recordings costing \$685

were approved, as was the second reading of the student awards for achievement policy.

On January 9, 8 of 9 board members were present to whittle away at the 54 line items in the appropriations proposed for the '86-'87 budget. A 15-page accounting of past, present and proposed revenues and expenses must be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools this month. It includes 125 items, many of which are 7 columns across. More time was needed.

Another meeting was scheduled, and announced on the bulletin board in the Post Office, for Monday, January 13, at 7:30pm.

That evening the board approved a proposed current expense budget of \$850,484 which is 5.4% more than last year's. State and Federal aid are expected to be \$34,500 less than last year's, so \$56,473 more is to be raised by local taxes, a total of \$436,968.

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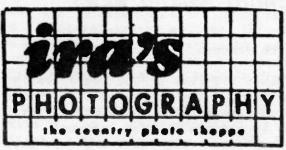
By Andy Hazell

Well folks it's that time of year again, the holidays are over and it's time to get your tax returns in and sort out your bank accounts-including, of course your Blood Bank Account.

Yes, in case you didn't know it already, you all have a blood bank account. In fact every man, woman and child in Roosevelt has an account, enabling all of us to draw blood whenever we need it.

However (have you noticed how there is always a "however" in these things?) to enable anybody to withdraw from the bank we need to make a deposit now and again. In our case we need to make 50 deposits---50 units of blood---to secure the town for the new year. Unlike most banks, this one comes to you on Monday, February 10, at the Borough Hall, from 6pm-9pm.

To become one of the fifty (we would welcome more with joy) you need to be 18 years or older (17 with signed parental permission), so come and make your deposit on the tenth. All it will cost you is a little time and in return you'll get coffee and cookies plus that feeling of pride for being one of the fifty who kept our account at the blood bank open to all.



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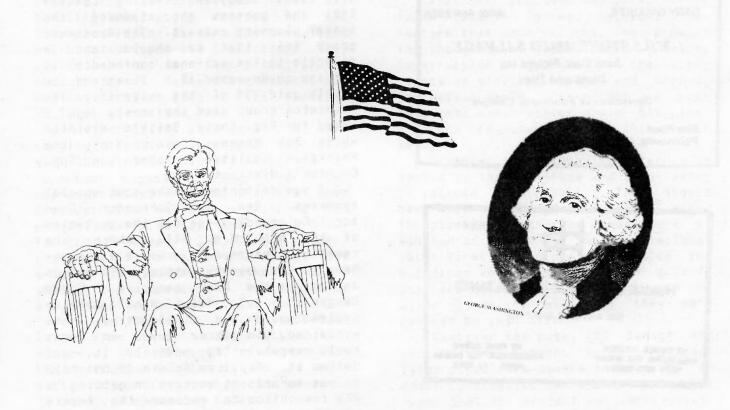
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#### ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 1986

4	TUESDAY	2P <b>M</b>	SENIOR CITIZENS	BOROUGH HALL
5	WEDNESDAY	8PM	PLANNING BOARD	BOROUGH HALL
6	THURSDAY	8PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	R.P.S.
10	MONDAY	8FM	BORO COUNCIL AGENDA	BOROUGH HALL
12	WEDNESDAY	8РМ	BORO COUNCIL	BOROUGH HALL
18	TUESDAY	1-4PM	SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH PROGRAM	SOLAR VILLAGE
		1-8FM	F000 C0-0P	BOROUGH HALL
19	WEDNESDAY	7-8:30	MON. COUNTY BOOKMOBILE	PO PARKING LOT
20	THURSDAY	8PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	R.P.S.

IF YOU HAVE A MONTHLY MEETING OR A SPECIAL EVENT THAT YOU WOULD, LIKE OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT PLEASE CALL FLORIE JOHNSON, 443-1947.



#### **GETTING ACQUAINTED**

Hello. My name is Barbara Ewing. I just moved into town (September) and now live at 9 Homestead Lane. I formerly lived in Cranbury.

I graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Agriculture and am employed with AmeriGroup Inc., in New York, an investment banking firm that specializes in investment partnerships with thoroughbred horses. I also own four Borzois (Russian Wolfhounds) that compete in dog shows and obedience and field trials.



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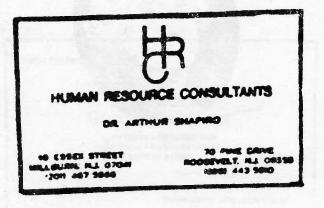
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Report on the National Conference of the Nuclear Weapons

By Herb Johnson

Freeze Campaign in Chicago IL on November 15-17, 1985.

The Roosevelt Committee for Nuc-Disarmament held a grass-roots conference October 6 to assess the disarmament movement's successes and failures. The meeting developed some exciting ideas. J. Landau, J. Shahn, and A. Weiner wrote a report on it and sent it to the Coalition in Princeton, which made 50 copies and shared them with its Strategy and Steering Committees and persons who attended its annual planning retreat. The Roosevelt group felt that we should send delegate to the national conference in Chicago on November 15. I agreed to go. It paid 55% of the expenses; the Princeton group paid the rest; and I voted for Rep. Chris Smith's district while Bob Moore, Director of the Princeton Coalition, voted for Courter's district.

I was delighted by the four special Rep. Pat Schroeder (Demspeakers. ocrat-Colorado) described the mechanics of the bill H.R. 3442 which she recently presented to achieve a comprehensive test ban by cutting off funds as long as the USSR complies. Pres. Reagan's S.D.I. "Star Wars" defense system would be ineffective, she explained, in three ways: an enemy could overwhelm it, underfly it, and outfox it. Rep. Les AuCoin (D-OR) told of his surprising success in getting a VFW convention to endorse the freeze when he explained the common security

benefits of it. He urged us to get lots more conservatives behind the Freeze.

Jesse Jackson spoke at Saturday, making a tremendous impression on the 140 delegates and the other 200 people there. He described the need to focus on the immediate victims as well as the ultimate victims of nuclear arms race. In conclusion he expressed his conviction that the November Summit could and must affect the arms race this year, and accepted our invitation to accompany four leaders of the Freeze Campaign as they went to Geneva on Sunday deliver the 1.2 million petitions for ending the tests and production of nuclear arms. Just before send-off, Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) and our National Freeze executive director Jane Gruenebaum made inspiring speeches, and we had an effective roll-call report, state by state, on how many petition signatures were collected, and how many vigils on the eve of the Summit were to be held in towns across the USA. Boxes with the petitions to Gorbachev and Reagan were stacked on the platform six feet high.

Two weeks before the conference I was sent a 6-page "1986 Strategy Proposal" and then, two days before I left, another 18 pages came: three alternate proposals sent by Freeze organizations in Cambridge, MA, NYC's 15th Congressional District, and NYC's Riverside Church. When I checked in, I was given 50 more pages. It looked like we needed a week instead of three days.

We had 4 plenary sessions, workshops, small-group discussions and 1986 straw-voting on proposals for strategy, open microphone forum Saturday morning, and to conclude regional implementation sessions. What was accomplished? Approval was given to the first two pages of the original proposal, which calls for primary focus on a halt to nuclear warhead testing, and then a halt to flight testing of ballistic and cruise missiles; secondary focus on halting research and development of Star Wars and systems; and also raising public awareness and influencing the electoral debate by public actions, lobbying and educational work. The straw-voting in small groups Friday cut half the 57 tactics originally proposed. Almost all the remaining ones, after debate in plenary sessions, were approved. included: 1) promote signed ads, vigils and resolutions calling for testing halt, 2) promote Geneva Watch; and actions to reveal the economic burden of the arms race on local towns and states, 3) promote the Nuclear-free Zone Campaign, and 4) legislative tactics to achieve the main goals. The proposal to organize civil disobedience actions was revised to "inform local groups of opportunities" for such.

My hidden agenda was to present the October 6 Roosevelt Conference proposals. At the Friday and Saturday Long Range Planning Workshops, I described our conference's report and gave copies of it to the LRP Committee Chair and others interested in it.

I was delighted by the conference, depressed by the failure to get a test ban at the Summit, distracted by Pres. Reagan's apparent success in fooling Congress into believing he made progress toward nuclear disarmament, and I became more determined to help bring about real progress for the survival of our planet.



#### CHILDREN'S CORNER



# Studying the nature of "vibes"



By Keith Suk Gregory Zalesk Chris Suk Jimmy Steele



We, the 4th and 5th graders at Roosevelt Public School, studied sound and its vibrations. We made instruments in class from September through November. We made the instruments to learn about sound.

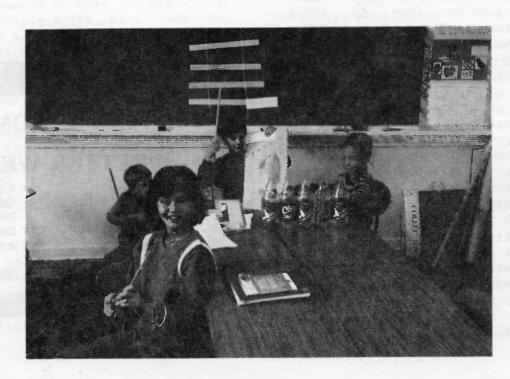
We built the instruments from materials that people donated or Ilene Levine bought. The materials were: bottles, wood, bamboo, dowels, bleach bottles, aluminum angle, aluminum tubing, electrical conduit tubing, and buckets. The tools we wsed were: hammer, saw, metal tubing cutter, and hand drill. The instruments we made

were: aluminum, angle, metal, bamboo, wood, and flowerpot chimes; rattles; one-string guitar; rhythm sticks; sand blocks; bottle whistles; bleach bottle banjo; water bells; hose-horn telephone; and xylophone.

After we made the instruments, we had a concert for all the grades, K-6. Ilene Levine made up a concert program which said who played what instruments. Then, on the last day, we invited our parents to a night concert to hear our instruments.

It was exciting to make and play the instruments.







#### News Item

Roosevelt, which was designated by ordinance in January 1983 as a nuclear free zone, will have a representative at the Third International Conference of Nuclear Free Zone Local Authorities, being held in Perugia, Italy, next month.

The Borough Council approved the attendance of Adeline Weiner, who is going to Italy at that time, as our delegate to this world-wide assembly of localities that have taken action on this issue.

The United Nations has endorsed the conference as part
of the UN's International 'Year
of Peace', and has declared
July 1st 'World Nuclear Free
Zone Day'. Observers from the
UN, the Italian and European
Parliaments and peace groups
everywhere are expected to
attend.

Ms Weiner will report to the Borough Bulletin and to the community at large on the results of this important meeting.

Adeline Weiner



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