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## XVII

# New 9-1-1 System Now in Effect Posting of House Numbers Required

by Lee Allen

Last month, the Borough Council adopted an ordinance which affects every homeowner in the Borough of Roosevelt. This ordinance requires the clear display of every house number on every street, including the homes on Nurko Road, North Rochdale and Eleanor Lane.

This ordinance was enacted to help increase the effectiveness of the new Monmouth County 911 service. In order to make emergency calls for Police, First Aid or Fire Department assistance, a resident only has to remember to dial 911 instead of the full seven digit telephone number as was the case in the past.

If anyone has been awakened in the middle of the night, as I have been, by one of these services looking for the right home, you will come to fully understand how many precious minutes can be saved during a loved one's time of need.

Most of our residents have already acted on their own recognizing the common sense in such a simple act of clearly marking their homes. The Council's goal is to have every home

marked by year end. In drafting this ordinance, great care was taken to review what neighboring communities have already done and we have taken from the best.

For instance, we could have just fined homeowners that do not comply, but we wanted to assure compliance first to help protect people. So we empowered the Council to commit funds to put the numbers on the homes with a charge-back mechanism to the homeowner.

The numbers are to be in Arabic numerals, no less that three (3) inches in height, mounted in a secure fashion where they are clearly visable both day and night from the street, at least thirty (30) inches from the ground and not obstructed in any way by shrubs, trees or any other planting or structure.

For those homes that are not easily visable from the street, a post or similar object next to the road will be necessary next to the driveway opening.

The Council thanks you in advance for your understanding and assistance in fulfilling our objectives.

#### by Stefan Martin



Self-portrait

A review of Stefan Martin's current exhibition at Mariboe Gallery appears on pages 12-13

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# **Bulletin**Board

# **Good News Coming!**

Starting in the next issue of the Bulletin, Rebecca Reuter, well known and appreciated Roosevelt baker, will begin to write a monthly column devoted to

baking and cooking.

This master baker has created fabulous cakes that have been served at many Roosevelt parties. No important event is complete without one of Rebecca's delicious concoctions. She has spent a number of years perfecting this art which she loves and we're sure she'll have lots of interesting and informative facts to impart

Not only does she excel in the patisserie department, she is also a great cook

and will include cooking recipes and tips as well.

In addition, she will encourage other accomplished Roosevelt cooks and bakers who take pride in their culinary achievements to share their ideas and recipes with us. And finally, she'll be happy to discuss problems or questions the less accomplished of us might have.

We're sure Rebecca's journalistic efforts will add to the joys of living in

Roosevelt.

# **Privatization in Roosevelt?**

by Peter Warren Chairman, Community Relations Committee

On October 21, a group of executives from the New Jersey-American Water Company toured our water/sewer facilities and exchanged information with Council members and employees. The parent company owns facilities nationwide, including a number in Monmouth County. The visit was a normal preliminary step that the Company takes in studying any possible acquisition. NJAM expects to complete its analysis of this information early in December.

If the Council and the Company agree that there is no interest in exploring the matter further, negotiations stop. Obviously both we and NJAM (or whoever turns out to be the highest bidder) would referendum to determine whether or not a majority of the users favor privatization, based on the information they have received. If a majority votes "no" in the referendum, the matter stops there. If a

majority votes "yes", the sale of the facilities is put out to public bid under carefully specified bid conditions, one of which would be that the lowest bid must be high enough to pay off our water/sewer debt, (about \$2.5 million). NJAM might or might not be the highest bidder.

The cash received by the Borough from the sale of the water/sewer facilities would go immediately to Farmers Home Administration to extinguish our debt to them. From then on, the Borough Council would be relieved of the onerous task of managing the water/sewer facilities.

Discussion with NJAM resulted from the initiative of two residents, Paula Haemmerle and Teri Skye who approached Assemblyman Singer for suggestions to alleviate Borough costs; the Assemblyman, in turn, introduced Haemmerle and Skye to officials of NJAM, who were subsequently invited by the Borough Council to appear at the September Council meeting for a preliminary presentation.

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## From a Council Seat:

by Stu Kaufman

Just want to tell you about some of the goings on in the world of streets.

Item 1. Final paving of Farm Lane has been completed. There is a punch list of items which the Borough Engineer will discuss with the contractor before final payment.

A contract was award-Item 2. ed to Straight Curb Corp. for construction of Eleanor Lane, Tamara Drive, Brown Street and Elm Court. The total amount of the contract is \$323,235.00, all of which is covered by grants. ADOT grant of \$146,000.00 will pay for Eleanor Lane and a CDBG grant of \$192,000.00 that will pay for Tamara Drive, Brown Street and Elm Court. Construction could begin by November, possibly. Completion of all road projects would not be until sometime in 1994. (I hope that's ambiguous enough) It's great that we can do all this work through grant monies, however, we do have costs that the Borough has to pay for: engineer design work and engineer inspection during construction. I hope these costs will be kept under \$75,000.00.

It's still a good deal any way you slice it. I just want to assure everyone living on those streets that they will be given the usual moments before construction begins notice, that our Public Works Dept. is famous for.

Don't Speed in Town!
Pas si Vite, Alors!
Nicht zu schnell
fahren, bitte!
Lente, lente currite!

# Et Nos in Illis... And We Change Too!

by Peter Warren

New Kids on the Block... None this month (Correction: last month, Danzic Vincent Turiano, not Green).

Moving In... No one, this month.

Moving Out... No one, this month.

Married... Lori Frank to Kelly Waldert, on October 24; Attila Zoltan Csefan to Marenela Liana Rusu, on September 17.

On the Market... As of October 15, 17 houses for sale.

Naturalized... Ana Quijano, on October 7.

On Safari... Cheri Katz, studying voice (and attending opera) in Salzburg during summer (and receiving Miller Grant at University of Miami); Krystyna Bieracka-Olejnik, to Cracow.

Observed... On Homestead Lane, a family of vultures, nesting under the Ellentucks' sun deck.

Second, Nationwide... 1992 New Jersey per capita income at \$26,989, after Connecticut.

Per Pupil Cost... In 1993 of \$9,355 in Roosevelt School District is lower than eight, about the same as six and higher than 34 districts in Monmouth County.

Completed... Farm Lane construction financed by DOT, mid-October.

**Scheduled...** Start of Eleanor lane (DOT-financed), and Tamara Drive/Elm Court/Brown Street (CDBG-financed) construction projects at beginning of November.

Flowing... September: Sewage 155,000 gpd

# Writers - Where Are You Hiding?

We keep telling you - - tell us!

Write letters to the Bulletin not just about the problems we all face, but also about the nice things that happen. Isn't that what they mean when everyone keeps telling us to "have a nice day?"

How about being a reporter for the Bulletin? There are lots of wonderful stories to be told but we must have people to write them. You'll have fun as well as bring pleasure to all of us.

IT'S YOUR PAPER! GET INVOLVED!

Please get in touch with Michael Ticktin or Bess Tremper. We need you!

# **Planning Board News**

By Bob Clark

At its October 13 meeting, the Roosevelt Planning Board approved construction of a garage/office and a swimming pool. With Chairwoman Gail Hunton, Mayor Lee Allen, Councilman Stuart Kaufman, Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin and other members David Leff, Harry Parker and Paul Henry in attendance, the Board voted unanimously to approve Neil Marko's application for a conditional use permit allowing a three-car garage with a second story office occupational use on his Eleanor Lane property. The Board imposed a condition that the bathroom in the accessory structure be limited to two fixtures (no bathtub or shower) so that it could not readily convert to a separate dwelling unit. The plans showed no kitchen and Mr. Marko had stated that he did not intend to use the building as a second dwelling on the lot.

Board members approving the proposed structure noted that, although large, it would be in scale with the big main house and large lot, and it would merely add dormers and gables to a plan already approved in March 1990. Mr. Marko told the Board he will conduct his software business out of the accessory building's second story rather than out of his home, where he has operated the business since 1991. He said he did not expect clients to

come to the garage office because none had ever come to the home office. No neighbors opposed the application.

The Board also unanimously approved George Jackson's application for a variance to construct an in-ground swimming pool within 10 feet of the property line of the attached house on School Lane. 20 feet is required by the zoning ordinance. Mr. Jackson had applied to be allowed to locate the pool just six feet from the property line, citing his desire to have play areas for his children in the side yard of his corner property as far away as possible from Pine Drive.

Scott Hartman, the owner of the attached dwelling had written a letter to the Board objecting to the variance for safety and privacy reasons. At the meeting he said there was no "major disagreement" because he and Mr. Jackson had come to some agreement concerning a privacy fence along the property line. Board members noted that the details of the fence agreement had to be resolved by the adjoining property owners and not by the Planning Board.

After receiving guidance from Planning Board members as to their likely interpretation of zoning requirements for driveways approaching garages facing side yards, Zoning Official Paul Eichler agreed to approve the

construction plans for the Warren house on Oscar Drive. His decision allowed construction to proceed on the foundation which has stood on the site for several years. The proper interpretation was unclear because the zoning the ordinance prohibits parking vehicles in side yards but does not address driveways approaching side-facing garages that are well within required side yard distances. At least part of such a driveway must be in the side yard, and even temporary parking there might have been interpreted as violating the zoning requirement. Side-facing garages are unusual for Roosevelt houses, but they are not likely to cause any problems on large, single-dwelling lots. Board members indicated that the portion of the driveway in the side yard was necessary to provide access to the garage and would not necessarily lead to parking in the side yard. They added that some amendments might be needed to clarify that such a reasonable use is allowed.

Councilman Peter Warren gave Board members the latest draft of a "Roosevelt Growth Impact Study" at the conclusion of the meeting. For years Borough officials and consultants have been working on the study in order to provide a basis for assessing fiscal and other impacts of various growth and non-growth options.

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## **Nursery School News**

by Sandy Wolk Head Teacher, R.M.N.S.

Beginning in November, I will be reorganizing my curriculum by having each month divided into "Weeks of Study." Each month will contain a science week during which the children will be participating in hands on experiments. Our November science week will focus on Wind and Weather. We will be measuring rainfall with our jars and rulers, watching bubbles to determine wind direction and discussing appropriate clothing for the differing temperatures.

The remaining weeks will be divided to include Alphabet and Numbers, Colors and Shapes and our Special Topics for the month. For November, our walk through the Alphabet will take us to E for elephant, T for tiger and turkey, Q for quartet and Z for zoo. We will be studying numbers 4 and 5, the color brown and discovering that the square has four sides.

Our Special Topic for the month will be Zoo Animals - Lions and Tigers and Bears - Oh my!

What we will learn during our separate "Weeks of Study" will be used throughout the month. Although "separate," the curriculum will be interrelated whenever possible. For example - the number four relates to the four sides of a square and the four members of a quartet.

Our bulletin boards will be changed each month to display the children's work during the various "Weeks of Study." Celebration of holidays will be included throughout the months in which they occur.

We will all be looking forward to our Thanksgiving Holiday. To celebrate, we will talk about those things we are thankful for such as our family, friends and good health. Our celebration will culminate with our working together to make a feast of turkey, sweet potatoes, corn and applesauce. Yum!

We wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to learning more in December.

#### **PTA News**

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

Now that the hectic events of September and October are a triumphant memory, PTA members can take a breather and enjoy a comparatively quiet November calendar. Our regular meeting is set for Wednesday, November 10, then the group will take charge of presenting token gifts to RPS teachers in honor of American Education Week (November 14-20). The month will wind up with the traditional Thanksgiving Assembly, starring RPS students of all ages. Roosevelt senior citizens will once again be our special guests, although all community members are welcome to attend the November 24 program and enjoy the refreshments afterwards.

An accurate list of "thank you's" for the past month would fill the rest of these pages, so we'll simply name here the chairpersons who did such a bangup job with those October events: Liz Possiel (School Picture Day); Paula Haemmerle and Terri Skye (Spaghetti Dinner); and JoAnne Parker (Scholastic Book Fair). To them and to all the unsung parents who volunteered so much of their time and helped make these happenings such successes, we offer a blanket "Thank You So Much! You're All Terrific!"

# PTA Spaghetti Dinner a "Buona Sera" for All

by Alison Edwards Petrilla

A delicious full-course Italian meal and a chance to watch PTA teamwork in action highlighted the recent Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. The October 17 event proved an "overwhelming success," drawing about 175 "eat-in" and "take-out" customers to the Borough Hall, report chairpersons Paula Haemmerle and Terri Skye, and the PTA now hopes to make the dinner an annual treat.

While attendees can attest to the hard work put in by all the PTA parents who made the evening such a delight, space limits have forced the chairpersons to offer the whole team one big, very sincere "thank you." Paula and Terri would like to offer individual thanks, though, to the Rossi family for their generous donations of bread, paper goods and invaluable advice; and to the youngsters who served as waiters/waitresses/clean-up crew: Lizzie Carroll, Michael Hague, Jessica Hamilton, Cassie Hatzfeld, Sean Parker, Dylana Possiel and Christopher Wong. The PTA team also extends its apologies to the late arrivals who had not made advance reservations and had to be turned away. The group hopes to make amends to them next time around!

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# Letter From the CSA October, 1993

Frances Lobman, Ed.D. Chief School Administrator

By the time you read this, our grades three through six students will have visited Liberty Science Center (LCS). Once again, I would like to thank the Environmental Commission for thinking of us. (In case you did not see the last Bulletin, The Commission had contributed trees to LSC. In return, largely through the efforts of Chris Travis and Jim Carnevale, it persuaded LSC to provide an exciting day for our students at no cost.)

We have a new French teacher. Her name is Michele Guye-Hillis and she is a Roosevelt resident. Michele currently teaches French at Cranbury School, from where she received glowing recommendations. We are very fortunate to have her.

The New Jersey School Report Card for Roosevelt Borough has been distributed. If you have not seen or received one and would like a copy, you may pick up the Report Card at the Roosevelt Public School (RPS) any time between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Highlights include sections headed School Characteristics and Staff, School District Finances, Student Academic Performance, and Student Behavior.

The last section of the Report Card, Student Behavior, cites incidences of Violence and Vandalism as an indicator. This is a poor indicator for RPS, but indicates a problem that involves all of us as Borough residents. In

September, 1993, there were two incidents of vandalism, both during weekends (and probably at night), when school was not in session. It is highly unlikely that any of our k-6 students were involved. In one case, the panel to the boiler room door was kicked open and one or more people gained access to the building that way. Although things were moved, nothing was taken. The object of the unauthorized "visit" was unclear, although the gymnasium appears to have been used. The following week, a group of persons unknown removed bricks from the monument area. Some bricks were used to build a "campfire" site. Wrappers, cans and bottles were strewn about. It will cost the Borough money and time to repair the damage.

I share this information with you out of concern. The State Police have been notified, but there is little they can do except to patrol at intervals. The State troopers have seen groups of teenagers here at night, unsupervised. They have talked with these youngsters, but beyond that, there is little they can do. Perhaps the citizens of Roosevelt, through the Borough Council and with the cooperation of the Board of Education, can come up with some ideas to solve this problem. Could we make a habit of driving past the School on weekend/holiday nights (a kind of neighborhood watch)? Are similar incidents occurring elsewhere in town? Are the teens who have been observed here late at night Roosevelt residents? Is there a need for providing teen supervision and/or activities? What is possible? Let's try to work together on this community concern.

The deadline for submissions of material to the Bulletin is the 15th of the month, except by prior arrangement with the Editor.

Please send all articles and letters in clean typescript, or as ASCII files on 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 inch diskettes to: The Bulletin, P.O. Box 221, Roosevelt, NJ 08555

# School Board News -Meeting: October 20

by Joann San Nicola

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hamilton at 7:45. Those in attendance were Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cokeley, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Hatzfeld, Mr. Parker, Dr. Lobman and Board Secretary, Mrs. Allen.

The first order of business was to adjust the order of business so that the public session could be held first. Mrs. Paula Haemmerle and Mrs. Teri Skye gave a brief account of their participation at a meeting of the Educational Funding Review Commission. Each woman had the opportunity to speak for five minutes, outlining for the Commission the unique problems we have here in Roosevelt and the tremendous burden it imposes on the taxpayers. The members of the Commission seemed to be very interested in what Paula and Teri had to say, and bombarded them with questions for about forty-five minutes. An excellent letter in support of their position was submitted by Michael Ticktin. Copies of their speeches were given to the Board.

The Board moved on to vote on and approve motions, including one to

# Recycling Dates to Remember

November 3, 17

December 1, 15, 29

#### Senior Citizens' News

submit an application for grant funds in the amount of \$175 to be used to purchase Hand-on material for the school's Science Program. Six special transportation motions were approved, the cost of which are fortunately shared with other communities.

Dr. Lobman reported that calculators for grades 3 through 6 have been purchased. The grade 6, and possible grade 5 calculators will be capable of scientific calculations to better prepare our students for entry into the East Windsor system, which uses similar machines.

Dr. Lobman also reported that she had been in communication with the World Zionist Organization and reiterated to them that the memorial to Benjamin Brown, possibly to be located on the school grounds, must be considered by the town council along with much public input.

In the on-going pursuit for monies for our school, Dr. Lobman and Mrs. Allen will be attending a Regional Grant meeting this month.

The Board went into closed session at 9:50.

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by Helga Wisowaty

At our October meeting, Jeanette Koffler made us aware of many issues important to us. First was the flu shots available to us at the Clarksburg Community Room. Many of our members took advantage of the program on October 8. Second, seniors have been solicited for donations to "PAL." Many imposters use the "PAL" (Police Athletic League) logo. Don't give to anyone contacting you for money check with reliable organizations first.

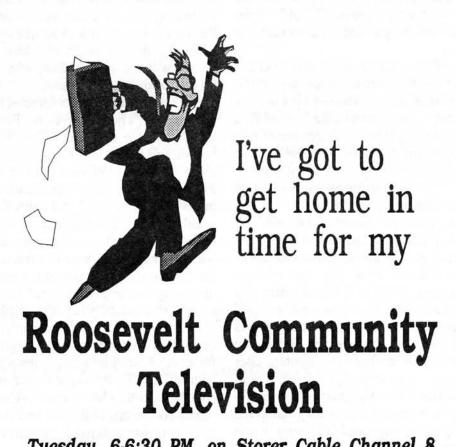
On October 17, we were invited to the Hightstown Elks for breakfast (served between 9 and 12 noon). We looked forward to this as we have attended previously and enjoyed it very much.

We are checking into places for our holiday trip, and also keeping in mind the programs offered at the school (one on October 14 and the Spaghetti dinner on October 17). Many great performers will also be at the Borough Hall and some at the Peddie School.

Our second bus went to Quakerbridge Mall on the 19th. This bus is in addition to our weekly shopping bus and is available to us on the third Tuesday of each month to take us various places.

Jean Ryan is collecting old eye glasses. She will pick up if necessary.

Thelma and Lil were hostesses. Everything was delicious. Thelma presented me with a lovely corsage (my birthday was October 11). We congratulated Ana Gonzalez as she is now an American citizen.



Tuesday, 6-6:30 PM, on Storer Cable Channel 8

### **Roosevelt Weather Almanac**

# The Fall Is a Time for Coming Weather Predictions. How reliable are they?

by Ron Filepp

"As the weather in October, so will be the next March." Hold on to this month's table until the end of March and see if you agree with this weather proverb. If it is true, then we will have a cold start to March.

After returning from a vacation overseas on the evening of September 30 one of the first things to be done the next morning was to record the overnight low temperature. It dropped to 35 degrees overnight. Frost most often occurs sometime between the middle of October and the middle of November. We almost had frost on October first.

While a frost on the first of October would have been unusual it would not have been the earliest frost in New Jersey. The earliest date I could find for a killing frost was September 11, in 1917 when temperatures plunged into the 20's in many areas of the state.

The first temperature reading of freezing or below in Roosevelt this Fall came on Monday, October 11, when the overnight low was 32 degrees. A look at the garden that morning did not show any sign of frost damage. October 9 was a warm day and a walk in the Assunpink revealed many signs of fall, the changing colors of the trees, bushes and fields; the quality of the light and hunters after game. A favorite sign of fall was in evidence, the migration of the woolly bears from one side of the road to the other. This supposed fall phenomenon was observed many times as early as the end of August this year.

There is weather folklore surrounding this hairy caterpillar. You may remember most woolly bears have a dark colored band of fuzz and a lighter colored band. It is said that when one of the bands is larger than the other a certain type of winter is ahead. If memory serves it is believed that a larger dark band portends a cold winter and a larger light band ensures a mild winter.

Observation revealed that there are as many opinions about the weather among woolly bears as humans. Perhaps the most important question of the woolly bear is not what kind of winter will we have, rather, why do woolly bears cross the road?

What do other insects forecast for our weather? The book Weather Proverbs by George D. Freier offers these bits of folklore: "Fall bugs begin to chirp six weeks before a frost in the Fall" and "The early appearance of butterflies (in winter) indicates fine weather." Bees are weather indicators too: "A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay." And here is a formula for determining the current temperature using the chirp of crickets "To tell the temperature, take 72 as the number of chirps per minute at 60 degrees; for every four chirps extra add 1 degree; for every four chirps less, subtract 1 degree." Dr. Freier explains the science behind this last bit of folklore. "Crickets are cold-blooded and their activity is proportional to the temperature."

The weather is not only the province of humans and bugs, your Thanksgiving meal also may hold a prediction for the winter ahead. Dr. Freier's collection of weather proverbs includes this gem: "If the breastbone of the Thanksgiving goose is red or has many red spots, expect a cold and stormy winter; but, if only a few spots are visible, we will have a mild winter."

Regarding the vacation, we did not experience one foggy day in London town. While there are still occasional fogs in London, we were told the pea-soup fogs of the past were mostly made up of pollution from burning coal. The famous rains in England and Scotland were also absent on all but two of the 14 days spent there. Robin and I were not disappointed.

#### **New Jersey Weather Event:**

On November 17, 1977 heavy hail fell across Mercer County. Trenton State College sustained damage. Six inches of hail was recorded in Princeton. Winds reaching speeds of 73-mile-per-hour were recorded at Mercer Airport. Source: The New Jersey Weather Book by David Ludlum

#### Weather Word:

Upslope fog: Fog that forms in humid air flowing uphill.

## The Girl from La Paz

# ROOSEVELT WEATHER TABLE October 1993

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Precip
ids	(2.0	25.5	10.5	0.00
1	62.0	35.5 39.5	48.5 55.3	0.00
2	71.0 65.5	39.5 47.5	56.5	0.00
3			57.0	0.30
4	69.0	45.0		
5	60.0	48.0	54.0	0.00
6	63.0	37.0	50.0	0.00
7	70.0	48.0	59.0	0.00
8	74.5	55.0	64.8	0.00
9	75.5	52.0	63.8	0.00
10	53.5	35.0	44.3	0.05
11	57.5	32.0	44.8	0.00
12	59.5	44.0	51.8	0.40
13	57.5	40.0	48.8	1.05
14	59.0	36.5	47.8	0.00
15	66.0	51.0	58.5	0.07
16	67.5	44.0	55.8	0.00
17	70.0	54.0	62.0	0.00
18	67.5	54.0	60.8	0.10
19	63.0	42.5	52.5	0.00
20	61.5	54.0	57.8	0.32
21	77.5	58.0	67.8	0.45
22	58.0	49.5	53.8	0.80
23	56.5	36.0	46.3	0.00
24	62.5	36.0	49.3	0.00
25	67.0	43.5	55.3	0.00
26	57.0	50.0	53.5	0.00
27	60.0	49.5	54.8	0.14
28	57.0	48.0	62.5	0.00
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by Peter Warren

My handy Guida dell'Africa Orientale Italiana tells me that the town of Mota is situated an easy 225 kilometre drive north of Addis Abeba on the road to Lake Tana, a healthy 2,536 metres above sea level. The visitor admires the ancient Ghiorghis church with its colorful paintings and enjoys a flourishing open-air market on Thursdays.

There would be little point in sharing this information with you, except that Mota, in Gojjam Province, Ethiopia, was the birthplace of Roosevelt's Bahiru Kassahun. It is a long way from Roosevelt.

If you have read this far, I will gladly share more information with you. A few months ago, I mentally contrasted **then** and **now**. **Then**, all the residents of Jersey Homesteads had been born abroad; now we are all at least third or fourth generation Americans. Well, almost all. I knew that Lillian's parents were born in the Dominican Republic; I learned that Dave Herrstrom's father was born in Sweden and his mother in Canada.

Now I know better - by stopping people in the Post Office and making a few phone calls. One in 10 adult residents was born abroad and another one in 10 have at least one parent born abroad. Buenos Aires, Cluj, Georgetown, La Chaux de Fonds, La Paz, Moose Jaw, Poisan, Port-au-Prince and Teheran are among the more exotic birthplaces.

We come from eight Latin American countries - Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guiana, Haiti and Jamaica; eight Western European countries -

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Sweden and Switzerland; six Eastern European countries - Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Roumania and Russia; and, last but not least - China. Nor is this a thing of the past. Young people from abroad are still moving into town with their memories and experiences to share.

Most first and second generation Rooseveltians - perhaps as many as 100 - trace their origin to one of the three successive waves of the Eastern European Jewish Diaspora - either before 1914, between the wars, or since 1945. There are many names at Ellis Island before 1924, and many stories of our times.

Louise Rosskam's father, who came from Grosswardein, Hungary, settled in Philadelphia where he opened a bank to finance immigrants' boat fares. Isadore Tasgal has a picture of his father in the dress uniform of the Imperial Russian Army, taken in 1910. Manny Koffler was born in Budapest, but Jeannette was born in Antwerp her parents were on their way to America. Some residents survived the Holocaust, some were born in displaced persons' camps in Germany, and still others in far-flung places like Buenos Aires, La Paz and Teheran on their way to America.

Tutto il mondo e paese, as the Italians say. And nowhere more than here. Perhaps the Bulletin will give us some of these stories, equally rich in history and human experience before they are forgotten, stories about times that may seem in the Nineties as distant in history as they are far in geography.

# To The Editor:

Dear Sir:

For some time, residents have been aware that the teamwork which characterized the year 1991 when Leon Barth was still Mayor no longer obtains. They notice that there are often sharp divergences of opinion of key issues. These divergences are expressed in public meetings and are reflected in the votes on crucial issues.

This is not, as some might interpretita "personality conflict." Rather, it reflects a deeply-held disagreement on the role of the Borough Council in municipal government, and on how the Council can best serve the public.

My views on the role of the Coun-

cil can be briefly stated:

 I believe that the Council and not the Mayor is the decision-making body in municipal government;

I believe that the Mayor and Council must, at all times, adhere strict-

ly to the law;

 I believe that neither the Mayor nor any Council member should draw any financial advantage whatsoever from his/her service on the government body;

 I believe that the Mayor and Council should, at all times, tell the

truth to residents.

Peter B. Warren

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> Sincerely, Frances G. Duckett

Dear Sir,

In other papers published locally we have been bombarded with insinuations, accusations, personal attacks on and gross misrepresentations of members of our governing body to which I feel I must respond.

First, differing perspectives are an essential part of the process of borough government. In this case however, anyone who has taken the time to understand the so called "sharp divergences of opinion" has ultimately come to conclude that they are nothing more than a tempest in a teaspoon over semantics, nitpicking criticisms, personality and misdirect-

ed grandstanding.

Second, any successful team must subscribe to the concept that individual accomplishment must take a back seat to the direction and performance of the group. Since the group can not be attacked with any validity, specific members of the group have been singled out in a contrived attempt to discredit and divide the group. Fortunately, the group has seen through these tactics and has focused on the substance of the debate with a sincere desire to limit any acrimony.

Third, it is my sincere belief that the motivation behind these unfortunate acts is a deeply rooted resentment of people that are more thorough, more accurate, more productive and more persuasive that the critics want them to be. And, just perhaps, they also think that their colleagues and the town owe them something.

Fourth, there are many leadership styles and any one style could be correct given the circumstances of the situation. Inflexibility in style can hamper success. I believe that we have proven that we can surmount any obstacle placed in our path and succeed. In any circumstance, leadership at the borough government level means guiding, directing and encouraging instead of negatively criticizing, cajoling and demanding.

In conclusion, it is the time to close the book on the infighting, acrimony and belligerence between members of our small community and rededicate ourselves to the community as a whole. It takes wisdom, not unsubstantiated assertions, to deal with the challenges of today and the future. I will always fondly remember the days when all of the members of the Council were willing to work with their colleagues and put the town first. For my part, I pledge to do my best to restore that cooperation.

Sincerely, Lee R. Allen, Mayor

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# **Bernard Bryson Shahn Honered**



#### THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

#### JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION By Senator DIMON and Assemblymen SINGER and COTTRELL

WHEREAS, Bernarda Bryson Shahn is being honored and warmly congratulated upon the felicitous occasion of her ninetieth birthday, which she celebrated on March 7, 1993; and,

WHEREAS, Bernarda Bryson Shahn was welcomed into the world in Athens, Ohio, on March 7, 1903, by her proud parents; and,

WHEREAS, She married Ben Shahn in 1935, and their union was blessed with two daughters and one son; and,

WHEREAS, She takes especial delight in her three grandchildren, Mimosa, Amanda, and Jasper; and,

WHEREAS, Bernarda Bryson Shahn is highly esteemed and widely admired as a renowned artist and illustrator whose works have been exhibited throughout the country, and is additionally respected for her leadership in the artistic community; and,

WHEREAS, As she observes the important milestone of her ninetieth birthday, it is altogether proper and fitting for this Legislature to note the long and fruitful life of Bernarda Bryson Shahn, and to recognize her many fine virtues and interests; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby honors and congratulates Bernarda Bryson Shahn upon the joyous occasion of her ninetieth birthday, and pays tribute to her long and inspiring life; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Bernarda Bryson Shahn.

Attest:



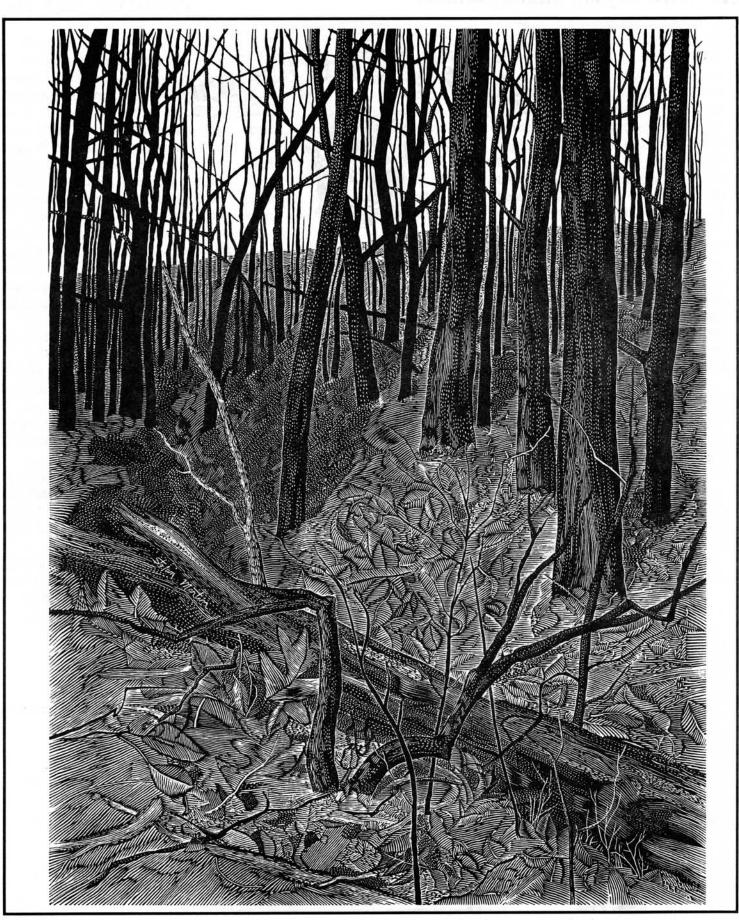
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"Fallen Leaves" Wood Engraving - Stefan Martin

# Stefan Martin at Mariboe Gallery

by Bernarda Shahn

Since we in Roosevelt are familiar with the work of Stefan Martin — as we are and have been familiar with that of Gregorio Prestopino, of Ben Shahn, of David Stone Martin and of the other artists who have been part of the landscape here in Roosevelt, we sometimes fail to realize the exceptional qualities of that work—so close at hand — and of the people who have made it.

Now, at the Peddie School in the Mariboe Gallery, we can see assembled an exhibition of Stefan Martin's work, of his paintings (collages actually) and his engravings. The first thing that we might note about this artist whom we all know so well, is that in the contemporary art world, he is probably the one outstanding master in the art of wood engraving. The fineness of his hand, the repertory of forms of which he is master, the sensitivity and beauty of what he produces, are unique. We have appreciated Stefan's engravings, honored them, owned them — and we have probably also taken them for granted. Now we might stop and look at them, study them and come to realize their beautiful interrelationships, the skill of their

execution — which, of course, has never been questioned — and above all that, we might note in them a reaffirmation of certain qualities that as of today have been pretty well expunged from art.

Craftmanship is one such quality. Observe the sheer skill with which the elements that compose the print, "Holocaust" are interwoven so that hand, human head and bird combine as a single impression and yet remain, each element, as a distinct form. Or, again, in the print, "Tree of Life" note the finely engraved marks which compose a background tree, effectively setting it behind the trees in the foreground, creating through contrast a sense of space, of disappearing land-scape.

In the print of a wheatfield, Stefan has observed and exploited the criss-crossing of wheat stalks, converting that action into rythms that impart a sense of motion, of waving wheat. Again, in the print called "Split Road", he has turned the forms of earth into rows of integrated lines that weave in and out, form a contrast with the black shape of the road itself and lead us gradually off into space.

Poetry and beauty combine in these wood engravings, poetry in the deep absorption in nature that they convey, beauty in the combinations of line and texture, filtered light, and contrasts, all integrated into fresh images. There is a certain innocence as well in these observations of nature and of things, an unpretentious love of content and of the act of excution.

The collages are in a different mood; they represent -- or rather, imply, human forms created in a low relief, incised lines seperating the forms. The colors, variations of a blond to brown hue, are luminous, the textures smooth, and sinuous. This is a very beautiful kind of art; Stefan has converted it into pictures that are interesting, that I like and would like to see more of.

Let me wind up my comments with a salute to the Mariboe Gallery, which has been a gracious host to ours and to other exhibitions and has become for everyone a more than welcome center for the arts. If you have missed the opening of this exhibition, I suggest calling Peddie School to learn of the times when the Gallery in open.

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The Roosevelt Arts Project is pleased to announce our 1993-1994 calendar of events, featuring two artists never presented before by RAP, the premiere of a new play by Leslie Weiner, a group show by Roosevelt visual artists and the return of your favorite musicians and poets.

At all events we ask only for a suggested contribution of \$5.00, only \$3.00 for students and seniors. Mark your calendars and watch for our brochure and the Bulletin for additional details.

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Saturday	December 11, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. Borough Hall	John Parrott inConcert
Sunday	January 9, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. Peddie School	Boris Zarankin -Classical Pianist
Saturday	February 5, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. Peddie School	Laurie Altman - Jazz
Sunday	March 13, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. Roosevelt Factory Hall	Art at the Factory - The Artist as Social Commentator
Saturday	April 16, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. Peddie School	Roosevelt String Band - Songs of Freedom
Saturday	May 7, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. Borough Hall	Grant - A New play by Leslie Weiner.

We hope to see all of you at these exciting new performances and exhibits. For additional information, call David Herrstrom, RAP President at 443-4421 or any of the RAP trustees or artists.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible in part by your support and a generous grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation.

#### **Roosevelt Poets**

#### The Dance

The laughter of children is in your smiling eyes, they dance amoung the words that fall from men's lips like dead leaves for you to frolic in. You toss them in the air, they fall around your feet in meaningless piles of wasted breath.

My eyes danced with yours, the ebb and flow of hours passed like waves upon the sand.

Your words were like a country dance that filtered softly in its own rhythm, in a tune that I had just begun to hear. Somehow, there was more meaning between the words, and in the way they washed over me.

Perhaps, you sensed that I heard your music, and I wondered for a while, if you saw in my eyes, and heard between my words, a melody to dance to for an evening.

Mike Hamilton

#### **Strange Hotel**

My heart's a strange hotel at the desert's edge, where vultures suspended by the sun, watch their shadows and wait. . . .

No one stays for long, no guest has seen the queer backrooms of crystal, and of amethyst, or smelled the sweetness of the tapestries, and books. No flashing neon signs, no incandescent lights to mar the darkness or push away the stars. . . .

Each night,
The Ancient Darkness descends
like Pompeiian ash,
a velvet film,
covering everything in mystery.

Mike Hamilton

#### **Escaped**

The last patch of sunlight scatters. The dog pushes herself up from the cold grass. Too old and stiff to have to be tied. she wanders to the woodline and stands. For a moment, the pale hairs of her muzzle or maybe one of the few hanging leaves catch the light that remains. Then she's gone, exuberantly baying. Inside the broken trees, the last-leafed maples shed their own yellow light, as if the sun is still setting in this interior bustling with delicate noise, with small snaps and tearings. Breaking away, she heard their calls echoing, then the silence when they knew she was free. She took pleasure even in her new routines, like any rescued stray trusted to behave out of gratitude, taking itself for an unhampered stroll past the houses and around the grass triangle and home, or going out to lie in the autumn sunlight, no rope to hinder it from following the patches shifting in the yard. Until the last patch shatters into pieces, elusive as the hunting self running away because that's the best it can do.

Dina Coe

#### Flying Past The Century

The leaves reflect each other: yellow, pink, bloodred. The pavement climbs through them. It rises beneath my feet, a bridge into a starless, moonless dusk as empty as the dawn. I rise until I fly. I fly when the road drops and the bat flaps flaps too fast to trace its dart beneath, above my diving, soaring head. I'll fall as the leaves fall. If there were time enough, evolution could roll out our skin from wrist to ankle, unfold a parachute to float us gently into the clean abyss ahead.

Dina Coe

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