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"Values in America Day" is Friday

By Lew Gantwerk

Two great Americans--Martin Luther King and Franklin Delano Roosevelt--will be commemorated at "Values in America Day" on Friday, Jan. 26, at R.P.S.

Last year when the Board of Education made up its calendar, there was an important discussion about holidays and how the school celebrates them. Much of the discussion centered around Martin Luther King Day. The Board decided that rather than close school and have that as the celebration, children should have a more significant learning experience.

Franklin Roosevelt's birthday is on Jan. 30. Students will be presenting a program on Jan. 26 in the school which will commemorate these two great Americans, both of whom were concerned with improving the quality of life for people in this country. The program focuses on different aspects of life in this country and how the values we develop are related to the ideals these men proclaimed.

The program reflects on life in this country and also indicates the diversity of R.P.S.'s social studies program. We will be looking at the history and

pioneering days of our own community; the world of work and its importance in America; a study of ecology and how decisions were made about the way land is used and how those decisions affect us; science and scientists who have contributed to the quality of life in this country and the moral dilemmas their discoveries provoke; and Martin Luther King and his work.

Parents and the public are all invited to the school for a program which will be held in the gymnasium at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26. After the presentations by each class, visitors may return to the classrooms to see the work that has been going on in school.

TAXES DUE FEB. 1

The first installment of 1979 property taxes are due Feb. 1, 1979 at the Roosevelt Borough Hall, hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Louise Prezant
Tax Collector

SCHOOL BUDGET DOWN SLIGHTLY

Roosevelt residents can expect school taxes to decrease here during the fiscal year 1979-80.

A slight decrease in the budget total and increased state aid will decrease the amount of money needed from the local tax levy by \$20,000.

The 1978-79 budget of \$489,708 required a \$335,016 local tax levy.

Next year's \$487,154 budget will require only \$315,106 to be raised from local taxes.

The budget figures were approved at the Jan. 9 meeting of the School Board and have been sent to the County Superintendent's office for approval.

A public hearing on the budget is set for March 15.

In other action the school board authorized \$400 to cover costs of replacing a ditto machine.

The board agreed to spend \$300 to help pay for an independent study that will determine the financial feasibility of regionalization with districts now sending students to Allentown High School.

The board agreed to pay \$4 per hour to election officials and appointed David Bulkin as inspector of elections; Rose Yudin, Frances Bard and Sylvia Gale, election clerk; and Bonnie Cooper as substitute clerks.

The board accepted the resignations of a Title I teacher and a speech therapist and hired two new staff members to replace them. Further information on these staff changes is available in the Principal's Letter in the center-fold of this newspaper.

FEB. 13: IMPORTANT DATE

Annual Blood Drive begins at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 13 at the Municipal Building.

GERRY MILLAR APPOINTED POSTMASTER

Gerry Millar, who has been serving as acting postmaster and officer in charge of the Roosevelt Post Office for several months, has been appointed postmaster. The appointment was made January 13. Mrs. Millar replaces Sarah Goldberg, who retired in October.

Mrs. Millar is Roosevelt's fourth postmaster. Besides Mrs. Goldberg, other postmasters were the late Bessie Blutstein and Sylvia Shaken.

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Planners Set Conditions, Approve Subdivision

By Bob Clark

At its regular meeting Dec. 18, the Borough Planning Board unanimously voted to grant preliminary plan approval of a proposed subdivision of ten lots on the eastern side of North Valley Road by Dr. Rebecca Notterman.

Approval was conditioned upon the inclusion of more detailed specifications in plans submitted for final approval. The additional specifications were recommended by James V. DeMuro, a representative of the Borough Engineering firm, Schoor Engineering of Matawan, in a letter to the Planning Board "to assist in deciding as to what municipal improvements are required and to what degree."

At previous hearings Notterman's engineer, Dominic Accetta, disputed the need for such specifications unless the Board determined that the improvements were necessary. DeMuro and Planning Board Chairman Ralph Seligman stuck to their positions that the specifications should be provided in order to aid the Board in deciding which improvements to require.

In receiving the preliminary approval on behalf of his wife, Dr. Joseph Notterman indicated that the necessary specifications not already submitted would be provided. These include a profile and cross-section of an extension of Valley Road, a notation whether curbing will be placed in front of the new lots; construction details for curb, sidewalk and road; existing and proposed sanitary sewers and water system; evaluation data for drainage ditch construction; plans for cleaning existing storm drains and other agency approvals.

Residents of two dome dwellings

across from the proposed lots, Fuller Brooks and Edward and Rose Murphy, attended the meeting and expressed concern about sidewalks, runoff of water and the widening of Valley Road (to accommodate four lots across from the dome houses). They were assured that such matters will be reviewed as additional development plans are submitted.

After the approval, Borough Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin indicated that approximately \$90,000 would be added to Borough tax ratables.

CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MUST FILE PETITIONS BY FEB. 22

Nominating petitions for the position of School Board Member are now available in the school office.

Deadline for filing is 4 p. m., Feb. 22.

School election is April 3.

ALAN DAVIS SENTENCED

Alan Davis has been placed on probation for five years, fined \$1,000 and given a suspended two-to three-year state prison term for his plea of guilty to five counts of contributing to the delinquency of a child.

Superior Court Judge John Arnone ordered Davis not to seek or obtain employment that would cause him to have to associate with children under the age of 18.

Davis, a resident of East Windsor, was a teacher in Roosevelt until his arrest in October of 1977.

A Special Report: Borough Water

By Bob Clark

Crusty Rooseveltians became crustier on Dec. 25, 28 and 30 and again on Jan. 6 as water pressure dropped and taps went dry throughout the Borough for several hours at a stretch.

In each instance Borough officials worked day and night to revive the responsible equipment: Roosevelt's ailing well pump. Borough Clerk Elizabeth Johnson and Mayor Leon Barth praised the prompt emergency responses of licensed water and sewer operators Kowalski and Chmiel Associates.

Mrs. Johnson and Mayor Barth both attributed the pump failures to a variety of electrical and mechanical problems. Switches, wires and other parts were replaced. Barth announced at the regular Council meeting on January 10 that the pump is now in "complete, automatic working condition."

The pump woes served as a splashy reminder of water problems for which Borough officials have sought inexpensive solutions for years. The Borough draws its water from the Raritan aquifer. There is plenty of water, but it all comes from the third and most recent well to be dug since Jersey Homesteads was founded. The Borough draws approximately 120,000 gallons a day from well no. 3 during the winter and 180,000 gallons a day during the summer. The treatment plant can handle about double this amount, but the well pump must first get the water to the treatment plant.

The water tower on North Valley Road stores 84,000 gallons and is reportedly in good condition. It can provide emergency water at severely curtailed levels for only 24 to 36 hours. Consulting engineers Elson T. Killam Associates studied the Borough water system and recommended in July that a standby well and various water plant improvements be

completed at a cost in excess of \$200,000 at 1976 prices. Additional money would be necessary to swab iron residue from distribution pipes. The cost of the standby well and pump alone rose from \$60,000 in July 1976 to \$125,000 in June 1978 according to Killam's estimates.

What about the "red water"?

The Raritan aquifer's water is generally high in iron and extremely corrosive. This poses no health hazard, but can cause a bitter taste and the reddish water which stains clothes washed in it. The treatment plant reduces the large amounts of iron drawn from the aquifer to acceptable levels. Air is blown through the water to oxidize the iron into insoluble particles. The iron particles are partially removed by sedimentation. Remaining particles are removed when the water is pumped through filters on its way to the storage tank.

According to the 1976 Killam report, iron particles collected by the filters are released into the distribution system as water surges are created by various pumps cycling on and off. In addition, deposits of iron in the distribution system pipes become resuspended in the agitated water created when the filters are routinely backwashed to unclog accumulated iron. Corrosive effects of the water on the cast iron distribution pipes contributes to the red water problem. Finally, the report notes that the filter media has not been changed since 1958, allowing excessive iron to bleed into the distribution system. Although we have all experienced red water at varying times, most of the red water complaints have occurred on weekends and hot days at peak demand. Most of the complaints have originated from the Homestead Lane area and the major cul-de-sacs.

A number of solutions are in the works.

Breakdowns and Color Explained

In May 1977 the Borough's monthly water and sewer charges increased from \$11 to \$20 per household. At the time it was first proposed, the increase was to have lasted only a few months until a temporary budget deficit resulting from emergency repairs could be eliminated. Then Federal funding for recommended improvements for Roosevelt and other suburban communities failed to materialize. Borough officials went back to the drawing boards for Federal assistance and kept the water and sewer charges at the increased level as a hedge against future funding failures. On Dec. 7, 1978 the Council held a special meeting to authorize emergency repairs to a flow meter, gate valves and the chlorinator. The Council also recently paid \$14,109.95 to Killam Associates to prepare plans and specifications for a standby well and pump. The plans were approved by the State Department of Environmental Protection.

The Council received advice from the Borough Engineer's funding expert, Barry M. Silberstein, and investigated Federal funding available from two separate agencies: the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The FHA offers grants of up to 75% of project cost and loans. It has been estimated that a 40-year loan of \$250,000 at 5% interest would increase the \$20 monthly water and sewer charges by \$5.50 per household.

The Borough has focused its efforts on obtaining the HUD Community Development Block Grant funds. After two public hearings in September 1978, a Citizen Committee recommended that the Council apply for water, sewer and housing rehabilitation funding in various neighborhoods. At the Jan. 10 regular Council meeting Mayor Barth announced

that the Monmouth County Committee recommended that HUD approve \$300,000 for water and sewer lines in certain Roosevelt neighborhoods over a two-year period. A financial solution to the water plant and standby well problems is still being sought.

Finally, Mayor Barth announced that the Borough has not inserted fluoride, a tooth decay fighter, into the Borough's water since last February. The action was taken after Water Operator Peter Chmiel advised Borough officials that present personnel could not provide the constant supervision necessary for the fluoridation process.

A RUSTY RHYME

By Amanda and Irv Rose

While taking a shower one day,
I noticed, much to my dismay,
The water was brown,
The pressure was down,
For this all the taxes we pay?

SENIOR CITIZENS PLAN ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN MARCH

By Helga Wisowaty

The January meeting of the Senior Citizens Club was concerned with appointing a nominating committee to take care of election of officers in March. A luncheon preceded the business portion of the meeting. Many suggestions were made to improve our meetings.

Our club enjoyed its annual holiday party on Dec. 16. The dinner was delicious and the entertainment was appreciated by everyone. Ilse Riesenfeld brought a delightful group of young musicians to play for us. Ms. Gloria Berman honored us again by singing for us; we look forward to her performance.

Mural, Mural on the Wall

By David Herrstrom

Not who are the fairest of all, as in "Snow White," but who are we? Stretched across the length of an entire wall, brooding over the school library, Ben Shahn's mural answered this question for a generation of Rooseveltians and so, in part, for all of us.

But what has Einstein's face, staring balefully out from under a halo of hair, to do with me, who grew up in a small rural town in northern California and came to Roosevelt less than four years ago? Or to do with you who grew up in New York City or in Poughkeepsie or Pine Bluff? What does that image of east European immigrant Jews milling about in a government hall, with their slumped shoulders and large faces, tell me about myself, a gentile born in America?

We can't avoid these questions. The very fact that this painting is a public work in a building at the center of Roosevelt life--not only our school, but concert hall, museum, athletic arena, and theater--reveals its intent: to give us our own story. But what story? And how are we to respond, first of all, to a "mural," not a typical part of American life?

I've had experience here. As a child it was a treat to go into town with my father on Saturdays. My dusty town was not very exciting, but every Saturday I looked forward to sliding down those bright brass railings on the granite steps of the post office, feeling its cool marble floor, seeing its high ceilings and especially the large mural that dominated one end, a picture of an

apple orchard with pickers on ladders, their bulging canvas bags radiant white against green foliage. I was an apple picker, as was almost everyone I knew, and here was a bigger-than-life image publicly proclaiming in this grand hall that apple pickers are heroes.

Maybe they are in a town where the Apple Blossom Festival is the high point of the social season. In Roosevelt, clearly, they aren't. And I came to Roosevelt with qualms about moving into a small town I knew nothing about, feeling only that I didn't want to root myself in just any town, but in a history and community of people.

As my daughter and I were visiting the school, my anxiety diminished; here on the wall, like that of my home town, was their story. I was invited to grasp, in one sweep of the eye, a people's image of themselves, one they and their parents had had a hand in shaping and which in turn had shaped them. Roosevelt had changed since the 1930's, of course; nonetheless here was the image that formed this town and indirectly my neighbors, those with whom I had chosen to throw in my lot.

But how are we today, a jumble of people with diverse backgrounds and beliefs, to read this as our story? My eye undulates with the wave of the mural. It moves in and out as the faces of Einstein and John L. Lewis, thrusting at me like full moons, alternate with the arches, pulling me into miserable interiors as well as expansive vistas. The immigrants arrive in the first panel, their hopes immediately dashed by appalling conditions in the sweatshops, mind-numbing work, and inadequate housing. The coffins of Sacco

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Stefan Martin Continues Roosevelt Tradition

By Merle Rose

A long-time resident of our town, Stefan Martin, is actively helping to maintain and expand Roosevelt's tradition as a haven for the arts.

Every Monday evening, from 7:30 to 10:30, eight to ten serious artists gather at 48 Pine Drive for an open workshop, with no instruction--to draw, paint, and work in their respective media.

Each artist contributes toward a model. "One week, when I couldn't get a model, we each modeled for about 20 minutes and got some interesting results," says Stefan. "It's not easy to model-to hold a relaxed and interesting pose for any length of time."

Included in the group are local artists Josette Altman, Andrea Lakin, Kim Liptak, Bob Mueller and Bernarda Shahn.

"It's a relaxed atmosphere-a nice, serious, relaxed group doing some beautiful aesthetic things. The things we don't like, we throw in the fire-place," said Stefan.

Stefan plans to start giving classes, which he hopes to get accredited, in his live-in gallery-studio. "I want to work with serious adults and talented teenagers. They have to have a portfolio of some previous work to show me," he said. The course will cover experimentation and all relief methods. The materials worked with will include cardboard, masonite and lucite.

Stefan is one of four artists in the U.S. teaching the art of wood engraving, an art form that is fast becoming rare. He plans to have classes in the summer, fall and winter.

A brochure describing courses, times, fees and qualifications is being prepared and will be mailed on request.

Community Center Plans Films, Concerts, Socials

By Irv Rose

Roosevelt has had, for many years, a functioning library. Now the role of the library is expanding to offer not only circulating books, but magazines and foreign language periodicals as well.

In its expanded role, the library will evolve into a community center. This change has already been initiated by Dottie Beinen, our librarian, by scheduling movies, concerts and poetry and drama readings. For example, a movie, The Man in the Glass Booth, will be shown at the Community Center Friday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. The movie is about the Eichmann trial.

But films aren't all! On Sunday, Feb. 4 at 3 p.m., The Community Music Players, under the direction of Ilse Riesenfeld, will perform at the Community Center, and everyone is invited. The Community Band is a Roosevelt tradition that helps make Roosevelt what it is.

In trying to discuss new ways of utilizing the Community Center, a planning group will meet Friday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. to plan a town social--a town get-together for all Rooseveltians, old timers and new comers, to greet and meet each other. Everyone is urged to attend.

Movies, concerts, poetry, socials: Come and get it!

Borough Government

By Bob Clark

The swearing in of two new Council members and Council committee assignments highlighted the Borough Council's annual organization meeting on Jan. 2.

Newly elected Council members Marilyn Magnes and Bill Counterman replaced Arthur Shapiro and Arnold Sokolow, who declined to run for office last year.

Council member Ted Marton declined Counterman's motion that he serve as Council President and instead nominated Aaron Datz for the job. Datz was unanimously elected. Barth made the following Council committee appointments (first named are the chairpersons):

Administrative: Datz, Esakoff, Magnes.

Public Safety: Marton, Counterman, Datz.

Public Works: Counterman, Datz, Marton.

Public Property: Esakoff, Magnes, Pogrebin.

Recreation: Pogrebin, Counterman, Marton.

Public Library: Magnes, Esakoff, Pogrebin.

Cemetery: Pogrebin, Esakoff, Marton.

Nearly all other Borough officials retained their jobs with unanimous Council votes. Counterman abstained from voting on the resolution appointing Adlerman, Click and Co. of Princeton as the Borough insurance agency. Esakoff indicated that if it had been a roll call vote, he would have abstained from voting to reappoint Wilbur Loftus as Special Police Officer.

A vote on the Sanitary Engineer position was tabled at Mayor Barth's request. Previously, Killam Associates performed Sanitary Engineer duties. The agenda listed Howard Schoor, the

Borough Engineer, for the appointment, but Council member Marton said that, although he saw no problem, he would like clarification of any potential for conflict. In addition to serving as Municipal Engineer, Schoor employs Kowalski and Chmiel Associates, the Borough's licensed water and sewer supervisors. Council member Esther Pogrebin said she would like to see a comparison of fees.

Kowalski and Chmiel's contract was renewed on Jan. 10 after Council member Magnes reconsidered her abstention and voted in favor of the contract. Barth and Marton urged Magnes to change her vote by citing Kowalski and Chmiel's qualifications, their record of service to the Borough and the absence of price increases in their renewal contract.

The Council seemed in a mood to re-examine established relationships. Marton asked the Council to reconsider moving the Borough's Municipal Court from Millstone Township to the Borough Hall. He noted three occasions when residents informed him that they would not sign complaints if they had to travel to Perineville to testify. In order to maintain a court in town, the Borough would have to purchase sophisticated recording equipment mandated by court rules and perhaps pay more for its own judge.

Magnes said that the Council should review the entire public safety situation. She also said that various appointments, such as the Borough Attorney, should be studied. Esakoff noted that he was "very disappointed" with a couple of opinions rendered by the present Borough Attorney, Samuel Sagotsky of Freehold. Esakoff also announced plans for a meeting with representatives of the Borough Insurance Agency, Adlerman, Click and Co., to review insurance coverage and billing practices.

Mayor Barth recently requested Coun-

Reorganizes

cil committees to work especially hard to produce well-organized budget recommendations in their areas of responsibility. Concerned about unusual road repair costs and emergency water and sewer repairs -- some mandated by Federal government order -- the Council unanimously passed a resolution at its Jan. 10 meeting authorizing a referendum. Such an election would allow the voters to decide whether the 1979 budget may exceed the State mandated 5% cap on spending increases.

Administrative Committee member Esakoff emphasized that the public would receive adequate notice and a public explanation if a referendum proved necessary. Mayor Barth said that the resolution merely paved the way for a cap override referendum "in case we have to go that route."

ROOSEVELT BARITONE TO STAR IN REVIVAL OF THE EMPEROR JONES

Rooseveltian David Arnold in February will sing the title role in Louis Gruenberg's opera The Emperor Jones in Detroit. The opera is based on Eugene O'Neill's play associated with the great American actor and singer, Paul Robeson.

The Emperor Jones premiered at the Metropolitan Opera in 1933. A worldwide controversy arose then because Robeson was not asked to sing the lead role of Brutus Jones. The Met admitted its first black singer only in the 1950s. Robeson did sing the role, however, at Carnegie Hall in 1940, with Eugene Ormandy conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra.

The Bulletin staff wishes David Arnold success in this challenging role.

Prepared Lunch Is Still a Hot Item

By June Counterman

There is still a demand for ready-made lunches in Roosevelt, so the Roosevelt First Aid Squad will continue to provide a lunch program at the municipal building.

The squad was encouraged by people in the area to provide lunches last year when the store no longer offered that service. Lunch is being provided from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

This lunch program first included soup and cold sandwiches. It has now expanded to list hamburgers and grilled sandwiches on the menu. Profit will go toward emergency communications equipment. The First Aid Squad appreciates the assistance of the people who have helped provide the food, equipment and services that support this fund raising program.

VALERIE AND BARBARA SKILLMAN CAPTURE THREE TROPHIES IN LOCAL BOWLING COMPETITION

Valerie and Barbara Skillman placed third in a field of nearly 30 adult-child bowling teams at a tournament in December at Hightstown Lanes.

The tournament, sponsored by the YMCA, also yielded two more trophies for Valerie, age 13.

Barbara, a year-round bowler, is joined by daughter Valerie for a summer bowling league.

"Soot" Yourself, or Let a Chimney Sweep Sweep



By Elly Shapiro

If you want to clean your own chimney, "soot" yourself, but traditionally this is the time when chimney sweeps clean up.

All of his advertisements show a "Kilroy" face, under a top hat, emerging from a chimney; and while there is a truth-in-advertising law, and he does wear a top hat, you'll never see chimney sweep David Ettelman of Manalapan coming out of a chimney.

That's just not how it's done anymore, according to David, who, after 16 years with an insurance company in New York, left his job last year because he was fed up with its politics and red tape and he was tired of commuting. Falling back on his hobby of carpentry as a means of earning a living, he found much competition. Thus his interest was aroused while reading a trade magazine where he saw an ad about becoming a chimney sweep. Everyone thought he had bats in his belfry until the information arrived and it elevated him to new heights, so to speak.

Chimney sweeps date back to the sixteenth century when, as paupers in London, they received the hand-me-down clothes of the local funeral directors. Modern chimney sweeps continue the tradition of the top hat and tails, which are part of David's mystique--and his costume. So superstitious are sweeps about this uniform, that letters of endorsement continuously appear in the sweeps' newsletter, "The Soot Saver." Sweeps write in to tell of close calls and mishaps which have occurred while bare-headed. David will not go up on a roof

without his hat!

In early times young boys were taken from orphanages to work as sweeps for their masters in exchange for room and board. Their small size made them perfect for lowering down a chimney, to sweep and clean on their way down. Many suffered black lung disease along with other ailments. David wears a special mask which filters out the carbon and impurities from the soot, eliminating this threat.

Other early tools included live geese, which supposedly flapped the chimney clean on the way down. Sometimes pine trees were lowered from the top or pulled up from the bottom, just as frequently getting stuck in the process and causing much dirt and ire.

David, on the other hand, comes with very modern equipment consisting of a fifteen-pound weight, wire brushes, a very powerful vacuum system and fiberglass poles which snap together. Cleaning can be done either from the bottom or the top as David assesses each situation. He usually prefers working inside the house. He guarantees complete cleanliness whichever way it's done, and is fully insured in case of any mishap.

Once the damper is removed, David works the fiberglass poles up the sides of the chimney, all the time vacuuming the soot and creosote into his 55-gallon tank.

American fire statistics for 1977 show that 40,000 house fires producing an estimated \$23 million damage were caused

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New York Shopping is Kid Stuff

By Amanda Rose

Age 12 1/2

Spectacular, exciting, bizarre, friendly! That's New York City downtown. It's filled with things you can't imagine.

If cheese with chocolate chips tempts you, then Cheese of all Nations is the place for you. The store's smells will entice you and you may end up buying many cheeses you would never think of liking. It's located at 153 Chambers just west of West Broadway.

Around the corner at 94 Reade St. is a discount gourmet, spice, food, and equipment store called, The Spice Market. The pungent mixture of anise, coriander, myrrh, frankincense and other spices fill the air. We got the salad dryer that sells for \$14 in Bamberger's for \$7.99.

Just around the corner, there's a fabulous store called Job Lot Trading Company where you can buy a \$50 Telstar game for only \$12.95 or a \$45 bottle of perfume (Ecussun) for \$14.50. You'll also find tools, toys, housewares, cosmetics, foods, art supplies, garden supplies, small appliances and more - all at pushcart prices. About half of the items change weekly but you can always count on bargains in masking tape and Elmer's glue.

The Pushcart, at 140 Church St., is one of my favorites in New York because it's serendipity. Even if you don't buy anything (but it's inevitable that you will, if you're willing to stand on line) it's a delight to visit.

The City Dump, 344 Canal St., is a smaller version of Pushcart except that the lines aren't as long. I bought my favorite sneakers there. A few doors away from City Dump is Pearl Paint, a five-story discount art supply store with everything that any painter, from house painters to artists, could need.

Next door to Pearl Paint at 304 Canal St. is the often photographed Canal Jeans Company Surplus, a store filled with "cheap chic" such as name-brand jeans and disco tops, artists' overalls and small gifts. It's as much fun to watch shoppers here as it is to look for clothing.

All of these stores are in the shadow of the World Trade Center and within walking distance of each other. To get there, take the Holland Tunnel, following signs to "Downtown." At the first light after exiting the tunnel (Varick St.) turn right. Varick soon becomes West Broadway. Stay on West Broadway until you see Chambers, then Reade, then Warren. To get to Pushcart turn left on Warren and go one block to Church. Safe parking is available on the street (25¢ meters). Saturdays are busy so get there before noon.

If you want to go to Canal St. first, just follow the signs to Canal St. when coming out of the tunnel. All the stores (and many others) are within two blocks of the tunnel. Happy shopping!

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE FEB. 13,
STARTS AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

R.P.S. Students Plan Ski Trip

Dear Friends,

Beginning this month there are two new people working in our school. Louise Nicolaro, our speech therapist for the last year and a half has accepted a full-time position in another school. Replacing her is Jane Stromsdorff, a speech therapist who has had a great deal of experience with school children. Eileen Wullschlager, our Title I teacher since September, has left for a position as a classroom teacher. She is being replaced by Bonnie Strapp, who has previous experience in Title I and Compensatory Education. Both new teachers will begin immediately so that there will be no time lost for children who receive those services.

Feb. 2 we will be taking the children in grades 3 through 8 on a ski trip as part of the physical education program. Teachers will accompany the children. We do this to introduce children to activity to which they might not otherwise be exposed. It's an activity that can be continued throughout life. Each child receives a one-and-a-half-hour lesson and spends the rest of the day trying to either get up or down the slope!

Our music program in December was quite successful and seemed to be enjoyed by both the student participants as well as the guests who came to watch. Our "Artists in Residence" have been doing a wonderful job with the children.

Last year a grant was presented to us by Mrs. Bernarda Shahn. The grant came from a fund set up by the late Ben Shahn for their friend, Dr. Cox. The money was to be used to purchase art and history materials. We've purchased a large number of prints of famous paintings with a portion of the money. Each week we will be displaying a print in the

school corridor along with an explanation of the picture and a history of the artist. These prints will then be available in plastic frames for students to borrow and hang in their homes for a two-week period. We hope that this will increase students' understanding and appreciation of art.

Often, when I write this monthly column, I'm not aware of what you, the readers, might want to know about the school. I try to highlight the things I think are significant and talk about what we are trying to accomplish. I would like to be responsive to your interests. If you have questions or topics you would like to see addressed in this column, please write to me at the school. I'll try to use that as the basis of one of these letters.

Lew Gantwerk

MEETING DATE CHANGED FOR TITLE I - S.C.E.

The January meeting of the Parent Advisory Council has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 31. It will take place as usual in the school library at 8 p.m.

The meeting has been rescheduled to provide an early opportunity to meet our new teacher, Bonnie Strapp.

Mrs. Wullschlager left Jan. 15 to accept a full-time classroom teaching position in New Brunswick.

The remainder of this year's meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month to avoid conflict with school closings.

P.T.A. Has V.P. Vacancy

The P. T. A. executive board has a vice president position vacant. If you would like to help the school and the community by serving in this role, call Elly Shapiro, 443-3575.

SCHOOL ADDS NUMBER

R. P. S. has added a second telephone line to connect callers with the Resource Center and the Teachers' Room.

Use 448-2873 to reach R. P. S. teachers, librarian/nurse, Mrs. Chasan, Title I and Compensatory Education staff.

When you need Principal Lew Gantwerk, Secretary Diane DeBree or general information about School or School Board matters, 448-2798 is the number to call.

KINDERGARTENERS STILL NEED DISCARDS

The kindergarteners have been using with appreciation all the thoughtful donations brought and sent in.

We still need odd mittens (for when someone can't find his/hers on a cold day), sturdy boxes and containers with or without tops, plastic frozen-juice containers and anything else "too good to throw out."

Gratefully,
Eugenia Herman

Sochowitzky Resigns From School Board

At its Dec. 12 meeting, the School Board accepted the resignation of Board member Hortense Sochowitzky with regrets and thanked her for her years of service to the Board. Mrs. Sochowitzky resigned her position on the board for reasons of health.

In other action, the board hired Patricia Ball as social worker for the district one day per month.

The board agreed to accept one Kindergarten student from East Windsor in a special arrangement requested by the East Windsor District and by the student's parents. East Windsor will pay Roosevelt for the child's tuition costs here.

The board agreed to purchase a trapezoid for \$490 for use in physical education courses.

A Reading Through the Arts program, sponsored by the Guggenheim Museum, was approved at a cost of \$3,950 for sixteen weeks during this semester.

The board approved a ski trip for students to Pine Hill. Grades 3-8 will participate.

At his request, the board agreed to pay \$275 for an Outward Bound workshop to be attended by Principal Lewis Gantwerk.

Early closings were approved as follows: Jan. 16 and 30; Feb. 6 and 27; Mar. 13 and 27; Apr. 3 and 24; May 8 and 22; and June 5.

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Elly Discovers the Joy of Phyllo



By Elly Shapiro

If you enjoy that delightful "crunch" you hear when you sink your teeth into a napoleon, some strudel, or any other of an infinite variety of pastry made with that gorgeous dough that flakes upon impact, I have good news: You can make all of these things at home, with less fussing than you'd ever believe.

The marvel is frozen phyllo (fillo) dough, available at Foodtown and other markets in the frozen dessert section. The cost is minimal, around \$1.59 for a pound of paper-thin slices 18 inches in length. Care must be taken to follow the general directions which appear on every box of this treat. With imagination and some practice you can prepare any course, from appetizer to main dish, from this versatile dough.

This spinach and ricotta appetizer contains only 20 calories per triangle. The compliments I receive for it far outweigh the effort it took to make them and I hope you'll give it a try. Recommendations from my guests are available upon request!

Sauté 1 bunch finely chopped green onions in 1 teaspoon safflower oil until well-glazed. Add 1 bunch finely chopped spinach. Cook until just wilted and drain off extra juice. Add 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt and let cool. In a separate bowl mix together 8 ounces ricotta cheese, 2 eggs, 1/3 cup of grated parmesan cheese, and salt and pepper to taste. Lay out phyllo dough (12 sheets) and cover with clear plastic wrap or a

very slightly damp clean dish towel. Melt 4 tablespoons butter (I use margarine without much difference). Use one sheet of phyllo dough at a time and with a pastry brush cover the entire sheet lightly with the melted butter. Cut the sheet into 6 strips each about 3 inches wide. Place a teaspoonful of cheese filling at one end of each. Now fold each strip as you have seen the flag folded, ending up with a triangle. Place each triangle, seam side down, on a greased baking sheet. Brush tops with melted butter. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Makes about 6 dozen.

It's Time To Go

A POEM FOR THE BRESSLERS

By Debbie Nahmias

It is time to go away,
But not forever.
Wherever you go,
People will say hello.
Here they will say goodbye,
But not forever.

In your new town,
You will have fun.
The sun will shine
The moon will sparkle
The rain will patter
The snow will chill.
And we will think about you forever.

Holocaust Commemorative Set

By Elly Shapiro

The Council of Jewish Organizations has formed a Holocaust Commemorative Committee from representatives of the three local synagogues and their affiliated clubs. Its membership also includes representatives of Jewish War Veterans, ORT, B'nai Brith Men and Women, and Hadassah.

The group has set Sunday, April 22 as a day of remembrance. Named Yom Ha-Shoa in Hebrew, it will be a day of solidarity for those spared any personal tragedy and for those who can never forget. Plans now are to make it an annual commemoration, funded this year through the Council and in future years by money being raised.

Part of the April 22 program takes place at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth El, Maple Stream Road, East Windsor, and includes such distinguished speakers as Sister Rose Thering, a noted historian at Seton Hall University, and Dr. Michael Berenbaum, director of the Holocaust Resource Center of the National Jewish Conference Center. A memorial candlelighting ceremony and musical selections will be presented by the Malofsky family.

An exhibit titled Yad Hashem - oak tag pages containing pictures and text describing the rise of the Nazis and the fate of the European Jews dating from pre-Hitler to the settlement of Israel - will be traveling to the local libraries. Books on the topic will also be available for borrowing; and poetry and essay contests will be sponsored in the local high schools.

Stefan Martin has been commissioned to create a 100-print limited edition wood engraving on the theme, which will

be available for purchase.

If you have anything to contribute to this group, especially money, time or ideas, or wish additional information, please call Leah Bookman at 448-2392 or Sylvia Kestenbaum, chairperson, at 448-8930.

TO ALL OF YOU, FROM ME

By Jo Ellen Grossman

A "Rose from a Rose" inspired me,
To write this poem down.
To say a proper goodbye,
Since we are leaving town.

I tried to write a story
But the words just wouldn't come.
And it seems to be much easier
To write to dum-de-dum!

Roosevelt has been good to us,
The people have been kind.
It was pleasant raising children here
With such easiness of mind.

Rachel's grown and learned so much,
Throughout the years that passed.
And Jacob's living proof to me,
The time has gone so fast.

It was only seven years ago
We bought the "Grossman" house,
Steve left the town a single guy
And returned home with a spouse.

We got involved with many things,
Nursery School to start.
Then the Board, committees, and P.T.A.,
All trying to do our part.

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Environmentalists Order: Upgrade

By Bob Clark

Mayor Leon Barth has announced he recently attended a meeting with Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) attorneys in New York City along with Borough Attorney Samuel Sagotsky and Sewer Operator William Kowalski in response to a show cause order.

After explaining the Borough's financial problems and compliance efforts, Mayor Barth obtained a schedule for sewerage system repairs from the EPA. He reported, "We will, post-haste, have to spend a great deal of money on the sewer system to get it up to standards."

In other action at Dec. 13 and Jan. 10 regular meetings, the Borough Council conducted a wide variety of official business.

STATE SENDS BOROUGH TO COURT

A resolution was passed authorizing Borough Attorney Sagotsky to represent the Borough in a suit by R.J. Hicks to receive \$18,475 in payment for road repairs. Mayor Barth explained that the State requires that a suit be filed before it approves an emergency appropriation to cover the cost of road work necessitated by last year's severe winter.

BOROUGH HALL DEED OBTAINED

Council member Esther Pogrebin announced that the Borough has finally obtained the deed for the old borough hall from the Federal government. A Jan. 15 closing date for the sale of the building was set.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Mayor Barth appointed Planning Board Chairman Ralph Seligman to another four-year term on the Planning Board. He also appointed Peter Berlin-

rut to another term on the Board of Park Commissioners and Diana Meuller and William Margolis to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Barth appointed Irving Goldberg to the Welfare Board.

LAKE DRIVE EXTENSION APPROVED

Borough Engineer James DeMuro sent a letter to the Council saying that he had met with builder David Yeger to discuss whether curbs or sidewalks should be required on a proposed extension of Lake Drive. DeMuro said that curbs and sidewalks were not necessary. The Council and Planning Board had previously approved the road extension --to be built entirely at Yeger's expense-- in accordance with specifications approved by the Borough Engineer.

CARS TO BE TOWED

Council members again warned that cars left on Borough streets during snow storms would be towed away at the owners' expense. When snow is expected to approach two inches, Wilbur Loftus calls the snow removal contractor or instructs Borough personnel to begin to clear the streets. A new Borough truck, equipped with a snow plow, will arrive at the end of January.

TRAVEL COSTS COVERED

Council member Ted Marton moved that the Administrative Committee recommend to the Council a budget line item and per diem reimbursement amount to compensate the Mayor or his designee for travel expenses incurred while handling Borough business. Marton cited Mayor Barth's recent trip to New York to respond to an EPA order against the Borough as an example where travel expense reimbursement should have been made.

Council members could not agree on the wording of the motion. Marton and

Sewer

Esakoff voted in favor, and Pogrebin and Magnes voted against.

Mayor Barth broke the tie in favor of the motion, saying that he thought the issue should be studied by the Administrative Committee so that future mayors would not have to pay for Borough business with personal funds.

After the Council approved the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission aerial spray program for 1979, Council member Lou Esakoff took the opportunity to go on record in favor of using sevin instead of demalin to control gypsy moths.

Mayor Barth noted that Borough auditor Robert Eisner has opened a new office at the Woodbridge Shopping Center. He suggested that the Council purchase a \$150 Stefan Martin print to commemorate the move and express appreciation to Eisner, who "has helped us out of difficult circumstances on any number of occasions since 1958." A motion to purchase the print for Eisner passed unanimously.

Borough Clerk Elizabeth Johnson announced that the Borough trash contractor, IDS, has changed management.

Council member Marton reported that the Borough dog service picked up six strays during 1978. Of these, four were destroyed and two were adopted.

Mayor Barth appointed Leslie Weiner to be the Borough's liaison with the State Motion Picture and Television Development Commission, which maintains an inventory of shooting sites for interested film makers.

Blood Drive Is Feb. 13

By June Counterman

The annual Roosevelt Community Blood Drive will be held on Valentine's Eve this year. Medical personnel will be at the municipal building on Wednesday, Feb. 13, starting at 6:30 p.m.

This program is sponsored by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad in association with the Central Jersey Blood Bank.

For several years the generosity of volunteer blood donors has provided blood replacement coverage for all Roosevelt residents.

Our goal this year is 50 pints of donated blood. Please express your concern for our Roosevelt community by being one of those donating a gift of life for yourself, your family and your neighbor.

Giving blood is quick, easy and safe. For additional information call June Counterman at 448-3182.

TO ALL OF YOU, FROM ME (CONT. from 15)

The work was fun, but most of all,
Good friends I surely found.
And it's all of you that make it hard
To leave this lovely town.

The friendships I have made here
Will last with me forever.
I hope you'll all remember us,
I shan't forget you--ever.

And now it's time to end this rhyme,
For I feel a heavy sigh.
I wish you all true happiness,
And to all of you--Goodbye.

Roosevelt Kid Reminiscences

By Arthur Shapiro

At a recent town function, a New Yorker who settled here as an adult tried to convey how much he thought I had missed by growing up in Roosevelt. He mentioned such wonderful things as corner soda fountains and sewer ball games.

I laughed. I distinctly remember my New York cousins wanting to come to our house for vacations. There was always so much to do here.

In the winter you could belly flop on your Flexible Flyer down the Big Hill (now called Steeplechase) or go ice-skating on the pond near the sewage disposal (who would ever believe that I'd move closer to it!).

In the summer you could take in a movie in Joe Violi's garage at the triangle (he charged a dime), or put hot smooth stones from the road down the front of your pants to stop the poison ivy from itching. If you wanted to go swimming, the choices were Etra and Perrineville Lakes.

If you had nothing better to do you could listen to your neighbor's phone calls on the party line (our number was 567-R11, go to the Commissary (now the store) or to hang out at "Frenchy's" gas station.

If you were a Roosevelt kid, you could follow Simon Major collecting trash and ride your bike down streets with exotic names like Cooperative Extension or Co-op Circle. You could make a net out of wire hanger and cheesecloth or one of your mother's old stockings and catch, in season, lightning bugs, frogs, turtles, moths, hoptoads, bees, tadpoles.

In school you could join the Safety Patrol and arrest other kids for breaking rules such as double-riding.

After school a kid could play roly-

poly, wall-ball, handball, batter-up, softball, or touch football. You could build a fort or a hut at Green Mountain behind Shahn's house and cook potatoes in the ground.

If you were bored, you could make a rug with a horse reins (a homemade loom made from a spool), a rubber gun (from an inner tube), a match gun (from a spring clothespin), a kite (from newspaper), a slingshot or a bow and arrow. You could play marbles (puries were the best), yell to your friends through the sewers, or "bust" tar bubbles in the road.

You could join Troop 83 of the Boy Scouts (Stefan Martin was my fearless patrol leader) or join the Roosevelt Drum and Bugle Corps, led by Harold Cooper.

Kenny Kaye, Steve Grossman, Mike and Bruce Block, Jimmy Frank and Robbie Bookman were the names of "little kids".

My friends had names like Oogie, Obbinocker, Hump, Beefy, Petslock and Worm. If you really wanted to insult a guy, you "slipped" him by calling him by his mother's first name.

During the summer, if you wanted to work, you could candle eggs or vaccinate chickens on a farm. At night you could hang out at Bogatz's with the New York girls.

In those days your mother never had to leave town to do her shopping. Lobl's store delivered. In addition a fish man, an egg man, two bread men, the kosher butcher, an ice cream man, the Hammer soda truck, two milkmen and the shochet (who killed fresh chickens) routinely came through town.

Many Rooseveltians ate Friday night dinner at Nick Mastoris' Hightstown Diner. For the best ice cream you needed to go only as far as Katz's in

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"Soot" Yourself, or Let a Chimney Sweep Sweep

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by chimneys which were clogged with soot and creosote, a natural wood derivative. Chimneys should be checked after each cord of wood is burned by removing the damper and holding an illuminated mirror under the opening. If no pink shows on the chimney sides, the chimney needs to be cleaned. Wood-burning stoves and oil burner chimneys also need regular cleaning. Spark arresters, pieces of screen installed over the top of a chimney, not only cut down the danger of setting your own or your

neighbor's house on fire, they also keep out unwanted visitors. David as a matter of course removes bats, birds and rodents, some alive and some not, from the chimneys he cleans.

Aside from the monetary remuneration, David has people who blow him kisses or rush to shake his hand as the song goes. He has been known to stop traffic while up on a roof, while car drivers pop out of their cars to take his picture. All in all, it's much more interesting than riding the bus twice a day. If you are interested in seeing for yourself, call David at 201-466-7500. Rates start at \$40.

Mural, Mural on the Wall

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and Vanzetti haunt the scene and remind us that the ghost of poverty and disenfranchisement still roams America.

Then an arch opens like a gate and invites us out of the cramped spaces of factories and tenements into the second panel, where a vision of change is translated into struggle, and the labor movement is born. From the sacrifice and protest of immigrants and the organized actions of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union comes victory, the eight-hour workday, five-day workweek we take for granted. But struggle is also suffering, Shahn reminds us, as he again constricts the mural's spaces.

Yet at last we move through an arch of triumph into the third panel where victory is transformed into concrete plans for a town that had never been before, a utopian community combining the rural and the urban, the energies of growing and making. We all know what happened to Utopia, but this image of

freedom is still with us. The mirror may be cracked, but it still reflects our aspirations: we all want the best of the country and the city. That lush orchard in the background of this last panel may not mean as much to you as it does to someone like myself, who spent a good part of his life in one vowing to get out and, at the same time, despising the development that threatened it. But the orchard is still a moving image of the unity of nature and civilization, a place of growth with organization.

This wonderful, stormy ordering of images, then, of a people who struggled to realize their vision of something better, does not tell us that we are the fairest, only that even out of social upheaval-- as in the 30's and the 60's-- hope can rise up and change the world. As William Blake, the English poet-printer-painter, has said, "What Is, was once only Imagined." This is what the mural told me. Make a friend of those faces, images of fear, pain, and triumph, of tailors, scientists, miners, and senators, and see what the mural on the wall tells you about yourself.

Roosevelt Kid Reminisces

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Etra.

Your initiation into Hightstown High School, if you were a freshman boy, consisted of having your pants pulled off at the triangle during the first weeks of school and all freshmen were relegated to the back of the bus. On Saturday night you could go to the Canteen over the Hightstown Fire House.

If you craved excitement, you could play cops by stopping cars in your Hightstown High School Band uniform or go bushwacking at the Crematory with friends you have for a lifetime.

And to think I gave up corner soda fountains and sewer ball!

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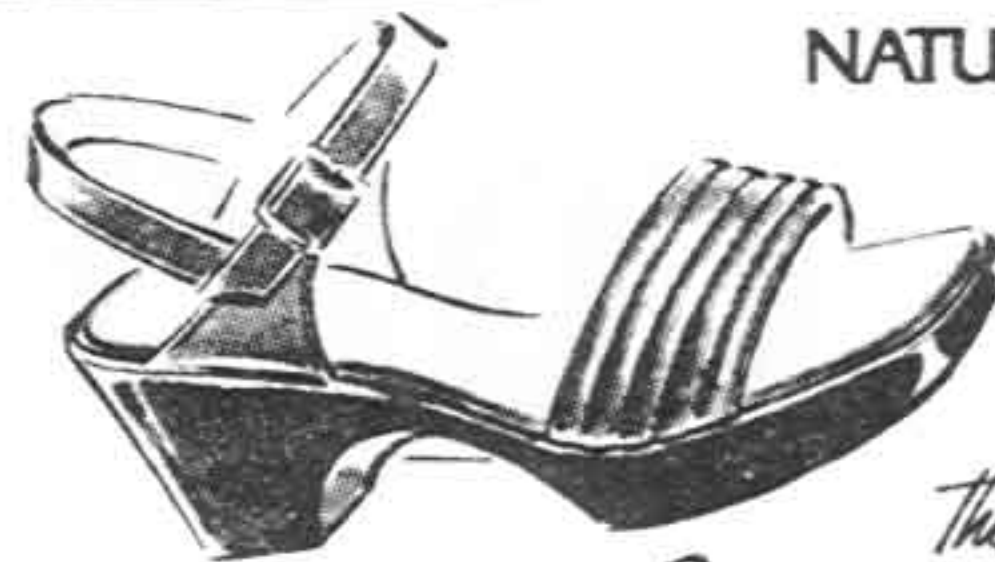
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ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY - SCHOOL CALENDAR

JANUARY

25	Thursday, 8 p.m.	P.T.A. Meeting at school
26	Friday, 1 p.m.	"Values in America Day" at school, public invited to attend
26	Friday, 8 p.m.	Free film: "The Man in the Glass Booth" Community Room, Borough Hall
29	Monday, 8 p.m.	Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall
30	Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.	Early Closing, R.P.S.
31	Wednesday, 8 p.m.	Parents Advisory Council, R.P.S.
31	Wednesday, 8 p.m.	First Aid Squad Meeting, Borough Hall

FEBRUARY

1	Thursday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Taxes due; can be paid at Borough Hall
2	Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	Ski Trip, Grades 3-8, Pine Hill, N.J.
4	Sunday, 3 p.m.	Community Band Concert, Borough Hall
6	Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.	Early Closing, R.P.S.
6	Tuesday, 8 p.m.	School Board Agenda Meeting, R.P.S.
7	Wednesday, 2 p.m.	Senior Citizens' Meeting, Borough Hall
7	Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m.	Bookmobile, store parking lot
8	Thursday, 8 p.m.	Pioneer Women meet at the Ticktin home
10	Saturday, 9 p.m.	Square Dance sponsored by P.T.A. at school
12	Monday	Deadline for Borough Bulletin copy; mail to Sue Ann Jones, Roosevelt, N.J. 08555
12	Monday, 8 p.m.	Borough Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall
13	Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.	Blood Drive, Borough Hall
13	Tuesday, 8 p.m.	School Board Meeting, R.P.S.
14	Wednesday, 8 p.m.	Borough Council Meeting, Borough Hall
15	Thursday, 8 p.m.	P.T.A. Meeting at the school
16	Friday, 8 p.m.	Town Social, Borough Hall
20	Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.	M.C.O.S.S., Borough Hall
21	Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m.	Bookmobile, store parking lot

BULLETIN STAFF EXTENDS WELL WISHES

The Bulletin staff joins Rooseveltians in wishing a speedy recovery to these neighbors: Ann Blutstein, Morris Geber, Richard Hermann, Nathan Nerod and Shannon Orlando.

ANI ROSSKAM HAS ONE-WOMAN SHOW

Works by Ani Rosskam were the subject of a one-woman show at the Houghton House Gallery at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y. during December.

The artist is the daughter of Edwin and Louise Rosskam of Pine Drive.

TWO NEW STAFFERS JOIN BULLETIN; YOU CAN ADD YOUR NAME, TOO

The Bulletin welcomes new staff members Arthur Shapiro, a writer, and Andrea Lakin, an artist, to our staff this month. Their talents will help make a good community newspaper better, and their names will help our mast head keep growing.

If you would like to contribute your writing, artistic or advertising expertise, your energy will be welcomed.

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