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## Overall 1980 tax rate likely to fall 11¢ per \$100

By Bob Clark

If no public comments at the budget hearing on March 27 prompt last minute changes, the local government tax rate will decrease by two cents per \$100 of assessed value from 47 cents last year to 45 cents this year.

The school district rate is expected to decrease by five cents.

In addition, Monmouth County's recently introduced budget reflects a reduction of nearly four cents, a windfall from the viewpoint of council planners, who had estimated a four-cent increase by the county in their total rate calculations.

Thus, Roosevelt's overall real property tax rate will likely decrease by a total of 11 cents per \$100 of assessed value from \$4.13 in 1979 to

\$4.02 in 1980. The owner of a house assessed at \$40,000 would pay \$44 less tax in 1980.

The council worked hard to keep the local government appropriations within the state-mandated 5% "caps" on spending increases. Council members and committees first struggled to determine which expenditures would be beneficial or simply necessary to the town. Then they trimmed appropriations in the belt-tightening process required by the "caps" limitation. Under the state formula, the borough could increase appropriations by just \$5,732, and the council stayed within that allowance.

But that success wasn't achieved without difficult choices. Council member Bill Counterman brought a long list of desirable road projects to

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## Council hear some landfill sites are near town

By Bob Clark

The Borough Council is looking beyond borough boundaries. At the agenda meeting March 10, Council member Bill Counterman described the recently published Monmouth County Sanitary Landfill Report. It describes 11 possible

Monmouth County locations for the dumping of waste materials generated within the county.

The potential site closest to Roosevelt is a privately-owned 80-acre parcel in Millstone Township, not far from Roosevelt's northern boundary, between Disbrow Hill Road and

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## Valley Road-Farm Lane senior housing planned

By Edwin Rosskam, Special  
Correspondent

At a meeting on March 6 in the Borough Hall, chaired by David Davies in the absence of Mayor Barth, members of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation authorized the Board of Trustees to enter into a sales contract for the purchase of four lots on Valley Road at the corner of Farm Lane. The contract will be conditional, depending on the final approval of plans by the Farmers Home Administration.

The site, selected from a number of other locations as most suitable for a 20-unit development, is the property of Dr. Rebecca Nottermen.

The resolution empowers the Board to commit an eventual payment not exceeding \$50,000, a sum that won't be paid by the borough, but that will form part of the federal funding for the whole project.

The group also instructed the trustees to prepare a pre-application to be submitted to the Farmers Home Administration. A pre-application is a nonspecific statement of intention which must be approved by the granting agency before more concrete steps can be undertaken.

A draft of the corporation's by-laws prepared by lawyer Michael Ticktin in accordance with legal requirements adjusted to local conditions was discussed at length. The final form of the by-laws will be submitted to the membership at a meeting on the evening of March 20 at the Borough Hall, too late for inclusion in this issue of the Bulletin.

## Kindergarten sign-up

If you have a child who will be five years old before Dec. 31, 1980, you may register that child for kindergarten on May 1. Bring the child's birth certificate and immunization records to the school to schedule an appointment for your child to visit the kindergarten class and to participate in the kindergarten screening program. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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## tax rate (Cont'd from p.1)

one meeting and then resignedly scratched several items. It seemed a foregone conclusion that the streets and roads appropriation would remain inadequate, even though it was increased from \$10,000 to \$14,000.

The council's road budget includes \$5,000 as matching funds for state aid grants available from the recently-enacted transportation bond issue. The priority job recommended by Borough Engineer James DeMuro is the repaving of Nurko Road. The council has already approved an application for \$24,570 in state funds. Numerous complaints about the condition of Nurko Road have been received from residents, the Postal Service and Millstone school officials responsible for busing students on Nurko Road. The council set aside \$7,000 as the estimated cost of sealing one mile of roads. The council has often recognized the need for some sort of preventive maintenance program to avoid expensive repaving, and the remaining \$2,000 will finance routine patching.

Counterman trimmed the following items from his original list of road repair needs:

- \$12,000 - Major repairs for Oscar Drive
- 2,000 - Repairs to Farm Lane storm drains
- 6,000 - Cost of repairing possible sewer dome cave-ins
- 3,000 - Preventive maintenance on the closed portion of Valley Road
- 2,000 - Replacement and installation of street signs

Council members generally agreed that road conditions are

deteriorating. Counterman said it is "not clear" that federally funded water and sewer line projects will include the cost of resurfacing affected streets. Borough Treasurer Howard Prezant suggested that the council consider a one-shot bond issue to restore roads to prime condition and annual budgeting for preventive maintenance to keep them that way. Counterman said such planning should await completion of water and sewer line work. In the meantime he promised to ask the borough engineer for a cost estimate for such extensive repaving.

Counterman produced another list of equipment to upgrade the Fire Department. By adding \$2,500 from federal revenue sharing funds to the \$1,500 already budgeted, the council brought the available funds to within \$500 of the amount requested by the Fire Department.

Council member Jan Terry reluctantly cut funds from the recreation budget for vandal-resistant park furniture to replace the rotting pieces near the Memorial. Later the council received an unexpected recreation windfall when the P.T.A. indicated that it wouldn't need the \$700 set aside for the Summer Program.

Inflationary items plagued the council. Insurance projections rose from \$6,500 last year to \$8,200 this year. The street lighting budget increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Prezant raised the perennial question: shall the Mayor and Council members receive a salary? Amid wistful sighs and chuckles, the officials recounted the tales of expenses, lost wages and hours spent on Borough business. Then they quickly dropped the subject and returned to their budgetary labors.

## Council (Cont'd. from p. 1)

Route 571. Although the Report noted a fundamental disadvantage of the site - "insufficient land for the establishment of a landfill" - Counterman said that this factor could be outweighed, in the minds of state planners, by the tract's outstanding soil characteristics.

The second-closest possibility is a site between Routes 524 and 526 near the headwaters of Doctors Creek. According to Counterman, county officials are interested in establishing landfills in the western panhandle of the county because of the relatively low population and favorable soil conditions.

Public hearings would be held before any landfill is actually created. Counterman said he is keeping a close watch on developments and is interested in learning the public's reaction.

At its regular meeting on March 12, the council authorized the borough engineering firm to proceed with design work for water plant renovations and a back-up well. The federal Farmers Home Administration (FHA) agreed to lend \$500,000 to the borough to cover the estimated cost of such water projects.

Once the design is completed, the town can advertise for bids asking for a total package price and prices for specific items to be constructed on a priority basis. The construction phase would be financed with a conventional loan, and the FHA would provide permanent financing over 40 years at 5% interest.

Counterman reported that a water main break under the culvert at Empty Box Brook and South Valley Road accounted for the red water experienced by some residents on March 3. An unused portion of the pipeline was cut

and capped to repair the problem. He showed a piece of the 8-inch pipe - surprisingly free of encrusted obstructions for its 40-year age.

Mayor Leon Barth commended the Murphys and Reimbolds, residents of the nearby dome houses for their sympathetic understanding of the problem. Barth said the council appreciated the courteous manner in which the Murphys and Reimbolds stoically bore more than a day without water.

Barth mentioned another situation in which one of two pumps that transfer water from the water plant to the water tower briefly broke down. Minor repairs restored it to service.

The council received a copy of a letter from the owner of the vacant store protesting the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) recent decision to return the town's only retail liquor distribution license to the council. The letter asked for a hearing to appeal the action. The council indicated it would await the outcome of the appeal before advertising the availability of the license and awarding it to a suitable bidder. At least one applicant has already expressed an interest in obtaining the license.

Council member Leslie Weiner reported that an application to have Roosevelt placed on the state and federal Registers of Historic Places was recently filed at the State Historical Office. According to Weiner the state officials were "delighted" to receive the application.

Borough Clerk Elizabeth Johnson noted at the agenda meeting that six families have responded to the Borough's request that eligible persons apply for federal Community Development grants available for housing rehabilitation.

Administrative Committee



# Council

Chairman Louis Esakoff pointed out a disparity of approximately \$600 between an insurance bill from Adlerman, Click, the town's insurance agency, and the amount which Esakoff thought the agency had projected as the cost of umbrella liability coverage. He said he contacted the agency and found out that the projected cost had been in error. Esakoff said he would contact the agency again to see if an adjustment could be made so that currently budgeted funds could meet insurance charges. The council had relied on the projection in its budget calculation.

At the agenda meeting Borough Treasurer Howard Prezant reminded the council that the town pays for street lamps on a unit basis. Therefore, replacement of worn out lights costs the borough nothing and should be done as soon as they burn out. Any resident can call Jersey Central Power and Light directly at 448-0203 to report a darkened street light and obtain prompt replacement.

The council received letters from Sandy Orlando and Andrea Lakin opposing chemical spraying to control gypsy moths. The council decided to ask County Health Officer Lester Jargowsky to inform the council about any health hazards associated with the agents to be used in the county spraying program.

A letter from the P.T.A. indicated that council funds wouldn't be needed for this year's summer program.

The borough ordered nine chairs and materials for two six-foot-long tables for the library area in the municipal building. Mayor Barth plans to donate his skills to build the tables. State funds totaling \$2407 are

available for library projects. During the public portion Esther Pogrebin asked why a screen and a projector haven't been purchased, but it was noted that the library already has a screen and that the school projector could be borrowed as needed. Some remaining state money may also be used to buy a projector.

Mayor Barth decided he himself would assume responsibility for civil defense duties. He appointed Ed Schmaltzbach to the Welfare Board.

At the agenda meeting Council member Jan Terry asked for "feedback" from the council on the P.T.A.'s consideration of donating a tire playground to the school. The general feeling was that other playground equipment, such as at the Perrineville Green Acres park, might be more desirable and that more investigation was necessary.



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## Breakfast, flower sale slated by First Aiders

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad will hold its annual Spring Breakfast May 4 at the Borough Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

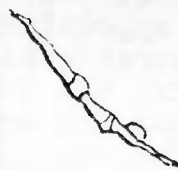
Pancakes, sausage, and eggs (in any combination) will be served, along with orange juice, coffee, tea and milk.

Another annual event, the Spring Flower Sale will be held early in May at the store parking lot. This flower sale is sponsored by local residents with proceeds going to the First Aid Squad.

A letter from the Central Jersey Blood Bank was received thanking the people of Roosevelt for their response to the Feb. 14 blood drive: "The people in Roosevelt should certainly hold their heads up high this morning. Last night they proved their concern for others by responding with a record number of donations at the blood drive. An event like this brings out the finest in human spirit, and is truly a gift from the heart. These 'special' people made St. Valentine's Day a memorable one, by their demonstration of love and by sharing the most precious thing of all - life. We thank them most sincerely for their thoughtful, humanitarian gesture."

Those who missed the blood drive and still would like to give may to to Freehold Area Hospital on the third Thursday of each month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and request that the donation be credited to the Borough of Roosevelt. Anyone in need of blood should contact June Counterman at 448-3182.

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# June Counterman is county health official

By Bob Clark

Her steadfast work on the First Aid Squad, Juvenile Council and other civic organizations has earned June Counterman the gratitude of borough residents over the years. Now, that same drive for social service has led the Lake Drive resident to an official position important to the health of all county residents: president of the nine-member Monmouth County Board of Health.

With a budget nearly double that of Roosevelt's entire local government, the board oversees the activities of the County Health Department, established in 1978. Its professional staff includes a health officer, a health educator, a health investigator and several sanitary inspectors and nurses. The board contracts with the Monmouth County Office of Social Services (MCOSS) for nursing services.

As one of 12 participating Monmouth County municipalities, Roosevelt pays just \$300 for the full range of services provided by the department. These elective programs include noise control inspections, checking noxious weed complaints, sanitary inspections, providing rabies vaccinations, animal bite investigations, blood pressure testing, communicable disease control and VD clinics.

Other important services are provided to all 53 municipalities in the county. The department assists the State in monitoring air, noise and water pollution. It also samples beach water weekly during the summer, inspects youth camps and surveys food establishments. Further, it checks housing violations and inspects for insect and rodent infestation.

According to Counterman, one of the most important tasks of

the department is to enforce laws against stream pollution. Towns like Roosevelt must be vigilant to prevent infiltration of streams and water supplies resulting from indiscriminate dumping, she said.

The department maintains a 24-hour confidential "hot line" for the reporting of environmental violations or other public health emergencies: (201) 431-7456. A pamphlet describing programs is available in the Municipal Building.

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Volunteers**First-Aid Squad: doing the job, regardless**

By David Herrstrom

Like many small towns, Roosevelt depends on volunteers. Like most others, this borough has a P.T.A. and other civic groups. Like many others, Roosevelt is served by part-time political leaders, saved by part-time firefighters and first aid personnel, salvaged (perhaps) by part-time entertainers and journalists. But in this town the degree of volunteerism seems striking. This article is the first in a series that will appear from time to time, exploring some of the institutions of the town, and some of the individuals who volunteer to give life to those institutions. We welcome your suggestions for future articles in this series.

---The Bulletin Staff

It's a cold winter, 3:00 a.m. The Home-Alert System stings you out of bed, and you think, "Where're my shoes?" even though you've carefully laid them out the night before for the last ten years. You take the call and drag on your clothes, grab a coat and grind the starter. Aiming the car to the Borough Hall, you can't shake the thought: "It's probably somebody I know." All the way you're "reading the handbook again," thinking "am I going to do the right thing? Can I handle it?" But once that siren wails you know "you've got a job to do, and you do it." It's just that, even after long hours of training and years of experience, the "unknown scares you."

Such are the thoughts that at one time or another probably cross any squad member's mind,

as First-Aid President Liz Johnson says, but there's "no typical call." One heart attack is not the same as another, because each victim responds differently as the attack itself takes on various forms. Also, every family reacts to the crisis differently, and the squad member ends up having to "do for the family" as well as for the patient. But you know that you're "not just there for the patient; you're also there for the family." No matter how much experience you have, individual circumstances always conspire to produce the unknown even within ordinary crises, to say nothing of that stone of dread in your stomach as you approach a two-car collision, never knowing what to expect.

The hours of training and drilling don't eliminate the weight in the stomach, but they enable each member to do the job required, swiftly and competently. Everyone on the squad is required to complete a course of study which includes beginning and advanced first-aid, childbirth, defensive driving and Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation(CPR). Many complete additional months of intensive training and earn their State Certificates as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). Further training consists of continuous practice and mini-courses in new techniques. Monthly drills are devoted to such practical matters as negotiating a litter from the back bedrooms of the various kinds of Roosevelt homes. In some the squad must stand the litter on end in order to get the victim out of the house, and in bi-level

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homes the double stairs present a challenge.

The First-Aid Squad has come a long way from the days when it was essentially a taxi service to the hospital. Over the last ten years, as its president points out, there have been "astronomical changes." Not many years ago the only consideration was to get the patient to the hospital; now the hospital expects that the first medical steps have been taken, such as pulse and respiration, and a preliminary evaluation received by radio-phone from the ambulance. No longer does the ambulance wheel away immediately after the patient has been placed inside; instead, there are crucial moments taken for a preliminary assessment which speeds necessary care at the hospital. Given more thorough training and more complex equipment, the hospital expects more, and Roosevelt is better off as a result.

These changes in role have also brought changes in attitude. When more is expected, everyone has a greater sense of purpose. Now the state requires training. And seriousness increases as knowledge and responsibility increase. The liability taken on as a result of this training, even under the "Good Samaritan Act," also contributes to a greater sense of professionalism, necessary to the survival of the whole group and their continuing service to the community.

Each member, despite inevitable disagreements now and then, shares this bond of professionalism with the rest of the people on the squad. They are "not a social group," Liz Johnson points out. More important, the First-Aid Squad is not run by one or two people; it requires the cooperation, dedication and hard work of all its members.

## CORRECTIONS

At the time of printing of last month's Bulletin, the public hearing on the local government budget had been scheduled for March 12 and we so reported. Since the council didn't have a quorum at the planned meeting to introduce the budget, the public hearing was delayed until 8:00 Thursday, March 27. And that was too late to report in this issue.

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We did it again. In Feb.'s issue of the Bulletin, the page 11 headline over Peter Berlinrut's article had, alas, nothing to do with Peter Berlinrut's article. We apologize for any confusion you might have felt. Imagine what Peter thought.

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## First-Aid (Cont'd. from p. 9)

The Executive Officers, as well as the Line Officers, Captain June Counterman, First Lieutenant and Training Officer Roy Terry, and Second Lieutenant Liz Johnson cannot do the job alone. Moreover, they cannot continue to carry out their responsibilities indefinitely; the community must provide a continuous supply of new volunteers if Roosevelt is to have a First-Aid Squad.

Members join and remain for a variety of reasons. Ten years ago someone mentioned to Liz Johnson that if a child got hurt at school, there was no one to take him or her to the hospital. This "scared the hell out of me," Liz admits, and she has been a member ever since. This fright has never left her, but she remains on the squad, although "every year it's harder to get out of bed at 3:00 a.m.," because she couldn't think of herself as not being on it. For one thing, it provides a sense of "being needed." It's no fun having to answer a call in the middle of a party. And it's no fun for her husband or the host to suddenly lose half the party at the shriek of a siren, then have them return, only to lose them again fifteen minutes later. More than once, the spouses have given up and gone home. But still there's an inner need to serve the community and a certain well-being derived from serving.

But without money and volunteers, the best motives don't matter. The Squad now receives \$1700 annually from the Borough, which covers only their insurance, but the remaining funds necessary to replace worn-out equipment and to purchase new must be raised, as well as operating expenses such as gas and medical supplies. Consequently, the squad not only works hard to serve the community as First-Aid volunteers, but they

must work just as hard as fund-raisers, canvassing the town on First-Aid Weekend, sponsoring breakfasts, suppers and hoagie days. No one likes to go door to door asking for money, but they have no choice other than to rely heavily on our contributions.

And they are "always looking for new members." The money somehow comes in, but a more nagging concern is the lack of new volunteers, without whom, money is useless. As far as increased professionalism, cooperation with surrounding squads and sense of purpose, the future looks bright, but unless new people are recruited to replace those who retire over the next few years, there'll be no future. Roosevelt First-Aid Squad will always be a professional emergency service, and its first concern will always be the people of Roosevelt, but without our help in giving time and energy it cannot survive.

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#### KEN HOROWITZ ENGAGED

Ken Horowitz, son of Harry and Gert Horowitz of Rt. 571, Hightstown, is engaged to Ms. Shelly Stewart of Plainsboro. The couple plans an August wedding.

# Synagogue Youth meets for Roosevelt weekend

By Debbie Nahmias, Special Correspondent

"What a weekend" is what I said Sunday morning, Feb. 3. Why? Because the Roosevelt NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) had just ended its first sh'bbatton.

You're probably thinking, what is a sh'bbatton? Well, a sh'bbatton is a Jewish religious weekend where the kids from NCSY chapters around New Jersey come together for a weekend to pray and observe the sabbath (the Jewish holy day from Friday night through Saturday, when physical work isn't permitted)-- and also to have fun and learn more about their religion.

The children who came to the sh'bbatton slept at other Jewish homes in Roosevelt. In past sh'bbattons that Roosevelt children went to, they slept at people's homes. These occur about every three months.

The whole Roosevelt chapter was involved in the sh'bbatton and almost all the parents helped and kept children at their homes.

Nate Segal and Barruch Lanner are the advisors or leaders of Junior NCSY. Higher than them is Michael Taubes who came Saturday night. Lanner and Segal stayed at people's homes just as the children did.

Saturday night, after the sabbath had ended, we had a magician come in to do a little magic. After the magic show we held some relay races with the different chapters against one another. Roosevelt won the most races.

I think the best part of the sh'bbatton is the kumsitz. This

is when everyone gets in a circle around Rabbi Barruch Lanner, an advisor, and organizes some of Junior NCSY. Rabbi Lanner plays the guitar while we sing Jewish songs. The candles are burning and the lights are out.

The Sisterhood, the Roosevelt Synagogue Board and all the parents who helped are to be thanked for making this sh'bbatton possible. I'm sure that the rest of the NCSY Roosevelt chapter gives their thanks, too.

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## FOOD

**Well, if it's Thursday, this must be... casserole**

By Beth Johnson

Nearly 30 years ago the casserole revolution in America introduced a new concept of cooking at a time when formality in meals was disappearing.

Casserole cooking is a wonderful way to warm your house, and it's great for your pocketbook too. At my house a casserole is usually greeted with shouts of "Oh no! Another one of Mom's 'creations'!" You see, I sometimes save leftovers for a couple of days, mix them all together and make a "creation." But sometimes there's a hit, like these. And you can substitute almost any meats or vegetables for the ones I used. Leftover gravy or spaghetti sauce is a good substitution too. Make your own "creation." All you risk is an "Oh, no!"

**Macaroni and Diced Beef Baked in Cheese Sauce**

½ lb. macaroni	2 cups diced cooked beef*
4 tblsp. butter	2 tomatoes, skinned, seeded, cut in pieces
4 tblsp. flour	½ lb. mushrooms, sliced and sautéed
2 cups milk	breadcrumbs
dash salt and pepper	butter
1½ cups grated Swiss cheese	

Cook macaroni in boiling salted water until barely tender. Drain. Heat butter in a saucepan, add flour, and cook over low heat until almost dry. Add milk, a little at a time, stirring constantly until smooth and thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in grated cheese. Put macaroni in a deep casserole with beef, tomatoes, and mushrooms. Add cheese sauce and stir to mix with the other ingredients. Sprinkle the top with breadcrumbs and dot with butter. Bake in 350° oven 35 to 45 minutes or until brown and crusty on top, about one hour.

Serves 4 to 6

\*Leftover ham, turkey, chicken or pork may be substituted for the beef or used in addition to it. Also include leftover peas, string beans, broccoli, or cauliflower. For added flavor include ½ cup sautéed onions or shallots.

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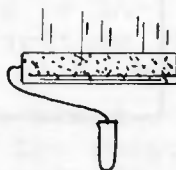


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MINUTES AGO

(Courtesy Jeanette Koffler & Esther Schneider)

Participants in a Russian Festival Directed by Tamara Drasin  
Roosevelt School, Summer 1939

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**PRINCIPAL'S LETTER****Finding a better way to educate the educators**

Dear Friends,

Recently, one school board member, two faculty members and I attended a workshop on Inservice Education. The meeting was held at the Educational Improvement Center (EIC) in Princeton (a division of the New Jersey State Department of Education). While we all found the workshop poorly organized and not very informative, the issue of a substantive, thorough, and meaningful program of inservice education for teachers is certainly a critical one.

Most of us in this field feel a real need for a continuing program of education for educators. With the field changing so rapidly, advances in our knowledge of how children learn, increased knowledge about the world which accumulates so rapidly, new demands for mandated programs from the Department of Education, it's unreasonable to think that people who received their formal training five, 10, or 15 years ago should be prepared to teach forever without additional education.

The problem is how is this to be accomplished? More basically, the problem is what is to be accomplished? Should inservice education deal with course content? Should it deal with classroom management? Should it deal with skill development? Perhaps it should deal with all three. Who decides? In a school our size it appears to me that the staff should certainly be involved in setting priorities for inservice education. Along with the administrator, the Board of Education also has the responsibility for deciding what it

wants to see improved and how to help teachers learn. Often that costs money.

In our district the board has provided for a number of early school closings throughout the year. On these days children are released at 12:30 p.m. and the staff has two hours to be involved in inservice education. Whether or not this is the best way to go about the task is questionable. There are often very pressing demands which need to be addressed during these sessions. The time is used to deal with immediate problems and the long-range issues are put off. When we do deal with an issue of curriculum, it is another month before our next meeting and it is difficult to pick up where we left off and get going again. Also, after a day of working with children, it is often difficult to concentrate on an inservice program.

We have dealt with this issue in other ways, too. The board has sent individual teachers to conferences, workshops, college courses, etc., all with the purpose of helping the teacher to learn more, to become more effective, to be better teachers. I believe that where workshops have delivered what they said they'd deliver, teachers gained a great deal.

But though this approach meets specific individual needs and goals, it doesn't seem to be the best model for helping the school and providing the kind of inservice education necessary. There are times when workshops are nothing more than a person making a speech - no real involvement or learning takes place. While we need to continue to attend these sess-

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ions, they are no substitute for a well-planned program.

So, what is the solution? The Council for Basic Education, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit organization which addresses itself to educational issues, put out a recent paper entitled "Education's Stepchild, Inservice Training." The paper concludes by calling for a desperately needed improvement in the whole area of inservice education. "It (the inservice program) must merit the respect of teachers whose effectiveness depends on it. It must be respected by school board members who authorize it and by citizens whose taxes pay for it."

It is certainly our commitment here at school to be involved in continually upgrading our own knowledge of the subject areas we teach as well as improving our skills as educators. We will be developing, with the Board of Education, a plan which provides this in a way which is most useful to all of us and, ultimately, to the children we teach.

Lew Gantwerk

*Senior Citizens, voting to continue, elect officers*

By Helga Wisowaty

Senior citizens President Esther Pogrebin focused the group's March meeting on a basic question - whether there was any need for the group and whether it should be continued. Said the two dozen members attending: "YES!" Members agreed that the companionship provided by the group is pleasure enough to assure its long life.

The March elections returned present officers for another year of service. Paul Corman accepted the office of Hospitality Chairman, taking over that responsibility from Gus Chasan and Jay Libove. Members commended them for doing an excellent job. Esther Frucht will keep in touch with those who are ill.

A program committee was established with Esther Pogrebin, Paul Eichler and Jack Yudin volunteering.

Those interested in joining the trip to Club Bené on April 17 register with Belle Meir. A trip to Wildwood in May was also discussed.

Jack Yudin's birthday was celebrated with refreshments provided by hostess-for-the-day Rose Yudin.

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## More on R.P.S. diplomas : the Shapiros' letter

(Editor's note: In the February issue of the Bulletin, our school board stroy reported a discussion resulting from a suggestion by Arthur and Elly Shapiro about the manner of awarding R.P.S. diplomas. To further clarify the issue, we reprint here the Shapiros' actual letter to the board.)

January 17, 1980

Roosevelt Board of Education  
Roosevelt Public School  
Roosevelt, New Jersey 08555

Dear Board:

We would like to express our strong objection to a traditional privilege enjoyed by past and present members of the Roosevelt Board of Education: that of awarding diplomas to their own children at graduation exercises. Upon inquiring, we learned that the board had no written policy on this matter and that the practice was based solely on "tradition." Because we believe strongly that the tradition is unfair and the practice discriminatory, we would like it eliminated or extended to all.

Because graduation classes in Roosevelt are small, the percentage of children qualifying to receive diplomas from their parents is large enough to make those not qualifying feel discriminated against. We believe the tradition to be unfair because as its criterion you are selecting only one type of service to the school. No family, for example has closer ties to this school than ours. Both children attend here, one of their parents attended from kindergarten through grade eight, another serves as president of its P.T.A., and both have served on its faculty!

Because of my employment, which includes statewide responsibility in education, our family agreed that we would make our civic contributions in ways outside the field - to avoid situations that could result in a conflict of interest. However, because of that decision, our child will not be permitted to experience fully every privilege allowed at an important event in her life. No graduate should experience less than 100% of a feeling of belonging and membership in the event. It is their graduation!

The act of the former or present board member personally presenting the diploma must have some special meaning or it would not be done. This "specialness" is based upon the fact that the board member and his/her child have a tie to the Roosevelt Public School, one through attendance - one through service, resulting in a special privilege to both the child and parent.

We realize the difficulty in asking a public body to rescind a self-awarded privilege, but we must when that privilege equates itself into a feeling of discrimination to a child - any child. We are, therefore, requesting that this privilege either be abolished or extended to every parent.

Please understand that we do not regard this as a "frivolous" matter. It is never frivolous when children's feelings are involved. Thank you for your consideration. We await your reply.

Sincerely,

Arthur and Elly  
Shapiro



## School budget discussed at stormy session

By Hortense Sochowitzky

The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the school budget for 1980-81 on March 4 in the school. Many of the more than 20 residents who attended were active in what at times became a heated discussion, and some items spilled over to the regular meeting a week later.

At the March 4 meeting, the budget was presented in sections by individual board members who then heard and answered questions and discussions from the public on each section.

The proposals on revenues, with particular emphasis on the amount of \$32,699.00 taken from the free balance to be used to keep the tax levy the same as last year; the drop in equalization aid, and the salaries for the administrative principal and the board secretary were the chief targets of strong criticism from the public.

Howard Chasan, Louis Esakoff and Leslie Weiner thought the board should take a larger amount from the free balance to reduce the tax levy. The board's reply, that large amounts must be kept in free balance to pay for needed repairs to the building as outlined in the architect's report presented at a previous meeting, precipitated much discussion about the proposed improvements; specifically, how much should be done, and should the money come from free balance or capital reserve. The building and grounds committee made specific recommendations from the architect's report to the entire board at the regular meeting the following week.

On the subject of equalization aid, which was questioned

by the public, Principal Lew Gantwerk explained the state's initiation of a budget cap several years ago, to equalize expenditures. The theory was that if such expenditures were equal throughout the state, the education offered the children of the state would accordingly be equal. Roosevelt's board did not budget up to the cap last year, so it was judged by state budgeters that Roosevelt did not need as much State Aid as had been anticipated, and the equalization aid was then decreased. If next year's cap is lower, equalization aid would be reduced further, and more of the free balance would then be needed in order to meet the needs of the school.

Bruce Lakin, from the public, calculated that if the state decreases the cap and aid for the 1981-82 school year at the same percentage as for the 1980-81 year, \$62,000 would have to be made up for 1981-82, either by using free balance, or by increasing the local tax levy. There was prolonged discussion on the cost of repairs needed and the use of more of the free balance.

Weiner felt that if the board continues to keep a large free balance the budget would be defeated by the voters. If this were to happen, he thought the free balance might be taken away in the end. He urged the board to consider the borough's urgent needs for sewer and water repairs and cautioned the board against "sneaking" the money for school repairs out of the free balance. Another reference to the board's alleged "sneaking" provoked board member David Zaleski's reply that nothing is being done without public knowledge, and he requested Weiner to withdraw his wording.

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Weiner obliged.

Several members of the public urged the board to look into the question of regionalizing with another district.

Judith Goetzmann suggested that the board spend its free balance. Board member David Herrstrom outlined some of the immediate needs presented in the architect's report. Mandatory work would require \$40,000 and another \$40,000 is needed to make the building more energy efficient. The money in the free balance would take care of this.

Expenditures, including the category administrative salaries provoked more critical discussion.

Chasan and Esakoff took issue with the absence of a salary scale for the administrative principal and for the secretary. Zaleski replied that the Roosevelt principal's salary is second-lowest in the state, and the board granted Gantwerk a 7.4% increase. Esakoff's criticism was that if the cap is increased by 5.9%, the principal's increase is too high. John Burghardt, from the public, remarked that in view of the rise in the cost of living, the board had actually given the principal a 7% cut.

Zaleski explained the 32.2% increase in the secretary's salary to \$15,000. The board had studied the job and the salaries throughout the state. Most districts have two or three persons to carry out secretarial duties, and \$17,000 is the average salary for board secretary. The board had realized that the Roosevelt secretary had been underpaid, and decided, on the basis of the job description, that \$15,000 was what the job is worth.

Chasan felt that in such a small district this was too high a salary. Jim Frank remarked that the state and federal reports to be processed are the same no matter what the size of the district.

Weiner criticized the budget as top heavy. Zaleski explained that both positions are required by law; the contracts were signed and are legally binding.

Esakoff remarked that the rate of expense per pupil in this district - \$3,035 - is much higher than the \$2,000 in other districts. Burghardt said that if there were twice as many students the rate would decrease. It was remarked that the school could absorb 50 more students without an increase.

Under instruction the category of teacher salaries has increased from \$97,832.00 last year to \$104,485.00 for 1980-81. This includes seven full-time teachers, two teachers working 3/5 time each, substitutes, and bedside instructors.

Chasan suggested eliminating some teachers. Gantwerk reported that the smallest class size is 12. Board member Merle Rose remarked that the board approves the way classes are set up to give the children the best education.

The increase in transportation expense, \$20,000 is accounted for by increases in special education needs, and the 20% increase over previous bus contracts allowed by the state.

Chasan took issue with the elimination of a salary for a maintenance worker. He urged the board to include money in this category and make continued efforts to find a handy man to assist the building custodian when additional help is needed, as in the summer.

Chasan and Esakoff both urged the board to provide more

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money in the high school tuition account in case new families with high school age children move into town.

The board voted approval on all budget items except revenues, which was tabled until the meeting of March 11. Gantwerk was asked to find out more about what would happen to the cap if more of the free balance is used.

At the March 11 meeting over an hour was spent considering the letter previously received from Elly and Arthur Shapiro, parents of an 8th grade student. (See page 16) Several 8th graders spoke on both sides of the question of allowing current and former board member parents to present diplomas to their own children. Some former board members, including Beth Johnson and Ed Moser, favored having either the board president or the principal present diplomas. Mel Friedman suggested the board wait until next year to vote on changing, since so much emotion had been generated at this time. Esakoff thought it right to continue the present procedure. Ed Johnson urged the board to make a definite rule now. The board finally, by a vote of 5 to 4, voted to keep the present rule.

Board member David Herrstrom introduced the proposed building renovations and repairs. The building is valued at \$600,000. Since replacement costs would be over \$1 million, it must be kept from deterioration. Also, money spent to reduce energy use, will be offset by lower costs in time.

Herrstrom divided the needed repairs into four categories: safety, security, energy, maintenance and those mandated

by state or federal law. He recommended making the following immediate repairs: emergency lighting; improvement of exterior doors with cylinder locks; replacement of door missing in foyer; recaulking windows throughout; repair of leak in roof; repair of scuppers and downspouts. On roll call vote, all members voted yes to spend a sum not to exceed \$20,000 from the current expense budget for these items.

Herrstrom proposed repairing the heating and ventilating system now to prevent irreparable damage later, repairing the exterior stucco; painting the interior - classrooms, corridors, faculty rooms, etc.- all these total \$39,200 and he recommended that \$40,000 be included as a separate item on the ballot, to be taken from capital reserve. The board voted 8 to 1 for this.

Under large capital outlays Herrstrom recommended installing ceilings lowered 9 inches and insulation. Also recommended was removal of some ceiling tiles and providing acoustical ceilings. It is estimated these changes, at a cost of \$18,000, would pay for themselves in saving of energy, in eight years.

Chasan suggested using urethane foam and slag on the roof as further insulation. Burghardt noted that since 1974 only \$15,000 was spent on building repairs and urged this be passed. On roll call vote, all members voted yes. Items on energy and maintenance were also voted by the board, but decision on where the money would come from was postponed to a later time.

The board voted approval for James Terry, a graduate of R.P.S. and now a student at Columbia University, to use children in classes K, 1, 5 and 8 for five

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minute interviews. He is studying what children know about the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He will also interview students in Hightstown High School. The work was to be done the week of this meeting.


Gantwerk reported that counselors from the high school have met with the eighth graders to discuss course selection, and will meet again with the students and their parents for further discussion.

Teaching contracts for the school year 1980-81 were awarded to Bonnie Strepp, Clare Sacharoff, Ilene Levine, Andi Berlin, Jane Freman, Delores Chasan, Katherine Hawthorne, Gail Kovacs and Iris Uklist. Salaries are those negotiated between the board and the Teachers Association for the second year of a two-year contract.

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Bruce and Andrea Lakin are the proud parents of a baby girl, Emily Larissa, born on Jan. 20, 1980. She weighed 2 lbs., 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., and remained in the special neonatal care unit at St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick until March 18. She weighed 4 lbs. 14 oz. when she came home. Brie Jessica Lakin, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  is the proud big sister. Grandparents are Lou and Judy Levy of Tamarac, Fla. and Millicent Lakin of Boston, Mass.

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### FRIEDMAN WINS PROMOTION

Mel Friedman has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Edward R. Johnstone Training and Research Center, Bordentown.

He began at Johnstone in 1968 as assistant supervisor of education, became director of education there in 1969; then director of residential and professional services in 1971.

The center is a state residential facility that houses and vocationally educates 320 students between the ages of 13 and 20. Most are mentally retarded, but some fall into more than one classification. The goal for each student is placement in the community, either in their natural home, or a foster home.

Friedman, who lives at 72 Pine Drive with wife, Lynn, and children, Debra and Marc, will also act as consultant to the seven other state institutions for the retarded.



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**MILLAR ACHIEVEMENTS**

John Millar Jr., son of John and Gerry Millar of Lake Drive, was named to the deans list for the fall semester at Mercer County Community College, Trenton. His major is in Law Enforcement.

The Millar's daughter, Elizabeth, was one of eleven students from Hightstown High School who recently received her third class radio operators license. She is now eligible to work at a radio broadcasting company performing a variety of technical responsibilities.

**"NEWCOMERS" WE MISSED**

Kevin and Kim Bonus will celebrate one year at 82 Pine Drive this month. Kevin is production shift supervisor for "Hercules" in Sayreville, N.J. Kim works as head coach at Will-Moor School of Gymnastics located near Willingboro, N.J. A belated welcome is due.




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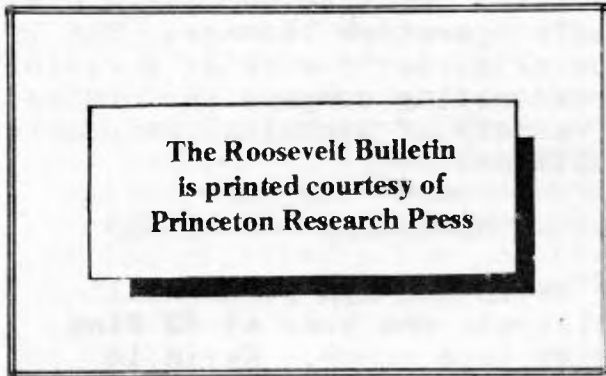
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**"NIGHT AT THE RACES"  
PLANNED FOR APRIL 20**

Congregation Anshei Roosevelt is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" on Sunday, April 20 at Liberty Bell Park.

Tickets are \$20 per person for a prime rib or fish dinner, parking, entrance fee and program.

Further information can be obtained from Chairman George Katz (443-5198) or from Lynn Friedman (448-5186).



**SMITHS MOVE TO 56 PINE DRIVE**

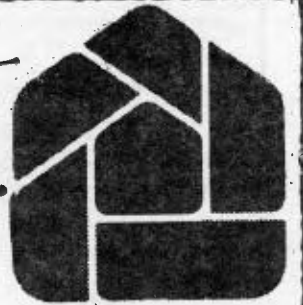
Dennis, Ken and Abby Smith, brothers and sister, moved to Roosevelt in mid-December. Dennis is eastern regional sales manager for Lusfer Co. of California. Ken is a student at Rutgers University majoring in Management. Abby works for Jersey Central Power and Light as a meter reader. Karl, a friend who joined the family in January, works at East Windsor Auto Shop.

**KATZ IS ASSISTANT TREASURER**

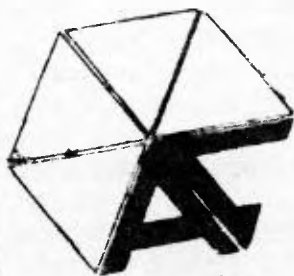
George Katz was recently promoted to the post of assistant treasurer of the Excelled Leather Coat Co. of Edison. He had been credit manager there for five years. George and his wife Margaret live at 27 Farm Lane along with children Lisa, Mark, and Cheri, and Margaret's father, Josef Erle.

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## PTA nominates Jaeger, Frank as co-presidents

The nominating committee for the 1980-81 slate of P.T.A. officers has recommended the following: co-presidents - Sheila Jaeger and Lynn Frank; vice-presidents - Judith Goetzmann, Nancy Warnick and Barbara Halpern; treasurer - Carol Zaleski; recording secretary - Elly Shapiro; corresponding secretary - Beth Johnson.

At the Feb. meeting it was decided to substitute a spring dance for the egg hunt usually held. Lynn Frank and Donna Kaufman will handle details of the dance, set for April 19.

Also planned is another roller skating party at the Jackson roller rink. The Feb. outing attracted 85 Rooseveltians.

And yet another festive event in the works, people power, the town's July 4 celebration, will be getting some help from the P.T.A.

Plans for the summer recreation program are being firmed up. A committee has been formed to interview prospective employees.

The Roosevelt P.T.A. meets on the third Thursday of the month at the homes of executive board members. Notices are posted about the location before each meeting. Call Sheila Jaeger at 443-3185 or Elly Shapiro at 443-3575 (after 5 p.m.) for details.

Do you have any additions, substitutions or corrections on the above slate? If so, let your vote count. Dues of \$1 per person will entitle you to vote at our June meeting.

## Health programs set for Saturday April 26

The Monmouth County Department of Health is sponsoring a health promotion program on Saturday, April 26 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Roosevelt Borough Hall.

The following free services will be offered: diabetes screening, blood pressure testing, childhood immunizations, educational films and literature, health hazard appraisal, and take-home tests for hidden blood in stool.

People who should be tested for diabetes are those over 40 years old, overweight or with a family history of diabetes. The test requires that no food be eaten for at least 12 hours before the test, not even gum, mints or a cup of coffee!! The initial test is a simple fingerprick.

Childhood immunizations include measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and tetanus, and diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus. Children should not be ill (no fever) when receiving the immunizations. An adult family member should accompany each child.

Educational material will cover such topics as cancer, diabetes, smoking, heart and circulatory disease.

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LETTER TO THE BULLETIN

# Gypsy-moth program questioned

To the Bulletin:

As members of this community we are totally opposed to spraying the whole town with Sevin, or any other insecticides, for the control of gypsy moths. We question why our council has voted to spray when many surrounding municipalities have strongly rejected spray programs for health reasons. One New Jersey school superintendant had even gotten an injunction against spraying because of the potential risk to children in his district.

Apparently, many people hope that the spraying of Sevin will control fleas and ticks. Spraying may do this on a very temporary basis because it will kill one generation of larvae, but it will leave eggs for future hatchings.

At the March 10 Borough Council meeting, it was decided to ask our county health department to have an official inform the council on possible health hazards. We hope this will happen at a public meeting where all concerned can come and have their questions answered.

Sara Prestopino  
Sandra Orlando

The Bulletin staff is grateful to all those readers who have contributed money and praise to the paper. We were recently inspired by one of our admirers who sent us \$10 and hoped we would "keep up the good work." We thank all of you, and we will try to do just that.

The Bulletin Staff




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# EXTRA

## School budget defeated 133-104 in heavy turnout

By Bob Clark and Jim Dulicai

Roosevelt voters responded to a flurry of last-minute controversy and turned out to reject the Board of Education's proposed 1980 budget by a preliminary total of 133 to 104.

The 238 ballots cast, plus three absentee ballots not counted at press time, represented about 40% of the borough's registered voters in November--far higher than the 12% turnout expected in school elections throughout the state.

All of the board candidates won election: 149 votes for Bruce Lakin, 126 for Ann Rector and 123 for Sandra Orlando, all for three-year terms; and 154 votes for current board president George Katz, for a one-year term. He also received five write-in votes for a three-year term, and another 14 names were written in for one or three-year terms.

Those results left an unclear picture of the voters' state of mind. Though the proposed budget was solidly rejected, its supporters were just as solidly endorsed by voters. Katz, as school board president, championed the budget, and he said that Rector and Orlando, as current board members, joined in the board's unanimous vote to approve it. And Lakin, though acknowledging that his position wasn't widely known, said he had voiced approval of the budget to his supporters.

Though voters rejected the budget, they approved the second question, permitting spending of some funds restricted for capital improvements.

Said Louis Esakoff, one of the signers of an anti-budget letter circulated Monday, "The community has responded to the letter, and they want a reevaluation of what the school is about." Arguing that other school systems provide "a broader and better education" at a lower cost per student, Esakoff objected to "paying Cadillac prices and getting Chevrolets."

Board president Katz expressed disappointment and confusion. "The board more than did its homework," he said, while opponents shunned the public sessions that hammered out the figures. "I don't see any slicing possible in it," he added.

Katz explained that the budget's rejection at the polls sends it next to the Borough Council, to authorize the budget. But a majority of the council was among the signers of Monday's anti-budget letter, so approval is unlikely without the item-by-item negotiation that Esakoff indicated would be necessary. Should the council eventually reject the budget, it then would go to the state Commissioner of Education, who, as far as Katz said he knew, hadn't ever sustained such a turndown.

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| 1  | Tuesday                                       | Passover<br>Bulletin early copy deadline  |
| 2  | Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.                          | Sr. Citizens Meeting - Borough Hall   |
| 4  | Friday  | Good Friday   |
| 6  | Sunday  | Easter  |
| 7  | Monday, 8:00 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m.                | Council Agenda Meeting - Borough hall<br>Deborah Meeting - Borough Hall                             |
| 8  | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m.               | School Board Meeting - R.P.S.<br>Bulletin late copy deadline<br>Fire Company Meeting - Borough hall |
| 9  | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.<br>7:15-8:30 p.m.        | Council Meeting - Borough Hall<br>Bookmobile - Store Parking Lot                                    |
| 15 | Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.                            | M.C.O.S.S. - Borough Hall   |
| 20 | Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-<br>3:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m. | Art Clearance Sale - Cong. Anshei<br>Roosevelt<br>Nite at the Races - Liberty Bell Park             |
| 23 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m.                     | Bookmobile - Store Parking Lot  |
| 26 | Saturday, 8:30-11:30 a.m.                     | Monmouth County Dept. of Health<br>Health Promotion Program - Borough<br>Hall                       |
| 28 | Monday, 8:00 p.m.                             | Planning Board Meeting - Borough<br>Hall  |
| 29 | Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m.              | R.P.S. early closing<br>First Aid Meeting - Borough Hall  |

### May

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| 1 | Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. | Kindergarten Roundup - R.P.S. |
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