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## Water-work cost climbs; federal help available

By Bob Clark and Carol Watchler

The estimated cost of the borough's proposed water system renovations and construction of a back-up well has increased from \$530,000 to \$700,000.

Borough officials presented the news to the council at a special meeting on Sept. 18. But, at the regular monthly meeting Oct. 8, the council also learned that federal grant money would be available for the first time to help finance the water project.

The special meeting was called by Mayor Leon Barth after he met with borough engineers, Municipal Auditor Bob Eisner and Borough Treasurer Howard Prezant. Council member Lou Esakoff initially asked that

the meeting be closed to the public "to discuss something to do with the internal workings of the Council." Esakoff withdrew his request after Barth said he would prefer to avoid problems with the state Open Public Meetings Law.

Later, Esakoff explained that he had requested the closed session to object to Barth's meeting with borough officials without notifying council members. Barth defended the work session as within his authority as mayor and said that he had met with borough officers to prepare the figures and background information presented to the council at the special meeting. If more than

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## School principal named; board wins budget item

By Ann Baker

Roosevelt Public School has a new principal--Beverly Hetrick, a unit leader for three years at the Perry L. Drew School in East Windsor.

The Roosevelt Board of Education approved her appointment as administrative principal on Friday, Oct. 17. She was scheduled to assume responsibilities at R.P.S. on Monday, Oct. 29.

Ms. Hetrick was educated as a language arts specialist.

She received a B.A. at Eckerd College, a M.Ed. at Rutgers University and anticipates an Ed.D. at Rutgers in 1982. Ms. Hetrick has taught at several educational institutions and has performed administrative duties, most recently at the Drew School.

She is acquainted with Roosevelt and its children through her work at the Drew School and the proximity of her residence.

At the Board of Education's

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The Borough Bulletin is looking for help covering two subject areas--sports, and news of the community's young people.

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Last month the Bulletin printed a questionnaire as part of our research for a story on why natives of Roosevelt have left town and later returned to live here. The answers to the questionnaire are very slow in coming, and we want to remind you to please fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Bulletin if you are a native of Roosevelt who left and later came back to settle. We need your cooperation!

## Water

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three members of the council meet, state law requires that the meeting be advertised and open to the public.

Turning to the substance of the special meeting, the council heard about costs and funding from members of the Borough Engineering firm of Schoor Engineering--James DeMuro, James Ferry and Barry Silberstein; Water and Sewer Operator Pete Chmiel; Prezant and Eisner.

After lengthy discussion, the council decided to follow council member Aaron Datz' request that an independent consultant be hired to review the concept of the water treatment plant project. Datz stressed that he was "satisfied with the competency" of the engineers' work and "impressed" by their plans. Nonetheless, he noted that due to the large sum of money involved "the council owes it to the community to proceed with caution" and obtain a second opinion.

Engineer DeMuro agreed that the council has "every right to hire a consultant to double check the existing work." At its Oct. 8 meeting the council unanimously approved the hiring of Kupper Associates of Piscataway as independent consultants. Barth said that their fee--not to exceed \$1,600--will be absorbed by the total project cost. Datz announced that Prof. Theodore Shelton of Rutgers also would review the water project without charge.

Based on earlier cost estimates, the borough had obtained a commitment from the federal Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to lend \$530,000 for the water project at 5% interest over a 40-year term. Silberstein, Schoor Engineering's funding expert, said

that FmHA could allow a "reasonable increase" in the loan after additional money becomes available with the new federal fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Eisner said that local long-term bonding for any additional cost would bear a 7% interest rate.

Silberstein said the engineering staff of the Robbinsville office of FmHA must review the plans and can halt the project unless it is "cost efficient." Silberstein also said FmHA "looks at alternative systems," and often such plans "come back with a lot of pencil marks." No work would be done unless the council found the cost acceptable after receiving competitive bids.

All disbursements of funds during actual construction would come from an account supervised by FmHA, and federal officials would have to sign each check and contractor voucher. Payments would be made gradually as construction progressed, and a performance bond would be required. Eisner said that the borough would make interest and principal payments only of funds actually paid to contractors by FmHA. Borough engineers and federal officials would conduct inspections as work progressed.

A letter from FmHA read at the Oct. 8 meeting informed the council that FmHA had reviewed the drawings and specifications and had authorized the borough to proceed with advertisements for bids. The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must also approve the plans before bidding begins, according to Barth.

Treasurer Howard Prezant produced revenue and expense projections through 1985 based on current estimates of the costs of all water and sewer projects.

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## Water.

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Prezant called the figures "conservative." He explained that the figures--which would mean annual operating deficits at the present \$30 monthly water and sewer rate--were based on "worst case" numbers reflecting pessimistic funding options and cost data adjusted for inflation.

But the outlook brightened when Prezant and Eisner agreed that a \$100,000 surplus will exist by the end of 1980. This money would be available to offset any annual deficits that might occur as the water project gets underway. However, Prezant --taking a conservative approach to fiscal matters--cautioned that the \$100,000 surplus should be retained as a reserve to meet contingencies. Prezant noted that the borough only has 273 customers paying for its water and sewer systems.

The picture improved further when the Monmouth County coordinators of the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development (CD) program notified the council that \$170,000 of CD grants already committed to the borough could be used to offset part of the cost of water plant improvements. Previously, the \$170,000 grant, plus another \$130,000 in CD grants, had been available only for water and sewer line work in certain "target neighborhoods." The \$130,000 will still be available for water and sewer line work in the target areas, but now the borough won't have to rely entirely on loans to achieve water plant improvements.

DeMuro also reported to the council that the water project could possibly be divided into two phases that would accomplish urgently needed repairs immedi-

ately and other jobs later. Barth, who had predicted at the special meeting that no water and sewer rate increases would be necessary until 1983, said he was cheered by the recent developments and declined to set a date when increases might be necessary.

In his figures for the water projects, Prezant used the following estimated costs supplied by Borough engineers and officials:

Plant improvements	\$425,000
Back-up well	170,000
Engineering design fees	45,000
Inspection fees	15,000
Project audit	3,000
Legal fees (including bonding)	10,000
Advertising	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$668,200</b>

Adding 5% for contingencies produced the total estimated cost of \$700,000.

Federal government-mandated repairs to the borough's sewer plant are presently estimated to cost \$740,000. 75% will be funded by a grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Additional grants may be available from the state DEP. Barth said such funds could also be used for sewer line repairs to offset the transfer of HUD CD grant money (\$170,000) to finance water plant renovations.

A television study of the sewer lines by Oswald Sewer Service revealed many openings in joints allowing substantial infiltration of ground water into the sewer system, a condition which taxes the capacity of the sewer plant.

Some amusement was noted at the council's long-delayed action to increase the cost of the borough's only liquor license (held by the long-closed store) 20%, the maximum increase allowed by state

regulation, to \$120.00. No further action has been taken in the litigation surrounding possession of this license. However, some council members thought action should be taken quickly because the 45-day period allowed by Judge Moses of the Monmouth County Court of Administrative Law to hold a hearing for the present owner was to expire in mid-October. The borough had set a hearing date, but it wasn't clear which governmental body should authorize such a hearing, and so none was held. Mayor Barth and Borough Clerk Liz Johnson will contact the borough's attorney to determine the next step.

Inquiry to the council regarding installation of cable television brought a response from Mayor Barth that the possibility is being explored by Lynn Frank, who will report to an upcoming council meeting.

Councilwoman Jan Terry, chairperson of the Recreation Committee, said volunteers are needed to clear brush from the area off Pine Drive extension to allow ice skating.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Bill Counterman addressed the concern of citizens for appropriate speed-limit signs. Postings of 25 m.p.h. will be put on roads leading from Route 571, and "Caution - children at play" signs can be obtained for several areas where the need for them is expressed.

Discussion was held about the number of signs on Farm Lane requiring no parking when the road is snow-covered. It was stated that problems have occurred in operating snow plows because of parked cars and that signs are necessary to enforce the no-parking regulation. But the council did agree to seek legal advice on the minimum distance required between the signs.

Counterman also reported that a dog clinic providing free rabies inoculation was to have been held at the Borough Hall on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Concern was expressed about the appearance of the yard surrounding the factory recently acquired by Action Packaging Inc. Building Inspector Peter Berlinrut received council authorization to set a reasonable time limit for the clean-up required before the new owners will be granted a certificate of occupancy.

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# Board

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meetings earlier in the month, it was announced that New Jersey Commissioner of Education Fred G. Burke struck down an administrative law judge's decision and restored to the Roosevelt school budget for 1980-81 \$10,640 for an industrial arts program for R.P.S. students at Windsor Elementary School in Washington Township.

This was the first of three issues to be resolved after the Borough Council acted on the school budget last April. The unresolved issues are the disposition of \$40,000 from the "free balance" and the alleged predisposition of four council members against the proposed budget. These will be argued at a later date.

Overruling the decision of Administrative Law Judge Beatrice S. Tylutki, Commissioner Burke asserted that "the industrial arts program as offered, to encourage career awareness through proper vocational studies, is a requisite part of a thorough and efficient system of education." It was implied in the decision that the proposed program in Roosevelt Public School, funded at \$4,345, would be inadequate when compared to the program at Windsor Elementary School. Tylutki had held that the board had failed to prove "that the funds of \$10,640 for an industrial arts program" at the Windsor School were essential to a thorough and efficient program.

Asked to comment, Council Member Aaron Datz said that he "wasn't surprised that the Commissioner of Education would rule in favor of the board." The council can appeal the ruling to the Appellate

Court, but Datz said he wasn't disposed to continue litigation unless the council's attorney can present some cogent arguments. Council President Lou Esakoff hadn't discussed the question of an appeal with other members. He said the commissioner was "high-handed" in his ruling. Board members, on the other hand, believed that they had budgeted in a responsible fashion and that the commissioner's ruling vindicated their position. Board Vice President David Zaleski pointed out that the council saw fit to increase its own budget.

The board considered several other matters during the Oct. 14 meeting.

The new physical education teacher, Karl Kleeberg, has proposed an ambitious intra-mural program to be held after school. A motion was passed to approve the touch football and soccer activities from Oct. 27 to Dec. 12. The program is experimental in that no one is sure the students, grades 4-8, will

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continue through the seven-week program. \$70 was appropriated as a stipend for Mr. Kleeberg's after-school services for the seven weeks.

If this segment is successful and the students continue to be interested in an after-school athletic program, the board will consider a winter basketball schedule, possibly involving another school, and a spring softball segment.

Zaleski reported that negotiations with the Roosevelt Teacher Association will begin in November. The board authorized him to propose three dates for the beginnings of negotiations. The contract's duration also will be a subject of negotiation; the last couple of contracts were for two-years.

Acting Administrator Dolores Chasan reported that the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia visited Roosevelt Public School with two different programs aimed at the younger and older students.

## Senior Citizens News

By Helga Wisowaty

The October meeting was concerned with setting up programs to benefit Senior Citizens' special needs.

Inquiries are being made into possible county help in transportation to doctors' offices and other necessary appointments. There was discussion about help with home maintenance--clearing snow, minor home repairs, etc.

Concern was expressed about government help to keep seniors who need nursing care at home and avoid going to nursing homes, which are expensive. Such plans are being discussed.

MCCC (Mercer County Community College) will present "Hamlet." There will be a preview on Nov. 13 for senior citizens.

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### STEVENS AT 1 TAMARA

Michael and Janice Stevens have lived at 1 Tamara Drive since March. He is a cutter for Beacon Scrap and Metal Co., Freehold. She works as an operator for Coca Cola Foods, Hightstown. The Stevens have two children, Mike, 10, and Michelle, 7.

## Crowd learns little about Philpot housing plan

By Bob Clark

Scores of Rooseveltians packed the municipal building on Sept. 29 to get a description from William Philpot of his proposed 531-unit housing development for people over 50.

Despite the turnout at the Planning Board's regular monthly meeting, Philpot provided little more information than he had at previous occasions--including a drawing of the proposed development on a 71-acre tract along Route 571 between the service station and Nurko Road. Philpot attended the meeting with associates, including his attorney and local CPA Bill Weisman.

Mayor Leon Barth, also a Planning Board member, had informed Philpot of the Planning Board's discussion of the project the previous month: some dismay, some encouragement, a lot of concern, and a strong need for more specific information. Philpot said that he attended the meeting to find out if the borough was "receptive" to his plan, which would require a zoning change and deviate from the existing Master Plan.

Planning Board Chairman Ralph Seligman said he hadn't known Philpot was coming. Seligman mentioned that he had asked Board Attorney Malaki Kenny to prepare a series of questions for the board to consider when faced with large development proposals. Kenny's recommendations haven't been received yet, but Seligman indicated he might have asked Kenny to attend the meeting if he'd known Philpot would be available to present more information. (See Bulletin articles in September and June issues.)

Accountant Weisman said he thinks a market exists for the

type of community proposed by Philpot. He said that "general direction" was needed from the town in order to determine the costs and feasibility and to "entice and cement financing."

Seligman told the developers that, for the borough to fill in the details, "we would be dancing to your tune, not you to ours." Several members of the public pressed Philpot for details of his plan. Philpot said the units would contain one bedroom for a total of 850 square feet or two bedrooms for 1200 square feet. He said the financing would be private, and the cost of the units would start at \$40,000.

Philpot said he would connect the development to the town's water and sewer systems. Barth said that when government-mandated renovations of the sewer plant and lines are completed the system could accommodate 2500 people. The town now has just over 800 people.

Philpot said that no written market studies have been prepared. Also, there are no transportation plans. Philpot indicated that he has no bottom line figure on the number of units necessary to break even financially.

Barth made a motion to have a special meeting to discuss procedures regarding the proposed development with the Board Attorney. He withdrew the motion after other members indicated that the board should adhere to monthly meetings to give time for consideration of other questions concerning possibility of such development.

Frank Buckek, Philpot's attorney, asked the board to provide directions for more input. Residents and board members echoed that the developer had the job of convincing

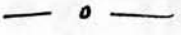


the board and community of the desirability of his plan and filling in the details for the board.

In other action, the board announced a public hearing for Oct. 27 on a proposed amendment to the Master Plan to allow two-acre residential lots in the wooded area bordered by North Valley Road, Cemetery Road, the cemetery and Oscar Drive.

The land-use amendment, drafted by Seligman, would allow such development to provide an additional lot size option in town. It would preserve the trees and unique environmental characteristics of the area without the necessity for clustering.

The board also passed a motion to require that all applicants for site review appear before the board to answer its questions before any site plan is approved. The board directed the Building Inspector to inform all applicants of the requirement.



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**EILEEN WARNER WINS AWARD**

Eileen Warner of Lake Drive was recently named "cosmetician of the month" by Magic of Aloe of Pennsauken for selling the most natural organic skin care products in the U.S. She got a palette-shaped trophy. Mrs. Warner is the mother of a two-year old daughter. Her husband, Harry, is a chemical operator for Air Products Co. of Dayton.

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## New Bulletin cookbook mixes recipes and art

The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin is printing a cookbook to help meet some of its expenses.

"The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Cookbook" includes artwork by Stefan Martin, Jan Terry, and Peter Vince. The water-resistant cover shows a Stefan Martin print.

The book includes more than a hundred recipes donated by members of the community and drawn from past issues of the Bulletin.

Its price--\$3.50--makes the book a bargain: not only great recipes, but some terrific artwork, too.

The cookbook will be sold at the Roosevelt Craft Fair in November. But if you would like to see a copy in advance and reserve one or more, please contact Beth Johnson, 44 Pine Drive, or call 448-7188. It's being printed in a limited edition, so order yours now.

## Annual Art-Craft Fair set for Sunday, Nov. 23

By Elly Shapiro

A sure sign that Thanksgiving is fast approaching is the P.T.A.'s accelerating preparation for the annual Art and Craft Fair. It's set for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Roosevelt School. Nearly 40 artists and artisans in a variety of media are expected to participate.

Refreshments will be available, and various other activities are planned. Admission is \$1.00 per person, with discounts for senior citizens and Roosevelt students. Proceeds of the Fair usually are used to offset the cost of the summer recreation program.

There's still time to participate. If you need information, call Sheila Jaeger or Sandra Orlando. Their numbers are 443-3185 and 443-3126 respectively.

And the P.T.A. is desperate for workers, "go-fers" and general assistants, especially. Volunteers are especially needed to help set up, clean up, address invitations, and sleep at the school the evening before the show. If you have a few hours of spare time to help, contact either person listed above.

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| 4  | Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.   | Election Day - Borough Hall-VOTE   |
| 5  | Wednesday                      | Senior Citizens meeting - Borough Hall                                       |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                      | Borough Bulletin editorial meeting - Hepner home                             |
| 6  | Thursday, 8:00 p.m.            | Yiddish class - Borough Hall   |
| 10 | Monday, 7:00 a.m.              | Borough Bulletin copy deadline   |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                      | Council Agenda meeting - Borough Hall  |
| 11 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.             | Council meeting - Borough Hall   |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                      | Fire Company meeting - Borough Hall  |
|    | 8:00 p.m.                      | School Board meeting - R.P.S.  |
| 12 | Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | Food Co-op Pick-up - Borough Hall  |
|    | 7:15-8:30 p.m.                 | Bookmobile - store parking lot   |
| 13 | Thursday, 8:00 p.m.            | Yiddish class - Borough Hall   |
|    | 14 Friday                      | School closed - R.P.S.-H.H.S. N.J.E.A. Convention                            |
| 17 | Monday, 12:30 p.m.             | Early closing - R.P.S. - Parent conferences                                  |
| 18 | Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.            | Early closing - R.P.S. - parent conferences                                  |
|    | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.           | Blood pressure clinic - Borough Hall - all members of the community welcome! |
| 20 | Thursday, 8:00 p.m.            | Yiddish class - Borough Hall   |
| 23 | Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.   | Art and Craft Fair - R.P.S.  |
| 24 | Monday, 8:00 p.m.              | Planning Board meeting - Borough Hall  |
| 25 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.             | First Aid meeting - Borough Hall   |
| 27 | Thursday, 28 Friday            | School closed - Thanksgiving   |

**FOOD****Great pumpkin to rise - from your kitchen**

By Beth Johnson

The pumpkin has been around longer than you think. How long is long? At least 7,000 years. Archeologists have found pieces of pumpkin stem, seeds and rind in the ancient ruins of the Cliff Dwellers and Basket Weavers of the southwestern United States.

American Indians gave the pumpkin to the Pilgrims. The Indians showed the Pilgrims how to dry pumpkin meat and grind it into meal for year 'round use.

A simple pumpkin pudding was made by slicing off the top of the pumpkin, scooping out the seeds and fibers, and filling the hollow with milk. The whole pumpkin then was baked until the milk was absorbed.

To cook fresh pumpkin, wash it, then cut in half, scrape out seeds and fibers, cut in cubes and peel. Cook, covered, in enough boiling water to cover until tender. Drain.

To serve as a vegetable: butter cooked cubes and season with salt, pepper, herbs or spices. Or mash and season like squash.

To use in pumpkin recipes, mash and place in strainer for 30 min. to drain excess liquid. One 5 lb. pumpkin yields about 6½ cups.

The following are a few of my favorite pumpkin recipes.

#### Toasted Pumpkin Seeds

1 cup water  
2 tsp. salt

Soak washed seeds overnight in water and salt mixture. Drain; let dry slightly. Bake about 30 min. at 300°F. Do not brown. Serve, like sunflower seeds, as a snack.

#### Steamed Pumpkin Pudding

1½ cups all purpose flour	1 cup sugar (half brown)
1 tsp. baking soda	1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. each salt, nutmeg, ginger	1/3 cup shortening
1 cup mashed cooked pumpkin	1 egg
2/3 cup buttermilk	

Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl. Beat at medium speed two minutes. Turn into well-greased 6½ cup (or larger) mold. Cover top with foil. Place on rack in large kettle. Add water to height of 2". Cover, steam 1½-2 hrs. or until pudding springs back when touched lightly. Serve warm with hot butter cream sauce.

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FOOD

## Butter Cream Sauce

1 cup sugar (half brown)       $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter  
 1 tbs. cornstarch              1 tsp. vanilla  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup half & half cream

Combine sugar and cornstarch in saucepan. Add cream and butter. Boil 1 min., stirring constantly. Stir in vanilla. Spoon small amount of sauce over pudding as it is being served.

## Pumpkin Nut Bread

1  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup sugar                      1  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup all purpose flour  
 1 cup mashed cooked pumpkin    1 tsp. baking soda  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup cooking oil                2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk                          $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt  
 2 eggs                                  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped nuts

Blend first 5 ingredients in mixing bowl. Add remaining ingredients; beat at med. speed 1 min. Turn into greased 9"x5" pan. Bake at 350° for 60-65 min. Cool before slicing.



## Head-lice cases found; what you need to know

By Elly Shapiro

(Because several cases of head lice have been discovered at the Roosevelt School, we are printing the following as a public service. --The Bulletin)

The presence of head lice is known medically as pediculosis capitis. They are tiny insects, parasites, that live on the scalp and suck the blood of the donor for their food. Usually they are found only on the back portion of the scalp. Their eggs, called nits, are enclosed in silvery oval shaped envelopes which are attached to the hair shafts. They may be seen with a light when plentiful, and are just big enough to comb out with a fine toothed comb.

As they bite the scalp, they cause itching. And because itching naturally leads to scratching, that can produce infection of the scalp. Inflammation of the lymph glands of the neck sometimes occurs.

The school nurse has already completed a check of the school population, which seems to be most susceptible to this mite. Anyone, however, regardless of age or other circumstance may contract pediculosis.

In the past, treatment required cutting the hair or shaving the scalp. But now there are effective pesticide shampoos that can be obtained under a doctor's supervision.

Children should be cautioned to avoid borrowing or lending of combs and brushes. This infection is highly contagious. All bed linen must also be treated if diagnosis has been made.

## First Aid Squad News: 1979 ambulance bought

By June and Bill Counterman  
Captain and Vice President  
First Aid Squad

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad has purchased a 1979 Ford modular ambulance to replace the 1975 Chevrolet ambulance in use for several years.

Several developing problems with the old one raised questions about its reliability.

Thanks to generous community support, the First Aid Squad was able to make a substantial down payment on the ambulance. The squad will be promoting many fund-raising activities in the next few years to pay off the balance.

The squad also is moving ahead in another way to provide modern and reliable first aid services--by installing a new radio system. The aim is to reduce problems such as those encountered with the existing system.

The squad extends its thanks to those who helped erect the new tower behind the building. Borough residents will get detailed information about the new radio system when it's ready to be put into service.

A Roosevelt First Aid Squad Auxiliary is being formed to help support efforts of the First Aid Squad. If you are interested in helping - please call 448-3182, June Counterman, Captain.

## Roosevelt people help build tire playground

This story was submitted by the pupils of Room 6, Language Arts, Roosevelt Public School. They also wrote the headline, and now we're printing their work in cooperation with their study of how a newspaper is produced.

--The Bulletin

By Jodi, Zack, Kate, Michael, Justin, Chris, Craig, Richie, Tina, Isaac, Richard

The people of Roosevelt, with the help of Willy from Cincinnati, built the tire playground. Willy designed the playground. He had a model of the playground at Nancy Warnick's house. Ralph Warnick designed the head of the dragon. Nancy Warnick and Reverend John were in charge of the whole thing.

Some people brought 75 tons of sand and then a lot of tires. Then they brought in a big pile of gravel. Next came giant tires that were on a truck. And last came big telephone poles. Justin and some friends helped roll the tires over to Willy so he could drill holes in them. Michael, Doris and Leroy sorted hundreds of bolts and put them into boxes.

First, the round tire "meteorite" was built. Justin, Leroy, Danny, Saleba and Doris helped shovel the sand so the ground would be level. Others raked the sand so it would be smooth.

Tina's dad helped build the pyramid. He held the tires so that Ralph could drill. Some people put bolts in the holes by hand.

The space capsule was all mixed-up tires--tires put here and tires put there.

Jodi's dad helped build the tire swings. Mattec drove the Backhoe to put the logs in the

hole for the tire swing.

The cubic structure was attached to the bridge. Sandy Orlando used a tire spreader, which opened up the tires so that bolts could be put in them.

Richard helped build the bridge. He and Michael helped hold up the tires so that Bobby Rainer could drill the holes. Robby also drilled in the bolts so that the tires would stand up. Isaac's dad helped build a load of it. He, too, held the tires still so that Ralph could drill them.

Michael and his mom helped build the dragon. His mom was the boss. Richard's dad helped hold the dragon's head so that they could attach it to the pole. Some people cut up a tire for its mouth and spray-painted the tongue.

The monkey rings and the slide were made last. Peter Vince and a friend carved the totem poles for the monkey rings. Some others separated the slide apart with a torch and attached it to the tires.

For refreshments, they had Hi-C grape juice, donuts, pizza, watermelon, cake, spaghetti, and macaroni salad.

It was fun helping to build the playground!

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## Race's pleasure/pain attracts three local men

By David Herrstrom

It's close to 90° in the shade, and half of the lithe, hollow-cheeked company of runners he left the start line with have given up. An ambulance hovers beside everyone like a carrion bird. For the last three miles his stride has been narrowing, the oxygen-starved cells in his thighs protesting and, one by one, blinking out. The legs just won't open as far as they did a short fifteen minutes before, and each foot is fast becoming heavier than a rhino's.

Then the last brutal hill of the Princeton Half Marathon begins its innocent rise. It's the old story, if the lungs don't get you, the legs will, and if you're as experienced a runner as John Fry, it's always the legs, but you manage to finish the 13-mile course anyway. Thirty-three minutes behind the winner and exhausted, you celebrate victory--victory over your own body.

Last year, Lenny Sacharoff, and this year, Laurie Altman, John Fry and Bernie Tassuck and former Rooseveltian Barbara Boyles, all ran the Princeton Half Marathon on Sept. 21. The winning time was 1 hour, 47 minutes, but most of the finishers ran for well over two grueling hours. Two hours of continuous running up Great Road, around to Province Line Road and back to the Great Road, a run said to be more difficult than the New York Marathon, because of its three hills. What makes the hills so heart-breaking is their exhausting length and diabolic spacing, the first one a mile into the race, just right to throw off a starting pace, then a bad one at the seven or eight-mile mark, and a killer at the

twelve-mile point, when the thighs are threatening to turn to stone if they don't get their fix of oxygen.

Long-distance running seems to have run away with America. From the "Annual St. Ann's and Turtle Mountain Days Marathon" in Belcourt, North Dakota, to the famous Boston Marathon, the 26-mile run and its kin have taken hold. But a sport in which you beat your body until every cell cries out for mercy wouldn't seem likely to have a chance of becoming a national pastime. It's certainly plausible, as Laurie Altman says, that there is a "direct correspondence between running and addiction." How else do you explain the popularity of pain. A rather inauspicious beginning, indeed, in 490 B.C. when Phidippides came staggering into Athens, after running from Marathon with word of a Greek victory over 30,000 Persians, and shouted "Rejoice!" Then dropped dead.

Most runners take up the sport for the usual reasons, a sedentary job or an unpleasant discovery that they're gaining weight, but these aren't enough to create the discipline necessary to be a serious runner, one who runs with "conviction." Some say they do it because it's a cheap sport, but this sounds somewhat hollow coming from middle-class Americans.

Laurie's admission that he likes it because it's something "I do alone" rings true. For him, as a composer, it's also a necessary working process, a time of "gestation," nothing but the rhythmic "stroking" of legs and "daydreaming." It's not so much meditative for

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Lenny Sacharoff, as it is "ecstatic," and he adds, a "half hour after I run I feel good." As with others, "it depends on the day."

It also depends, of course, on the runner. John Fry likes races, the competition that comes with any sport. But the difference between running and most other sports is that it is a "low-key" competition because it pits him against an "internal standard" and not against his fellow runners. He relishes that internal battle with himself that running inevitably brings: after two miles you're tired, and the question is "how much can you put out?"

Laurie Altman talks about experiencing this in the Princeton race. Close to passing out from the heat, he asked himself the same question, but it was fraught with absurd complications. He was driven on by the realization that he was at a point in the race where it would take him longer to walk back than to run to the end, so he decided he might as well go on. He finished in agony and, sick with exhaustion, had to be driven home. But the point is, as John Fry says, to "finish well" and sometimes that simply means to finish.

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## New York staging set for Leslie Wiener play

A play by Leslie Wiener, first read at Borough Hall last January, will be performed in a showcase production in New York Nov. 6-30.

Directed by as well as written by Wiener, Close Relations will feature Henderson Forsythe, a 1979 Tony Award winner; Michael Tolan, most recently seen in All That Jazz; and Laurie Heineman, twice an Obie Award nominee.

When Close Relations was first read in Roosevelt under sponsorship of the Library Committee, the parts of the three-character play were read by Leo Libove, Judith Goetzmann and Wiener.

In November, 16 public performances will be given at Manhattan Punch Line, 260 West 41st Street, across from the Bus Terminal. All seats are \$4 except for Saturday night when they are \$5. Tickets may be reserved by phone at 212-921-1455.

## ROCKOFF BECOMES PRINCIPAL

Ed Rockoff of Homestead Lane has accepted the position of Principal at the Early Childhood Learning Center in Convent Station, N.J.

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**BEN LIST OFF TO SPAIN**

Ben List, 16 year old son of Margaret Schlinski, and junior at Hightstown High School, is off to Spain for a year's study. Last year he and other HHS students spent three weeks in Spain as exchange students. This September, 17 Spanish high schoolers spent three weeks at Hightstown High School, the first Spanish students since the death of Franco, to be allowed by their government to come to the United States. For his year's stay, Ben made his own arrangements to live with several Spanish families in Guardia, on the east coast of Spain, and go to high school there. Ben is fluent in Spanish. Margaret and Ed Schlinski live on South Rochdale Avenue.




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MINUTES AGO-- Here is an interesting picture taken, according to my calculations, in 1949. I'm not sure who the little girl at the left is, but standing next to her is Michael Goldstein, son of Roosevelt's first mayor. With his hand up to his mouth is Barry Washasky, and behind him, Penina Migdal (I'm not sure of the spellings). Next to Penina is Biff Morris. The next kid, with the beanie, is Joel Levenson. Next to Joel are Jon Shahn, John Morris and behind him, his sister Ann (more about her later). In

front of Ann is Shimmy Katzencllenbogen (I'm sure of that spelling), guest of honor at this party for his ninth birthday. Filling out the picture from Shimmy are Susie Shahn, Joan Goldstein, Susan Morris, Barbara Washasky, and Martha Levinson. During that year, 1949, Ann Morris was the entire graduating class of Roosevelt Public School. That's right! She won all the honors, made all the speeches, and came down the aisle to Pomp and Circumstance,

--Arthur Shapiro

**ARCHAMBOCS AT 24 N. ROCHDALE**

Patrick and Julia Archambo and family moved to 24 North Rochdale Avenue in April. He is an auto mechanic employed by Kollmar Pontiac in Hightstown. The Archambocs have four children: Michael, 8; John, 7; Rebecca, 5; and Theresa, 3.

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Do you want to feel needed? Volunteers are needed in the Roosevelt Public School. If you are interested in helping, please drop a note to the school office.

**Blood pressure clinic**

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

The clinic, run by the Monmouth County Health Department, also will offer information on high blood pressure. The National High Blood Pressure Education Program estimates that approximately 15%-20% of adult Americans have an elevated blood pressure. Half of them don't even know it because there are no symptoms, but a regular check can uncover the problem.

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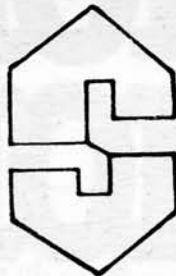
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