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## Council takes first step toward Brewer takeover

By R. F. Paszczewski  
The transfer of \$1 in the township's 1984 municipal budget, which, in effect, starts in motion the moving of township services into the Charles H. Brewer School, was approved by a 4-3 vote of the Township Council on June 18 along party lines.

Voting in favor of the measure were the four Democrats, while the three Republicans cast ballots against it.

The sponsor of the measure, Second Ward Councilwoman George Nucera, pointed out a memorandum of agreement had been reached on June 7 between the township and the Clark Board of Education under which the township and the Board would exchange certain services in order to make the financing of the 20-year school lease by the township more economically feasible.

Under the second the Board agreed to be responsible for the curbing of all graffiti areas at the school, maintain the baseball and softball fields by providing beam clay and dragging the fields on Mondays and Thursdays, training municipal employees in the operation of the boilers at the school, acting as the consultants on the operation and maintenance of the buildings, repairing the tennis courts the month and providing a list

of organizations using the building and the fields. The township agreed to seat and sand the driveways of the Valley Road, Frank K. Henry and Carl H. Kumpf Schools, sweep the parking lots and driveways of the three schools periodically, stripe lines for parking in the three schools parking areas when necessary, fill in potholes with macadam the driveways and parking lots of the three schools and use its front-end loader for moving beam clay for ballfields operated by the Board.

However, Third Ward Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca objected to the fact the only revenue collected from the Brewer School is \$32,000 from rental fees for the school and the Township Commission and a small fee for the rental of the gymnasium to the South Plains Farmwood Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Assn.

Councilwoman DeLuca pointed out the Board's 1983-1984 general maintenance budget for the Brewer School was \$123,750. She added the Township Council did not budget any money in the 1984 budget for the Brewer School and the expense for the study of Aybar Architects and Planners, the consulting custodian not ion options open to the

township on its municipal compo had said on Feb. 28 the cost range to relocate some municipal departments to the school would be from \$185,000 to \$215,000.

The Third Ward representative noted the study did not include the cost of telephones, air conditioning, moving, erecting a Council chamber and professional fees, administration and the legal and advertisement costs.

She declared, "I have asked the Council president several months in a row to set up a meeting between the Council and the Board to discuss the Brewer School and the Aybar study. No meeting was ever set. We need to set long-range plans for the school and projections for future use as a public school. I cannot spend the taxpayers money without a careful study of its impact on the community."

She explained the governing body could not appropriate a line item for the Brewer School in 1984 because general maintenance is an "inside-the-cap expenditure" and the township is at its maximum "CAP" limit of 5%.

The councilwoman also said she added municipal offices will not be moved until a plan for renovation of the school is devised, but they receive the services recreation facilities will be

able to be located in the school this year.

Responding to a question from Thomas Belverio of 47 Richard St., Councilman Nucera said the municipal costs for the school will come from a combination of \$30,000 in rental fees, transfers in the municipal budget for this year, which cannot be made until November, and the Community Development grant.

The councilman added the study of the present municipal complex had shown the police department and other offices would have to be renovated or moved in order to meet safety standards and the moving of some of the offices to the Brewer School was the safest alternative.

Asked by Mr. Belverio, who is a Republican candidate for councilman-at-large, how the township was going to raise the money for the total cost of renovating and maintaining the school as a municipal complex, the Second Ward councilman replied the funds would have to come from a combination of services to the seniors will help pay for the half year of the maintenance costs for the school.

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## Survey: Buy theatre for community good

"You MUST buy the theatre...for the good of the community!"

That was the opening remark by consultant Joseph Zeigler, to a capacity crowd at the Columbian School in Rahway on June 14. The occasion was a general membership meeting of Rahway Landmarks, Inc., at which Mr. Zeigler gave the results of a marketing feasibility study he had been commissioned to undertake earlier in the year.

According to Mr. Zeigler, the restored Rahway Theatre, on Irving St. in downtown Rahway, "can be an extraordinary resource for the community...but not as a traditional arts center."

He went on to recommend it be re-opened as an "arts-plus" civic center, which would house activities that would go beyond "just the arts in the traditional sense." Specific suggestions will be contained in a formal report to be released later this month.

Rahway Landmarks is the non-profit volunteer organization that is in the final stages of its five-year quest to purchase the closed

Rahway Theatre for restoration as an arts center. As a gesture of support for the project Merck and Co., the Rahway-based pharmaceutical giant, agreed earlier this year to fund the Zeigler study.

The study consisted of mail, telephone and shopping mall surveys, each of which was planned to reach a different segment of the Union County population. The mail survey was the most comprehensive.

The results contained several revelations as to who constitutes prospective audiences, what sorts of events they will pay to see and what miscellaneous factors determine where they will go for cultural pursuits or to be entertained, reports a Landmarks spokesman.

Films, celebrity shows, gallery/auctions, symphonies, plays and folk/rock/pop, were among the higher-potential attractions identified, but the choices were strongly influenced by the particular population segment surveyed.

Nearly half of all those surveyed depended on New York City for culture and entertainment. But attrac-

tiveness of the facility, reasonableness of ticket prices and availability of parking and good dining facilities ranked high among the factors that attract people to a particular place.

Specific proposals to be contained in the published Zeigler report include the presentation of perhaps 10 carefully-chosen arts events in the course of a year, one or more annual film "festivals" based on star, director or type of film, such as western or comedy, ethnic and children's programming and rental of the facility for such events as recitals and presentations by local players groups.

The report will also contain suggestions for possible non-auditorium uses for a portion of the building and for the establishment of a Rahway-based arts council to foster development of the arts within Union County.

Mr. Zeigler praised Rahway Landmarks for its business sense of volunteer zeal. He said he had been impressed by the energy and enthusiasm displayed at the organization's meetings and he recommended this spirit be sustained as a

source of vitality for the restored and re-opened theatre.

As a marketing consultant Mr. Zeigler has been closely associated with the New Brunswick Cultural Center and has performed similar marketing studies and other consulting services for the Brooklyn Museum, the Durham (N. C.) Arts Council, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, the New York Philharmonic, the San Francisco Summer Festival and the American Film Institute, among others.

### Post Office to close for July 4th

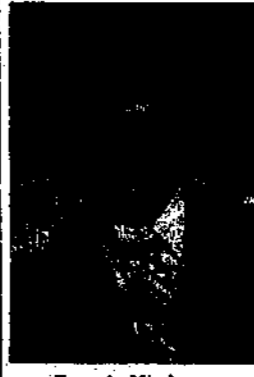
The Rahway Post Office will observe Wednesday, July 4, Independence Day, as a legal holiday.

The post office will be completely closed on that day. Postmaster Joseph P. Ruffolo announced. There will be no mail delivery, nor will the box lobby be open for mail pick-up, the postmaster concluded.

### Unico honors two with scholarships



Eric Subliakay



Francis Meehan

Clark Unico granted scholarships to two seniors of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark recently at its annual installation dinner at Ali-peri's Restaurant in Clark.

The winner of a \$1,000 scholarship was Francis Meehan. He intends to pursue a career in mechanical engineering after attending Carnegie-Mellon Institute.

In high school he had been a member of the football, track and baseball teams; the band, the band exchange program and the Italian Club.

The winner of a special award was Eric Subliakay. He plans to pursue a career in electrical engineering after attending Rutgers, the

State University of New Jersey College of Engineering. In high school he had been a member of the baseball and track teams. He also co-captained the football team. In addition he has been on the honor roll.

### Police issue fireworks warning

With the approach of the July 4 holiday Clark Police Chief Anthony T. Smar reminds all residents in Clark that the use of fireworks is illegal in the township as well as anywhere in the state.

Fireworks present a danger to the user and are even more of a threat to the countless number of innocent bystanders. Each year many thousands of youngsters and adults are seriously injured throughout the nation due to the use of fireworks, Chief Smar warned.

In addition to the inherent dangers in using fireworks, many of our residents are subjected to the senseless noises and hazards caused by only a small number of inconsiderate youths and adults. It is becoming more and more obvious the permissive attitude of parents is responsible for youths buying and using fireworks," the chief added.

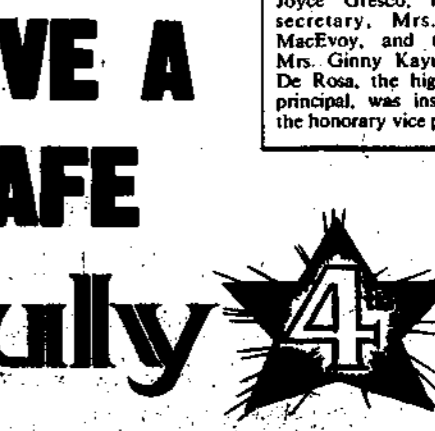
Public Safety Director Robert Taylor advised the Clark Police Dept. will have extra patrols concentrating on enforcing the state statutes governing the illegal use and possession of fireworks.

Director Taylor requested the co-operation of parents in curbing the use of fireworks by their children. Residents observing the use of fireworks are urged to notify police headquarters with pertinent information so violators can be apprehended, he said.

Chief Smar noted residents may also sign complaints against violators and police personnel will advise and assist in drawing up the necessary complaints.

The key to a safe and sane Fourth of July holiday will be the co-operation received from the residents of Clark, the officials concluded.

## HAVE A SAFE July 4<sup>th</sup>



### Kumpf recognizes its top achievers

On graduation night, Thursday, June 21, at the Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark awards for excellence in scholastic, athletic and overall achievement were presented to students by the Kumpf School faculty and Parent-Teacher Assn. (PTA).

On behalf of the entire faculty, administrative aide, Walter Boright, presented the "Faculty Award" to a student who consistently displayed not only high academic achievement but all around involvement in extra-curricular activities, leadership, dependability and maturity. This award went to Jon-Henry Barr.

The award for "Academic Excellence" was presented to the scholar who attained the overall highest numerical grade average in the entire graduating class. The winner of this award was Joanne Lee.

Two students were honored for their personal integrity, dependability, honesty and positive participation in school activities. The two Citizenship Awards went to Denise Miglione and Arthur Williams.

Scholastic achievement awards were presented to two students in each subject area. The winners of the Outstanding Athlete Awards were Douglas Chinchar and Kelly Richter, who were distinguished for their athletic ability, citizenship and leadership as well as their general scholarship.

Ronald Russo for art, Maria Alfano and Linda Burlew for composition, Steven Gelman and Edward Webb for computer, Lisa Diamandas and Kevin Trofaro for the Constitution, Michael Feibush and Lisa O'Brien for consumer education, Michele Broccoli and Heather Sangston for home economics, Richard Jaruczyk and Kenneth Nelson for industrial arts, Sharon Bernasky and Tracey Clark for instrumental music, David Borgiovanni and Karen Bruno for language arts, Thomas Kuzniz and Christin Meister for mathematics, Jose Da Costa and Michelle Grazi for physical education, Angela Delnevo and Sigrid Stabenow for science, Kimberly Doyle and Gia Mariano for social studies and Wanda Budzinski and Mindy Murray for vocal music.

Sportsmanship Awards were presented to two individuals who exhibited an extra measure of team spirit, co-operation and dependability in a minimum of two sports. Natalie Miglione and Arthur Williams captured this honor.

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Recipients of these PTA awards were: Chad Goldberg and Scott Obedin for algebra, Lori Christian and



CHAMPION SCHOLAR - Carl H. Kumpf School of Clark student, Joanne Lee, attained the "Academic Excellence" Award during graduation ceremonies at the school on Thursday, June 21.



AWARD WINNER - Carl H. Kumpf School of Clark eighth grader, Jon-Henry Barr, captured the coveted "Faculty Award" in an awards ceremony during graduation services on Thursday, June 21.

### Council cancels July sessions

The Clark Township Council voted on June 18 to cancel its executive meeting of Monday, July 2, and its regular meeting of Monday, July 16.

### Johnson PTA awards scholarships

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Parent-Teacher Assn. of Clark recently awarded five \$250 scholarships to recent graduates of the high school. The recipients of the awards are: Todd Kreitzman, Wendy Gillman, Kim Markowicz, Patricia Donlin and Maria Rappocchio.

The outgoing PTA president, Mrs. Joyce Gresco, installed the PTA officers for 1984-1985 at the organization's last executive board meeting. The new officers are: President, Mrs. Wally Koch; vice president, Mrs. Barbara Perrelli; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Joyce Gresco; recording secretary, Mrs. Diane MacEvoy; and treasurer, Mrs. Ginny Kayut. Louis De Rosa, the high school principal, was installed as the honorary vice president.