

Board of Ed and Council agree on budget cuts

by Pat DiMaggio

Rahway's City Council and Board of Education have agreed on cuts in the board's budget defeated by voters in the school election on April 5.

When budgets are defeated by voters, the governing body has the opportunity to make cuts if they so desire. The Board of Education can then accept the reduction.

The board's \$19.4 million budget will be reduced by a total of \$323,000, the amount deemed appropriate by the Municipal Council.

tions or they can appeal the decision to the county superintendent.

The council approved a reduction of \$300,000 in the current expense account, and \$23,000 in the capital outlay account.

"I am dissatisfied with these amounts," said Councilman Max Sheld. "A lot more could have been done but they had us by the throat. If they are not satisfied they will just appeal."

All but 15 percent of the budget is fixed charges including contracted salaries, said Sheld. "The amount of

money they pay out in salaries is outrageous compared to communities of our size," noted Sheld.

The board agreed to the reductions and plans to reduce \$277,000 from the current expense account, \$23,000 out of the free balance account and \$23,000 from the capital outlay account, said Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette.

"Specifically, we do not know where we will make these cuts, but the bulk of that money would come from the positions we hoped to add to the staff," said Brunette.

The total budget included nine new staff positions including language, mathematics, industrial arts and special education teachers at the High School, an additional librarian, an art teacher, a music teacher and two physical education/health teachers at the elementary level.

Brunette said the foreign language and mathematics positions may still be salvaged. "Certainly we will feel it and it may delay some progress, but the reductions were reasonable figures to deal with," he said.

Board of Ed lauds school athletes

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Rahway's Board of Education recognized students for their excellence in sports at their regular meeting in April.

The following students were commended for their efforts: Girls varsity basketball, Sharon Powell, Third Team, All Watchung Con-

Board meet rescheduled

The May Caucus Meeting of the Rahway Board of Education originally scheduled for Thursday, May 12, has been rescheduled. It will be held on Tuesday, May 10, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meeting Room at the Intermediate School.

Rahway Geriatric Center to celebrate Nursing Home Week

Rahway Geriatric Center, 1777 Lawrence St., will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week starting Sunday, May 8 to Friday, May 13, starting by honoring the most important people in the nursing home, its residents.

A special lunch in their honor on Mother's Day will be held May 8. Also on

Mother's Day, a hospitality table from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be featured.

During the week the center will be having parties honoring the entire dedicated staff. The highlight of the week will be a dinner on Wednesday, May 11 honoring the much appreciated volunteers.

The wrestling team also won first place in the Woodbridge Christmas Tournament, fifth place in the County Tournament, second place in the Group III, Section II, State Team Tournament and second place in the district.



A TIP ON A SURE THING . . . Anne Sweeney, an instructor for keyboarding at the Rahway Adult School, is giving individual help to Laine Satori, an ACE High School student polishing her skills. The school's new

electronic typewriters are the latest in office equipment. Sweeney, a former student, has been teaching at the Adult School by night for several years. She works the Wall Street scene by day.

Polhamus dinner almost sold out

More than 350 or 400 available tickets have been sold for the "Ted Polhamus Testimonial," which will be

held on Saturday, May 14, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Rahway, it was announced by John "Butch" Kowal, chairperson of the event.

"Tickets are scarce," Mr. Kowal said. "We are limited to 400 seats and have just about reached that capacity."

The testimonial dinner to honor former Rahway Chief of Police, Theodore E. Polhamus, has received support from such groups as the Union County Police Chiefs' Association, Rahway Police Benevolent Association, Local #31, Rahway Honorary Police Benevolent Association, Rahway Fireman's Benevolent Association, Rahway Board of Education, area business leaders, civic organizations, and the public-at-large," Mr. Kowal said.

The honorary event will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and include a five-hour open bar, prime rib entree, background music and

guest speakers. Tickets are \$35 per person.

The program will be conducted by Master of Ceremonies, Barry Henderson. The keynote speaker will be John Stamler, Union County Prosecutor. Also included in the program will be Philadelphia Commissioner of Police, Kevin Tucker, who was a former Rahway Police Officer; Rahway Mayor Daniel Martin; and Butch Kowal. The invocation will be

given by Fr. John Zeyek, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Remaining tickets can be purchased from the following people: Frank Crue, Bell Drug Store, 381-2000; Daniel Podelli, Verrone's Drug Store, 388-0143; Victor Castagno, Vic's Barber Shop, 388-0063; Angelo Donato, Donato Drive-In Florist, 381-3800; Ted/Travis Corey, 271-7900; and Butch Kowal, 574-8457.

Blanks completes Army course

Spec. 4 Herman B. Blanks, son of Bernice Young of Whelsh Place, Rahway, has completed the Army legal clerk course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Students learned the duties of a legal clerk at small commands; to serve as an advisor to brigade, battalion and other com-

manders on administrative matters and procedures pertaining to legal services; and to act as a liaison between unit, battalion or brigade and the local staff judge advocate.

Blanks is a 1980 graduate of Rahway High School. He received a bachelor's degree in 1985 from Rider College, Lawrenceville, N.J.

Mayor appoints aesthetics panel for resource recovery plant

Mayor Daniel L. Martin has announced the appointment of a blue ribbon panel to make recommendations regarding the resource recovery facility to be built in the community. The panel, known as the Aesthetic Review Committee, is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the facility will be as aesthetically pleasing as possible.

"The resource recovery facility is going to be a major economic benefit to the community," Martin said, "and will also solve the critical solid waste crisis. But," he added, "we want to be certain that all design issues for the facility take into account its appearance as a major new industry in the community."

"In short," Martin said, "we want the facility to be as attractive as possible to the community and to visitors to the community."

The following are the members of the committee as appointed by Mayor Martin:

Thomas Connell (Chairman) — Community Development Director for the City of Rahway;
Subash C. Seth — Director of Environmental and Utilities Project Engineering, Merck & Co.;
Linda McTeague — Preservation Planner, Union County government, also local resident;
Herbert Southern — architect; designer of Rahway City Hall, Fire Head-

quarters, and other area facilities;
Walter McLeod — City Councilman, representative of Council;

Stan Curry — area resident (East Hazelwood neighborhood);

Marshall Weinerman — prominent developer in New Jersey and Atlanta, Ga., partner-in-charge, Rahway Corporate Center, owner, Summit Hotel;

Lloyd Garrison — prominent New Jersey artist, based in Rahway;

Robert E. Ross — City planning consultant, licensed New Jersey planner;

John Chuhinko — owner of Bell Porsche/Audi and three businesses on U.S. Route #1;

Donald Stewart — area resident (East Milton neighborhood); and

Jerry Coleman — representative of Rahway Community Action Organization, also First Ward Councilman.

In addition to being in direct view of neighboring residences, businesses, churches, and community facilities, the plant will be visually adjacent to the town center and such facilities as the City Hall, central business district, Police Headquarters, Fire Headquarters, N.J. Transit station, senior citizen housing, Rahway Corporate Center, U.S. Post Office, and others. Additionally, being located on one of the State's busiest highways (U.S. Routes 1 & 9) and in direct view of the State's busiest rail line (N.J. Transit, Amtrak, Jersey Coast, etc.), the facility will be seen by more New Jerseyans and visitors than any other resource recovery plant in the State.

The committee will work with the Union County Utilities Authority, owners of the facility, and the Ogdin Martin company, builders and operators of the facility, and will represent the community in the early stages of the project on design issues affecting the community.

Please call 499-7927 if interested.

Volunteers needed!

Rahway Geriatric Center is a non-profit progressive care facility serving people from Rahway and its surrounding areas.

Volunteers are needed to help feed residents during lunch and dinner, having the opportunity to develop new and rewarding relationships. Volunteers will also receive free meals.

Please call 499-7927 if interested.



WITH A MIGHTY ROAR . . . As guests of the Rahway Retired Men's Club at an April meeting, the Lions Club of Rahway presented a series of slides depicting the various charitable activities of their organization. Shown from left, in jackets, are Lions Clarence Eaton; Ray Eggers, Jr., President; Armando Garsy; and Joe Sulo, Treasurer. (Joe is also a member of the Retired Men's Club.) In the center is Walter Jackson Retired Men's Club President.

Openings for students in exchange program

Local students could spend 17 to 21 days experiencing life in another country and culture as part of an intercultural friendship exchange...

Safety Alert for contact wearers

Dr. Errol Rumlak, Consumer Communications Chairman for the N.J. Optometric Association, announces a consumer safety alert for contact lens wearers...



AH, TWAS A GLORIOUS CELEBRATION... Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Wasterford's Resource Room at Clark's Hehly School recently held festivities celebrating Irish Cultural Day...

Free electrical safety booklet

If you want to make your home electrically safe, government safety experts will help you do it. Because May is National Electrical Safety Month...

FAS Awareness Week begins on Mother's Day

The Union County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse has launched a public information campaign to alert the public to the risks of drinking alcohol during pregnancy...

UCC student named Eagle Scout

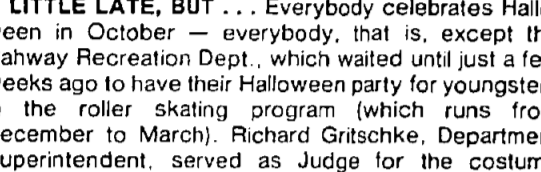
John Decker of Clark has been named an Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. He is the first student from Union County to be named an Eagle Scout...

Research works

Death Valley, in southeast California, is 282 feet below sea level. It is a kernel of popcorn when dropped on a neutron star, it would produce as much energy as a World War II atomic bomb.



A LITTLE LATE, BUT... Everybody celebrates Halloween in October - everybody, that is, except the Rahway Recreation Dept. which waited until just a few weeks ago to have their Halloween party for youngsters in the roller skating program...



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ERA Realtors launch MD drive. Brokers and sales associates from ERA Village Green Real Estate in Clark and across the country were joined in a door-to-door fund-raising campaign on Saturday, May 7...

Advertisement for Kate Lund, crs, Real Estate Professional, listing contact information and services.

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Real estate course offered

Union County College will offer a real estate course this summer for those individuals who wish to take the Real Estate Salespersons' licensing examination...

A large grid of small classified advertisements at the bottom of the page, including various job and service listings.

Civic pride spurs volunteer team to manicure park

Rahway is fortunate in having a number of concerned citizens who take pride in the city in which they live and work. It is to the city's credit that it tends to affect people that way.

One of many examples of this was the arrival of a crew of volunteers at the little park at the junction of Central Avenue and Irving and Main Streets in the downtown area on April 28. They parked their pickup trucks and eagerly descended upon the little tract armed with all manner of garden implements. When they were done, the park, which contains a war memorial statue and a stone planter that had once been a watering trough for horses, looked as if the good witch of the north had touched it with her magic wand.

Phil Weaver, who instigated the project, runs a restoration contracting firm called Philetus Crossing, Inc., and also owns some property in the downtown area. He pitched in to buy plantings and various other materials, and persuaded

Bob Markey, a fellow realtor, and Ken Jakupko, proprietor of a nearby antique shop, to join him. Others in the volunteer crew were Frank Sandor, a Philetus employee, and Peter Buroff and Tom Fitzharris, employees of Markey Realty.

"The eventual plan is to solicit donations from downtown businesses," said Weaver, "and possibly to appeal to local veteran's groups, as well, for hands-on participation and financial assistance."

Weaver noted that he, Markey and other downtown businessmen recognize that the City can't be expected to do everything that needs doing, and that just complaining about "bureaucratic inadequacy" is counterproductive. "We've got to move forward in a positive way," he said, "and the downtown should be the focal area."

The group's ambitions include the planting of additional trees, repair of curbing and sidewalks and in-

stallation of new lighting, consistent with the downtown's historic restoration theme. The statue, erected in 1913, could also use some work, according to Weaver, and the former watering trough could be a working fountain instead of just a planter.

Across the street from "War Memorial Park," as it's called, is the former Rahway Theatre, which, for the past four years has been undergoing donation-funded restoration as the Union County Arts Center. And just a few blocks to the south is the Cherry St. restoration, replete with simulated 19th century benches and street lamps.

Weaver sees the role of the citizenry in voluntary efforts of this sort as one that concentrates mainly on maintenance after capital improvements have been made. Markey agrees, adding that "The City's responsibilities and civic involvement should somehow balance and complement each other."

"The downtown screams for attention."



THE TOUCH OF A WAND ... Volunteer maintenance crew in Rahway's "War Memorial Park," to which they just applied their gardening implements and skills to the performance of a much-needed "manicure." From left: Ken Jakupko, Phil Weaver, Frank Sandor, Pete Buroff, Bob Markey, Tom Fitzharris. Fitzharris has been a Rahway resident since 1963 and will soon be 76 years old. "I got tired of retirement," he says in a noticeable Irish brogue.

Clark student among five essay winners

Alan J. Schnirman, Linden Attorney and Chairman of the Union County Bar Association Law Day Committee, has announced the winners of the Bar Association's Law Day Essay Contest which was opened to all high school students in Union County.

Mother Seton Regional High student Jacqueline Lantiez is one of the five winners who will be presented with a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

The presentation of the Bonds took place at the Law Day ceremonies on Tuesday, May 3, in Judge

Edward W. Beglin, Jr.'s Courtroom at the Union County Courthouse, Elizabeth.

The program included a keynote address by the Honorable James J. Walsh, Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey.



NEW CHIEF ... The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently honored Barry Henderson, for being promoted as the new Chief of Police of the City of Rahway. Freeholder James J. Fulcomer observed that "Barry Henderson began his career in the Rahway Police Department 24 years ago, as part of the former Juvenile Community Relations Bureau. He has continued his involvement in local affairs by serving on the Rahway Board of Education for 10 years."

Three from Rahway/Clark named to honor society

Two Union County College students from Clark and one from Rahway were among 18 inducted into Omicron Beta Chapter of Tau Alpha Pi, a national honor society for engineering and engineering

technology majors. The students were honored at a breakfast and induction ceremonies featuring Dr. Theodore Austin, vice president of administrative systems and provost of the Scotch Plains

Campus, who was guest speaker.

Students must have at least 3.5 out of a 4.0 grade-point average and the recommendation of a faculty member to become

eligible for membership in the honor society.

Those inducted from the Rahway/Clark area were Gregory Gambino and Robert Sevell, both of Clark, and Jack Kopp of Rahway.

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