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## WELCOME HOME, GENERAL GRAY Rahway vet groups to honor top marine

On Sunday, May 28, the Rahway Veteran's Central Committee will honor General Alfred M. Gray, the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. The General has been chosen to be the Grand Marshal of the Annual Memorial Day Parade

in Rahway. He graciously accepted the invitation because he is a former resident of Rahway.

General Gray made his home on Rahway's Bryant Street in the years that he resided here. He is anxious

to visit the City and to meet with his many friends.

The veterans groups of the City are highly honored to have the General in the parade. He is a die-hard marine who earned his high position by moving up



General Gray

through the ranks in the corps. The parade starts at 1:30 p.m. sharp; formation at 12:30 p.m. There will be eight marching bands participating. The Rahway City officials, police and fire departments,

first aid squads, school children, scouts, cub scouts, brownies, civic and fraternal organizations, have all agreed to participate in the parade. All veteran groups and their auxiliaries from Rahway, as well as from out of

town will participate. Many Marine corps units will be marching in the parade.

The Veteran's Central Committee cordially invites the general public to witness this spectacular parade along the line of march.

### Mayor expresses the city's pride in General Gray's visit

Mayor Dan Martin of Rahway said that "the entire community is excited and proud to have a favorite son who has achieved so much come home for a visit." The Mayor pointed out that General Alfred M. Gray, who will be Grand Marshal at Sunday's parade, was born in Point Pleasant Beach, but spent a great part of his youth residing in Rahway.

"The general specifically requested that he be able to visit with old Rahway friends and neighbors this Sunday," the Mayor stated.

General Gray is the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1950 and attained the rank of sergeant before being commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in April, 1952.

Following nearly four years of service in Vietnam, General Gray held a variety of command positions in the Marine Corps from 1969 to 1976. In March, 1976, he was advanced to brigadier general. After a number of assignments as a commanding general and additional promotions in rank, he was promoted to general and Commandant of the Marine Corps on July 1, 1987.

The general is married to the former Jan Goss of Burlington, Vermont.

Mayor Martin also extended an invitation to residents from throughout Union and Middlesex Counties and New Jersey to come to the Rahway parade and "join our community in welcoming the Marine Corps' number one officer." "We'd be especially proud to have Marine and veterans from other communities join us in



NEW GENERATION BRASS... Pictured left to right (front row) — Anthony Portizo, Mathias Ealey; (middle row) — Janet O'Leary, Kelly Karnis, Deanna Ziolkowski, Kurt Weins; (back row) — John Paul Hamel, Monica Quinn, Erik Wnuck. Not pictured: James Nixon, Allan Gilchrest, Jason Taylor and Jessica Millerick.

### Students form new brass ensemble

Thirteen students at Rahway's Intermediate School hope one day to reach the "big time" through their music. And Band Director Harold Magee says if they stay together, they may very well see their wishes come true.

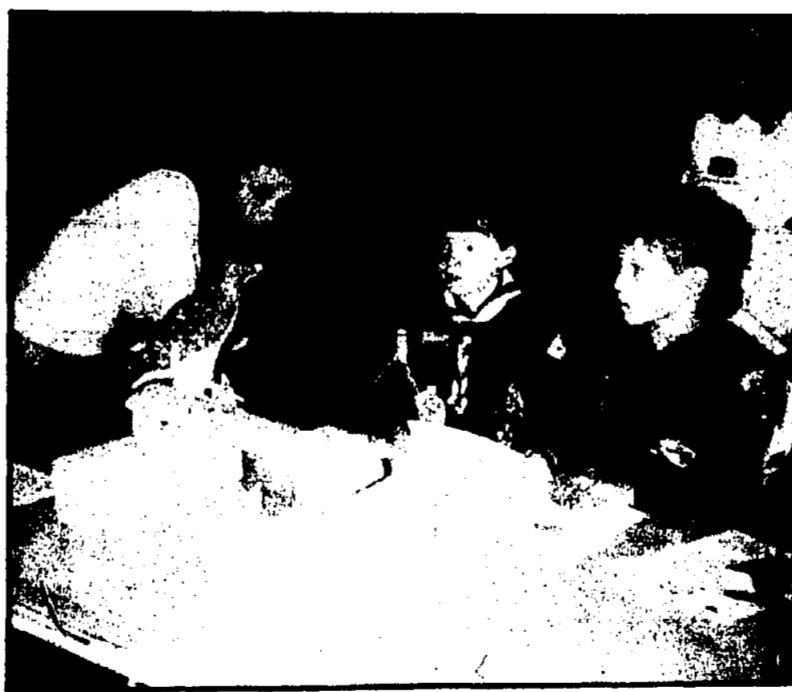
New Generation Brass (NGB) is a group formed two months ago consisting of thirteen 7th graders who play mainly brass and percussion instruments.

"A couple of years ago we formed a group called 'Brass Unlimited,' who went on to win the Garden State Arts Center talent expo," explained Magee. "I thought maybe we could start something like that again."

Magee writes all the arrangements for NGB because there is nothing available only for brass. "When I

greeting the general," Martin said.

The Mayor also said, "the entire community is deeply grateful for the involvement of the Rahway Veterans Central Committee in making this great day possible." He singled out Rahway World War II veteran William McBride for his "outstanding contributions to this memorable occasion."



LIKE A HAWK... It is a hawk! And the Cub Scouts trying to stare it down are Jim Ferrell and Justin Lewis of Rahway's Pack 47. The occasion was a presentation by Rapture Trust of Millington at a recent pack meeting. Behind the bird is Dan Leader Ann Brzycki.

"It's something different," explained Kelly Karnis. "And it's fun being separate from the regular band."

"They are good for their age and they are going to get better," said Magee. "If they stay together through High School, I think they have a good chance of being the best in the state."

### Tenured teachers get 'unriffed'

#### Budget re-working cuts rif list to 7 names

At its regular meeting last week, Rahway's Board of Education voted to reappoint tenured teachers from the reduction-in-force (rif) list.

The reappointments will effectively rescind approximately 75 rif notices sent out in response to City council reductions to the board's budget, defeated by voters in the April 4 schools election.

The board and council agreed to a \$1 million reduction in the budget: \$400,000 in current expense and \$600,000 in capital outlay, to be raised in a bond referendum. The board has already voted to cut \$70,000 from the supervisors account, said Board President Peter Kowal.

"We were told to examine our administrative and supervisory accounts," said Kowal. "This is our first recommended reduction."

Reappointments approved by the board will lower the number of staff members still on the reduction-in-force list to seven, according to Kowal. Some of these positions will be lost through attrition, he added.

Kowal also appointed two committees. One, chaired by Board Member Lori Kennedy, will study the administrative and supervisory structure of the district.

Another committee, chaired by Board Member Mario Kurylak, will work with the council on a bonding referendum to study capital improvements in the district.

In a special meeting held last week, Lori Kennedy was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Roy Valentine, who recently passed away. Kennedy had been a board member for three years before deciding not to run for re-election in April.

High School graduation ceremonies will be held on June 19, at 7 p.m. at Veterans Field, announced Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the High School auditorium. Brunette also noted that the last day of classes for Madison School will be on June 20.

### Rahway's Timko brothers take education seriously

Aptitudes in math and the sciences, plus an upbringing focusing on higher education have led a Rahway family of four brothers towards college degrees in engineering technologies at Union County College.

This month, Ted Timko, youngest of four brothers who have excelled in their selected major, will receive an associate degree as he follows in his brothers' footsteps.

During the past decade, UCC has graduated James, Joseph, and Thomas Timko, who have pursued engineering careers. While Ted has gone the educational route along with his older brothers, he plans to deviate from tradition as he'll enter a business program in September at Kean College to earn a bachelor's degree.

"My major at UCC is in Architectural Engineering and, while I have gained a lot from it, I know a big commitment is required to pursue the field," said the 19-year-old. "UCC was a break between high school and college, and I have a lot of respect for it."

A recent inductee into the Omicron Beta chapter of Tau Alpha Pi, engineering honor society, the younger Timko's 3.70 grade-point average qualifies him to pursue most any program he might select.

Ted currently works as a draftsman part-time at a Rahway engineering firm, an experience he has combined with a full course load

at school. While the two occupy most of his free time, he believes it's a sacrifice well worth the effort as he recognizes the value of hands-on study.

Upon graduation from Rahway High School two years ago, Ted had been accepted at N.J. Institute of Technology, but passed over that opportunity for a scholarship program at UCC.

"When you're in high school, if you do well in math and science, the counselors automatically push you towards engineering," he said. "But I'm glad I selected UCC because my brothers tell me that when they work with the school from the top schools, they know what they know."

His conviction to pursue an architectural degree at Kean College is a testament to his family's emphasis on education.



### PARADE ROUTE

The Annual Memorial Day Parade in Rahway will start at Milton Avenue/Pierpont St., continue along Milton Avenue to Irving St., turn on Irving to Main St. and cross Milton at City Hall Plaza, to the Reviewing Stand across from the U.S. Post Office.

The parade starts at 1:30 p.m. sharp! Formation starts at 12:30 at three locations: the Public Library at Central Ave., Pierpont St. facing Milton, and Elm St. facing Pierpont.

### Marquee lighting on TV3

TV3's "Info: New Jersey's News Magazine" for Tuesday, May 30 will focus on Rahway and Clark (7:30 p.m.). The Rahway segment will be on the marquee-lighting ceremony at the Union County Arts Center at the end of March.

The segment will include an interview with Mayor Martin.

### Celebrate Memorial Day liturgy

St. Mary's Church, Rahway will celebrate a Memorial Day Liturgy on Monday, May 29, at 9 a.m. in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clark. All are welcome to attend. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the liturgy will be celebrated in the church.