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'Independence Weekend' is also 'Bike Weekend' in Rahway!

July 1: Bike auction; July 4: Bike races

by Pat DiMaggio
If you are looking for a nearly-new bicycle or if you need a few spare parts to fix the one you have, Rahway's Police Department invites you to their bike auction to be held on July 1.

More than 50 bicycles and spare parts will be auctioned off for sale at police headquarters. In the hope of attracting a large crowd of bike enthusiasts, the sale this year has been scheduled

to run in conjunction with the July 4 bike races held annually in the City.

The Police Department usually runs two sales a year. Bikes must be held for six months before they are offered for sale and those to be auctioned on Saturday have been in police possession since prior to January.

There will be complete bikes and some parts. A few bikes are damaged, and there are some with frames only.

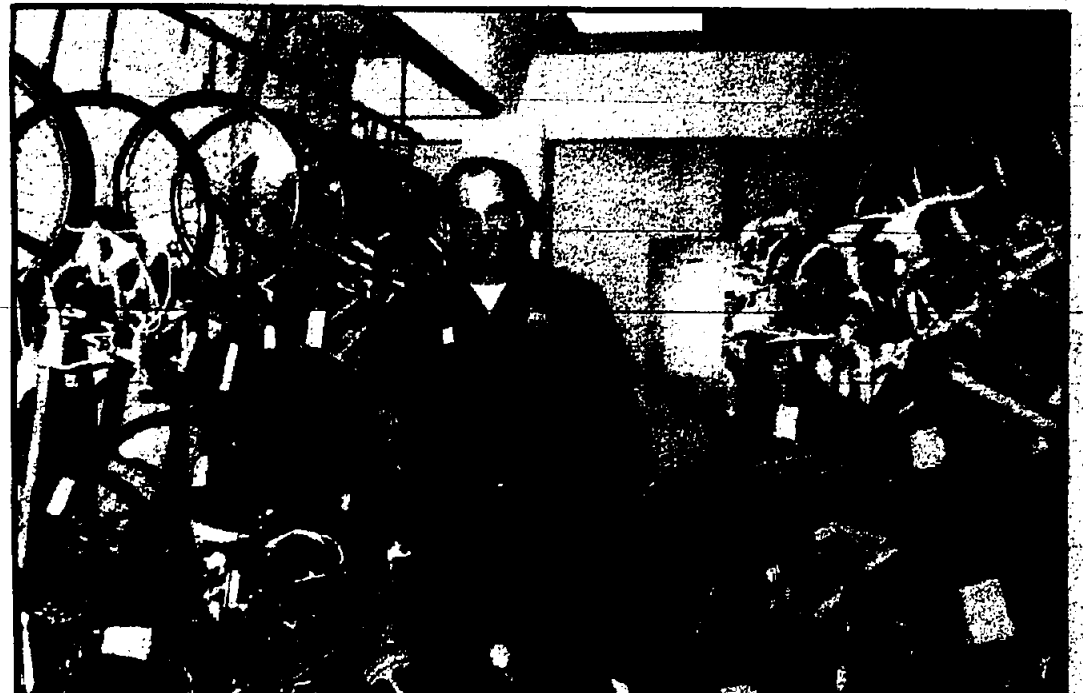
But many of the bicycles are in nearly-new condition and will be sold for \$3, \$5 or \$10, according to Sgt. James Caulfield, Police Traffic Safety Bureau.

"Some are in good shape and some are damaged," said Caulfield. "If a bike is in good shape, we establish a minimum bid. Bids have gone as high as \$50 for a bike valued at \$300. You can get a 10- or 12-speed bike with a magnesium frame inexpensively."

Most of the unclaimed bikes are found abandoned in parks, playgrounds and in front of stores, and nobody ever returns to claim them, said Caulfield.

The sale will be conducted on July 1, at 11 a.m., in the Police Department parking lot by Officer Richard Allen. Residents are invited to come a half-hour before the start of the auction to inspect the merchandise.

Attendees may park in the City Hall parking lot, which adjoins the P.D. lot. A gate provides access. All proceeds from the sale will be turned over to the controller's office for use in the City's general treasury, according to Caulfield. Last year, proceeds totalled \$260.



RACKING 'EM UP ... Rahway Police officer Richard Allen with some of the more than 50 bikes to be auctioned July 1 in the P.D. parking lot behind City Hall, beginning at 11 a.m.

'Holiday at Home' bicycle races ... 22nd year

Rahway's 22nd Annual "Holiday at Home" bicycle racing event will take place on Tuesday, July 4, starting at 9:15 a.m. In cooperation with the City of Rahway, the Rahway Recreation Department, and the Rahway YMCA, the event will be coordinated by Mrs. Harvey C. "Mike" Black.

A community event scheduled for the 4th of July celebration on wheels will be the "Lollipopper," which rolls off at 9:15 a.m. for boys and girls age 6 and under.

The main event — the 40-Lap Senior Class 2-3 race — should start at 1 p.m. Admission to the bike races as a spectator is free. Parking is available in the area.

For more information, call Mrs. Harvey C. Black at 372-2441.

The annual event was formerly promoted by Harvey C. Black, former notable amateur and professional bicycle racer, including Six-Day racing. Black's cycling career spanned 57 years of continued interest in all facets of the sport.

The scheduled event is a "go" rain or shine ...

Downtown streets of Rahway are used for the race course, and are closed to traffic. The route starts at Irving and Poplar Streets, proceeds to Milton Avenue, thence travelling back on Main Street to Central Avenue, returning to the starting point.

Prizes are lollipops and ribbons. The event was introduced to Rahway in 1980.

Limited

The City and the bike race promoters are aware of the inconvenience imposed in some areas because of the need for parking space, and in the closing of certain street for the annual bicycle racing event. Your cooperation and understanding will

Attention race spectators

In the interests of safety — A racing bicycle is fast and silent. If you must cross a street on the race course, please do so with extreme care. Please obey the



WINNERS ALL ... Local American Legion Post No. 5 and Union County American Legion recently awarded prizes to students of the five elementary schools in Rahway in the "Morris Canal" coloring contest. The winners are, L to R, Billy Holencsak, Madison School; Devon Stelliga, Roosevelt School; Michael Keats, Franklin School; Ed Cwirko, County Children and Youth Chairman; Rachael Hernandez, St. Mary's and Tels Pichiole, Grover Cleveland School. Tels also won 1st Prize in the Legion Union County contest.

MVS to save \$\$ with shortened inspection week

To help with the state's current budget crunch, Motor Vehicle Services will close its inspection stations three hours earlier each Saturday beginning July 8, MVS Director Glenn R. Paulsen announced today.

The 28 state-run inspection stations that are normally open on Saturdays (which includes Rahway) will close at 1 p.m. rather than at 4 p.m. beginning that day. However, Paulsen noted, any vehicles in line by 1 p.m. will be inspected.

"We won't turn motorists away who arrive at the station by the 1 p.m. closing time," the Director said. The stations will continue to open at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

Paulsen said he was reluctant to cut hours, but noticed that the Saturday schedule from 8½ to 5½ hours would save the state approximately \$800,000 over the course of the fiscal 1990 budget year that begins July 1.

"Although we were reluctant, we selected the Saturday afternoon hours because they are the last used and lowest volume hours of the week," Paulsen said. "So the reduction should not seriously inconvenience the public."

Paulsen also noted that this change in hours does not affect the private garages that are licensed to perform state inspections. "They can continue inspecting vehicles anytime of the day or week," Paulsen said.

There are currently more than 4,000 private garages that are licensed to perform initial inspections and reinspections, compared to 34 state stations.

Under the new schedule, all 34 state inspection stations are opened Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and one night a week until 8 p.m. In addition, 28 of the stations are open from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

The number to call for information about waiting times at the Rahway station (1140 Woodbridge Ave. & East Hazelwood) is 382-5151.

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Entry forms

Entry forms for the "Lollipopper" Bicycle Contest for Boys and Girls up to age 6 may be obtained at the Rahway Public Library, Central and St. Georges Avenues.



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HONOR AIDE'S MEMORY ... In tribute to the memory of the late Rose Billy, former school aid at Roosevelt Elementary School in Rahway, the Roosevelt School Student Council accepted donations toward the purchase of a tree. The tree has been planted in the school's courtyard. It is a Kwanzaa cherry tree, a Japanese variety, double flowered, and most spectacular in bloom. Mr. Eugene Wurga, principal and Mr. Frank Lukasiewicz, vice principal were presented a plaque by Jeremy Mojica, the president of the Student Council. The plaque will hang in the Lake Avenue Breezeway, adjacent to the tree in the courtyard. Mrs. Billy had been employed by the school district for 16 years. Previous to that, she served as President of the Roosevelt P.T.A. Pictured left to right are Jeremy Mojica, Eugene Wurga and Frank Lukasiewicz.

Board of Ed recognizes outstanding students

Locke, Deeds, Butler, Pinchinte, Holencsak commended

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's Board of Education honored students for outstanding achievements at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

The board recognized Michelle Locke, a Rahway Public School senior attending Beadleston High School, for receiving an Outstanding Scholars Award sponsored by the Union County Superintendent of Schools.

Also commended were Isis Pinchinte, a 4th grade student at Grover Cleveland School, for being the 1st place winner in Rahway and Union County in the American Legion Post #5 Coloring Contest, and William Holencsak, a 5th grade student at Madison School, for the winning entry in Madison School's American Legion Morris Canal Coloring Contest, Rahway Post #5.

The board also recognized Brian Deeds, Class of 1989 Valedictorian and Cheryl Butler, Salutatorian, as outstanding scholars.

In other business the board:

- Rescinded the reappointment of Rose North as assistant cheerleading coach for the 1989-90 school year.
- Reappointed Robert Jackson as head winter track coach, Dennis Shockley as assistant girls basketball coach, Leon Altranques as assistant boys soccer coach, Joseph Caggiano as head girls soccer coach, Harry Reiser as head bowling coach, Richard Nolan as head swimming coach,
- Appointed Valerie Wublewski as assistant cheerleading coach and Joanne Zwickel as head girls basketball coach.

Practice highway safety on the holiday weekend

Will you make it through the July 4th holiday without becoming a highway casualty? Unfortunately, according to the N.J. State Safety Council, too many drivers and passengers will visit a hospital emergency ward during the 102-hour holiday period.

Last year 14 lives were lost on New Jersey roads during the holiday, and 463 lives were lost throughout the nation.

National Safety Council analysts estimate that during the upcoming four-day holiday between 570 and 670 people may die in highway crashes and an additional 26,000 to 31,000 may suffer disabling injuries.

Some important measures recommended by the Council for a safe holiday trip: Know your drinking limitation—restrict your drinking to one ounce of

alcohol per hour and switch to nonalcoholic beverages about an hour before driving. Nibble on food while you drink—never drink on an empty stomach. The best answer is don't drink and drive.

Studies have estimated that alcohol is a contributing factor in at least 50 percent of all fatal crashes.

Avoid fatigue—the expected increase in volume of traffic on roads during the holiday period requires greater awareness, and, consequently, fatigue, either as a result of overexertion or lack of sleep, will seriously affect judgement and reflex actions needed to safely maneuver the vehicle.

Observe the rules of the road—statistics show that almost 68 percent of all accidents are caused by the driver who violates traffic laws.

Safe fireworks? No such thing!

There is no such thing as "safe" fireworks and no safe way for an amateur to use them, says the NJ State Safety Council. The Council has issued a plea to youngsters and parents to forgo what it calls the doubtful pleasure of shooting off illegal fireworks in the back yard.

According to the Safety Council, nationally, an estimated 10,200 people each year are injured

seriously enough to require treatment in hospital emergency rooms, many of the victims being under 15 years of age.

Hospitals report that it is not uncommon for fireworks to cause blindness or amputation of fingers or hands. Even death to the user or an innocent bystander has occasionally been reported.

Playing with fireworks these days is like playing

with dynamite. A super M-80 firecracker is reported to be capable of blowing a padlock off a door. A standard M-80 can blow a hand off at the wrist.

On the basis of studies made by the US Product Safety Commission and the National Fire Protection Association, most injuries seem to occur in the following ways

- a firecracker is held in

- the hand too long after lighting the fuse
- throwing a lit firecracker at another person
- exploding one or more firecrackers stuffed inside a pipe or some other object
- taking a firecracker apart and lighting the powder.

Parents desiring to rid of these dangerous items should immerse them in water or destroy them

in a safe and then dispose of them in the trash.

By the way, if you are a parent, please don't let your children play with fireworks.