



CHILDREN COMPETE in Rahway's annual Playground Olympics.

## Over 300 participate in Playground Olympics

Winners competed in yesterday's State games

by Pat DiMaggio  
Rahway's Recreation Department hosted its annual Playground Olympics last week, and more than 360 children, representing the City's 11 playgrounds competed.

Events included a softball throw for distance, a softball throw for accuracy, basketball fowl shooting, the 50-yard dash and the running long jump. Winners in boys and girls groups and three age categories went on to represent Rahway at the State Olympics meet held on July 19 at Middletown High School North, Middletown.

Rahway's winners in three age groups — midjets composed of children 10 and under, juniors including 11- and 12-year-olds and 13- and 14-year-old seniors, include the following:

Softball throw for distance, midjets — Eugene Jeter and Lavia Estes; juniors — Bilal Jeter and Cindy Ott; seniors — Aaron Jacobs and Estalli Sully; softball throw for accuracy, midjets — Dennis Crue and Jennifer Britton; juniors — Jason Green and Kerri Jackson; seniors — Shelton Colbert and Hope Lamb; basketball fowl shooting, midjets — Selamin Ingram and Hope Satterfield; juniors — Bilal Jeter and Cindy Ott; seniors — Robert Jones and Hope Lamb; 50-yard dash, midjets — Willie Smith and Hope Satterfield; juniors — Jamal Burden and

Yvette Broderick, seniors (100-yard dash) — Andrew Lacefield and Estalli Sully; running long jump, midjets — Willie Smith and Camisha Brown; juniors — Bilal Jeter and Kerri Jackson; seniors — Aaron Jacobs and Hope Lamb.

Playground champions representing Rahway at the State Olympics also included a junior boys 200-yard relay team composed of

Jamal Burden, Bilal Jeter, Jason Green and Kile Sully, and a girls team including Yvette Broderick, Tovania Tate, Kerri Jackson and Taniel Stackley.

The senior team numbered Andrew Lacefield, Shelton Colbert, Tashawn Qualls and Dwane Jones for the boys, and Estalli Sully, Hazima Robinson, Hope Lamb and Cindy Ott for the girls.



SPORTS ART ... Russ Taylor, right, a member of the Kwanza Club of Rahway, is shown with guest speaker Wayne Prokoplak. A resident of Rahway, Prokoplak has been involved with sports art for about ten years. He has been commissioned to paint famous sports figures on baseballs, baseball bats, boxing gloves and you name it. The Kwanza Club of Rahway meets on Wednesdays at 12:15 at the Columbian Club in Rahway.

## Proposed disclosure bill gets mixed reaction from council

Ethics and privacy prove strange bed fellows

by Pat DiMaggio  
A resolution endorsing a Senate bill that would force local officials to disclose

their sources of income drew widely divergent votes from Rahway's Municipal Council at its regular meeting held

last week. On May 1, the N.J. Senate approved a bill that requires elected local officials to

make public their sources of income. Known as the Local Government Ethics bill, the State Legislature is currently considering adoption of the bill.

A resolution urging the General Assembly to adopt the bill was introduced by Councilwoman Katherine Fulcomer. "Other levels of government have similar kinds of codes," said Fulcomer. "Local officials are the only one's without this sort of procedure."

Fulcomer stated that "local officials should be answerable to the people they represent. There is so much distrust with the citizenry, this is a good step in the right direction."

The adoption of the bill would enhance ethical conduct for county and municipal officials throughout New Jersey and would provide advice, information and proper guidelines regarding possible conflicts of interest, according to the resolution.

In direct contrast, the Borough of Garwood recently approved a resolution formally opposing the bill. Garwood's council determined that such an act would be against the "best interest of the people" and would adversely affect the willingness of residents to make public their private affairs as a condition to public service.

The resolution approved by Garwood said approval of the bill would significantly

restrict those people who would otherwise seek elected office because of the "unreasonable intrusions into their privacy and personal affairs."

The bill, if approved by the General Assembly, would require disclosure of the following personal information:

— each source of income earned or received, exceeding \$1000 and each honorarium having an aggregate exceeding \$200 from any source, of the official, his or her spouse or minor child;

— each source of gifts, reimbursements or personal expenses aggregating \$400 from any single source received by an official, spouse or minor child;

— the name and address of all business organizations in which the official, spouse or minor child has an interest;

— the address and description of all real estate in New Jersey owned by an official, spouse or child, but an interest.

The resolution urging the General Assembly to adopt the bill was approved in Rahway by Council members Katherine Fulcomer, Michael Esposito and William Wanck. Councilmen Alex Shipley and Vincent Addona abstained and Councilmen Dennis Henderson and Walter McLeod voted no. Councilmen Chester Holmes and James Cadigan were absent.

## Almost 100, Thannie Mack attributes her longevity to faith

'Put your trust in the Lord, and He'll take care of you'

by Pat DiMaggio  
If you ask Thannie Marie Mack the secret to her long life, she won't give you the expected answers. She won't tell you not to smoke or drink or what foods to eat. She'll simply say, "Put your trust in the Lord and He'll take care of you." And she's probably right.

Mrs. Mack will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 30. Born in Herndon, Georgia in 1889, she is the mother of four children — Ann, Lafayette, Gus and Paul — and has been a member of the Friendship Baptist Church since 1920.

She lives by herself on Allen Street in Rahway and does her own cooking and

cleaning. Known affectionately as "Grandma" to her friends and neighbors, she will gladly sit down with you and tell you the story of her life.

She tells of the time when she and her children all pooled their earnings to buy a radio and when son Lafayette was in charge of daughter Ann while Thannie

worked. He wouldn't allow his sister to go across the street into the field to play ball with the other kids.

"He was very protective of his sister," remembers Mrs. Mack. "And his sister would argue with him every day about it."

Mrs. Mack worked for many years as a dressmaker. In fact, she made the dress

she wore during this interview.

She raised her four children with a strict hand, instilling in them the values of life ... don't lie, don't cheat — and respect other people. "And they all turned out to be good men and women," she proudly asserts.

The family Thannie raised has blessed her with eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She still attends the Friendship Baptist Church regularly, and until this year, faithfully tended a garden. "I've been blessed," she said. "I've always been loved. Jesus has always watched over me, and I thank Him that he has let me live so long."

Rahway's Municipal Council also recently commended Thannie Marie Mack with a resolution in her honor.



'I'VE BEEN BLESSED' ... Thannie Marie Mack, soon to celebrate her 100th birthday.

## Benefit softball features 'soap' team

On August 12, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of N.J. will be hosting a benefit softball game against "Guiding Light," the daytime soap opera team. The game will be held at Ed Weber field in Union, and will commence at 1 p.m.

For more information, call "Karen" at 862-9349.

## 61 from Franklin School achieve honors status

Sixty-one of the 184 students at Rahway's Franklin School, comprising grades 4, 5, and 6, recently achieved honor-roll status for the 4th marking period. Criteria for High Honors are: A in Math and Reading, B in Spelling, Language, Social Studies, and Science.

The following students will receive the Blue & Gold Card, awarded to High Honors Students for redemption at participating merchants throughout Rahway who will present them with "prizes" they have pledged:

Grade Four — Magdalen Blankenship, Camisha Brown, Steven Costanza, Jimmy Osmond, Jennifer Reverendo, Autumn Ringle.

Grade Five — Jennifer Plewa, Brian Suggs, Michael Keat, Erin Devaney, Nicole Wolf.

Grade Six — Christopher Fallon, Joseph Horton. Criteria for Honors are: B in Math, Reading, Spelling, Language, Social Studies, and Science. The following

students will receive a Certificate for Ice Cream in the School Cafeteria, awarded to Honors Students:

Grade Four — Kenneth Estok, Jarod Jefferson, Kirstin Johnson, Aleya Latif, Jennifer Smith, Katy Savard, Louise Viola, Roshod Petteway, Rozenna Davion, Jennifer Fernandez, Griselda Perez, Melissa Decker, Craig Hilyard, Joshua Kiger, Twinkle Mann, Lakeisha Mays, Melissa Pach, Kelly White.

Grade Five — Chris Koutsouris, Adricenne Savard, Lori Shaughnessy, Steven Spanellis, Nicole Quatro, Denise Torvik, Lily Lee.

Grade Six — Michael Holobinko, Derick Hopkins, Erica James, Jennifer McCarthy, Teddy Estok, Rose Gross, Nancy March, Peter Bondar, Joseph Fiorillo, John Johnson, Jeffrey Meyer, Alena Williams, Roshonda Bunn, Khalil Blue, Darrell Smith, Consuela Williams.

Participating merchants are: Community Camera, General Locksmith, McDonald's, Rahway Flowers

& Gifts, Lyn-Kristie, Ltd. Hairstylists, Grand Hardware, Kennedy Jewelers, The Fun House, Fran's Fruit Baskets, and Dembling's Supermarket.

Joining Quinn will be Dana Evans who performed as dance captain in the Rahway High production

Martin Quinn of Rahway, a student at Hofstra University, will appear as "Whitney" in the Linden Summer Playhouse production of "Anything Goes." He has appeared in many musicals in this area, including several shows at the Union County Arts Center.

Joining Quinn will be Dana Evans who performed as dance captain in the Rahway High production

## Rahwayans have roles in local production

Other Rahway youngsters appearing in this production are Michelle Burwell, Stephanie Gyantar, Marissa Quinn and Lauren Spatola.

The show will be staged at the Linden High School Auditorium on July 27, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. All seats are reserved at \$5. For tickets call 925-1389 or 925-4935.

The Playhouse musicals

are funded, in part, by the N.J. State Council on the Arts through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. All performances are presented in cooperation with the Recreation Department, City of Linden and the Linden Board of Education.

This is the 11th all-student summer production of the Linden Summer Playhouse.



SAFETY COUNCIL MEET ... Members of the Rahway Safety Council 1988-89, starting on the top left: William Rack, Robert J. Bridgeman, Edward O'Connor, Sgt. Donald Caulfield, Frank Lukaszewicz, Charles Barta, Raymond J. Monahan — Secretary, Ed Lewis, Gerald Dotman, Joseph D. Gillisco — President, Larry