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## Harrison St. re-do close to being realized

### Council also approves purchase of new police cars, pledges support for sr. tax relief

by Pat DiMaggio  
At its regular meeting Monday night, Rahway's Municipal Council approved for second reading a bond ordinance that will authorize the reconstruction of a City street, and approved the purchase of new police vehicles.

The bond ordinance provides for the reconstruction of Harrison Street from St. Georges Avenue to Winfield Street. A portion of the reconstruction costs will be funded by state aid.

"It's taken us many years to get this portion funded," said Councilman Vincent Addona. "This will help the residents living there who are concerned with the safety of their children attending Franklin School. It is a job well done by our administration in getting the funds through."

The council also approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of police vehicles under state contract. Two 1989 Chevrolet Caprices with police packages were purchased from Warnock Fleet of East Hanover for a total of \$27,842.

A resolution supporting the passage of an Assembly Act which would provide property tax relief for senior citizens was also approved by the council. Assembly Act 4044 would establish a cap on an individual's property tax payment at an amount equal to 8 percent of his income, up to a maximum of \$1,000. This cap would apply to all senior

citizens and all disabled persons with a New Jersey taxable income of less than \$25,000.

The resolution, introduced by Councilman Michael Esposito, urged passage of the Act and included an amendment to provide for a sliding cap of from 8 percent to 10 percent for incomes between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to avoid a large property tax jump when a senior citizen's annual income reaches \$25,000 or above.

The council also approved a resolution urging the County of Union to reconstruct the Bridge Street bridge. The bridge, used by residents who work in the area of Scott and Grand Avenues, is used to relieve traffic from the center of town and also serves as a secondary access route to U.S. Route 1.

The council feels that the bridge is nearing the end of its life expectancy and should be completely rebuilt. Without the bridge, the flow of traffic would be forced onto Elizabeth Avenue, Milton Avenue or Monroe Street, causing considerable congestion in an already heavily travelled area.

The bridge also provides a direct route to a police towing service and direct access for the Fire Department.

In other business the council:

— Approved a resolution to authorize final payment for the project entitled "Resurfacing-1989".

— Approved a resolution

authorizing final payment for the project entitled "Hazelwood Avenue Storm Sewer-Section IV".

— Approved a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to apply to

the N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection for a combined sewer overflow fund grant for the planning or design of dry weather overflow elimination and solid/floatables reduction at

combined sewer overflow points.

— Approved a resolution authorizing the City to apply for the 1989-90 Clean Community funding from the DEP.

### RHS SGA looks ahead to a busy year

The Student Government Association at Rahway High School is currently planning events and activities for the 1989-90 school year. Under the leadership of their president, Debra Zapotocky and advisor, William M. Roesch, SGA has an active membership of 140 students.

Some of the activities currently planned are: 7th Annual Donkey Basketball game on November 17, participation in the N.J. Association of Student Councils at Rider College on October 23, tour guides for "Back to Night" Night, a fall sport banner contest co-sponsored with the Cheerleaders, a special Halloween program, an extensive program associated with "Staying Alive-Celebrate Sober" campaign, and a field trip for seniors in SGA to the Statue of Liberty.

Throughout the year, the SGA provides three different daily newspapers on a subscription basis to students and staff, a soda and juice

machine in the teacher's cafeteria, sponsorship of the TV-3 Academic Challenge Team, and two information message boards — on the front lawn of the high school and in the student cafeteria.

Individuals may have a message on the outside board for a \$10 fee. Three to five weeks' notice is recommended to guarantee board availability. Arrangements may be made by calling 396-1100. The fees collected from these messages are earmarked for the maintenance of the message board and for the "Celebrate Sober" campaign.

The other officers include Meredith Murphy — 1st Vice President, Eric Sloan — 2nd Vice President, Venisha Glanton — Treasurer, Erica Messersmith — Recording Secretary and Lauren Spatola — Corresponding Secretary.

SGA meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the high school auditorium at 7:45 a.m.

### Rahway Adult School Registration

Registration for the Rahway Adult School will take place on Monday and Tuesday, September 25-26 in the Rahway High School Cafeteria. The in-person registration will take place between 7-9 p.m.

Individuals interested in enrolling for courses for the Fall 1989 semester may register through the mail or during the in-person registration period. The Adult School "Hotline" is available seven days a week and anyone who has not

received their 1989-90 Adult School brochure, should call immediately at 382-1361.

One hundred twenty (120) courses are being offered this year, under the direction of 1st-year director William M. Roesch and 1st-year secretary Donna Farrell. Courses for the Fall semester will begin on Monday October 2 and Tuesday, October 3.

### Board of Adjustment to meet

A special meeting of the Rahway Board of Adjustment is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Its purpose is to discuss the Hamilton Laundry application.

### Chinese auction

The Altar Guild of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church will sponsor a Chinese Auction on Friday Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the church hall, 211 W. Grand Ave., Rahway. All proceeds will go to benefit the new parish house.

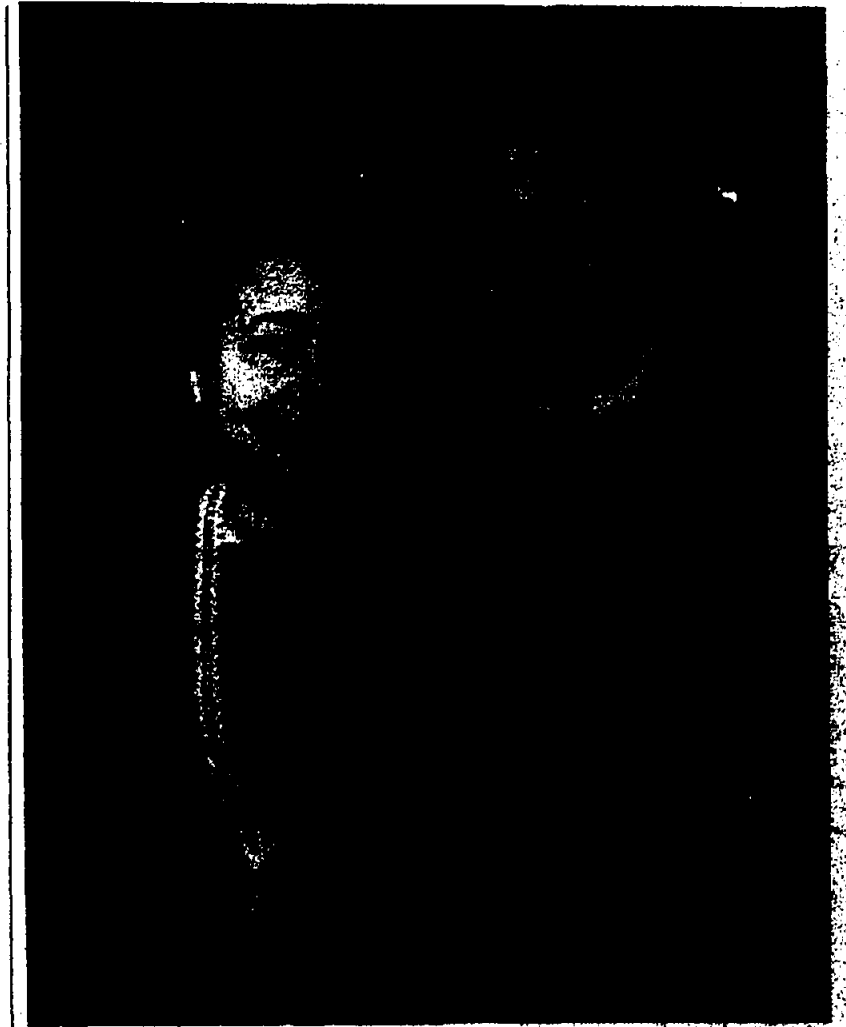
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$3, which includes refreshments and door prize.

Tickets will be sold at the door on a first-come, first-served basis, or are available by calling 388-8965 or 486-8270.

### NOTE

The 24-hour NARCOTIC INFORMATION HOT LINE for Rahway is 388-1553

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**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** ... Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bragg are both being honored in a special anniversary celebration at Rahway's Holy Mountain Church of God in Christ on East Grand Avenue. Primarily, the five-day celebration (through Sept. 17) is in recognition of Dr. Bragg's 36th year as the church's pastor, but on September 14, there will also be a special tribute to his wife Gladys, who chairs the church's Women's Dept. and is also co-chairman of the Executive Board (1st Jurisdiction) of the Church of God in Christ at the state level. They came to Rahway 43 years ago. Dr. Bragg founded the church at their home on Witherspoon St., subsequently moving it to its present location, the former Grand St. chapel of the 2nd Presbyterian Church.

## 'Pseudo Scientists' pose problems for pest controllers

### Pesticide Control Council membership periled

"New Jersey needs real, not 'pseudo scientific' decisions from the Pesticide Control Council," says Dr. C. Douglass Mampe, a spokesperson for the non-profit N.J. Pest Control Association.

Dr. Mampe, commenting on legislation introduced by Sen. Raymond Lesniak, said "it seeks to alter the membership of the Council away from qualified scientists who can make critical judgments affecting the protection of health and property throughout the state.

"There are real dangers," says Dr. Mampe, "when

scientific advisory bodies such as the Pesticide Control Council become platforms for political agendas."

Dr. Mampe, a pest control consultant, noted that "even Gov. Kean has expressed concern about pseudo scientists." Referring to a speech the Governor gave in April in Washington, D.C., he quoted the Governor who described them as "other-wise intelligent people who believe their Ph.D's in English or Education make them P.D.Q. — Pretty Darned Qualified — to explain the subtleties of science to the public."

"Decisions affecting the pesticides New Jersey pest control professionals can or cannot use have almost immediate effects on the costs of pest control to the public and the business community," noted Dr. Mampe.

"Such decisions signal insurance companies to raise their premiums and drive up the costs of everything from termite protection to rodent eradication."

"Decisions about the use

of pesticides must be made on the basis of scientific data, not because some politician wants to get re-elected by campaigning against their use," said Dr. Mampe. "The protection of public health and property is mandated by law. There's no reason to create conditions which make the public pay more because a small, vocal group of anti-chemical, anti-science, anti-technology people are determined to undermine those services."

## 40/8 seeks 'engine house' for parade loco

The American Legion Honor Society, "the 40/8," has for many years entertained both children and adults with their road locomotive in parades at community functions and hospitals everywhere. To date, over 2,000,000 kids of all ages have enjoyed rides for their pleasure at no cost to anyone anywhere, wherever the 40/8 has traveled. The group's clown unit has also been a joy to see and the big cannon on top of the train, a note to make any event come to life.

"We now will have to take a great historical part of Union County's history and culture," reports Robert J. Wenzel of the American Legion Honor Society, "and we hope everyone will be as excited

not because of lack of finance, interest, manpower or support, but because we have no place inside a building to keep our locomotive and care for it.

"Our insurance is upped and all; we just can't have this piece of our County lying outside all winter and helpless to the weather and vandals, which causes us constantly to help ourselves. We have been building a new one from scratch and hope to have it ready for next year."

"Anyone who is interested in the history of the 40/8 or who would like to help us in our quest for a new home for our locomotive should contact Robert J. Wenzel at 499-9300 or write to him at 1000 W. Lincoln Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065."

### 3rd generation of Gerows to serve on Rahway F.D.

Donald Gerow, Jr., 23 years old and a lifelong resident of Rahway was appointed to the Rahway Fire Department on Monday, August 14. His father, Donald Gerow, Sr., was a member of the Rahway Fire Department since April 1, 1959 and has just retired from service with 30 years on the job.

Gerow Sr.'s grandfather, Henry Cornelius, was Assistant Chief and Chief of the Rahway Fire Department during the early 1900's and left the department in 1937.

Gerow Jr. graduated from Rahway High in 1983. He resides on W. Lincoln Ave.



**POET, PLAYWRITE, INNKEEPER** ... Rahway High School grad Andrea Hollander Budy (class of '64) has achieved the latest in a string of successes as a creative writer. In addition to her intellectual pursuits, she and her husband operate a rustic inn in the Arkansas Ozarks. (Story inside.)

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