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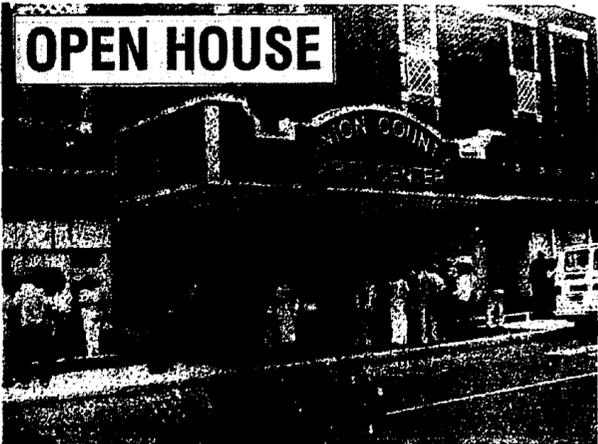
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SHOWTIME... The occasion is an arts center membership meeting from 2-5 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 24), but the public as well as members are welcome to attend. It's an opportunity to see the renovations that have recently been completed and others that are currently underway inside the theater. The Union County Arts Center is located at the junction of Irving, Hamilton and Main Streets and Central Avenue in Rahway.

Meetings continue on RR station repairs

Part of problem is split responsibility between Amtrak and NJ Transit

by Pat DiMaggio
Meetings are continuing between the Municipal Council committee formed to look into necessary repairs to the City's train station and representatives of N.J. Transit and Amtrak. The committee, composed

of Councilmen Alex Shipley, Michael Esposito and Chester Holmes, along with Community Development Director Tom Connell, has been meeting with representatives of Amtrak and with N.J. Transit Executive Director Tom Gagliano.

The focus of last week's meeting with Gagliano was to discuss both immediate problems and long-range plans, according to Connell. "We are trying to establish a long-term commitment to upgrade our stations and trestles," he said. "Our best

accomplishment is that the director of the railroad met with us. This shows that N.J. Transit is concerned and shares our views," Connell added.

Gagliano informed the committee that his department has already gone out to

bid for the repair of the Irving and Cherry Street staircase, which has been closed for several weeks. The committee would also like to have all four staircases upgraded, but because of budget restraints, these plans might take more time, said Connell.

Another complication is discovering who is responsible for each section of the railroad and station.

Another meeting is planned for next week when further discussions will take place on specific repairs.

School staffers honored for perfect attendance

by Pat DiMaggio
Staff members were honored for perfect attendance for the 1988-89 school year by Rahway's Board of

Education at their regular meeting on September 19.

Ninety-six staff members from throughout the district achieved perfect attendance in their positions, including the following central administration offices staff: Frank Brunette, Nicholas Delmonaco, Albert DiGiorgio, Elizabeth Kump, Adele Magnolia, Carol Millerick, Anthony Rocco, Barbara Rose and Rachel Wilder. This was the 8th year of perfect attendance for Superintendent of Schools, Frank Brunette and for Assistant Superintendent, Nicholas Delmonaco.

Members of the Student Personnel Services who also achieved perfect attendance are Rose Mary Colavito, Joan Davis, Arlene Delmonaco, Harry Kuba, William Petriano and Bea Trooskin. This was Ms. Colavito's 8th year of perfect attendance.

Franklin School staff members honored included Judy Brugger, Frank Buglione, Margaret Cilia, Pat Gent, Mary Gomich, Elaine Greck, Ellen Kearney, Janet Liddy, Frank Mauriello, Jane McCarthy, John Scalfani, Doris Sekley and Phyllis Taylor. May Gomich was honored for her 7th year.

Grover Cleveland School honorees included Bobby Henderson, Gwen Hulnik, Lydia Lehner, Theresa Quinn, Richard Ridley, Lily Sepan, Lorie Tschoepe, Rita Vogel and Julie Weigel. Theresa Quinn achieved a 7th year of perfect attendance in the district.

Those commended at Madison School included Susan Anderson, Joseph Andrade, Ellen Boyne, Joyce Burns, Edwin Dykes, Arlene Karaman, Barbara Kostick, Lyn Merrill, Cheryl Nias, Jerome Riccio and Linda Stout. Edwin Dykes was honored for his 8th year.

Roosevelt School numbered the following staff members: Phyllis Anderson, Marilyn Bazarzewsky, Paula Braxton, Patricia Bradshaw, Dorothy Fouls, Ann Hoener, Barbara Jedic, Maureen Kurtz, Joan Miller, Sharon Pace, Joann Rees, Martha Sexton, Elaine Smith, Marybeth Stanton, Suzane Voynik, Eugene Wurga and Barbara Zapotocky. Dorothy Fouls celebrated her 8th year of perfect attendance.

Those commended at the Intermediate School included Glenda Albert, Diane Camera, Nancy Fuzy,

Ralph Manfredi, Janet Manning, David McClay, Robin Shipley and Oksana Skop. Glenda Albert achieved perfect attendance for her 7th year.

Staff members at the High School cited included Charles Backmann, Eddie Blowe, Robert Brown, William Cladek, Anna DellaRagione, Paul DiGiano, Stanley Freedman, Maureen Hladinec, Renae Imbriacco, James Ladley, Tom Lewis, Linda McClay, Daniel Millerick, William Roesch, Miriam Sadowitz, Alex Shipley, Don Sobieski, Marie Toto, David Valla, Carmine Venes, Barbara Wassel, Richard Waters and Edward Zepoloni. Ms. DellaRagione and James Ladley were honored for their 8th year of perfect attendance.

Mayor Dan Martin recently had the following to say on the subject of voluntarism:

"Did you know that many communities, and even Union County as a whole, are having desperate problems providing emergency volunteer first aid services? Yet, here in Rahway we have a wonderful, vibrant, award-winning First Aid Squad.

"This is not to be taken lightly. The spirit of voluntarism is an important sign of a community's present and future pride and progress. Our outstanding First Aid Squad and several other remarkable volunteer groups — the Union County Arts Center, Rahway Hospital volunteers, the Kiwanis,

CYRC and Rahway Soccer Association, day care centers and social service organizations, and far too many others to name — make Rahway a community which takes a back seat to nobody in pride and progress.

"I'm very proud that our City administration has al-

ways and will always have a philosophy of strongly supporting our community volunteer groups. I urge all citizens to get involved as active members and/or financial supporters of their favorite volunteer group. It helps make for a better hometown for everyone."

Human Services reshuffle triggered by fiscal woes

The State Dept. of Human Services will lay off 24 central office employees, hire 210 workers for local child protection offices, and seek supplemental funding of \$10 million from the State.

The actions are necessary, Commissioner Margaret Howard said, to accom-

modate \$3.4 billion in state administrative savings needs in the final 1990 budget, and are critical in dealing with extreme shortages in child-care staffing that have developed, with the result that many children are in foster care.

The 24 terminations will be effective October 27.

McLeod testimonial

Walter McLeod, President of the Rahway City Council, was the Guest of Honor at a testimonial dinner at St. Thomas Hall, Friday, September 15. He was praised for a distinguished career spanning some three decades.

Born and raised in Roselle, McLeod worked his way through school at the family store in Linden. A high school football star, he continued athletics as a barnstorming fast-pitch professional softball player.

Shortly after school, McLeod started his work career at the Western Electric Company, where he worked his way up to supervisor. He meanwhile furthered his education at the R.C.A. Institutes, Union College, and Rutgers University.

McLeod moved to Rahway 34 years ago and has

resided there with his family ever since. He is a member of the Ebenezer A.M.E. Church.

He was elected as 4th Ward Councilman in 1972 and re-elected in '76. In 1981, in a one-on-one special election, City-wide he won the position of Councilman-at-Large, and was then re-elected in 1982 and 1986.

McLeod is currently serving his 3rd term as President of the Rahway City Council.

In his 17 years as an elected official, McLeod has sponsored and co-sponsored the Rahway Geriatrics Center, senior citizen housing, virtually every recreational improvement in the past 17 years, new zoning and code enforcement laws, flood control and street improvements. He is now a candidate for Union County Freeholder.



Walter McLeod

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MAYOR MARTIN BUYS 1ST TICKET... Rahway Mayor Daniel L. Martin, left, purchases the first 50/50 ticket in a raffle to benefit Rahway's Union County Arts Center. Pictured with the Mayor is Richard Vossler, President of the Kiwanis Club of Rahway, sponsor of the raffle. Mayor Martin said he was pleased to be part of this endeavor to raise funds for the local arts center. He noted that the City of Rahway is wholeheartedly behind the project. Vossler said the need for funds was brought to the attention of the Kiwanis Club several months ago. The plan to sell \$100 raffle tickets that would raise considerable dollars and provide a big prize for the winners was agreed upon by the Boards of both organizations. Only 500 tickets will be printed. Anyone interested in purchasing one of the tickets should make their check payable to the "Rahway Kiwanis Foundation," and mail it to The Atom Tabloid, P.O. Box 1061, Rahway, NJ 07065.

State has program to help solve school discipline problem

Surveys show that school discipline is a major concern of teachers and the public, and research indicates that clear behavioral guidelines are one key to a school's effectiveness.

"New Jersey has responded to these concerns with programs to help schools establish orderly learning environments," said State Education Commissioner Saul Cooperman. "Our message is clear: There is no room in the schools for chronically disruptive behavior. It impedes not only the achievement of the students causing it, but of their classmates as well."

In response to concerns about the problem of discipline in the schools, the Dept. of Education has developed a Grant Program to Reduce Student Disruption. The program's underlying premise is that it is necessary for schools to remove chronically disruptive students to an alternative school that is caring and supportive, but at the same time hold them accountable for their behavior and for meeting the same academic standards as students in regular high schools.

Independent evaluations of the two-year grant programs in six schools around the state show success in many areas.

One year after Governor Kean identified character development in New Jersey schools as a priority, he and Commissioner Cooperman in 1989 endorsed a program to foster character development in New Jersey students, and encouraged districts to appoint local advisory councils that will decide how to incorporate a "common core of values" into their character education programs.

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. The purpose is to discuss the Hamilton Laundry application.

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COURTER VISITS RAHWAY... Republican candidate for Governor of New Jersey, Jim Courter, paid a campaign call at Merck & Co. on Friday morning, September 15. On his arrival, he was asked what special message he brought to Rahway. Courter said, "Those in New Jersey are already too high and I oppose further tax increases. My opponent, on the other hand, has voted

time after time for higher taxes. Let's make sure the responsible ones are the ones who have to pay the taxes. George Brown, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of the Treasury,