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Parents to receive report card rating district schools

Governor's idea: assess schools on performance

Rahway rated below average on several counts

By Pat DiMaggio

This week, parents will be receiving the district's first school report card and will be able to see how successfully their educational community is performing. The idea of a New Jersey School Report Card was first introduced by Governor Thomas Kean in his 1988

State of the State Address. The school report card assesses schools on their overall performance including results of school programs, basic skills tests, High School Proficiency Test results, Scholastic Achievement Tests, drop-out rates and costs per pupil. The State Department of Education has compiled results of

objective, quantitative data to inform parents about the success of their schools' programs.

"The report card provides information to the public and to parents to emphasize each school's accountability to the people it serves," said Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette. "It is an annual report showing the in-

vestment parents and the public make in their schools."

Rahway High School's report card showed an attendance rate of 88.1 percent compared to a state average of 91.3 percent, a drop-out rate of 5.1 percent compared to the state average of 4.9 percent and a cost per pupil of \$5,000. SAT scores for the

verbal portion were 368 compared to the state's mean score of 421 and a score of 409 for the math portion compared to the state's mean of 475.

"We have continually shown growth and progress in our test scores," said Brunette. "But our goal is to improve proficiency. Our

energies and efforts are directed towards making sure our students are not just passing with a minimum score but are working towards mastery.

"This is highly idealistic, but we feel we are progressing year after year. Our key people are not entirely satisfied yet, but we are working towards improvement."

Sign up for roller skating

The Rahway Recreation Department Roller Skating program begins Saturday,



Annual Tree Lighting FRIDAY!!

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting in front of City Hall will take place FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 (this Friday), with ceremonies scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

This year's ceremony will be "modest" compared with previous, but an uplifting event nonetheless. All citizens are invited to join in this festival of peace.

Dec. 2, at the Franklin School gymnasium. Open to 1st grade through high school children who are Rahway residents, the program will run on Saturdays during December, January, February and March, weather permitting.

The program is free, and skates are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. There will be special event days as well as contests and games.

Lessons are also available, and beginners are welcome to this well-supervised program. The program director is Mrs. Terri Rosky.

Times are 1-3 p.m. for grades 1-3, and 3:30-5 p.m. for grades 4 and up. For further information, call Rahway Rec. at 381-8000, ext. 321.

Four from city accepted into honor society

Four Kean College students from Rahway have been initiated into the College's Lambda Alpha Sigma honor society. Admission to the society is by invitation, extended to high-ranking students of humanities, social, administrative and natural sciences; nursing and math.

The four are Jeffrey Galinat, Kathleen Keat, James Timko and Virginia Zientek.

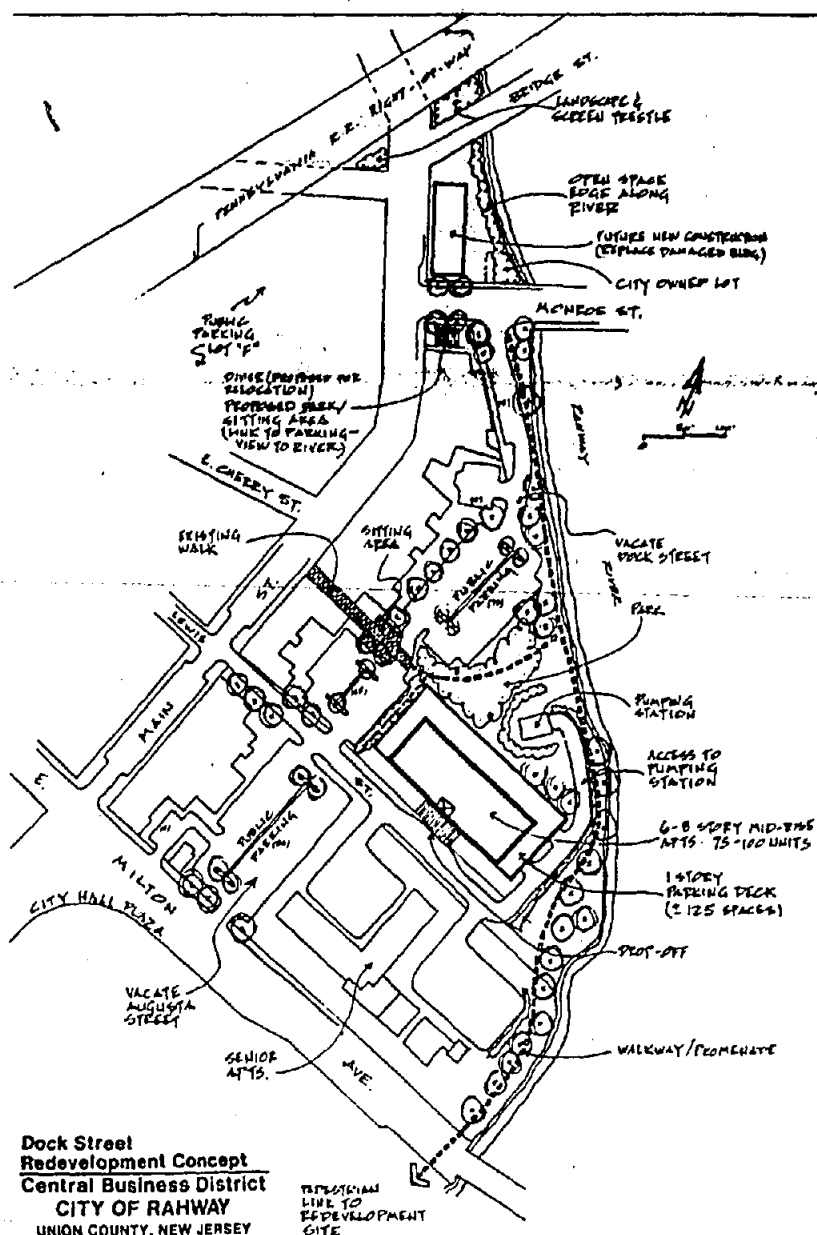
CYRC elects 1989-90 officers

The Rahway Youth Citizens Recreation Committee (CYRC) held its annual election of officers on November 7. The 1989-90 officers are President — Robert J. Burnett, Vice President — Joe Sauer, Financial Secretary — Ron Stevinson, Recording Secretary — Betty Burnett, Sgt.-at-Arms — Doug Sides. CYRC consists of Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading, Tee-Ball, boy's baseball and girl's softball. The football activity includes three squads — Bandits, Midgets and Pee-Wees — two of which made the play-offs competing in Central Jersey Level I this season.

All three cheerleading squads placed and brought home trophies in the cheering competition this month.

CYRC's baseball, softball, as well as tee-ball teams will soon start their 1990 season. Anyone interested in suggesting or implementing any ideas, as well as volunteering some time to the program is asked to contact any of the officers or to attend the next monthly meeting on December 5, starting at 8:30 p.m.

CYRC meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Claude Reed Center.



Dock Street Redevelopment Concept
Central Business District
CITY OF RAHWAY
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Prepared by Harvey S. Moskowitz, P.E. 11/89

DOCK STREET REDEVELOPMENT... Harvey S. Moskowitz, Inc. planners have pointed out that the Dock Street area, consisting of three acres, represents the largest underutilized property within Rahway's central business district. They suggest this area be considered for redevelopment with uses compatible to the central business district, such as medium density residential uses. Additional parking could be developed behind the Main Street stores and off Augusta Street. The importance of riverfront access with a strong link to the City Hall site was duly noted.

Dock St. area figures into revitalization plan

At the special Chamber of Commerce meeting recently called by Chamber President James Kennedy to reveal the results of a master plan for revitalization of the Rahway business district, one of the specific areas targeted was the so-called "Dock Street area," which represents the largest underutilized property within Rahway's central business district.

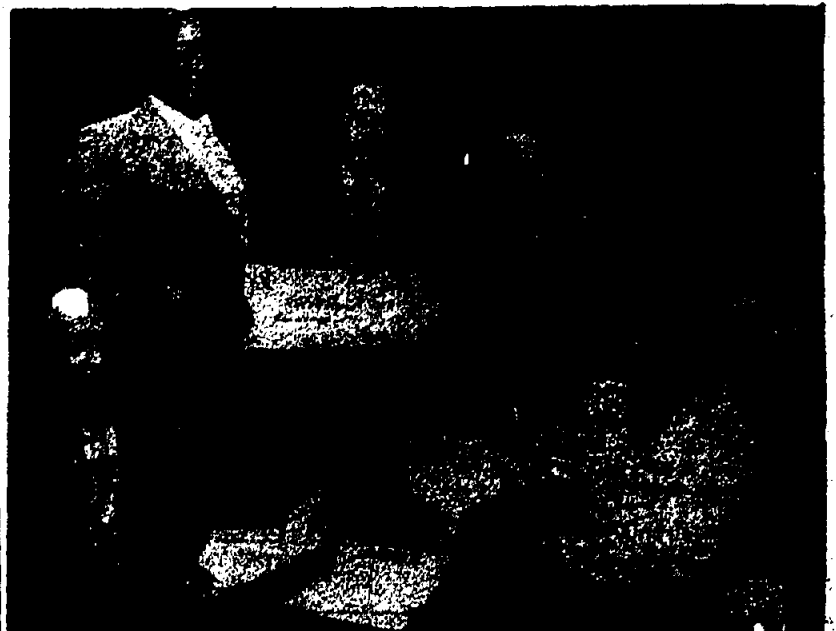
Recommendations call for redevelopment of the area to provide for medium

density residential use, with additional parking behind the main street stores. A 6 to 8-story mid-rise of 75-100 units is proposed for an area behind the present senior citizen apartments on East Milton.

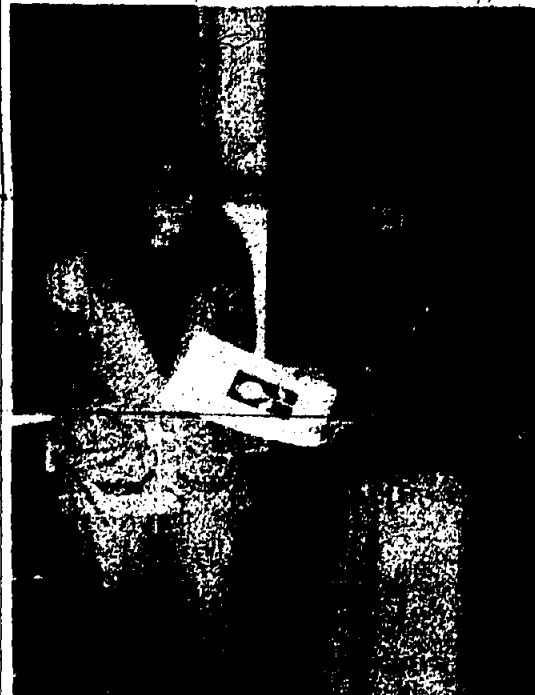
Among other changes proposed are a park and sitting area at the present site of the diner at the corner of Main and Monroe (the diner being relocated to accommodate the change) and a walkway/promenade extending from Monroe St. to

the area lying southeast of Milton Avenue.

The accompanying picture details the proposed changes.



HUNGER FIGHTERS... Rahway Community Action Organization's Emergency Food Pantry announced it has joined forces with Hunger Fighting Groups throughout the state for the N.J. Ending Hunger Week Campaign, which begins November 17 and continues through Sunday, the 26th. The Food Pantry has served over 6,000 meals, and will receive matching funds from the N.J. Ending Hunger Fund of up to ten percent of the funds raised for their own program during the ten-day campaign. The National State Bank and Assemblyman George Hughes of the 26th district have kicked off the campaign with contributions of \$200 each. Richard L. Laffitte and Bill Dillard Laffette — Coordinator-Driver; David Brown — Chairman of the Board; Tom Lynch — Branch Manager, Rahway National State Bank; George Hudak — Assemblyman 26th District; and Lillian Wilder — Chairwoman of the Pantry. Contributions may be sent to Rahway Community Action Emergency Food Pantry, 706 E. Hazelwood Ave., Rahway, NJ 07065.



Mayor on the tube

Mayor Daniel L. Martin on Suburban Cablevision TV-3's "Downtowns" — A Talk With Your Mayor, on Wednesday, November 29, at 8 p.m. A live call-in show, Downtown gives viewers an opportunity to call-in with their questions, and allows Mayor Martin to discuss issues of concern affecting residents of Rahway.

The phone number is 636-5333.

Mayor Martin will be joined by Hillside Mayor Peter D. Corvelli and Mayor Paul Werkmeister of Linden. The program will be repeated on Sunday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER... Milida Ference, President of the Rahway Jr. Service League, thanking guest speaker Ellen Naviglio, R.N. from "Health Start" at Rahway Hospital, who spoke at the League's monthly meeting at the Claude Reed Center. Miss Naviglio is a resident of East Brunswick and a graduate of Rutgers University. As the nurse educator for "Health Start," she explained it is a joint program of Human Services and the N.J. Department of Health. It provides maternity and pediatric care for children to the age of two. For additional information, call 499-6151.



APPOINTED... Sandra Casese Truhe, R.N., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nunzio Casese of Rahway, has been appointed Administrator for the Professional Nursing Network (PNN), a coalition of nursing leaders from Kingston and Benedictine Hospitals, Ulster County, and area educational institutions. She is Nursing Supervisor at Benedictine Hospital. As PNN Administrator, a part-time position, she will have her office at The Kingston P.N.Y. Hospital.



TWIXT VICTORY & DEFEAT... Director Sue Baumann of the Rahway Recreation Dept. is flanked by Jim Jordan (left), manager of the "DaPrille Railing" Slo-Pitch team that recently emerged as winner of the Western Division championship, and Jack Moran, manager of the 1st place Eastern Division team. "Scoreboard" "Railing" went on to beat "Scoreboard" for the Men's Slo-Pitch Division championship, but in a subsequent single elimination tournament at Rahway River Park, was itself, defeated in a play-off by "Butch Kowal's," another Rahway Rec. slo-pitch team.

