

## McLeod calls on Brown to resign citizen group posts

### Freeholder says Brown has 'political axe to grind'

Union County Freeholder and Rahway Councilman-Al-Large Walter McLeod has called upon the Chairman of the Rahway Community Action Organization and the Rahway Concerned Citizens for the Environment, David Brown, to "immediately resign" his positions with those groups. McLeod asserted that Brown, a candidate for City Council in 1988, "is poisoning these groups and spreading a lot of other poison around the community because of his political axe to grind against the current elected leadership of the community — the Mayor and Council Majority — because they did not support his campaign for political office."



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organizations which you claim to represent." McLeod accused Brown of waging a campaign of "falsehoods and deceit" against City officials as a political payoff for not supporting him. "For example," McLeod said, "Brown falsely attacked the Mayor's expanded Operation Care food program as a 'newcomer' and a 'political ploy.' How convenient it was for Mr. Brown to neglect to mention that he had officially applied to have his own 'Dave Brown Food Program' be paid \$76,000 in salaries and expenses," McLeod explained. "How dare Dave Brown criticize the Mayor for trying to get more free food to the needy at no cost to the taxpayers, while Mr. Brown himself was looking for \$76,000 to be paid to his group by the taxpayers for him to distribute food," McLeod stated.

McLeod referred to an official application by Mr. Brown as Chairman of the Rahway Community Action Organization for a Community Development Grant from the Union County CDBG Committee, of which Rahway is a member, and the fact that Mr. Brown had personally sought the support of Rahway officials to obtain the \$76,000.

resource recovery, or food, or job training, or any civic issue — is not motivated by his political vendetta," McLeod declared. "The people of Rahway who need food, our youth who need job training and employment, and the citizens who have concerns about the environment — these people deserve a leader who puts their concerns first and only, and not his own political agenda."

### Mayor on TV-3

Mayor Daniel L. Martin will do a guest spot on Suburban Cablevision TV-3's "Downtown: A Talk With Your Mayor" on Wednesday, February 21, at 8 p.m. Viewers will have an opportunity to call in with their questions as Mayor Martin discusses issues of concern affecting residents of Rahway.

The phone number is 636-5333. Mayor Martin will be joined by Hillside Mayor Ralph Miltzer, Linden Mayor Paul Werkmeister and Berkeley Heights Mayor Daniel W. Seib, Jr. The program will be repeated Sunday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m.



MERCK EMPLOYEE HONORED... Alan Gardner (right), Merck & Co. Director of Public Affairs and Community and Local Government Relations, was recently honored by the Junior Achievement board of directors for his more than 25 years of dedicated and unselfish services to Junior Achievement, youth and the community. Mr. Gardner contributed greatly to the successful launching of the new Junior Achievement economic education program, Business Basics, Project Business and Applied Economics. Participating in the award recognition are (left to right) John F. Mosey, Junior Achievement Chairman, William Wilheim, Merck & Co., and Dr. Max Kaim, Vice President, Schering Plough Corporation.

## Items covered in bond referendum

### \$4.6M is spread across 14 projects

by Pat DiMaggio  
Rahway's Board of Education and Municipal Council have presented united support of the schools bond referendum to be voted upon in today's special election. A public information campaign outlining needed renovations and costs has been an important component in preparing for a successful election. Following is a detailed outline of items to be dealt with in the \$4.6 million bond referendum:

- Asbestos removal in all schools—\$1,250,000. Federal regulations referred to as AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) requires the removal of or periodic inspection and maintenance of all asbestos-containing material.
- Replacement of windows at the Intermediate School—\$809,000. Existing units are allowing the elements to penetrate the building and this is the cost for replacement.
- Renovation of student toilet facilities—\$373,000. Renovation of 14 original student toilet facilities at Grover Cleveland, Franklin, Roosevelt and the Intermediate Schools is necessary due to age and use.
- Replacement/repair of roofs over the Franklin School cafeteria and addition and the roofs over the Roosevelt School gymnasium/auditorium and original section of the building must be replaced or repaired due to aging and effects due to the elements.
- Lighting and ceiling tile replacement at the Intermediate School—\$310,000. As part of the recent state monitoring, a corrective action plan requires the replacement of lighting in classrooms. A PCB-related problem also requires all other lighting to be replaced. Ceilings in the corridor will be replaced at the same time. This will allow for a savings on the fire code retrofit.
- Uniform Fire Code improvements and Fire Code retrofit—\$278,000. Corrections are to be made at all schools based upon Uniform Fire Code violations and Fire Code retrofit requirements.
- Replacement and repaving of sidewalks and driveways—\$264,000. Sidewalk replacement at Roosevelt, Madison and the High School and repaving work at Roosevelt and the High School is needed due to aging.
- Replacement of unit ventilators at Cleveland School—\$194,000. The removal and replacement of radiators and unit ventilators and the installation of classroom temperature controls.
- Removal of underground storage tanks—\$150,000. Due to new Federal and proposed state regulations, underground storage tanks will require major modifications or removal. The proposals to remove all tanks and eliminate potential contamination risks.
- Replacement of oil burners with gas/oil burners—\$100,000. The changeover in the district would be completed by replacing oil burners at Grover Cleveland, Madison and the Intermediate Schools with dual fuel burners.
- Correction of water pressure condition at Cleveland School—\$50,000. Lack of pressure prevents use of fire hoses on the 2nd floor and use of water fountains throughout the school.
- Grounds repair at Roosevelt School—\$24,000. Regrading and receding part of a play area and the replacement of a chain-link fence at the playground.
- Professional fees—\$313,500. Fees for architectural, engineering and legal services.
- Contingencies—\$207,700.

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City and educational officials are urging residents to support the school's bond referendum when they go to the polls on February 15 for a special election. At a public forum hosted last week by the Board of Education, board members and City officials urged support for the \$4.6 million bond referendum to fund health and safety improvements to the district's schools. A joint committee comprised of Board of Ed members and members of the City Council worked diligently to put together a comprehensive program to meet state and federal guidelines in needed renovations and repairs to district schools. "This referendum addresses the health and safety issues facing us," said Board Member Mario Kurylak. "We feel that the bond referendum is the fiscally prudent way to make these repairs rather than funding through the school budget. It is our top priority and we must act upon it."

"We've climbed ladders, climbed up on roofs and went down into cellars," said Councilman Dennis Hemmaway in explaining how the list of renovations was compiled. "We pledge 100 percent support. No one likes to spend money out of their pockets, but these things are needed."

Cost of the bond referendum would be approximately \$44 per year for the owner of a home assessed at \$147,000. There will be no tax impact until 1991 and costs will be spread over a 15-year period. If the bond referendum is defeated, costs of needed repairs would then be included in a capital outlay budget and would cause a much greater impact on the taxpayer, said board members. If the bond referendum is approved by voters, the board has pledged to keep their capital

## City, school board unanimous: 'No frills' referendum is 'top priority'

### 'No' vote would cost residents more

### Board pledges 5-year, \$100G ceiling on capital outlay

outlay budget to a minimum of \$100,000 per year for the next five years, barring emergencies. "There are no frills in this referendum," said Board Member Mario Kurylak. "We can't hide from these issues; we have to take care of them. If the referendum is not approved, we will have to put the money in our budget at a greater impact to taxpayers."

"The real question is how do we want to pay for this," said Board President Peter Kowal. "The project will be done. If residents vote yes, they will pay for the repairs through a 15-year program. If they vote no, there will be a larger impact on the tax dollar." "If the referendum is approved, it then would go to the state attorney's office for review. Anthony Rocco, Jr., the district's business administrator, said he would not expect approval until July. As soon as the attorney general approves the paperwork, professionals would start work on the designs. All asbestos work would be done when the schools are empty, he noted, and work would be completed in approximately 18 to 24 months after the start of all goes according to schedule. "Healthy schools are the primary concern for officials in Rahway, said Council President Vincent Addona. "The council agrees that our school buildings must be safe and sound," he noted. "With this long range program, our children will have safe and environmentally sound buildings." "I'd like to assure the public that this issue is one which is necessary," said Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette. "It is one we must attend to. We've made progress in this community educationally and we want to keep our buildings safe and healthy for our students."



LETTERMEN COMING TO UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER — On Sunday, Feb. 25, the fabulous Lettermen will be on the stage at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. The group has had two sellout appearances at the Arts Center the past two years. Twenty million records and 7,000 sold-out shows ago, three young men in letter sweaters hit the music charts with their first single. With its soft melodic line, "The Way You Look Tonight" was a departure from the hard-driving music of the era, but listener requests made it a must for disc jockeys across the country and the radio dial. In almost every poll The Lettermen became "Best Vocal Group," "Best New Group," "Hit after hit: "When I Fall in Love," "Put Your Hand on My Shoulder," "I Wanna Dance with Somebody From A Summer Place," and over 50 albums filled with special moments. Lettermen's music is a mix of folk sounds, amplified guitars and the synthesized beat that has become a staple of the genre. Amplified or not, The Lettermen theme remains the key song: "The Way You Look Tonight." Her on Alpha Omega label, the prove that love, love, and love... fully never go out of style. Following The Lettermen on Saturday, the Union County Arts Center will present the legendary Glenn Miller Orchestra. For more information on the show, call 499-0441. Tickets are on sale now.

### Polling Places for Special Elections — Feb. 15

- The polling places for the special Feb. 15 school bond referendum election and their respective polling districts (described by reference to the election districts used at the last General Election in the municipality) are established and have been designated as follows. No person shall vote at the election elsewhere than at the polling place designated for the voters of the polling district in which he or she resides:
- Polling District No. 1  
Polling place: Grover Cleveland School, 486 East Milton Avenue, in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 1 and 2 of Ward 1.
  - Polling District No. 2  
Polling place: Grover Cleveland School, 486 East Milton Avenue, in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 3 and 4 of Ward 1.
  - Polling District No. 3  
Polling place: Franklin School, 1809 St. Georges Avenue, in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 1 and 2 of Ward 2.
  - Polling District No. 4  
Polling place: Franklin School, 1809 St. Georges Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 3 and 4 of Ward 2.
  - Polling District No. 5  
Polling place: Roosevelt School, 811 St. Georges Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 1 and 2 of Ward 2.
  - Polling District No. 6  
Polling place: Roosevelt School, 811 St. Georges Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 3 and 4 of Ward 3.
  - Polling District No. 7  
Polling place: Grover Cleveland School, 486 East Milton Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 1 and 2 of Ward 4.
  - Polling District No. 8  
Polling place: Grover Cleveland School, 486 East Milton Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 3 and 4 of Ward 4.
  - Polling District No. 9  
Polling place: Franklin School, 1809 St. Georges Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 1 and 2 of Ward 5.
  - Polling District No. 10  
Polling place: Franklin School, 1809 St. Georges Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 3 and 4 of Ward 5.
  - Polling District No. 11  
Polling place: Madison School, 844 Madison Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 1 and 2 of Ward 6.
  - Polling District No. 12  
Polling place: Madison School, 844 Madison Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General District Nos. 3 and 4 of Ward 6.

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