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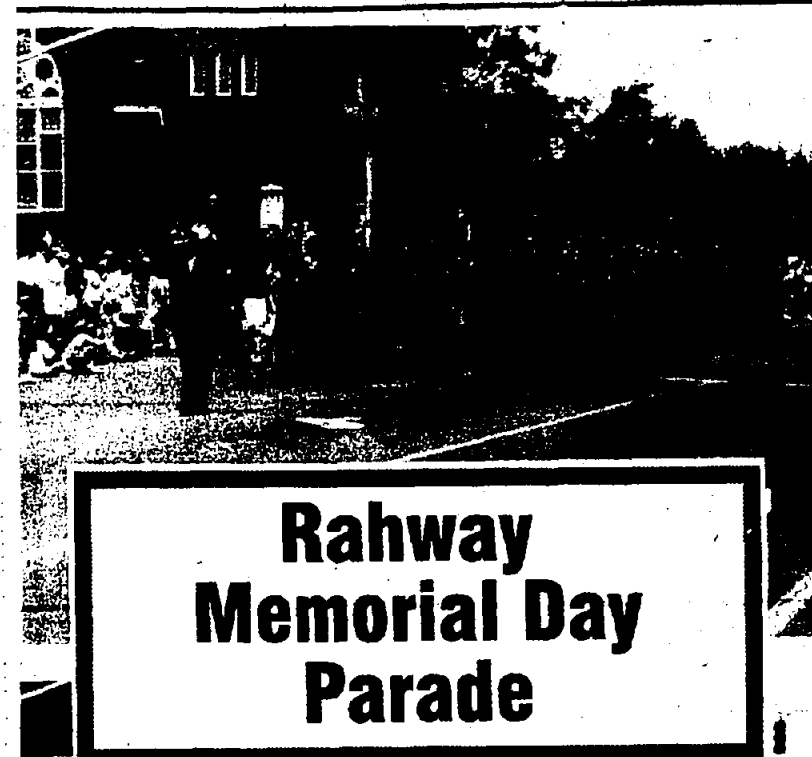
RAHWAY, N.J., THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1991

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\$250,000 school tab cut accepted

Formal vote by board coming June 25



Rahway Memorial Day Parade

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's Board of Education informally agreed to accept \$250,000 in reductions in its 1991-92 school budget as recommended by the City Council. At a meeting held last week, both the board and the council agreed to the reductions in the schools' \$26.9 million budget defeated by voters last month.

The council originally recommended reductions of \$400,000, said Councilman Sal Mione, but decided to lower its demands because of needed capital improvements in the district, including the repair of structural damage at Franklin School.

"We were concerned with the safety of children in the district," said Mione. "We were mandated to cut the budget, and we were hoping for more, but this reduction will leave a fair number to meet educational needs."

The board decided to send reduction-in-force notices to reduce staff positions in the district by one vice principal, one custodian and one secretary. The board also discussed cutting monies from educational and non-educational areas and from the community service account. Additional monies from the surplus ac-

count will also be used, said Business Administrator Anthony Rocco.

The board will take a formal vote on the reductions at its next regular meeting, to be held on Tuesday, June 25.

Also at the meeting, resident Kerri Blanchard questioned the board about its contract with Servicemaster. Blanchard accused the board of circumventing state statutes, by not going out to bid for the maintenance contract. She also questioned escalating costs of the contract, saying the board paid \$60,000 in 1987 and is paying \$140,000 in the current year.

Students honored for achievements

by Pat DiMaggio
Students were honored for their achievements in coloring, writing and sports at last week's meeting of Rahway's Board of Education.

Daneshia Luck, a Fourth Grade student at Franklin School was commended for being the winner of the Pearl Harbor Coloring Contest, sponsored by the Rahway American Legion, Post No. 5.

Students from Franklin School were honored for their showings in the "Deadline 2000" essay contest entitled "What will life be like in the year 2000?", open to all Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Graders in Union County. Over 5,000 essays were submitted. Karla Mosby was awarded Second Place for Sixth Grade, Kishana Jones won Third Place for Sixth Grade and Therez James received an Honorable Mention for Sixth Grade.

Also honored were varsity wrestlers Chris Ott, Dan Rivera, Daryl Furr-Bell, Steve Marcantonio and Eric Wauack. Shelton Colborn was commended for his performance on the varsity basketball team and Jackie Chapman, Amy Alfano and Nevea Van Wright received awards for their entries in the girls' varsity basketball team.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Brumette announced that the school district's certification by the State Board of Education has been extended for two additional years, until May 1, 1996, pursuant to the monitoring law which provides for seven-year certification.

In other business the board:

- Accepted the retirement resignation of Anne McGurk, Franklin School teacher.
- Appointed Carolyn Rosenberg as an area supervisor in math at \$48,800.
- Established a permanent a.m. and p.m. session for Preschool and Kindergarten beginning with the 1991-92 school year.
- Appointed Alan Schirman, of the law firm of Schirman, Charney, Kahn and Howard, Linden, as board attorney for the 1991-92 school year.

Police arrest 3 in shooting

Three suspects have been arrested in the shootings of two Newark men during the early morning hours of May 18 in the parking lot of the Capobianca Plaza housing project.

Erik Corey Oglesby, 21; Andre Roach, 24, and Joseph Harris, 18, all of Plainfield, were arrested during the evening of May 24 and the morning of May 25, police said.

Each was charged with one count of attempted murder, five counts of aggravated assault with a handgun and two counts of weapon possession, according to police.

The motive for the shooting is still unknown and under investigation, police said.

One victim, Andre Jones, 23, was released last Friday from University Hospital, Newark, where he had undergone surgery for a serious wound to the lower abdomen. The other victim, David Martin, 22, had been treated at the hospital for a thigh wound and released, police said.

The suspects were transferred to Union County Jail. Bail was set at \$165,000 each for Oglesby and Roach and at \$140,000 for Harris.

When outdoor activity is increased, strategies for prevention will be discussed in light of DOE statistics which show that two-thirds of all cases are contracted around the home.

Symptoms will be discussed with an emphasis on early symptoms when left untreated, Lyme disease can lead to arthritis, heart problems and even death.

Rahway Hospital plans Lyme disease program

David I. Lintz, M.D., F.A.C.P.C., a member of the expanded Veterans' Memorial Committee, Gov. Jim Florio has announced.

"I am very pleased to appoint" Florio said. "His experience and commitment make him an excellent choice to serve in this position."

Sefranka, of Ludlow Street, is currently employed as a Sales Engineer for MAC Products Inc., a position he has held since 1985. He holds a B.S. in Management Science from Kean College. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in Vietnam (1969-70), earning two Bronze Star Medals, a Purple Heart and a Vietnam Service Medal.

Rahway resident named by Florio

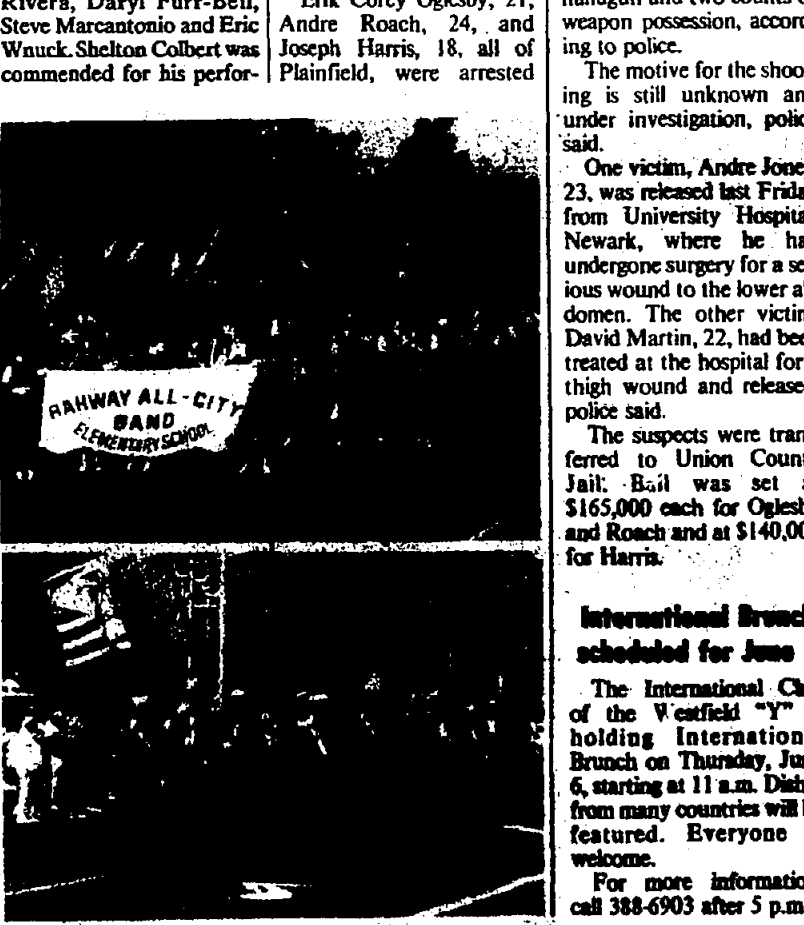
Rahway resident Paul M. Sefranka has been appointed as one of 10 new members of the expanded Veterans' Memorial Committee, Gov. Jim Florio has announced.

By doing so, they will fulfill a solemn obligation to remember that the word "Vietnam" means something in this state. "It's not just a country, it's not just a war. And it's not just a list of names," he said.

There may be no words that can adequately describe it, but in the language of the heart, it will always be understood.

In 1966, Mr. Sefranka served in Vietnam as a member of the 1st Cavalry Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart and the Vietnam Service Medal.

He is a past president of the American Legion Post 5.



International Branch scheduled for June 6

The International Club of the Westfield "Y" is holding International Branch on Thursday, June 6, starting at 11 a.m. Dishes from many countries will be featured. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 388-6903 after 5 p.m.