

## City may need 54 more layoffs

### State denies request for budget cap waiver

By Pat DiMaggio  
City Business Administrator Peter Pelissier said that without a budget cap waiver, the City may have to lay off 54 more employees to remain solvent.

But City officials feel confident that they can avert a financial disaster by following legal recommendations to bring their Fiscal Year budget in line.

Rahway's administrators traveled to Trenton on Tuesday to ask the state to intervene with a cap waiver, if possible, or with some relief for Rahway's financial crisis. But the waiver was denied.

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publicly support this initiative — and after all the legal wrangling, Rahway is now in a difficult position.

While certain organizations and citizens may have rethought or changed their position, we are legally bound, by both court action and the agreements established by past municipal administrations.

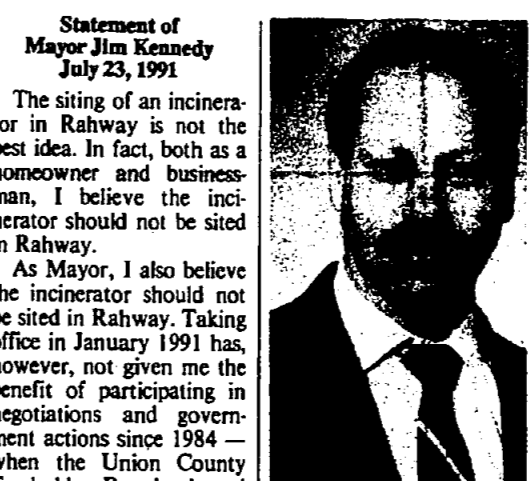
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## Kennedy breaks silence on Rahway incinerator



Mayor Jim Kennedy

Statement of Mayor Jim Kennedy July 23, 1991

The siting of an incinerator in Rahway is not the best idea. In fact, both as a homeowner and businessman, I believe the incinerator should not be sited in Rahway.

As Mayor, I also believe the incinerator should not be sited in Rahway. Taking office in January 1991 has, however, not given me the benefit of participating in negotiations and government actions since 1984 — when the Union County Freeholder Board adopted an amendment for a "resource recovery facility" in Rahway.

Since that time in 1984, the following actions occurred:

Former Mayor Martin entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Board of Freeholders regarding the location of the facility.

A County Utilities Authority was formed.

A Consent Order between the City and the County was entered into New Jersey's Superior Court in 1986, regarding outstanding issues between the City and the Authority.

In addition to the public hearings required by statute, the original "Order of the Commissioner" of the Department of Environmental Protection on April 4, 1984, approved the Union County Solid Waste Plan. Further DEP granting of subsequent permit applications have been approved since that time, as



Children's Specialized Hospital LIGHTNING WHEELS

## Abandoned baby needs a home

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Division of Youth and Family Services is searching for a "pre-adoptive" home for the baby abandoned at Rahway Hospital last week.

A division spokesperson said the baby will probably stay at the hospital until the end of the week.

On Monday, July 15, a nurse coming off the night shift discovered the newborn baby boy in a cardboard box which had been left on the hood of her car in the employees' parking lot. The nurse immediately brought the baby into the emergency room, where doctors determined that he had been born just a few hours before he was abandoned. After extensive testing, the blood infant was found to be in excellent health.

Officially named "Baby John Doe," nurses began calling him "Tim." The hospital received numerous calls from people anxious to adopt him, and several gifts were sent to the infant. Some of these gifts will accompany the baby to his new home, according to Rahway Hospital Public Relations Coordinator Susan Hessemer.

Anyone with information on the child or the parent is asked to contact Det. Mark Schwartzback at 388-5000, Ext. 530, or call the Rahway Police Hot Line at 388-1553.

The Division of Youth and Family Services and Rahway's Police Department will continue to look for the baby's mother and other related family members. The division will place the child in a pre-adoptive home which is essentially a foster care arrangement made with a family who understands that the search for the parents of the baby will continue, said Norman Reim, a spokesperson for the division's Trenton office. "We have a very long waiting list, especially for healthy newborns," said Reim. "We are interviewing now and when we get a good match, we will place the baby with the new family, hopefully by the end of this week."

If no one is found after six months, the division may file for full guardianship, and the pre-adoptive foster family may begin adoption proceedings.

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## UCC to visit Rahway Library

"Summer in the Neighborhoods" will be conducted in Rahway by Union County College on Monday, Aug. 5.

"Summer in the Neighborhoods" consists of visits by members of Union County College's counseling and/or admissions staffs to individual libraries throughout Union County. They will answer specific questions that individuals may have about attending the College and procedures for enrollment. The visitations serve as a prelude to an Adult Open House to be held on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the College's Cranford Campus.

Union County College representatives will be at the Rahway Public Library, 1175 St. George's Ave., from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All members of the public are invited.

## One vice principal down, one up

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Intermediate School will lose a vice principal, and Franklin School will gain one, as the result of actions taken by Rahway's Board of Education last week.

At its July 16 meeting, the board voted to eliminate the vice principal position at the Intermediate School, and approved the voluntary transfer of Marylou Hawkins to the position of Franklin School vice principal. Ms. Hawkins currently serves as Intermediate School vice principal.

Last month, the board voted to eliminate one vice principal position in the district. Franklin School Vice Principal Rocco Colucci was bumped back into the High School Social Studies Department because he held the lowest administrative seniority.

The Intermediate School houses students in Grades Seven and Eight, and Franklin School offers courses to Grades K through 6.

"I think you are making a grave mistake," said Joanne Rosach, Lakeside Drive, to members of the board. "Students from four different schools come together in one building at the Intermediate School. All the troublemakers are put together for the first time, and you are taking away an administrator."

Board President Mario Kurylak said the elimination of the Intermediate School vice principal position was made on the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette.

The board also approved the involuntary transfer of P. Dempsey from High School Physical Education to High School Basic Skills, and A. Czarnecki from High School Guidance to Intermediate Guidance. The voluntary transfers of M. Cilia from Franklin classroom to elementary librarian, J. Manning from Intermediate Basic Skills to High School/Intermediate Basic Skills, K. Devlin from Franklin/Roosevelt Basic Skills, and J. Skafari from Franklin PreSchool to Cleveland PreSchool were also approved.

In other business the board:

- Reappointed Bonito Strawo, High School/Intermediate School Physical Education/Health teacher.
- Reappointed Jennifer Ward as a Franklin School elementary teacher.
- Reappointed Mary Ann Espinosa as a teacher aide.
- Reappointed Drs. Alvarez and Mayer as consulting psychiatrists at \$125 per hour.
- Appointed Ruth Ortiz as an Intermediate School Special Education teacher at \$23,181.
- Approved the submission and operation of an Inexpensive Book Distribution Program in the amount of \$2,350 under Reading Is Fundamental, to be conducted at Roosevelt School and the Intermediate School during the 1991-92 school year.
- Approved Chapter 2 application under the federal, state and local Partnership for Education Improvement Act in the amount of \$25,825.
- Accepted the retirement resignation, with regret, of Philip Laniaro, head custodian at Roosevelt School, effective February 1, 1991.
- Accepted the resignation of Carmen Sotolongo, District Attendance Officer, effective July 1, 1991.

## Youngster waivers

by Pat DiMaggio  
The family of Stephen Lutak has gathered in Chicago to lend its support to the youngster during his latest crisis. The 2 1/2-year-old's grandmother and sister, without a cap waiver, 54 more layoff notices would have to be sent to employees to keep the City financially solvent, said Pelissier.

The City received \$1,082,644 through the Quality Education Act for property tax relief, \$69,966 in municipal funding and \$1,500,000 in supplemental discretionary funds. According to the state, these monies must be used for direct property tax relief. Rahway received no Municipal Revitalization Aid this year.

"We were shocked that we didn't receive revitalization aid," said Mayor Jim Kennedy. "We were told that we would be weaned away from it, but it was immediate."

The state has also mandated that the budget be introduced by July 25 and adopted by Sept. 1. Pelissier said he was not prepared to introduce the budget because a final audit has not yet been completed. "We still need so many answers, it seems premature to introduce the budget at this time," he said. The alternative, said the business administrator, is for the state to come in and set the City's budget. "At all costs, we don't want someone to come in to manage our affairs," he noted.

Marvin Corwick, who has been appointed to serve as chief financial officer, said the City is in a difficult situation. "The state is beat on showing tax reductions," he said. "But Rahway can't survive with the restrictions they are putting on us. We have nothing hidden, no gimmicks like in the past."

At another special meeting held on Tuesday night,

doing well until he developed "mild rejection," according to family friend Richard Kress of Clark. He was started on anti-rejection drugs immediately. Unfortunately, the drugs suppressed his immune system, and Stephen developed a yeast infection. "The immunosuppressant drugs were stopped, and doctors started him on antibiotics to fight the infection. "Now he has gone back into rejection," said Kress, who also serves as Clark's prosecutor. "It's a balancing act. Doctors are trying to balance the rejection drugs with antibiotics and are trying to control both at the same time."



RAHWAY FINALE HELD... Rahway Summer Band School held its final concert in the 1991 season on Thursday, July 11, at Madison Elementary School, followed by a concert at Rahway High School. All enrolled students performed in ensembles through past and present bands. The five weeks of musical activities were sponsored by the Township Department of Recreation under Superintendent Stan Dusenberry and Councilwoman Susan Hessemer, supported by the PTAs of Madison and Franklin Schools, Rahway Concert Band Club, Knights of Columbus Council 1146, Rahway Junior, Senior, and Women's Auxiliaries, Rahway Women's Club, Star Wars Fan Club, and the League and Club Sponsors Roosevelt PTA and Rahway Recreation Club. Sides: Michele DeFrees and Jennifer Eubank.