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**NEW SUPER VISITS** ... Dorothy Foulks' First Grade at Roosevelt School, Rahway, was enjoying complimentary pizza party for being class that was tops in sales for PTA holiday gift wrap fundraiser. Pizza party hostesses were several class mothers. Surprise guest was Dr. Anthony P. Cavanna, school district's new superintendent, who stopped by to visit and enjoyed pizza with students. Class performed choral reading of Little Bunny's lunch, and after Easter egg hunt, party concluded with ice cream and game. Welcoming Dr. Cavanna are Edward Hendrickson and Casey Storey, front, and Sakera Tharp, in background.

## New Super Reorganizes School District Posts, Titles Change

by Pat DiMaggio  
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Anthony Cavanna presented his plan for central office reorganization at a special meeting held last week. "There need to be some fundamental changes in the school system in Rahway," said Cavanna. "In order to accomplish this, we have to give the schools the kind of support they need in order to become independent."

Rahway's Board of Education voted 8 to 1 to accept the reorganization plan, which includes the elimination of one administrative position, the addition of new positions and title changes. Board member Lillie Henderson abstained from the vote.

Cavanna proposed the elimination of the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Adele Magnolia, a 37-year district employee, has served as director since 1988. A new district position would be created by the employment of a grant-writer under the title of Director of School Development. Duties would include applying for various grants, helping solidify new ideas, networking and getting resources into the schools, said Cavanna.

The new titles would not cost the district additional monies, noted Cavanna, because one supervisor is retiring, the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction will be eliminated, and the grant-writer should generate enough monies to pay for the position.

The title of Director of Service for Children will replace the current title of Director of Student Personnel currently held by Dr. William Petrino; the title of board Business Administrator will be changed to Director of School Support Services; the new title for the

Student Assistance Coordinator will be the Youth Leadership Coordinator, and the district's Athletic Director will now report directly to the superintendent instead of to the principals.

Cavanna also discussed a reading recovery program to be implemented in all elementary schools in the district. Franklin School currently offers the program, and under the superintendent's plan, reading recovery teachers will bring the program to first graders in Roosevelt, Madison and Grover Cleveland Schools.

The reading recovery program is an early intervention plan used to direct years

## Board Meetings Opening

by Pat DiMaggio  
Board of Education President Peter Karavites has promised to open up board meetings in an attempt to involve more members of the community in the district's educational processes.

At the board's regular meeting held on Tuesday night, Karavites asked for suggestions on how to draw more residents to the monthly meetings.

Board member Eugene Moran suggested holding meetings in cafeterias rather than on stages, to bring the board to the same level as the audience.

Karavites said discussions on ways to improve board meetings will continue, and welcomed suggestions from the district's PTAs and members of the community. Meetings will be moved to

## Firemen Honored By 200 Club

by Pat DiMaggio  
Two Rahway firefighters were commended by the Union County 200 Club for "putting their lives on the line." Capt. William McQuinn and firefighter Robert Moffitt, along with two other firefighters, were presented with 1992 Valor Awards at a luncheon held last week.

Each year, the chiefs of Union County's Police and Fire Departments submit candidates for the prestigious awards. The Union County 200 Club, with 410 members, also provides aid and scholarship funding to police and firefighters.

The 10 recipients of the awards were commended for their "extraordinary courage in the face of extraordinary danger," said 200 Club President Robert E. Thompson. The awards were presented at the L'Affaire Restaurant, Montclair.

McQuinn and Moffitt were honored for their efforts in saving five lives of firefighters who had become trapped on the upper floor of a burning building in July of last year. They were also recognized for securing a fire to help guide the firefighters to safety.

Also honored by the 200 Club were firefighters Lt. Gerard P. Thompson and Rodrick X. Carson of Plainfield, Chief Police Officer Mark Adamson and Sgt. Kevin White, and Elizabeth Police Officers William Plank, Matthew O'Connell, Rafael Garcia and Juan Colon.

Frank Mauriello, Principal of the Madison School, said the students "were a little upset when they got to school, but we dealt with it with our psychologist and crisis intervention team."

Mauriello called the incident "unfortunate," but said it was "even more unfortunate that innocent children witnessed it."

A group of elementary school youngsters waiting for a school bus nearby when the shots were fired had to walk past the Van Kline home after their bus wasn't allowed to use Stockton Street because of the police investigation.

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However, authorities were unaware if this violation was reported to police after the order was issued.

If so, "we would have been in a position to hold him in contempt, and there would have been a host of remedies — including incarceration and seizing his guns," Ruotolo said.

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## Police Continue Search For Gun

Police are still searching for the gun which was used in the slaying of a 30-year-old woman and the wounding of her five-month-old daughter in a car parked on Stockton Street last Thursday.

A temporary restraining order issued by a Superior Court judge didn't prevent Darnell B. Dozier, 35, of Plainsboro, from killing his estranged girlfriend, Donna Murray, while she was sitting in her car in front of her mother's home at 1366 Stockton St., authorities said.

Murray was shot at least four times in the upper torso, and the couple's daughter, Lea Dozier, was grazed by a bullet on the left shoulder blade, according to Union County Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo.

The baby, who was listed in good condition when she was brought to Rahway Hospital, was released to relatives over the weekend, according to Susan Hestemer, Hospital Public Relations Coordinator.

Dozier was arrested at gunpoint within an hour of the 8:15 a.m. shooting by Plainsboro police, who alerted by the Rahway Police Department — waited for him in an unmarked car near the apartment complex where he lived.

Dozier's bail was set at \$300,000 by Superior Court Judge Walter Barisonck, and was raised to \$505,000 by Superior Court Judge John Robinson Gross at the suspect's initial appearance on Monday.

They are among 1,000 Union County College students who are candidates for Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science degrees, certificates or diplomas.

Union County College offers a Practical Nursing program leading to the diploma, and other programs in the areas of Liberal Arts, Biology, Business, Engineering and Health Technologies leading to Associate degrees.

Rahway residents include Shirley Garrett, Marcia Graham, Dorothy Haywood, Fay Luckey, Margaret Osmond, Karen Sfora, Agnes Silverio and Renee Wells.

The Clark resident is Beatrice Nnodim. All are candidates for a diploma in the Practical Nursing Program.

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