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School District Goes High-Tech

New Position Signals Commitment To Change

Temporary Budget OK'd

by Pat DiMaggio
The state's delay in adopting a budget has had a trickle-down effect on local municipalities. At a special meeting held Tuesday night, Rahway's City Council adopted a temporary budget to meet obligations for the next three months.

Because Rahway has not yet been notified of state revenue figures, introduction of the City's 1992-93 fiscal year budget has been delayed until early next month, said Business Administrator Peter Pelissier.

To cover expenses for the next 10 to 12 weeks, the council approved a \$5.8 million budget which is about 25

percent of the previous year's fiscal spending plan.

Because of the delay in the adoption of the budget, a new tax rate has not yet been struck. "A delay in the budget presents us with a serious cashflow problem," said Pelissier. "We will have to get by or borrow on tax anticipation notes."

Pelissier also said that third quarter tax bills due Aug. 1 may be delayed. "We don't know yet if the tax bills will be estimated and then recalculated or delayed," he said. A decision on the tax bills will be made by early next month.

by Pat DiMaggio

The Rahway school district is prepared to move "into the 21st Century" with a technologically-advanced computer network. At its regular meeting held last week, the Board of Education approved the appointment of a Coordinator of Technology for the 1992-93 school year.

"This position will move Rahway into the 21st Century," said Board President Peter Karavites. "We are starting something here that will make Rahway a beacon for other schools. We will show how a school should be run, technology-wise. We are beginning a wonderful partnership."

The board approved the appointment of Gayle Rubenstein as Coordinator of Technology at a salary of \$58,128. Rubenstein's responsibilities will include the utilization of computer technology across various curriculum areas, the evaluation of hardware, software and materials to be incor-

porated into computer programs, and the promotion and demonstration of development activities to support the needs of school staff. She also will provide ongoing in-service training and in-classroom assistance to teachers in order to implement school-based and district-designated programs.

Ms. Rubenstein will coordinate districtwide curricular activities geared to the improvement of instruction through the use of technology, and will provide long-term program planning.

Rubenstein comes from the New York City school

system, where she has been employed as Director of Computer Technologies since 1988 for Community School District Four. She has worked as an adjunct professor at City College of New York, as an instructor for the gifted at Herbert Lehman College, Bronx, as a computer literacy instructor for the Bronx Technical Assistance Center, and as a teacher of math, science and technology for the New York City Board of Education.

According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Anthony Cavanna, the new technol-

ogy will allow the school district to go on-line. The budget system will be put on a mini-main-frame, along with student information files and test scores which will be networked to all schools. Equipment will be secured through grants or by raising money from corporate sponsors.

"We will be getting into the information technology," said Cavanna. "We want our kids to be able to compete, and we want computers in the classroom for the use of integrated learning systems."

PAIR HELD IN KOOL-AID KAPER

Two out-of-town men apparently like Kool-Aid so much that they tried to obtain a wholesale quantity of it.

The trouble is, they weren't paying for it. Thomas Maguire, 30, of Staten Island, NY, and

Armstrong Richardson, 39, of Cliffwood, were arrested and charged with the robbery of \$520 worth of assorted Kool-Aid drink mix on Saturday, July 4, from the A&P Supermarket, Elizabeth Avenue.

Patrolman Joseph Holley was on routine patrol about 12:57 p.m. when he noticed a group of people milling around in front of the store, and there appeared to be a fight in progress, police said.

Upon investigating, police said Holley was told that Maguire had been observed allegedly shoplifting in the store and pulled a knife when confronted. According to police, Maguire broke away and fled to a waiting car driven by Richardson, and Holley gave chase, joined by other Rahway units.

The care was pulled over around Montgomery Street and E. Scott Avenue, where police said they recovered a knife and the bag of Kool-Aid.

Maguire was held in lieu of \$40,500 bail, and Richardson in lieu of \$20,500.



RECYCLING FACILITY OPENED... Union County officials recently attended opening of state's first automated materials recovery facility, J&J Recycling Co. Inc., Flora Street, Elizabeth. Cutting ceremonial ribbon are, from left, Freeholder Alan Augustine, Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) Vice Chairman Helen Miller, UCUA Alternate Edward Kahn, Freeholder Walter McLeod, J&J Controller John Wohlrab, J&J Operations Manager Frank Aloia, Freeholder Chairman Louis Santagata, Monsignor John J. Gilchrist, Joseph and John DiMarco, Principals of J&J Recycling, UCUA Chairman Angelo Bonanno, Freeholder Casimir Kowalczyk, UCUA Commissioner Joseph Cook, Freeholder Elmer Ertl, Freeholder Frank Lehr and Sen. Raymond Lesniak, D-21.

Budget Cuts End Longer MV Hours

Motor Vehicle Services Director Skip Lee has announced that as a result of the budget approved by the Legislature, state inspection stations, including Rahway, will no longer be open on Saturdays.

In addition, all late nights at the inspection stations were eliminated starting this past Monday, Lee said.

"Since the budget language needed to fund these Saturday and late night hours at inspection stations was not put in place, motorists will now find themselves waiting in longer

lines," Lee stressed. "While the Lane Attack Program will be over, we will continue to do our best to maintain and improve motor vehicle services for New Jersey motorists. Offering quality service for our drivers has been and will remain our first priority."

According to Lee, the Legislature joined last year with the Governor and supported the Division's successful implementation of the Lane Attack Program that cut peak waiting-times at the state's 35 inspection

stations between 20 and 30 percent.

"With the support of the Governor and the Legislature, we were able to open inspection stations on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon, stay open one night until 7:30 p.m. and an additional night until 6 p.m. and reopen six lanes," Lee said. "The additional hours offered more convenient options for motorists, and the peak waiting times, which were as high as one to two hours, were dramatically reduced."

Lee also noted that in addition to longer waiting-times at inspection stations, it will be inconvenient and costly for many motorists to get their vehicles inspected without Saturday and late night hours.

Under this budget, MVS stations will be open only from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"Since 80 percent of the motorists get their vehicles inspected at state inspection stations, we'll continue to strive for creative solutions in our attempt to maintain quality motorist services," Lee said. "But clearly, with these cutbacks, it will be an uphill struggle in our attempt to maintain and reduce waiting-times at inspection stations."

"I'm hoping that the Legislature will reaffirm its commitment to New Jersey's \$7 million motorist aid program funding for the Lane Attack Program, so that MVS can continue to provide quality service for our motorists."



ROOSEVELT AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION BASKETBALL BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM: KNICKS... From left, front row: Eric Bober, Wayne Velsor and Jon Ravda; back row: Capt. Torre Banks, Talib Ameer and Victor Baker.



AMERICAN DANCE WINNER... American Dance Contest Winner Jennifer Lewis, center, was presented award by Mrs. Sherry, Contest Chairwoman for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 5, Rahway, at the Goodwill-Bonanza Dinner Dance. Maryann Chenfield, right, is Principal of St. Mary's School, Rahway.

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Trio Arrested

Three out-of-town men were arrested on Thursday, July 2, on charges of burglary, attempted theft and possession of burglar tools at Volcano Montgomery Trucking, Witherspoon Street.

Police said they arrived at the scene about 11:33 a.m. and discovered Anthony DeStasio of Ramsey and Robert Baskin of Newark, both 26, inside the store on burglarizing property. They were arrested in the store and taken to the Rahway Police Station.

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Rahway Board of Education will be held on Thursday, July 16, at 8 p.m. in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meeting Room at the Intermediate School.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct interviews for the principalship of Roosevelt School.

The meeting will be held in private, in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of Aug. 3 to 7 at the First Presbyterian Church, West Grand Avenue and Church Street, Rahway.

Classes for Nursery thru Sixth Grade will be held daily from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "God's Call to Hope." A staff of dedicated teachers will present a wonderful curriculum full of music, arts and crafts, activities, and Bible Study. Snacks will be provided. The closing program will be held on Friday, Aug. 7.

Enrollment for Vacation Bible School is open to the community. Pre-registration is taking place now. Call 382-0803, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for your application form. There is a registration fee of \$1 per child, or a maximum of \$5 per family. Registration also will take place on the opening day of Bible School, Monday, Aug. 3.

Pair Listed

Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI, has announced that a total of 2,543 students have been named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the spring semester.

To receive Dean's List commendation, students must earn a cumulative point average of 3.40 or above.

Jeffrey Bragg of Montgomery Street, Rahway, majoring in Culinary Arts, and Tracy McGuire of Dorset Drive, Clark, majoring in Hospitality Sales/Meeting Management, are among those named to the Dean's List.

BAR WINNER

Aditya Hink, Seventh Grader at St. Mary's School, Rahway, won Woman of American Revolution Contest sponsored by Rebecca Cornell Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution. He won First Place locally and Honorable Mention for state.

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