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Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title, and where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

Police seek suspect in bank robbery

A masked robber assaulted a teller Tuesday at midday during an attempted bank robbery at the Hudson City Bank on Irving Street, according to Rahway police.

At prestime Tuesday afternoon police were still looking for the suspect, who fled the scene.

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POLICE BLOTTER

asked to call Detective Paul Moe at 827-2116 or Detective Sgt. Christopher O'Neill at 827-2112. All calls will be kept confidential.

A man screaming obscenities and wielding a baseball bat and a pellet gun was tackled by police and arrested Sunday at 6:23 a.m. along the 1400 block of Lawrence Street.

Officers John Pitts Jr. and William Moran, were dispatched to the scene. They then pulled the suspect out of the car and searched him. The suspect was taken to the Rahway Police Station.

After being ordered twice to drop the bat, Campes allegedly threw it to the ground. He then pulled his jacket and shirt up, exposing the grip of a handgun in his waistband, according to police. When Campes pulled the gun, the officers fired.

The officers tackled him to the ground. Campes kicked and struggled with the officers, suffering a minor head injury. Campes was transported to Rahway Hospital, but refused treatment. Both officers received no injuries in the arrest.

Campes was taken to Union County Jail and charged with possession of a weapon, possession of a handgun for an unlawful purpose, resisting arrest and obstruction. His bail was set at \$10,000.

A did hand grenade was found April 27 at 3:30 p.m. along the 200 block of Albermarle Street. A youngster found a hand grenade with a pin in it in his grandmother's attic. Alice Bongiovanni, the grandmother, called the police.

Nearly houses were evacuated as the Union County Bomb Squad was called in. Union County Police Sgt. Rich Paschke and Lt. Jeff Finkels took the grenade and x-rayed it on the scene. It was found to be inert.

An attempted burglary was reported Friday at 1:35 p.m. along the 900 block of Concord Street. The female resident was home alone when the suspect tried to gain entry by jimmying the front door with a knife. When the suspect was forced open, the suspect was taken to the Rahway Police Station.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Library board needs involvement

The proposal to relocate the Rahway Public Library behind City Hall has been difficult and controversial. The issue has been made even more difficult by the fact that the library board of trustees is being kept out of the loop. Residents who oppose the City Hall site attended a library board meeting on this month. They want other locations considered to replace the library, which was heavily damaged by floodwaters during Tropical Storm Floyd in September.

The library board, however, told residents that the City Council had the final responsibility for choosing a new location. Opponents believe they are getting the run-around, since council members told them to take their concerns to the library board. Although we do not agree with the residents' request for a referendum on the library site, we do believe the library board should be involved in the decision-making process.

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It has been more than seven months since the library board met. City officials are right to proceed with the library plan and a referendum on the library site would be a waste of time and money.

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Agape breaks ground on home

We are pleased to see construction begin on the new Agape Family Worship Center. The ground-breaking began earlier this month on the new church facility at East Hazelwood and Leesville avenues.

Agape has held services and programs at a day care center and local hotels and banquet halls since it formed 10 years ago. The new 40,000-square-foot, two-story building, which is expected to be completed within 14 to 16 months, will be a welcome addition to the community. The worship center will have offices, a classroom and an auditorium.

Agape will soon have a permanent home, and we hope it will provide a focal point for its community-outreach and spiritual efforts.

Video cameras are valuable investment

Taxpayers sometimes complain that government officials waste too much money on high-tech devices because they are fascinated with the expensive machinery.

The City Council adopted a \$326,100 bond ordinance earlier this month. Part of the bond will be used to place video cameras on the dashboard for fire engines and police patrol cars. A new fire pumper truck is included in the bond ordinance.

The average person might think the only use for these cameras is to provide footage for crime-documentary shows such as "Cops" or "The World's Wildest Police Chases." Videotaping procedures serves a larger purpose.

While police protection has been performed in the municipality without the benefit of these videotapes, these records should help improve and enhance police work. The tapes will provide documented evidence of what occurs at a crime scene or during a motor-vehicle stop. They provide a valuable tool for investigating crimes and fires.

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Getting the word out was once complicated

It is certainly among these days to realize how easy it is to immediately pass information throughout the world wherever it is.

The invention of the telephone made communication much easier. If, of course, the person who was to receive the message also had a telephone.

Another system of communication that had been in use for many years by the start of the 1900s was the telegraph. A system that connected many cities by wire and the Morse Code to send messages through them.

To send a message to an individual it was necessary to send the message to the closest receiving station to that person's address, then have the local delivery boy take the written message to the proper person.

The average person dreaded the sight of the delivery boy on the front porch when the door was opened because almost no one sent a telegram.

William Frelich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Waste plant would hurt community
To the Editor:
Editor's note: The following letter was originally addressed to Gov. Christine Whitman.

I am writing to you on behalf of the New Jersey Work Environment Council regarding the proposed construction of the infectious medical regulated waste treatment facility in Linden.

WEIC is particularly concerned about the potential biohazards from transporting huge quantities of untreated medical waste through such a highly-congested area, which includes Linden and neighboring Union County towns.

According to information we have received, this proposed facility is to process 18,000 tons of untreated bio-hazardous wastes, such as cultures, human blood products, animal waste, gloves, and plastic syringes from hospitals around the state. We were also told that this facility will be a 24-hour operation.

This proposed facility will process approximately 40 percent of New Jersey's infectious medical regulated waste. The transport of this waste will greatly increase the volume of truck and other vehicular traffic in a community already

overburdened with an extremely high volume of vehicular traffic from oil refineries and other hazardous and toxic facilities.

There is also an element of environmental racism and economic injustice in the siting of this proposed facility. The populations of the Union County towns through which the vehicles transporting the bio-hazardous waste are largely people of color. Most of the towns also have large working class populations.

Union County towns, such as Elizabeth, Linden and Rahway, are already suffering from the effects of large concentrations of environmental pollution. It is unfair to ask these communities to accept even more toxic and hazardous environmental exposures the vehicles transporting bio-hazardous waste might cause.

We understand that bio-hazardous waste must be disposed of, but transporting thousands of tons of medical waste through congested neighborhoods will only jeopardize the health and welfare of residents in these communities. Therefore, we call on you and your administration to offer a safer and healthier alternative to the current proposal.

Valerie Caffee
New Jersey Work Environment Council
Lawrenceville

We're asking
What did you do for Spring Break?

Kevin Hoffman: "I read books and played baseball."
Joseph Brown: "I played video games like 'Mario Party' and 'Toy Story 2'."
Phelin Tupik: "I got a new bike and played with my friends."
Eddie Reeseg: "I read and played video games, like 'Mario Party' and 'Toy Story 2'."

SPEAK OUT
Concerned about an issue facing the governing body or Board of Education in your town? Is your street in disrepair? Our readers can use our Infotsource hot line to speak out about any issue whether it is a question, comment, suggestion or opinion. That way, by telling us,

Call us free in the local calling area
Call anytime, day or night. Please speak clearly into the phone when leaving your message. Callers can remain anonymous.
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Digging in at the downtown



The sidewalk near a streetlight along Cherry Street in Rahway is removed last week to enable an ornate gas lamp to be installed in the downtown business district. Some business owners have complained that the major project has been difficult for shoppers to reach their stores.

Let's not bring in the clowns

To my best recollection, the term clown was usually applied to rushing off to get to school or to a very important appointment.

During my childhood days, when I came home from school for lunch, I found myself in a hurry to get to school. I was late for school. I was late for school. I was late for school.

Another warning usually came on Sundays, when I was duty-bound to go to church. I was late for church. I was late for church. I was late for church.

Otherwise, I really don't remember rushing around to do anything. We went through our days recognizing our responsibilities and knowing if we were late for something, like school, we would pay the price, both at school and at home.

Detention was not limited to the school building. But, it seems we now live in a different era. No, I'm not referring to the advances in technology. I am referring to lifestyle and emphasis placed on getting to places and getting things done.

It seems that everyone is running around like the proverbial chicken.

Norman Raucher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent columnist for this newspaper.

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OBITUARIES

Mary White
Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Cro lived in Rahway before moving to Roselle eight months ago. He was a waste-house manager for DuPont Office Machines, Springfield, for 15 years and retired last year.

Surviving are a son, Daniel Jr.; a daughter, Donna; a sister, Carol Tomlin; two brothers, William and James; two grandchildren, and his companion, Patricia Stienelbach.

Jacqueline Esposito
Jacqueline Esposito of Rahway died April 28 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Esposito had lived in Rahway for 46 years. Surviving are her husband, Michael Sr.; a son, Michael Jr., a past president

of the Rahway City Council; a sister, Bernice Nufrio, and a grandchild.

George Varadi
George Varadi, 80, of Rahway died April 30 in Rahway Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; a son, George; two daughters, Susan Thorne and Irene Zawaronec; a brother, Albert, and four grandchildren.

Sister M. Ames
Sister M. Margaret Ames, 87, of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, who was a teacher in Union and principal in Rahway schools, died April 28 in St. Catherine of Siena Infirmary, Caldwell.

Born in Jersey City, Sister Margaret entered the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell on Dec. 8, 1928 and professed her vows on Sept. 19, 1930. She was a graduate of Seton Hall University. Sister Margaret taught at St. John's School and Immaculate, both in Jersey City, and St. Michael's School, Union.

She was principal and superior at Our Lady of Peace Church, New Providence, supervisor of elementary schools for the Sisters of St. Dominic, principal and superior of St. Mary's School, Rahway, princess of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Dominic and teacher at the Mount St. Dominic Grade School.

Sister Margaret was assistant dean of students and coordinator of college and community affairs at Caldwell College, alumni and public relations director at St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City, alumni director at Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell, and director of development at St. Catherine of Siena School, Cedar Grove. She retired to St. Catherine of Siena Convent, Caldwell.

Surviving is a sister, Veronica O'Neill.

Daniel Cron Sr.
Daniel W. Cron Sr., 62, of Roselle, formerly of Rahway, died April 29 at home.

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Ordinance. Any such application shall not be required for review by the Planning Commission or the City Council, nor shall it be subject to the provisions of the Ordinance, if the improvement is applied for by the owner of the property to which the improvement is to be applied.

SECTION 5. Any person who has heretofore been convicted of a crime involving the falsification of documents or the falsification of records shall be ineligible to hold any office or position of trust or confidence in the City of Chicago. The obligations of any person who has been convicted of such a crime shall be obligated to levy a special assessment on the property of the City of Chicago for the payment of the obligation of the City of Chicago thereon without limitation of time.

This bond ordinance was declared of official force and effect by the Regulation Section of the City of Chicago on the 11th day of May, 1987, in respect to the imposition of the special assessment on the property of the City of Chicago which the City Council expects to reimburse the City of Chicago for the cost of the improvement on the maximum principal of the City of Chicago under the cost of the improvement.

This bond ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the first day after the first day of the month of May, 1987, of the year 1987, of the City of Chicago.

This ordinance is complete and correct as the same appears on file available from the City of Chicago.

U8741 SPL May 4 1987

CITY OF CHICAGO
REGULATION DEPARTMENT
100 N. Dearborn Street, Room 333
Chicago, Illinois 60610
In accordance with RS 39-300, the City Clerk is hereby certifying that the foregoing Ordinance or Resolution of the City of Chicago is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance or Resolution as the same appears on file available from the City of Chicago. The Ordinance or Resolution may be removed by a writ of habeas corpus.

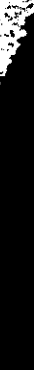

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City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

base price plus accrued interest and dates to the date of delivery of the City's bonds. The City is to report in writing to the City Council at the meeting next succeeding the date of the sale of the bonds pursuant to this ordinance is made. It must include the amount, the interest rate and the date of maturity of the Notes sold, the price and the name of the purchaser.

ON 6:
The capital budget of the City is hereby to conform with the provisions of the ordinance to which this resolution is attached. The resolution in the form adopted by the Local Finance Board is hereby declared to be the official capital program as approved by the City Council.

Department of Community Development
City of New Jersey is on the with Clerk and is available for purchase.

ON 6:
Any and all additional matters are determined, declared, recited and

the bond or bonds are not current and are capital improvements or for the maintenance or repair of the facilities as general improvements, and the cost thereof has been or shall be expended on property specially thereby.

The average period of usefulness of the property is the limitation of Bond Law, taking into consideration respective amounts of all obligations outstanding, and the amount due to the reasonable life thereof from the date of the Bonds issued by the Local Bond Law.

The Supplemental Debt Statement by the Local Bond Law has been prepared and filed in the office of the Mayor and a copy of the same has been filed in the office of the Mayor, Division of Local Government Department, State of New Jersey, such statement that the profits of the City of New York, in the amount of \$10,000,000, is by the authorization of the Bonds provided in this bond ordinance and that the same shall be within all debt limitations pre-

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property within the City for the of the obligations and the interest thereon. The limitation shall not apply to the City's obligations under the following Ordinance:

Ordinance constitutes a contract of official intent under Treasury Section 1150-2. The City expects to pay expenditures with to the Improvements prior to the City incurs debt obligations under Ordinance. The City reasonably to reimburse such expenditures proceeds of debt to be incurred by under such debt obligations. The principal amount of debt to be issued for payment of the Improvements is \$22,000,000.

SECTION 10:

Each bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication of the ordinance, as provided by the Local Government Code.

The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Lincoln.

SPL May 4, 2000 (S&S:75)

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINCOLN

following Ordinance was introduced
 on first reading by the Council
 of the County of Union,
 New Jersey, on April 18, 2000 and
 presented for further consideration
 to the Board of Taxation at its
 next meeting, to be held at its
 next meeting, at or soon there-
 after, the matter can be reached.
 SUSANNE
 CLERK

PARCEL 642-18
 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
 LINDEN AUTHORIZING THE
 ACQUISITION OF THE CITY OF
 LINDEN, NEW JERSEY, OF THE
 LANDS IN THE CITY OF LINDEN
 AND KNOWN AS PARCEL 64
 A MAP ENTITLED "MAP
 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
 TRANSPORTATION GENERAL
 EXPERT, PARCEL MAP,
 DATE 1 & 9 (1925), SECTION 3,
 LINDEN, NEW JERSEY, AND
 SHOWING EXISTING
 OWNERSHIP OF LANDS
 ACQUIRED IN THE CITY
 LINDEN, COUNTY OF
 UNION AND DESIGNATED AS
 1 IN BLOCK 563 ON THE TAX

Authorizing the acquisition of property identified on the City of Linden Tax Map as Lot 1 in Block 563 at a price not to exceed \$500,000.00, including cost relating to said acquisition.

The complete ordinance is on file available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, N.J. 07036.

CSPL May 4, 2000 (\$17.25)

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OF: JOSEPHINE C. MILLER,
 Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCor-
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 of Ohio, made at the City of Lima, made
 on the 28th day of April, A.D., 2000, upon ap-
 plication of the undersigned, as Execu-
 tric of the estate of said deceased, notice
 is hereby given to the creditors of said
 estate to exhibit to the subscriber under-
 signed their claims against the estate of
 said deceased within six months from the
 date of this notice or to file a written re-
 nunciation of the same. Failure to do so
 will bar the creditor from recovering the same
 from the estate of said deceased.
 Barbara J. Semanich
 A. Semanich, Attorney
 Washington, St.
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 SPL May 4, 2000

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May 14th

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000 — PAGE B3

Paper Mill's 'Student Prince' is indeed a family affair

Brandon Jovanovich and Christiane Noll bask in the glow of their forbidden love in "The Student Prince" at the Paper Mill Playhouse, which is playing the play for an additional year.

and put them in the water (Congratulations to the Paper Mill Playhouse, not only for this exquisite opera, but also for May 27, but for the insight to bring to our children a deeper appreciation of the arts and its glorious history).

For me, I'd take the kids back to the river to see honey feeding a plover.

without the "princess only" clause, and getting Patti LaBelle at the University of Heidelberg!

For information on tickets and show times, see the "Theater" listing in the Shipping Out calendar on Page B6. "Kids Go Camp" will be May 17 to 21.

stival this Sunday

An entertainer for more than two decades, Mele singing the standards Big Boy, Little Boy, Runaway, Down Town, folk and country classics. His smooth baritone and easy crooning style has made him a favorite on the 50s and '60s. He is the entertainment host and coordinator at the Stage Area.

Tom Kilmichek, country singer, 2:30 to 3:15

Kilmichek's strong vocals enhance his powerful ballads and country love songs. He has been a favorite of men and sometimes includes the influence of Christian music, as well. Kilmichek's repertoire extends to a wide audience range.

smooth vocal harmonies include the talents of Thomas Tyness and George Roberts

Perception, Jazz Group, 3 to 4 p.m.

Perception has been together for six years. The group is composed of: guitar, saxophone, keyboard, bass and drums — and sometimes augmented by vocals. They play a variety of styles. The repertoire includes standard by The Beatles and Ellington, the bebop classics of Parker and Gillespie, and the progressive jazz of Coltrane.

Dean Schoel and Extra Large Blues With A Big Sound, 4:45 to 5 p.m.

• The Gospel Shepherds, gospel band, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

• The lively gospel group formed in 1997, these brothers deliver strong harmony with rhythm. The Gospel Shepherds have a powerful rhythmic section that includes lead guitar George Roberts, bass guitar Robert McCoy, Odeli Mickens on keyboard and bass, Edward Shively playing drums and percussionists Jerome Truss and Eugene Whitten.

Hailing from the Newark area, these guitarists and vocalists Dean Smith has spent much of his young life working with legendary blues artists Herbert Sumlin, Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters, James Cotton, Koko Taylor, and Drury Jones. He has also performed with some local legends such as Roadside Louie and The Dudes, Deak Hester, Philip Rich and The Poor Boys, and Chicago Cat Dismas and Jimmy Lawrence.

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Police officers complete safety course



Local law enforcement officers recently completed the Pedestrian/Bicycle Accident Investigation course sponsored by the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety and Education and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. With Peter Fischer, assistant vice president of public and government relations, are from left, Officer Steven Mikyle of the Union County Police Department, Detective Joseph Van Bergen of the Cranford Police Department, Sgt. Richard Rigo of the Fairview Police Department, Officer Mark Clement of the Westfield Police Department and Investigator David Mangano of the Linden Police Department. The 40-hour course consisted of classroom instruction and practical field exercises on a variety of investigation techniques for both pedestrian and bicycle accidents.

Two Hundred Club plans annual luncheon May 12

Manahawick, N.J. — The Two Hundred Club, a group of professionals and business leaders in the Manahawick area, will hold its annual luncheon on May 12 at the Mountaineer. Each year the Two Hundred Club honors police and firefighters from Union County municipalities who have performed beyond the call of duty. More than 400 people from all over the county are expected to attend the annual event held each spring. The luncheon will mark the 31st luncheon. On July 2, 1967, Manahawick was the site of the first luncheon. The club's office is located at 541 Spring St., Suite 200, Manahawick, N.J. 08053. For more information, call 908-355-4100.

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Grant targets groups in Union County

The Association for Children of New Jersey is accepting nominations for the year 2000 S. Whitney Landon Friend of Children Award to honor a program which has made an outstanding and innovative contribution to the betterment of children. The \$75,000 grant is sponsored by the Turner Fund in memory of S. Whitney Landon, the former Chairman of the Fund. This is the fifth year for this award and this year a award is being targeted to organizations in Union and Passaic counties. Last year's winner was the Rescue House of Prayer Youth Center in Passaic. The award is given to the organization that has made the most significant contribution to the betterment of children in the county.

Technology training center open house

The Union County Vocational Technical Training Center will be open to visitors today from 7 to 6 p.m. Located in Room 207 of MacArthur Hall on the 176 Raritan Road Campus of the Union County Vocational Technical Schools, the center provides special staff development for teachers and administrators. The center is open to all interested parties. The center is located in Room 207 of MacArthur Hall on the 176 Raritan Road Campus of the Union County Vocational Technical Schools. The center provides special staff development for teachers and administrators. The center is open to all interested parties.

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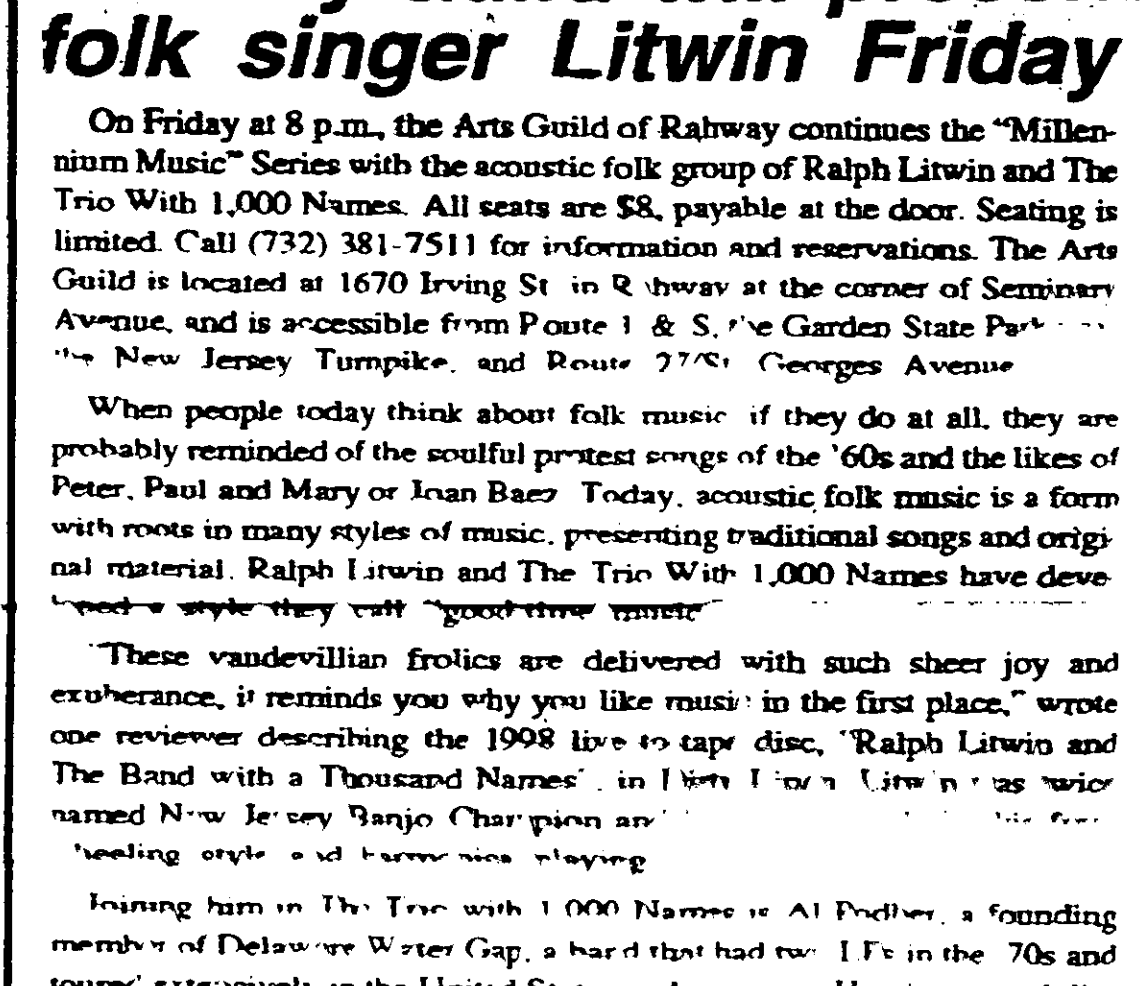
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Approval expected on elementary school addition

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

The Rahway Board of Education approved a motion Tuesday for an \$11-million special lease purchase. The money will be used for additions to all four elementary schools to make room for full-day kindergarten and half-day preschool classes.

Superintendent of Schools William Perrino and board members were scheduled to appear yesterday at the state Local Finance Board in Trenton to get approval for the agreement. While the results of that meeting were unavailable at press time, Perrino said the board is expecting the agreement to be approved by the state authority.

Board Attorney Alan Schimman also introduced a motion at the meeting to appoint a special surveyor, Theodore Romanowski, to deal with the board's acquisition of houses near Franklin School to make room for the expansion. Four homes on Harrison Street and one home on Winfield Street will be acquired by the school district. Four out of the five properties have been appraised for their market value, but one of the homeowners has refused to cooperate, said Schimman.

Romanowski will be hired to handle the financial situation and see that the money goes "fair market value," he said. Schimman said the architect planning the extension to each of the schools, also called "pods," revised the timetable involved. The new pods should be completed by June 2002, but the state mandate calling for half-day kindergarten and half-day preschool starts in September 2001.

If state education officials hold the school board to that start-up date, Perrino said, an immediate suggestion for how to deal with that potential problem is "It is just one more bump in the road," Perrino said.

Matters regarding the expansion of the school have been coming fast and furious, and a lot of it hinges on the superintendent.

During the addition planning process last year, approximately 300 kindergarten and preschool students were expected to attend Rahway schools in the fall of 2001. It was decided that about 74 additional classrooms would need to be added to the schools.

When the subject of extra classrooms first came up last year, the school board considered adding onto just Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland schools as part of a centralized plan. It was determined that the centralized plan would have cost about \$2.2 million more over the course of 10 years than the additions going onto all four schools.

Several parents last year urged the school board to keep the neighborhood school concept in Rahway, rather than grouping several elementary schools into one.

At Franklin, plans call for an expanded cafeteria, a new nurse's suite and three small group instructional areas.

Cleveland School would contain a preschool room, two kindergarten classrooms, one special education classroom, and two small instruction group areas. One classroom for each preschool, kindergarten, and special education class will be added to Madison School.

At Roosevelt School, three preschool classrooms, eight kindergarten classrooms, and a nurse's suite will be built.

"We will probably need to reconfigure the schools in the future to accommodate the actual number of students we get," Perrino said.

Perrino said that while the situation with the school expansion has been difficult, it will serve as a primer for similar situations in the future.

The \$44-million school budget for 2000-2001, which was approved by voters last month, contains \$6.5 million in state Early Childhood Aid which will be used for the additions at the four elementary schools. The aid would result in a slight decrease in the school tax rate.

School boards in nearby towns such as Linden and Plainfield, are also making plans for similar expansions.

City don't activist Grahill dies

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

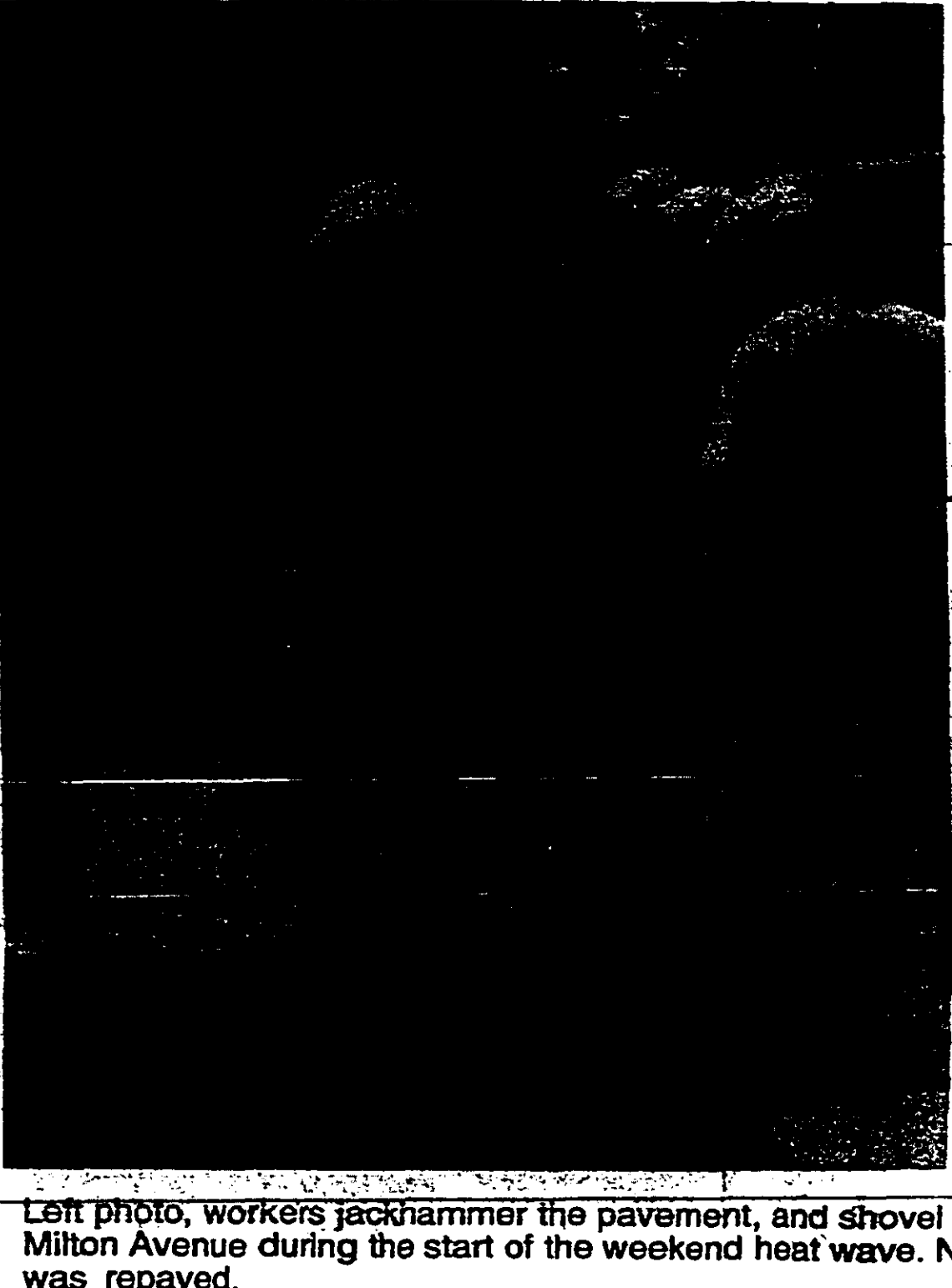
Rahway resident Kevin Lynn Grahill, 35, who worked to make people aware of the importance of bone marrow donors, died May 4 at Rahway Hospital of heart failure after a long struggle with leukemia.

A special memorial service was held Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church in Rahway. Grahill was active in the church. Pastor Thomas Lynn and Susan Loughlin, two of her friends, reminisced about their friend and the impact she had on their lives.

Lynn spoke to the large gathering of Grahill's family and friends that looking for answers would not be easy, and would not come to them in words. Loughlin spoke about her friendship with Grahill, and about her son, John Robert, nicknamed "Robbie."

Loughlin announced that Grahill's tombstone would read "Kevin Lynn Grahill, Devoted Mother of Robbie." Grahill was first diagnosed in April 1996 at Rahway Hospital. The doctors used her own bone marrow for a successful transplant, and that lasted two years. Grahill had a relapse of her leukemia.

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Left photo, workers jackhammer the pavement, and shovel the asphalt into a dump truck, right, Friday on Main Street near Milton Avenue during the start of the weekend heat wave. New phone lines were put underground and the section of street was repaved.

City Arts Guild to receive fine touches

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

The City Council adopted a \$45,000 bond ordinance Monday for improvements to the Arts Guild of Rahway on Irving Street, which is a showcase for artists and musicians.

This is not the first time the Arts Guild has had work done. According to Guild Director Larry Cappiello, funds were used in 1998 to renovate the front part of the then-Claude Reed Center into an art gallery and musical performance base. The roof over that section of the building was replaced. "That is over 100 years old and is rotting," Cappiello said.

"Subsequent to that, we did some other renovation work," Cappiello said. "We found some structural problems. We had to replace the main support beams on half of the floor that had rotted through."

After that was completed, the Arts Guild ran short on funds for the main part of the roof. This new allocation of funds is to complete the roof on the rear part of the building, according to the Guild director.

"There is also a pyramid skylight above a 15-square-foot stain glass panel on the rear part of the building," Cappiello said. "That is over 100 years old and is rotting."

The leaking is one problem, as well as the fact it could possibly break or pieces could fall down from it on top of the stained glass panel, Cappiello said. The Arts Guild would not want to have it replaced, he said.

Cappiello wants people to know that the money allocated is not for the Arts Guild operation, but for structural work for the building itself. With the \$45,000 bond, the Arts Guild will be able to complete the rear roof on the building and replace the skylight.

"Based on what we've seen in the front, the shingles we use is something called Grand Manor," Cappiello said. "It has the shape and profile of slate."

When it is lit from the sunlight, it looks like natural slate from the ground.

Cappiello said many people have told him that the front part of the building looks great. The part of the building is also being trimmed with copper and the gutters on the upper part are being repaired as well, he said.

"The copper is keeping it in the same condition it was done in originally," Cappiello said. "The roof was in bad shape, and that is why we have redone it. Hopefully, this will last for quite a long time — 40 or 50 years or more."

The real reason the Arts Guild has been working on this is there have been three or four places in the rear of the building where the roof has been leaking, according to Cappiello. The plaster inside is starting to rot, which is another reason why they are moving forward to get that part of the work done.

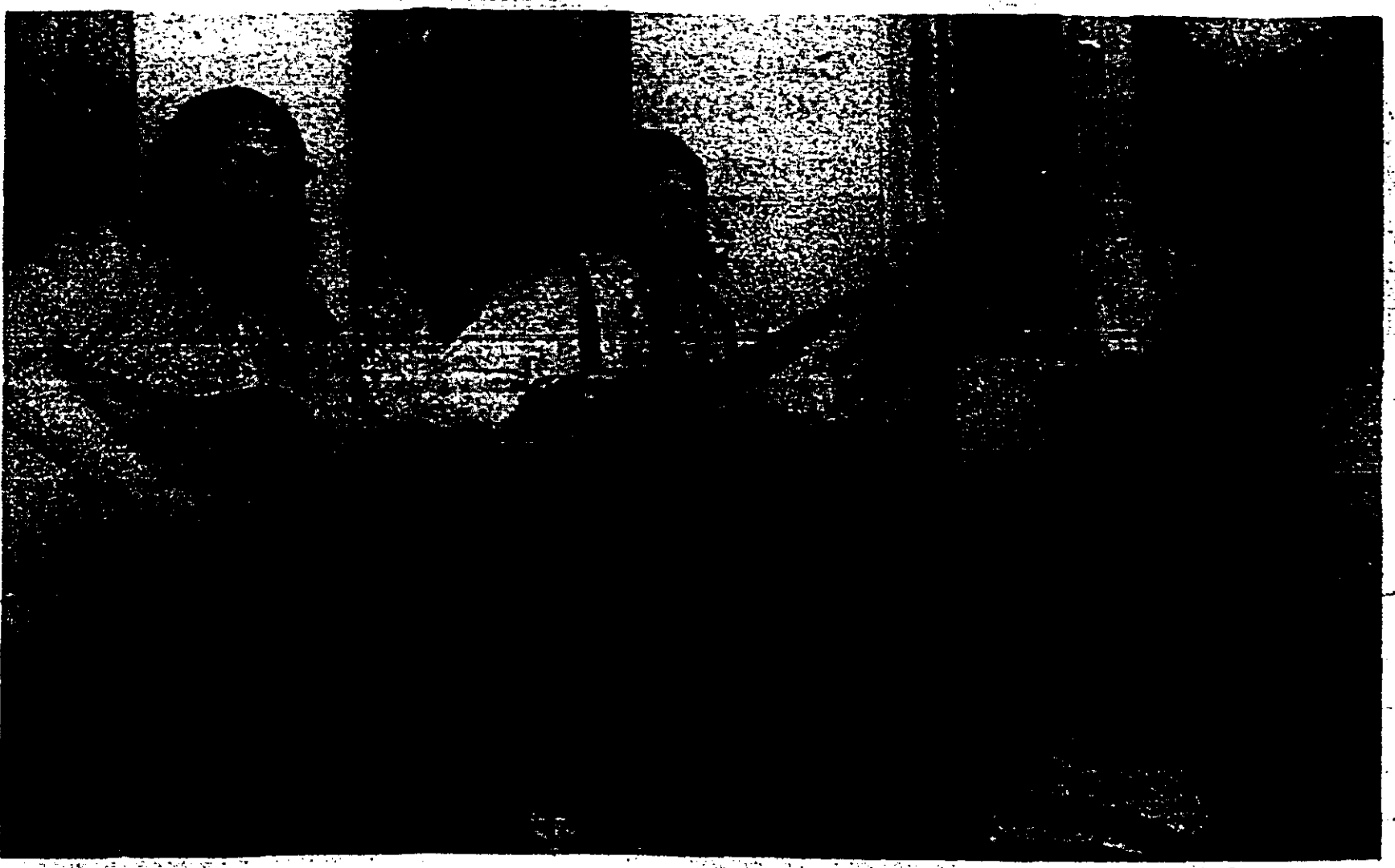
"There are enough things to take care of here without adding to the structural difficulties of the building," Cappiello said. "We certainly don't want to make what was in here worse than it was. In fact, we would like to do the opposite as much as we can."

A show of artwork from the Advanced Arts students of Rahway High School will be held May 31 at the center. It will last until about June 17. That is the only thing going on in the Guild at this time. The Arts Guild has finished with their concerns for the early part of the year, Cappiello said.

The Arts Guild is considered one of the major points of interest among downtown revitalization projects in recent years.

The Rahway Train Station has also been rehabilitated. The YMCA is receiving improvements, parking will be added to the Union County Arts Center and the Rahway Recreation Center opened last year.

Folk trio at Arts Guild



Ralph Litwin and The Trio With 1,000 Names perform a folk concert Friday during the Millennium Music series at the Arts Guild of Rahway. Members are, from left, Al Podber, Litwin and Bob Sacchi.

City beats heat wave

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

The hot summer weather came early to Rahway this year with temperatures in the 90s during the weekend. Despite the rapid shift in weather from the cold and rainy Easter week, there were no major problems reported from Rahway residents.

While the Rahway YMCA usually has about 25 people in its pool during a spring weekend, this weekend had 50 people swimming to cool off, according to aquatic director Al Fischer.

The YMCA is going to have an open house May 21 at 1 p.m. Community members can receive free swim and safety demonstrations, Fischer said.

If the hot weather continues for a long period of time, more formal instructions will go out. In this type of weather, people can sometimes overdo it and pass out, said Public Works Director Peter Ross. Department workers know when to take a break and go into the shade, he said.

Paul Kozakiewicz, the operations superintendent for United Water, said he would not be able to tell if Rahway residents used more water during the hot weekend than usual. The water supply is coming from the Delaware River.

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Newspapers launch new computer site

The site of the best source for community information will be getting even better.

Worral Newspapers will be launching a new and improved web site today that will feature existing links, as well as new features such as links to sites which the community can start in order to promote their organizations and events.

LocalSource.com will continue to be the web site address, and each of the 18 newspapers published by Worrall Newspapers in Essex and Union counties will continue to be featured.

"The decision to launch this new version of our web site reflects our desire to keep pace with the rapid development of the Internet and to further extend our commitment to the community," said Publisher David Worrall. "Readers and Worrall Newspapers share a successful history of working together to promote our community. We believe an enhanced web site for Worrall Newspapers will make that effort easier."

Organizations are invited to use the new "Community Web Site Wizard" to build a complete web site for their own organization. The feature is available to all non-profit, churches, clubs and school groups in the community. The site will be prominently featured with other organizations on the Community Web Site page.

"Using the Wizard requires no special technical knowledge, and organizations will be able to update their site at any time with their own user name and password," said Peter Worrall, director of new media for the company.

The new web site also will allow organizations to post information about upcoming events of interest to the community. The free community calendar page can be used to enter detailed information about meetings, special occasions, and other events at any time. Once reviewed, calendar events will become part of the most up-to-date listing in the community. LocalSource.com was launched in January 1997 and acts as an enhancement to the company's weekly newspapers. The web site now has over 100,000 hits per month.

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Residents spout off on new water rules

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

Residents criticized proposed water regulations Monday at the Rahway City Council meeting, claiming they would be an intrusion on their private property rights.

An ordinance was introduced to regulate and control the entry of water into the sanitary sewer system by means of sump pumps, storm drains, yard drains or any other means.

Part of the ordinance stated that agencies of the city could check people's homes that are improperly draining water into the sanitary system. People were concerned about the city's right to enter their homes.

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