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**VISITS HISTORIC GRAVE SITE**... Washington presides over ceremony at the grave of Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Pictured from the left are Sid Olsen, President of the S.A.R., Col. Humphreys, Washington, Charles Thompson and Vince Parlapano, President of the Rahway Historical Society.



**COLONIAL BREAKFAST**... Washington is the guest of honor at a colonial breakfast held in the Merchants & Drivers Tavern. Pictured clockwise are Sid Olsen, Tom Connell, Charles Thompson, Gov. William Livingston, Washington, Col. Humphreys, Eileen Veriotte, John Seabright and Mayor Daniel Martin.



**OFF TO ELIZABETH**... Washington departs from the Merchants & Drivers Tavern toward Elizabeth. A crowd of over 1,500 citizens was on hand for the morning ceremonies.

## Washington visit was gala event

A very dignified and patriotic event occurred in Rahway on April 23. On that chilly Sunday morning over 1,500 citizens congregated on the grounds of the Merchants and Drivers Tavern at 7:30 a.m. to welcome "George Washington" to our historic city.

General Washington, portrayed by a professional actor, William Somerfield, stopped at the Drivers as part of a National re-enactment of Washington's journey from Virginia to New York in 1789 when he was inaugurated as this nation's first president. The President's entourage included actors portraying Colonel David Humphreys, a former aide-de-camp, Charles Thompson, Secretary of

Congress and N.J. Governor William Livingston. Upon the General's arrival at the Merchants and Drivers, he was greeted by Mayor Daniel L. Martin and Vincent Parlapano, President of the Rahway Historical Society. The Mayor and the General addressed the crowd before leading a procession into the adjacent Rahway Cemetery, where a memorial service was performed at the grave of Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The procession then moved back to the grounds of the Drivers to plant a tree to commemorate the bicentennial. The highlight of the festivities occurred when Washington and his guests

were treated to a colonial breakfast in the Tavern. The food consisting of ham, eggs, biscuit, coffee, marmalade and jam, was prepared in the original 18th century kitchen and was served by women of the Historical Society dressed in colonial garb. The General's table included his entourage, Mr. Seabright, driver of the Coach, Mr. Olsen and Mr. Reynolds of the S.A.R., Mr. Parlapano, Mayor Martin and Thomas Connell, Coordinator of the event. At the conclusion of the breakfast, the General thanked each of the ladies individually for the breakfast and then went outside with the crowd for another 25 minutes before leaving Rahway for the next leg of his journey. Because a large

crowd remained, the Historical Society opened the Drivers for house tours, even though this was not on the original schedule. The Rahway Historical Society invites citizens to visit the site for the next "Open House" scheduled for May 21 and June 25. On June 25, there will be a Rahway Girl Scout Exhibit from 1 to 4 p.m. The Society will be conducting a flower show/sale on Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Society. For further information call 381-0441.

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## Addona: Schools can save \$1.2 million without teacher cuts

On Monday, Councilman-At-Large Vincent Addona, Chairman of Municipal Council's School Budget Review Committee, released a detailed report on proposed cuts in the 1989 Rahway schools budget. "This report shows," Addona said, "that the taxpayers can be saved \$1.2 million in the school budget without reducing even one single teacher's position and without eliminating or reducing even one single educational program."

Addona pointed out that a series of "management improvements" could save the taxpayers money. Addona stated the following as three of the major "management improvements" recommended:

1. "We should give the Superintendent an additional staff of three administrative assistants instead of having so many highly paid administrative positions in the system to perform what is largely routine work."

2. "We should reorganize the present set-up of nine highly paid, single-discipline

area supervisors plus a \$74,000 director of curriculum into a team of four full-time, multi-disciplined supervisors, with one serving as chairman."

3. "We should streamline our custodial and maintenance service, with paid management held more accountable, instead of relying on outside consultants."

Addona said he was releasing the Council's report early to "quell a lot of the rumors in the community

about teachers being laid off or programs being cut." (As we prepared to go to press, the report was scheduled for a council vote Tuesday night.)

"Our Council Committee has thoroughly reviewed

this budget on behalf of the taxpayers and has been able to come up with cuts through management im-

provements and reorganizations without touching educational programs," Addona concluded.

## NJEA rep scores Kean on education cuts

Saying that education funding cuts will hurt school children, N.J. Education Association (NJEA) Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Testa has told an audience of State legislators and local school employees that schools need much more State funding.

Testa told the gathering at the Clinton Manor in Union on May 3 that Gov. Kean's budget proposal contains a shortfall in education funding of \$238 million. In Union County, five school districts would receive less State funding than last year under the Kean proposal.

"The State is not doing its job," Testa declared.

Testa said the 130,000-member NJEA and other education groups are lobbying the State Legislature to increase funding for education at all levels. Testa said more funds must be included for county colleges as well as elementary and secondary schools.

Testa also urged public support for The Education

Reform Bill, S-3125/A-4186, which would require all school districts to maintain up-to-date facilities and textbooks as well as a certain number of teaching staff per student and sufficient guidance and other support personnel.

On another controversial subject, Testa said NJEA opposed Gov. Kean's proposal to eliminate the physical education requirement in high schools. "Every student deserves a thorough and efficient education, and that includes physical education," he said.

Testa also urged support of a bill, S-3125/A-4186, which would allow a judge to mandate binding arbitration in the event of a school strike. "Passage of this bill would mean that, for the first time, a judge could order the two sides to go to arbitration, and that puts the emphasis where it belongs in a labor dispute — resolving the issues, not punishing public school employees," Testa declared.



**ACE AWARD**... Pictured accepting the State Board of Education's achievement award are left to right: Former ACE Director William Petrino, Ed. D., Board President Peter Kowal, senior ACE student Bruce Moore, former Board President Lillie Henderson, ACE Director Paul DiGiano and Rahway High School Principal Robert Brown.

## Project ACE garners state achievement award

by Pat DiMaggio  
Rahway's Alternative Center for Education,

known as Project ACE, has received an achievement award from the State Board of Education.

The goals of Project ACE are to reduce the level of disruption in the High School, to provide education opportunities to potential dropouts and to develop instructional models which might have applicability to similar populations elsewhere. Since September of 1986, Project ACE has served as a role model throughout the state. An option for "at risk" students, Project ACE, which holds classes at the Intermediate School, has

received full funding from Rahway's Board of Education since the 1988-89 school year.

"Commissioner of Education Saul Cooperman called our Project ACE a model program," said Board of Education Member Lillie Henderson. "By deciding to fully fund this program, the board thought to give students another chance in life. I hope this program stays close to our hearts."

The achievement award cites excellence in the program to reduce student disruption during the years of 1986-1988.

## Cops save man from burning home

Three Rahway patrolmen rescued a man from a burning residential structure at 806 Broad St., Rahway early Monday morning (May 1). A newspaper deliverer, Lou Seigh, spotted the fire and, after arousing neighbors by blasting on his car horn, got one of them, Russell Hendricksen to call the police.

Patrolmen Raymond Bakys, Robert Conroy and Anthony Apice promptly responded and entered the burning structure. They

were unable to arouse James Dunn, 45, and so they lifted him from the couch on which he was sleeping and carried him outside, where he soon awoke unharmed. Dunn and his dog, "Max," were the only one in the building. (The dog escaped the fire unharmed.)

Firefighters meanwhile extinguished the flames. The house was sufficiently damaged to be rendered unsuitable for occupancy.

## Suliga proposes cuts at county level

Freeholder Joseph Suliga has suggested that the county cut 58 new positions that have been proposed in the

1989 budget. "The elimination of these 58 new positions would realize a savings of \$760,877 for 1989 and a full-funded savings of \$1,318,449 for 1990," Suliga stated.

Suliga continued, "It is ludicrous for any government agency, including the County of Union, to add any new positions when local municipalities are faced with financial crises. 'Our County seat, alone, the City of Elizabeth, is being forced to layoff in excess of 200 employees.'"

Suliga stated that whether it is the County, State, City or Board of Education budget, the money all comes from the same pool, the local taxpayer, so we must all do our part to try and ease the financial burden.

Additionally, Suliga recommended a 5% across-the-board cut in all other expense-budgeted items in the County budget. "These two items alone," Suliga emphasized, "would result in a decrease of expenditures of \$2,180,000."

## Free clinics for anti-rabies

The Rahway Health Department will be having its free 1989 annual anti-rabies clinic on:

Tuesday, May 16, Main Street Firehouse, 6-7 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 17, Main Street Firehouse, 6-7 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, Maple Avenue Firehouse, 6-7 p.m.  
Dogs vaccinated in 1987 and 1988 should not attend this clinic.

Cats (\$1) should be vaccinated yearly. Carriers are required for cats.

A dog license may be obtained at each clinic site for \$7.20, plus an additional \$3 state fee if the dog has not been neutered.

Please make check payable to: Rahway Health Department.

## Board of Ed to meet

A Special Meeting of the Rahway Board of Education will be held on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meeting Room in the Intermediate School. The purpose is to discuss Board of Education candidates in closed session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Any action regarding the above referenced will take place in public session at the conclusion of the closed session, or at a later date.



**EAGER FROSH**... New Jersey Institute of Technology held a reception in honor of high school seniors who have been accepted for September admission. Among those attending was Scott J. Leigh of Rahway, right. He and his parents, Dorothy and John, were greeted by NJIT President Saul K. Fenster, left.

## 2nd Presbyterian to host May Fellowship Day

May Fellowship Day will be observed on Friday May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church in Rahway. The event is ecumenical and is sponsored each year by Church Women United, an organization that brings women of varied Christian denominations together to gather strength from mutual life experiences and to share issues of personal concern.

The women of Second Presbyterian Church will serve refreshments. Rev. Josephine Cameron will participate with the

representatives from other Rahway Churches. Attendance is invited by all the New Jersey Avenue churches.

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