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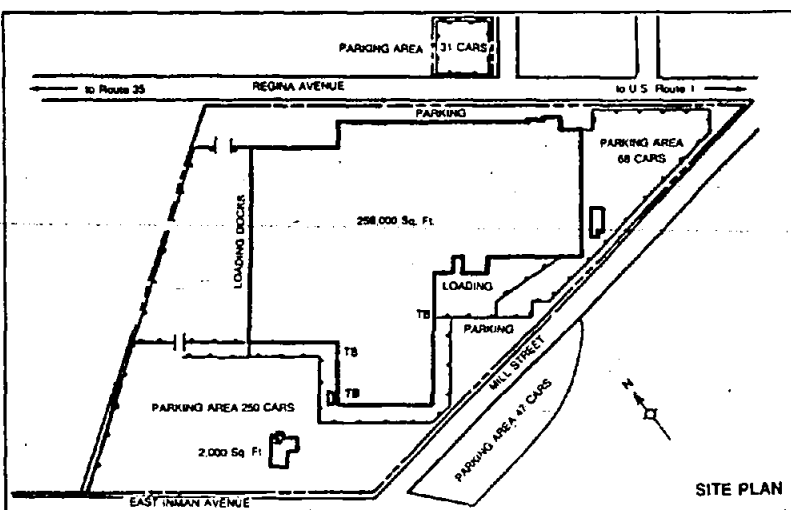
## Kislak to market Regina facility

The Kislak Company's Corporate Real Estate Division of Woodbridge has been named exclusive broker to represent the Electrolux Corporation in the sale of the 258,000 sq. ft. Regina facility on 13.4 acres in Rahway.

The Kislak team of Jim Boggs, Sales Representative, and Paul V. Giordano, Assistant Vice President, will coordinate the sale and marketing efforts on behalf of the Electrolux Corporation, which recently acquired the Regina property, one of Union County's outstanding industrial buildings.

Kislak's marketing strategy will focus on the Regina facility's flexibility for the investor/user who appreciates an excellent walk-to-work labor pool, a network of major highways, Amtrak train service as well as public bus and train service nearby.

The property features 13,000 square feet of air-conditioned office space, ceilings ranging from 14'9" to 16' in the manufacturing space and 16' to 28' in the warehouse space.



## RR station improvements possible this spring

N.J. Transit/Amtrak ownership split hampers coordination

Washington, D.C. office. Plans for a new North Station have been prepared by Merck and have been submitted to Amtrak and N.J. Transit for their approval. Since Merck engineers have designed the plans to Amtrak specifications, and since Merck will underwrite cost of construction, a new station will probably be constructed in the near future, noted Shipley.

N.J. Transit has also indicated that the following actions will be undertaken:

- A new additional staircase from the street to the platform will be constructed by April 15, 1990; the existing staircase located at Irving and Cherry Streets will be replaced and operational by April 15, 1990;
- the possible installation of a closed circuit TV with a hook-up to the Rahway Police Station for surveillance purposes.

N.J. Transit has painted the station on the platform level and has indicated that it will continue these types of improvements during the summer months.

"Our next item is to see that N.J. Transit keeps as close to its promises as possible," said Shipley. "I hope we will see some action taking place soon."

## School bond referendum squeaks through

Voters collectively give green light, but by narrow margin  
Turnout is poor; two wards vote 'no'

by Pat DiMaggio

Voters in Rahway approved the Board of Education's bond referendum although not as resoundingly as officials had hoped. A total of 1,023 residents went to the polls for a special election on February 14 and cast their ballots for the \$4.675 million bond referendum which will fund health and safety improvements to the district's schools.

The referendum was approved by only 59 votes, with a total of 541 in favor and 482 opposed in one of the lowest voter turnout elections in recent years. Monies will be spent for an asbestos abatement program as well as various renovations and upgrades throughout the City's school system.

Residents were asked to approve the referendum, payable over 15 years, as opposed to allocating funds to the Board of Education's capital outlay budget.

Ward totals are as follows: Ward 1, Districts 1 and 2—26 yes, 40 no; Districts 3 and 4—19 yes, 14 no; Ward 2, Districts 1 and 2—38 yes, 38 no; Districts 3 and 4—22 yes, 45 no; Ward 3, Districts 1 and 2—66 yes, 67 no; Districts 3 and 4—53 yes, 51 no; Ward 4, Districts 1 and 2—15 yes, 5 no; Districts 3 and 4—24 yes, 10 no; Ward 5, Districts 1 and 2—26 yes, 27 no; Districts 3 and 4—61 yes, 32 no; Ward 6, Districts 1 and 2—86 yes, 65 no; Districts 3 and 4—90 yes, 85 no. Absentee ballots included 15 in favor and 3 opposed.

## Agency awarded grant for host liability campaign

The N.J. chapter of Remove Intoxicated Drivers (RID) will receive a \$7,000 federal highway safety grant to conduct a statewide host liability campaign. Division of Highway Traffic Safety Director William T. Taylor announced recently.

During the campaign period, RID will distribute brochures listing hints for hosting parties. Information on non-alcoholic beverages, blood alcohol content, alcohol abuse and the legal aspects of host liability will also be disseminated.

"The goal of the project is to educate the public about hosting safe and sober parties," said Taylor. "Intoxicated drivers leaving parties pose a highway hazard by endangering their lives and the lives of other drivers, passengers and pedestrians," he added.

RID will also work with corporations and organizations in getting its message to the public. Group members will speak at various events, such as alcohol awareness days and health fairs.

"Educating the public about the dangers of drinking and driving will help to reduce the number of drinking drivers, and in turn lower the total number of fatal accidents involving alcohol," said Taylor.

In 1988 there were a total of 255 drunk driving fatalities on New Jersey's roads.

The federal funds for this program have been issued by the N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

## City Hall photo exhibit commemorates Black History Month

Rahway City Hall is hosting a photographic exhibit to commemorate Black History Month. Because of the publicity surrounding the film "Gloria," the exhibit selected the theme African Americans Fight For Democracy and its Principles.

Not only is the film accurate, but it is extremely generous to the Confederates. The killing of any wounded captured Blacks and the subsequent disposal of Col. Shaw's body has gone down in history as a classic violation of any code governing civilized treatment of an officer and an enlisted soldier.

That today a Black College in Raleigh, North Carolina, bears his name is a witness of the respect and love African-Americans still hold for Col. Shaw. It is regrettable that the contributions of African-Americans has been deleted and purged from text books and encyclopedias.

Carter G. Woodson, to correct this, founded, in 1915, The Association for the Study of Negro Life. In 1926, Negro History Week was observed in Black homes, churches, schools, colleges and organizations. During the bicentennial year of 1976, Black History Month was designated.

It is the hope of all concerned that previous omissions and deletions will be corrected.

## LETTERMEN

at County Arts Center this weekend!  
(See back page.)

## City to get \$ 1/2 -million for community development

Citizens question health aspects of trash burner

by Pat DiMaggio

Rahway has been notified that it will receive almost \$500,000 in Community Development monies to fund improvements throughout the City. Councilman Chester Holmes announced receipt of the state funds at last week's meeting of the Municipal Council.

Holmes advised the council of the breakdown of the Community Development funds set aside for the City including \$300,000 for home improvement rehabilitation, \$20,000 allocated for code enforcement, \$17,000 for the City's bus program, \$100,000 for the Allen Street sewer and water separation project and \$25,000 each for the YMCA and the J.F.K. Community Center. The \$300,000 set aside for home improvement would offer 3 percent loans of up to \$18,000 to each resident who qualifies.

The meeting also drew several residents who protested the proposed construction of a resource recovery facility on Route 1 in the City. Edward J. Robertson, Clark Street, asked that precautions would be taken to protect the health and safety of residents living in close proximity to the incinerator. Robertson cited a Department of Environmental Protection report which discussed the safety of employees of the mass burn incinerator during construction and operation. "What type of health plan do you have for the residents of the 4th Ward?" asked Robertson.

Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett asked Robertson to prepare a list of specific health and safety issues and said he would try to find answers.

Councilman Holmes also asked Robertson to put his concerns on paper. "I will try to find out what the Union County Utilities Authority has put in place for contingency plans and I will make sure I get an answer," he said.

Robertson also cited the DEP report as saying construction would begin at 7 a.m. and would continue until 7 p.m. "How would you like to listen to construction work all day long?" challenged Robertson.

"I'd like it," retorted Mayor Daniel L. Martin, who said those hours are normal in the construction industry.

Mrs. Ann Parker, East Milton Avenue, also addressed the council and read excerpts from a newspaper article stating that resource recovery facilities would adversely affect the price of homes in the neighborhood. "We've been told that there will be no reduction in real estate values," said Parker. "That's a fallacy. No one wants to live next to an incinerator."

The council also designated Police Captain Anthony Perna as the Safe Neighborhood Program coordinator and Thomas Schimmel as the Clean Neighborhood Program coordinator for the City of Rahway.

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**MAT HOSTS** ... The Rahway Recreation Department's Wrestling Club will be host to the Union County Junior Wrestling League Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 25, in the Rahway High School gymnasium on Madison Avenue. The Tournament, the 4th in its history, will be held in the gymnasium from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is a single elimination event with teams representing Rahway, Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Hillsdale, Kenilworth, North Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield. There will be 16 teams competing in four age groups (8 and under, 9 through 12 and 13-14) and 48 weight classes, with each age division having separate weight requirements. The object of the league is to promote a 1st class brand of wrestling among representative teams, develop wholesome physical activity and developing a high standard of sportsmanship. Rahway has won the Team Title in the last two annual tournaments. Antonio Gary is the program Chairman. For further information, contact the Rahway Recreation Department at 381-8000, ext. 322. Pictured is the Rahway Rec Youth Wrestling championship wrestling team.



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