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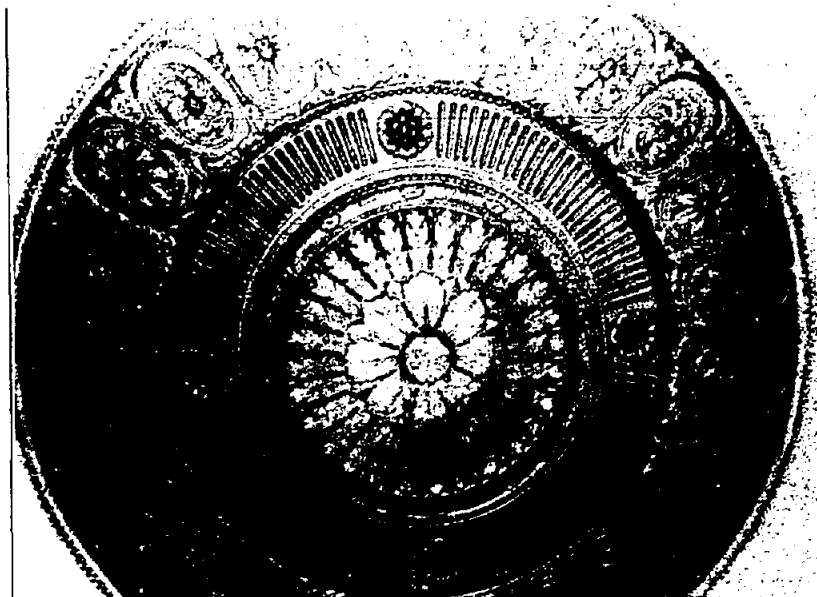
25 CENTS



HERO... Firefighter John Roy was commended by Rahway's Municipal Council for courageous action in a time of dire emergency. At its last meeting, the council presented a resolution commending the actions of Roy for an incident that took place May 2. Roy was at home that day when a 4-year-old boy fell off his bicycle. He found the boy unconscious and not breathing and immediately began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation to revive the youth. "Firefighter Roy's prompt and courageous action in a time of dire emergency exemplifies the highest standards of public service and was in the best tradition of the Rahway Fire Department," said Council President Pro Temp Dennis Hemenway in presenting a plaque to Roy, pictured here with wife Diane. — Pat DiM.

Dawn raid nets 11 drug suspects City & county police form multiple arrest teams Peddling activities under surveillance for months

by Pat DiMaggio
An early morning raid last Thursday resulted in the arrest of 11 persons suspected of selling controlled dangerous substances (CDS's) to undercover police officers. "Operation Hazardous Intersection" focused on the intersection of Montgomery and Monroe Streets. On July 12, at 5:30 a.m., 25 police officers from the Union County Prosecutor's Office and the Rahway Police Dept. were briefed and separated into six arrest teams to serve arrest warrants on 16 individuals for the sale of CDS's to undercover police officers, according to Rahway Police Capt. Edward Tilton. Since early in the year, the intersection and immediate neighborhood of Montgomery and Monroe Streets has been victim to numerous drug-related crimes ranging from property damage to robberies. Although arrests for many of the crimes had been made, the problem continued to escalate. As the weather became more clement, drug activity increased, causing area neighbors to become increasingly concerned for their safety and the peace of their neighborhood, said Tilton. Rahway Police Chief Barry Henderson addressed these concerns in several sessions with area residents and community leaders. While promising increased patrol effort, he directed the Rahway Narcotics Unit to make the area a priority so cover police officers, according to Tilton. During May, the Rahway Narcotics Enforcement Unit, in conjunction with the Union County Prosecutor's Narcotic Strike Force, began to target the area for potential drug dealers. The Enforcement Unit, under the direction of Det. Sgt. Paul Wohlman, primarily provided back-up and identification functions while the actual undercover work was carried out by Strike Force personnel under the command of Sgt. Blaze Minceo. On two occasions during the general course of the operation, the Linden Police Department's Special Investigations Unit, supervised by Det. Lt. Mike Boyle, assisted in developing and making purchases from two of the defendants, according to Wohlman. Rahway Narcotics Det. Christopher O'Neill, temporarily assigned to the County Strike Force to act as liaison for the operation, performed a complainant on most of the warrants. While O'Neill acted as the actual complainant, Rahway Narcotics Detectives John Wagenhofer and John Burket assisted directly in developing the cases. "Some of the most persistent drug dealers operated at that intersection," said Chief of Rahway Detectives Capt. Edward Tilton. "Even as patrol officers' presence was increased to provide security for area residents, the most brazen drug dealers remained behind and sold to undercover officers." Acting Union County Prosecutor Edmund Tucker said the defendants primarily sold powdered cocaine in vials to the undercover strike force investigators who either drove or walked to the intersection. Tucker further urged citizens to report suspicious activity to the police so that these types of police operations can continue. Chief Henderson said that, through the cooperative efforts of the Rahway Patrol Division, Narcotics Detectives, Linden Narcotics Detectives and the Union County Prosecutor's Office, the following individuals were arrested and charged as follows: • Clarence Mapp, 27, of the 100 block of Elm Avenue — charged with 1 count of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$10,000. • Ronald Smith, 40, of the 500 block of E. Grand Avenue — charged with 1 count of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$10,000. • William Smith, 23, of the 1700 block of Rutland Street — charged with 3 counts of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$30,000. • Russell Morrisette, 22, of the 1600 block of Montgomery Street — charged with 1 count of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$10,000. • Derrick Naton, 22, of the 1700 block of Montgomery Street — charged with 1 count of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$10,000. • Lisa Marrow, 24, of the 300 block of Albert Street — charged with 2 counts of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$20,000. • Shannon Troche, 20, of the 1000 block of Leesville Avenue — charged with 1 count of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$10,000. • John Lembrick, 19, of the 400 block of Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth — charged with 2 counts of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$20,000. • James Crawford, 21, of the 100 block of Monmouth Avenue, Linden — charged with 2 counts of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$20,000. • Tyre Odette Johnson, 29, of the 700 block of Wood Avenue, Colonia — charged with 2 counts of the sale of CDS in a school zone; bail set at \$20,000. Five persons remain at large and are being sought by police.



CEILING DETAIL... Just one of many of the large circular sculptures on the arts center's auditorium ceiling.

Rahway's Union County Arts Center auditorium is currently a beehive of quiet but intensive activity. While a contingent of four (occasionally six) artists work atop a lofty scaffold platform about the size of a battleship deck, other specialized craftsmen are on the auditorium floor dismantling seats and seatbacks for removal to an Elizabeth upholstery shop for production line rebuilding. The most exciting activity at the moment is that which is happening mostly out of sight of the occasional spectator who is drawn by curiosity through the open exit door on the Central Avenue side of the building. Looking ceilingward from the auditorium floor, about all one sees these days is the underside of the immense scaffolding platform. Muffled voices can be heard from "somewhere way up there," and the occasional visitor can wonder at what sort of magic is being performed by the artisans at work within six feet of the auditorium ceiling, practicing their highly specialized decorating art. But as work progresses, the redecorating gradually spills beyond the temporarily out-of-sight ceiling and down the walls, and, with a little imagination, one can begin to discern what's in store for patrons in November, when stage presentations are scheduled to resume. Meanwhile, the visual impact is more along the lines of what an archeologist might experience upon entering an earth cavity containing ancient ruins. In its present state, the spacious Union County Arts Center auditorium is, in a

word, a mess — but the kind of mess you blissfully accept because you know it's part of the promise of a spectacular transformation.

Footnote: One of those plush, newly upholstered auditorium chairs can bear a brass plate with your name engraved on it. The addition of the plate makes it a "Seat of Recognition," a privilege for which a number of contributors have already paid \$1,000 apiece. You still have until July 31 to secure the same privilege for only \$250 — a special offer that's fast drawing to a close! Phone 499-0441 NOW (!) and reserve your Seat of Recognition. Proceeds go toward guaranteeing continued restoration progress. (Photos courtesy Paul Sabocalka, Arts Center staff photographer.)

Council seeks moratorium lift Fears Rahway incinerator could be expanded from county to regional status

by Pat DiMaggio
At last week's regular meeting, Rahway's Municipal Council went on record of approving a resolution asking the governor to lift the moratorium on resource recovery, saying that its continuation could

affect the health, safety and welfare of all Union County residents.

Governor James Florio instituted a 120-day moratorium on resource recovery facility financing and on such facilities becoming operational in N.J. A moratorium

extended beyond 120 days could result in additional costs of \$100,000 for each day construction is delayed, according to the council.

As proposed, Rahway's planned resource recovery facility would serve 19 Union County municipalities. The council fears that an extended moratorium might allow the governor to force Rahway's planned mass-burn incinerator into a regional facility. "There are discussions on consolidating and regionalizing resource recovery facilities," explained Councilman Dennis Hemenway. "The facility is definitely coming, no doubt about it. Our intent is to limit the proposal to its original range."

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The council also approved a resolution authorizing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles by the Police Dept. The sale of two vehicles will take place August 10 at 10 a.m. at Ryan's Garage, 1062 Westfield Avenue and at 11 a.m. at Johnny's Garage, 1677 Bridge St.

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Parent-Child Communication program at library

A parent-child communication program at the Rahway Public Library on Wednesday, July 25, will focus on winning ways to talk with young children; listening with love, barriers to communication, communicating acceptance and some do's and don'ts that will be helpful for parents when talking to young

children. The program, set for 10:15 a.m. on the 25th is sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The instructor will be Elawese B. McLendon, Extension Home Economist. To register, call Carrie Marlowe at the Rahway Library; phone 388-0761. There will be no fee charged.



COVER GIRL... Kelly Anne McGrath of Farrel Terrace, Rahway, was recently selected as a Regional Scholar-Athlete/Cheerleader by Pop Warner National Football. Along with 303 other winners from across the U.S., she attended a special ceremony and banquet at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia. Awards were presented to each winner. Pop Warner's scholastic program, Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc., bestows this honor upon football players and cheerleaders to recognize their academic excellence, as well as their extra-curricular activities and achievements. Kelly Anne will be a 5th grader at Madison School, Rahway, this September, and is Captain of the Rahway CYRC Chiefs, Junior Pee Wee Division, Cheerleading Squad.

Fulcomer envisions cultural role for Rahway Sees beneficial culture-commerce link Would create citizens cultural, history advisory committees

Rahway Republican Mayoral candidate James J. Fulcomer announced recently that he would use the office of mayor to attract cultural events to Rahway and to highlight Rahway history and traditions. "In addition to the Union County Arts Center presentations and other current Rahway activities, there are many other cultural events that can improve the quality of life in Rahway. By encouraging the holding of these events in Rahway we can bring more commerce to our business community and enhance Rahway property values by improving the reputation of our community," said Mayoral candidate Fulcomer.

Fulcomer said that by encouraging the holding in Rahway of statewide and regional art shows, photography shows, stamp collector shows, coin shows, antique car shows, and other cul-

tural events, the mayor's office can enrich the lives of interested Rahway residents and attract more people to shop in Rahway. The rich historical heritage of Rahway should be promoted extensively by the city to enhance community pride, said the Republican Mayoral candidate. Rahway citizens have made impressive contributions to county, state, national, and world history and these contributions should be highlighted much more by Rahway city government, added the candidate.

Rahway City Hall with its large hallways is an excellent place, he said, for changing displays on Rahway history, commerce, school projects, and other aspects of community life. Such displays, he added, can be put together by volunteers with no cost to the taxpayers. "I want to encourage

more people to be involved in the civic and charitable work of our community. To this end I would encourage various civic groups to put up displays in City Hall highlighting what they have done and are doing for our community," said Mayoral candidate Fulcomer.

To assist the office of mayor in carrying out these policies and to involve more citizens in city government, Fulcomer said he would set up a Citizens Advisory Committee on Cultural Events and a separate Citizens Advisory Committee on Commemorating Rahway History.

He said that he would welcome representatives of the Rahway Historical Society, ethnic organizations, black history groups, the Union County Historical Society and other interested groups and citizens to play a role on the history committee. In this way Mayoral candidate

Fulcomer said that he would utilize fully their expertise in making the history and traditions project work well for the community. man, was a freeholder, he took the lead in establishing the county Advisory Board on Education and the Board on the Museum of Union County History, on both of which he served as the first freeholder representative. He was successful in securing the first county financial grant to the Union County Arts Center in Rahway and supported the many cultural events of county government.

Mayoral candidate Fulcomer is running with City Council candidates Ann Rooney, Thomas Cusmano, and Richard Lindemann.



James J. Fulcomer
Mayoral Candidate

When Mayoral candidate Fulcomer is history educator and former councilor and former councilor.

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CONQUISTADOR... One of hundreds of interesting architectural details of the auditorium's elaborately sculptured walls and ceilings, pictured here after cleaning but before repainting.