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tive Officer of Rahway's

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City financial consultant alleges 'illegal overcommitment' by previous administration

Says financial mess could adversely affect city service



by Pat DiMaggio

previous administration.

Rahway's financial con- materials and services sultant has said that the City rendered." overexpended its 1990 Corwick also explained budget by \$560,000. Addi- that \$6.5 million in vouchers ionally, he has found \$6.5 unsigned by previous Mayor million in unsigned, un- Dan Martin and former Acauthorized bills from the ting Business Administrator Tom Connell remain un-Marvin Corwick, ap-pointed as a temporary financial consultant earlier sufficient funds available,"

Prayer vigils at city churches

The Rahway Clergy As-sociation has decided to schedule weekly Prayer Vigils for Peace for the copal Church (Jan. 29). The duration of the war in the schedule for February is as Middle East. They will be follows: similar to the one held at Se Wednesday, February 6 cond Presbytekian Church from 7 - 9 p.m. at Trinity January 14, the eve of the United Methodist Church deadline for the Iraqi troop (corner of E. Milton and

light candles and offer (253 Central Ave.); Thurs (QEA) directly to property social security costs to the the Dept. of Education relaprayers. The candles were day, February 21, from owners were approved by state for the next two years. tive to the budget, state aid placed in a large recepticle 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at First two Senate Committees last The Senate Revenue, or the election date," said filled with sand. In addition Baptist Church (corner of week. The Senate Education Finance and Appropriations Rahway Board of Education a list of several dozen ser-vice personnel was compil-Thursday, February 28, bill S-3230, which would 3231 which would allow the thony Rocco, Jr. vice personnel was completed and read at intervals, so from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Ho-that these persons could be lifted up in prayer. Thursday, 1 contacty 2.0, print 3-32:50, which would allow the money to be used for reduc-ing property taxes in municipalities: Both bills bills would remove monies to be used for state aid to school disc Since that time, vigils and W. Hazelwood).



CALL HER 'DOC' ... Ms. Jeanne D. Parker of Rahway has successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at Teacher's College, Columbia University in New York. Her dissertation, "the African-American Student Experience in the Independent School," was presented orally to a dissertation committee of four Columbia professors. She received a masters degree in reading from Tufts University, Medford, MA in 1973, and was awarded a masters degree from Columbia in May, 1988. She will participate in the Columbia University commencement excercises scheduled for the coming May. She is p.m., on the treatment of currently employed as the Assistant Principal at the Japanese Americans by the currently employed as the Assistant Principal at the Nishuane School for gifted and talented students in Ing WWII Montclair.

in the month, said he has yet | said Corwick, who also | have to know how much state | o determine if there is a noted that a portion of this aid we will receive, how deficit in the budget, but stated that the 1990 spend-stated that the 1990 spend-sta ing plan has been illegally mayor didn't sign them, why can expect this year. Until vercommitted."

revenues. An overcommitted budget results when more money is spent than appropriated. Corwick said agency, has been notified of effect on City services bethe City overextended itself on \$560,000 worth of bills to said Corwick. Overexpendi- mess. "We will need help paid in 1991 including ollection cost dility operating This money has been ex-

pender without appropria-tion," explained Corwick.

okesperson. If illegality is cumented, criminal charevious administration. --

that are over and above 1991 for years. Now every vouche appropriated reserves, will is encumbered and taken out ave to be placed in the 1991 of the current balance in adbudget and must be listed by vance." name, amount and service rendered.

ables," said Corwick. "We | period of time."

Legislation aims to divert QEA funds to property owners Also would restore state responsibility

for pension and social security costs State now in violation of own laws

deadine for the fragi troop (corner of L. Mailon and withdrawal from Kuwait. More than 200 people 14, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at attended the Jan. 14 vigil to Ebenezer A.M.E. Church the Quality Education Act responsibility of pension and any official information from

Klock completes await approval by the full from state aid to school dis-Senate. from state aid to school dis-tricts and would be used for

Rahway High School.

lecture on famous to release aid figures to dis-WWII incident cannot formulate their 1991-

Christopher Gibbs, adjutant professor at Union College and author of two books, will give a lecture at the Rahway Public Library POLITICS; PROCEED its own laws. School districts dressing the questions and were to be notified of aid by concerns voiced at the hearon Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 DIRECTLY TO ing WWII.

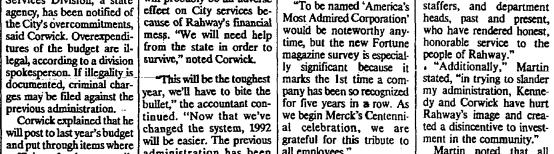
should the incoming mayor | the size of this overexpendi-A deficit budget operates when bills are paid by monies anticipated in else?"

The Local Government | The accountant said there Services Division, a state will probably be an adverse tures of the budget are il- from the state in order to legal, according to a division | survive," noted Corwick.

"This will be the toughest marks the 1st time a comges may be filed against the year, we'll have to bite the pany has been so recognized bullet," the accountant con- for five years in a row. As Corwick explained that he tinued. "Now that we've we begin Merck's Centennisets as good faith for materials and services where sufficient funds are avail-the chy committed its as-sets as good faith for materials and services are avail-will be easier. The previous grateful for this tribute to all employees." able. The \$560,000 in over-commitments, those monies through the current budget

Mayor Jim Kennedy agreed, saying the 1st step is "There are so many vari-"There are so many vari-

ofour If insufficient revenues to identify the problem and mission create a deficit in the 1991 to find a way to keep it from in the Gulf operating budget inside the happening again. "We have cap, those monies must then to hold the line on taxes, but be raised in the general it is difficult to walk into a



municipal budgets must be approved by Trenton and are subject to annual independent audits. "I had 20 budgets approved by Tren-

with Rahway incinerator

r financing in early May | 24 to amend the contract and finally break ground by with Ogden Martin, extenmid May of this year," said ding it through the end of 1991 at a \$155 million con-"Of particular import-ance to me, is the fact that through March 31 of this we have been able to get year. The new amount re those at the state level to presents a 3% annual inrecognize what the building crease from the previous of our own resource recove- contract, based on inflation. y plant means to Union "When BPU approval of County's taxpayers in terms the Ogden Martin contract of significant tax relief. As a | is received, it will mean the result of aggressively com- completion of the biggest municating this to the state | single step remaining in the by myself and other Free-holders, including Free-Welsh, adding "I am very holder Santagata, County pleased that the state has Manager Ann Baran and recognized the importance staff, it is apparent that the of Union County's need to tempo has been stepped move ahead on resource reup," noted Welsh. covery. This will help

"Of pivotal importance to | reduce and stabilize the cost | Filing deadline: Feb. 7 Union County reaching this of solid waste disposal to step in the process, particu- Union County taxpayers Union County Freehold- larly in light of the guberna- over the next 20 years, and membership on the Rahway infantry training Governor Jim Florio's direct property tax relier. Authority direct property tax relier. Cis Chamman Januar Junice Hold International Junice Hold Internation Governor Jim Florio's direct property tax relief. ers Chairman James Welsh torial moratorium, has been for that, we should all be Board of Education are cur-Army National Guard Pvt. Michael J. Klock has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., qualified him as a light-weapons infantryman and as indirect fire crewman in a viding the Board of Public of the Concerned Citizens membership must have the Utilities with an updated for the Environment at the following qualifications: (1) recycling and source reduce Rahway Public Library at U.S. citizen, (2) at loant 18 tion plan designed to reach 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. years of age, (3) able to reach the goals of the Governors 31. The public is invited to | and write, (4) resident of the Solid Waste Emergency attend. Among issues to be municipality for at least two Task Force prior to the discussed are alternatives to years preceding the date of

the company proposed to actually build the facility." "Right now we're looking at a ojected date for the hearing of February 14," explained Welsh. "At that time, members of the public will be given an opportunity to ask questions and make for the atranscript will be sent to the state with a report ad-ring. "Once the state reviews ing type type atter ing. "Once the state reviews ing. "Onc passed a measure requiring "Once the state reviews notification by February 1, the report, we could get a

but the Assembly has not yet go ahead' as early as mid-

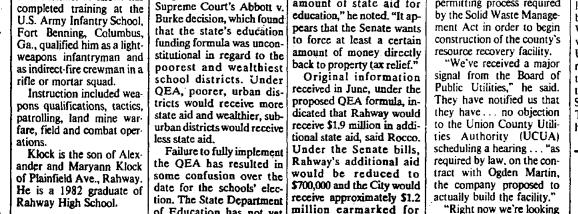
tion. The State Department receive approximately \$1.2 actually build the facility." of Education has not yet released a new date for elec-tions; so April 2 still stands. "We still have some con-"Right now we're looking at a ojected date for the hearing of February 14," Historical Society tions; so April 2 still stands. But with the state's failure we still have some conhearing of February 14," explained Rocco. hearing of February 14," "Until we see all the num- | time, members of the public tricts, many school boards bers officially, I don't know will be given an opportunity

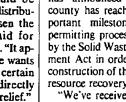
what the net effect will be on to ask questions and make the 1991-92 budget." Without a firm date for Once the hearing is held, state aid notification, the a transcript will be sent to December 15. The Senate ing.

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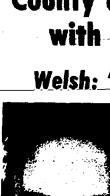


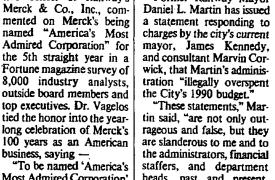


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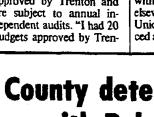
"These statements," Martin said, "are not only outthe administrators, financial who have rendered honest,

nanaged financially." "my administration neither | others. A preferable churse overspent nor overcommit- of action would be to build ted any municipal budget. either last year or in any of tive actions and achievethe 19 years before that." "If nothing else, for 20 vears we provided honest government to the commu-nity," he stated. declared that "the taxpayers ought to question why they Martin

"In recent years, Rah. | are paying Mr. Corwick \$75

way, like so many other an hour to conduct a politilocal governments, has been | cal witch hunt, which is obfighting deficits and un- viously what he is doing." anticipated expenses," Mar- Martin concluded by saytin said, "but we managed ing "Kennedy is free to criti-to meet these challenges cize my administration for without placing the blame anything he likes, but he elsewhere." He noted that should not try to paint my tactics, Kennedy only to-Union County has announ-administration and the good wers himself, as well as the ced a \$12 million deficit and people who served in it as

Martin noted that all



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Martin responds to charges he illegally overspent '90 budget Calls Kennedy, Corwick statements 'slanderous

Former Rahway Mayor | ton," Martin said, "and also | Newark a \$30 million de-

Daniel L. Martin has issued | never had any auditor criti- | ficit, with smaller towns like | cize any practice of my ad- | Metuchen, Sayreville, ministration as improper. I Bridgewater and Vernon all also had this occur four | reporting similar problems | times before and after elec-tion years, and recently had "I find it regrettable," the

separate in-depth State former chief executive comaudit report conclude that | mented, "that our new mamy administration was well- yor believes he will enhance his own stature by trying to "In short," Martin said, tarnish the reputations of a reputation through posi

The former mayor also

County determined to proceed

Welsh: 'We should all be gratified'

The UCUA met on Jan.

Incineration

discussion

There will be a meeting incineration.

King Memorial Committee

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state and auditor image of the community."

Seekowsky bele is one could gain Line big price

City Clerk Bud Sealow sky of Rahway recently scored a hole-in-one at Boy Lea Municipal Golf Coasse in Toms River and entered the 30th annual Drambuic Rusty Nail Hole-In-One Sweepstakes. Both he and Jerry Nardiello, the golf puo who validated the entry, see eligible to win this year's grand prize in communication tion of the sweepstakes week trip for two to Scatland, VIP tour of the Dratebuie Liqueur Co. Ltd. and \$1.000 cash.

Board of Ed nominating petitions available

Nominating Petitions for rently available in the Rahway Board of Education offices in the Intermediate School. Office: hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Candidates for Board election, (5) registered voter. Petitions must be files

with the Board Secretary on or before 4 p.m. Thursday, February 7. Drawing for position on the ballot will: