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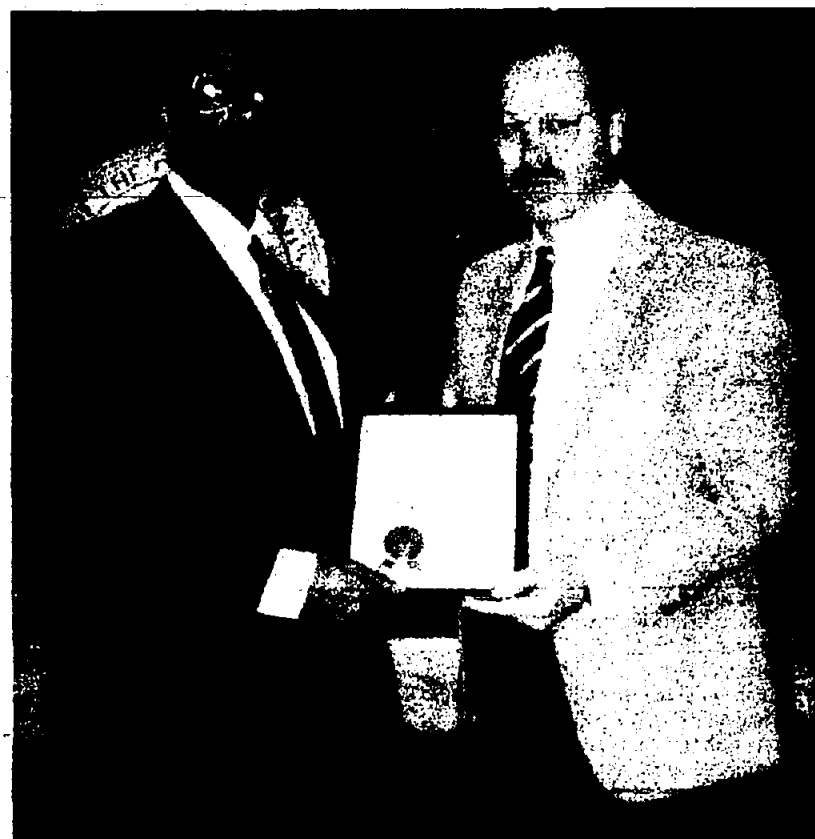
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COMMENDED FOR ACHIEVEMENT... Rahway resident Valocesan Little was honored by Municipal Council for graduating "Summa Cum Laude" from William Patterson College with Bachelor of Arts Degree, Public Safety Administrator, and Master of Science Degree, Urban Education and Community Affairs. After training Little was appointed to NJ State Police in 1981, achieving rank of Major, and has participated and instructed in many facets of Public Safety. In 1978, while serving with Investigation Section of Narcotics Bureau, he was recognized as Narcotic Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Mayor Jim Kennedy makes presentation of framed resolution.

Water tests show improvement

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's drinking water currently complies with state standards but the Water Department is continuing its efforts to reduce contaminant levels. Water Department Superintendent Tom Schimmel said the last test made in December fell within state mandated maximum contaminant levels (MCL) of trichloroethylene (TCE).
The water department has been in violation of state levels since last summer when the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reduced the maximum level of TCE from the federally mandated .005 parts per million to a state mandated .001 parts per million. The City's water, drawn from the Rahway River, fell in between .001 and .005.

December's test showed .001 parts per million of TCE, therefore, the City was no longer in violation of state law. Schimmel said, however, that tests vary from month to month and that the problem still exists. "We are still monitoring and we will continue our studies," he explained. "Even though we fell to .001 in December, nothing has changed, we still have a problem, and we will continue to deal with it."

According to DEP regulations, water utilities must notify residents of contaminant levels when they are in violation of the law. The Water Department has been working with its consulting engineers and with members of the DEP to reduce TCE levels in the water supply.

Drug arrest made by Rahway officers

After a two-month investigation regarding sale of cocaine with in a school zone, Rahway Narcotic Enforcement Unit Detectives under the command of Det. Sgt. Paul Weintraub raided the home of a 24-year-old city man on Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Police said an undisclosed amount of cocaine and marijuana in addition to a substantial amount of packaging material was found.
The break in the case came when Det. John Wagenhoffer and Det. Chris O'Neill were able to collect enough information to obtain a Search Warrant that resulted in the suspect's apprehension and the discovery of the Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS).
The suspect is charged with possession of CDS.

FDU announces February grad

Fairleigh Dickinson University's Rutherford Campus has announced the names of its February 1991 graduates on both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
Included on the list are Kathleen Hart of Rahway, MBA, Management.

City residents blast incinerator plan Say health, safety override possible tax savings

by Pat DiMaggio
To say that the majority of Rahway residents present at the Union County Utility Authority's (UCAA) public hearing on the proposed incinerator to be built in the City were opposed to the plan is an understatement. Out of more than 20 residents who spoke Tuesday night on the facility, citing health, safety and financial considerations, only one Rahway man said he supported the garbage incinerator.
The hearing was held to record public comment on a construction and service agreement with Ogden Martin systems Inc., Union, to construct and operate a 1,440-ton-per-day mass-burn incinerator to be located on Route 1 and Lawrence Street in the City's Fourth Ward. More than 100 people crowded into the

Freeholders' meeting room on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth to voice their opinions on the authority's solid waste management plan.
The proposed facility has already received all the necessary environmental permits, according to Joseph Kazar, executive director of the authority. If the construction agreement is approved, groundbreaking for the incinerator may begin as early as May or June, with the facility ready to go on line in two years at a cost of \$155 million. Projected tipping fees for 1993 would total from \$85 to \$100 for the 437,000-ton-per-year incinerator.
Steam produced from the burning of garbage would be sold to Public Service Electric and Gas, and ash would be trucked to licensed

landfills for disposal, said Kazar. "This concept is a positive one, and we believe the plant will be able to run at optimum capacity," he noted.
In 1985, Rahway residents voted on a non-binding referendum approving the siting of a resource recovery facility in the City. That referendum asked for the approval of a county facility and was opposed by residents of the First, Second and Fourth Wards. Ogden Martin's proposed construction will not be a regional incinerator accepting garbage from municipalities outside of Union County.
Several residents from Clark, Cranford, Springfield and Westfield voiced their support of the incinerator, saying they were anticipating saving tax dollars. "The county is now paying the

highest tipping fees in the country," said Neil Boyle of Clark. "It's time to move this project."
"This plan provides a clean, safe and cost-effective, state-of-the-art facility," said Maureen Tinea of Elizabeth, speaking on behalf of the Union County Economic Development Corporation.
These statements were met with a call of "bills build it in your town" from several of the members of the standing-room-only crowd lining the back room.
John Surmay, Director of Health, Welfare and Housing in Elizabeth, read a statement from Mayor Tom Dunn. "I am against this contract because it conflicts with the city's current fund temporary budget totaling approximately \$643,000. Financial Consultant Marvin Corwick said this money was needed to pay 'over-committed' bills for services received in 1990 without sufficient appropriations available to pay for them. An 'over-committed' budget is illegal and Corwick has submitted a report to the Local Government Services Division.

City fails to turn over old leaf Faces possible \$50,000 fine

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's budget will have to be amended again to include payment for last year's removal of leaves stored at the public works yard on Hart Street. The leaves, stockpiled from the 1990 season, should have been removed last year but the City, once again, ran out of money, said Mayor Jim Kennedy.
On February 4, Mayor Kennedy received a letter from the state Department of Environmental Protection notifying him that the City was in violation of the law and he had 15 days to submit in writing corrective measures to deal with the removal of the leaves.
The mayor said he will issue a report to the DEP outlining a course of action. Removal of the leaves might have to be re-bid and the

Leaves cannot be stored for more than 24 hours, said Kennedy. And these leaves date back to last November. Penalties for the violation are punishable by a \$50,000 fine.
A resolution awarding a bid of \$43,000 for removal of the leaves was removed from the Municipal Council's November agenda because there was no money in the budget to pay the bill, said Kennedy. "This is another bill from 1990," he noted. "Again, this money will have to be raised in 1991."
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City's current fund budget will have to be amended again to pay the bill, he noted.
Last week, the council approved amendments to the water utility budget and to the City's current fund temporary budget totaling approximately \$643,000. Financial Consultant Marvin Corwick said this money was needed to pay "over-committed" bills for services received in 1990 without sufficient appropriations available to pay for them. An "over-committed" budget is illegal and Corwick has submitted a report to the Local Government Services Division.

Black History Month celebrated

by Pat DiMaggio
A carefully researched exhibit of the African American presence in colonial times is on display in Rahway's City Hall in celebration of Black History Month.
Sponsored by the African American churches and organizations of Rahway and researched by Mrs. Lillian E. Hamblin, the exhibit traces the history of African Americans and their contributions to this country's growth.
Included in the exhibit are pictures of Crispus Attucks

in the Boston Massacre, poetess Phyllis Wheatley, inventor James Forten, Peter Salem and the Battle of Bunker Hill and Prince Whipple, oarsman for Washington when he crossed the Delaware.
Mrs. Hamblin also displays an African tie-dye cloth from Liberia and includes information on a 1661 Petition for Freedom, the first all-black Rhode Island regiment in the Revolutionary War and the African Free School in New York City.
Also cited are Richard Allen, co-founder of the

African Methodist Episcopal Church, Mary Pleasant, a California civil rights activist involved in founding John Brown's raid, James Pennington, an Abolitionist and a graduate of the African Free School, Joseph Cinque, a seafarer for freedom and Benjamin Banneker, surveyor, who helped lay out the City of Washington, D.C.
Residents are invited to peruse the display during the normal business hours of City Hall. The exhibit is located in the main entrance hall.

Composting to be discussed Feb. 27

"Composting: A Promising Option?" will be presented by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey Education Fund, and co-sponsored by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissioners, on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick.
The hows, the pros, and the cons of composting as a partial answer to a major problem facing New Jersey today — the safe disposal of solid waste and sludge — will be discussed.
The seminar will present the latest information on composting efforts within NJ and in other regions. The morning keynote speaker will be Jerome Goldstein, editor and publisher of BioCycle, the journal of waste recycling. Yard-waste composting will be addressed by Pegi Ballister-Howells, compost specialist of SCA T Engineering, Helen Pettit, Bureau Chief in the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, will give the department's perspective on sludge composting.

Scholarships available

"The Rahway Hospital Auxiliary has announced the availability of two scholarships to members of the High School Class of 1991 who plan to pursue a career in health care."
Mrs. Eleanor Campbell, scholarship chairlady, states that a full scholarship is available for \$4,000 and a partial scholarship for \$1,000. The scholarships will be paid to schools in which the winners are enrolled, according to Mrs. Campbell. They will be divided over the length of the winners' enrollment (four years equals four payments; three years equals three payments).
Applications for the scholarships may be obtained by calling the Rahway Hospital Auxiliary office, 499-6068, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deadline for the submission of applications is March 22.

Pray for the swift completion of our mission in the Gulf



WALL OF HONOR... Display on wall of City Hall features photos of Americans to country's growth, sponsored by African American churches of Rahway in celebration of Black History Month.