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## \$14.3 million transitional budget OKd

### Layoff notices may be sent to 15 workers

#### Rahway man is named Degussa fleet manager

Rahway resident Theodore W. Sattur III has been named Fleet Manager, Peroxygen Chemicals, within Degussa Corporation's Chemical Group, Ridgefield Park.

Previously, Sattur had been Manager, Distribution Operations. In his new position, he is responsible for the operation of Degussa's \$40 million rail car and truck fleet, and all aspects of transporting peroxygen chemicals from the manufacturing plant in Mobile, AL, to customer locations throughout the U.S.

Before joining Degussa Corporation in 1985, Sattur had been with FMC Corporation for 20 years, where he rose to Manager of Material Handling and Control. He holds a B.S. degree in Management from Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

Sattur recently retired from the New Jersey Army National Guard, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is a member of several professional organizations including the Council of Logistics Managers and the New Jersey Material Handling Society. He is also active in numerous civic organizations.

Peroxygen chemicals include hydrogen peroxide and its derivatives, which are widely used as oxidizing agents to bleach wood, paper and textiles. The chemicals are also used in detergents, cleansers and in environmental protection applications.

Degussa Corporation is the U.S. subsidiary of Degussa AG, an international leader in the development and manufacture of chemical, precious metal and pharmaceutical specialties.



Theodore Sattur III

#### Help sought for project

Many Rahway residents often ask a question, "How can I help my community?" Well, the answer to this question will be found in the following paragraphs.

Career awareness is an important element that is included in all levels of education. The Rahway Public School System has long been aware of this very important fact. This awareness has brought many to realize the need for a Rahway Public School Resource File. This file shall offer to its user the names of individuals, groups and/or organizations who are willing to freely share their time, experience and/or audio-visual presentations.

If you are as willing to share your time, skills and/or experiences with the students in our Rahway Schools, please contact Marilyn Shaw at Rahway High School, 396-1090.

#### Rahway students medal winners



Crystal Tucker

ACT-SO is an acronym for Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, a major project of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Through ACT-SO, the NAACP is providing an instrument for black youths to be encouraged and inspired toward excellence in academic and cultural pursuits while benefiting from the maximum support of their communities.

ACT-SO is rooted in the firm conviction that blacks can succeed in the classroom at the superior levels of achievement constantly displayed by blacks in the athletic arenas of the nation. It is the goal of ACT-SO to afford the same respect for black scholastic and cultural achievement that is awarded heroes in the world of sports.

ACT-SO conducts annual academic competition for students in Grades 9



Eric Robertson

through 12 in NAACP branches throughout the country. The current procedure is for participating branches of the NAACP to hold local competitions. The local winners then compete statewide. The state winners then compete nationally during the NAACP convention, which will be held in Houston, TX in July.

Eric Robertson of Rahway has received the Gold Medal from state competition in Trenton, and will go on to Texas for the national competition. Robertson received his medal in Music Vocal Contemporary. Upon graduating, he will attend Howard University.

Crystal Tucker, also of Rahway, received the Bronze Medal in state competition. She excelled in the category of Oratory. Miss Tucker will also be traveling to Texas. She is a Junior in high school, and plans to compete again next year.

by Pat DiMaggio  
After a week-long delay, Rahway's City Council adopted its 1991 transitional budget at a special meeting held Tuesday night. A public hearing on the budget was held last week, but final adoption was delayed because of an amendment resulting in a \$56,000 increase in the street lighting account. Additional amendments totaling increases of \$9,000 in various accounts were also introduced, according to Business Administrator Peter Pelissier.

The \$14.3-million budget will carry the City over to June 30 when a new, year-long budget will be introduced. Sixty-nine municipalities were able to utilize a transitional budget this year with \$1 million through the Quality Education Act for tax relief and \$659,000 in densely-populated municipalities funding, said Pelissier.

The 1991 budget is also funding "overexpenditures" of \$642,000 in municipal monies and \$125,000 in water utility funds dating back to 1990. Marvin Corwick, a financial consultant hired by the City in the beginning of the year, said former Mayor Daniel Martin and his administration "overexpended" appropriations, and charges have

been filed with the Division of Local Government Services. Much of Tuesday night's discussion centered around the issuance of \$7.2 million in bonds to finance the transitional budget. In the past, the City used tax anticipatory notes to finance expenses. Pelissier explained that a municipality is authorized to borrow up to 3.5 percent of the equalized valuation of property, which equates to \$50 million in Rahway. Currently, the City carries a debt of \$10 million or 7.2 percent of its equalized valuation.

"It is critical to adopt this budget," said Pelissier. "It presents a sound direction to let the City move forward. This budget allows us to proceed in a professional manner."

Councilman Michael Esposito expressed doubts over the feasibility of bonding and the resulting consequences for taxpayers. "We have to plan for the future but we must also operate for the present," he said. "I can't see the people of Rahway being forced to pay interest on these bonds. This administration has no direction for the future. In the past five months, I haven't seen any changes, just day-to-day operations continuing."

Councilwoman Nancy Salgia disagreed with Esposito. "We've had to re-

city the mistakes of the previous administration," she said. "I see a strong administration forging ahead. We should pass this transitional budget, then start work on making cuts in the 1991-92 budget."

"I disagree with comments on the past administration," said Councilman Alex Shipley. "But I think this budget is solid. It's a way to solid ground so that we can move on."

The City's six-month transitional budget was approved on a straight party line vote of six Democrats in favor and Republican Councilmembers Esposito, Fulconer and William Wink opposed.

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## Report card 'only part of story,' super says

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According to the Department of Education's newly released report card, the Rahway School District scores well in standardized testing, teacher salaries and spending per pupil as compared with the state average.

The School District Report Card is the latest attempt by the State Department of Education to rate "accountability, parent and community involvement and partnerships," according to Commissioner of Education John Ellis.

A joint effort of the Public Education Institute, the Business Roundtable Education Initiative in New Jersey and the State Department of Education, the reports drew fire from local superintendents last week when inaccurate information was dispersed to community members. The report cards initially contained incorrect information on average salary scales for teachers, teacher salaries and the complexity of the issues, the report cards give only part of the story of what is happening in the schools," said Rahway Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette. "There is certainly a lot of information to disseminate."

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#### Concerned Citizens Thursday meetings

Concerned Citizens of Union County, the environmental group opposing construction of the Union County Incinerator, has announced that Thursday evening meetings will be held at 6:45 p.m. on May 9, 16 and 23 at the JFK

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#### Rahway parade plans announced

The Rahway Veterans Central Committee have formulated plans for the Annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on Sunday, May 26, beginning with the formation at 12:30 p.m. at the Rahway Library, Central Avenue.

This year, the parade—which begins at 1:30 p.m.—is in honor of all the Persian Gulf troops. An invitation is extended to any Persian Gulf returnee, especially any from Rahway, to march in the parade as "Honorary Grand Marshals." If interested, contact Berley Hanna Jr., Veterans Central Committee, P.O. Box 357, Rahway, NJ 07065 on or before Friday, May 24, so that proper arrangements can be made.

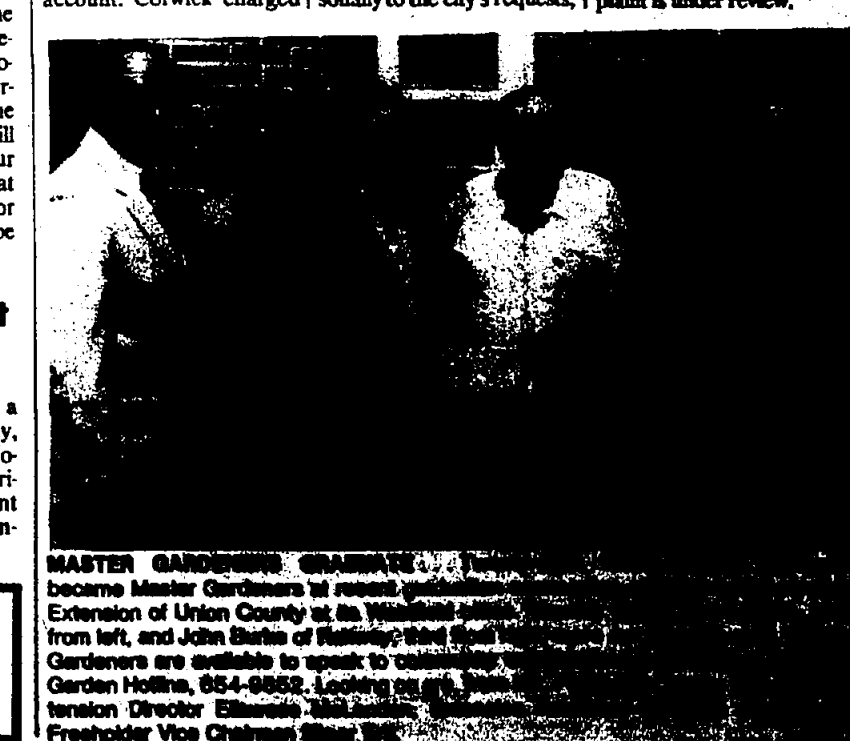
Other important dates for veterans groups in Rahway are as follows:  
Grave Decoration Day—Saturday, May 18.  
Veteran's Memorial Services—Sunday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

The veterans groups of Rahway have always been proud of the citizens for their attendance at the Annual Memorial Day Parade. This year's Parade honoring the Persian Gulf troops is expected to far exceed past years' attendance.

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