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DREAM COMES TRUE ... Members of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Committee stand in front of bronze and granite memorial to slain civil rights leader following dedication of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park behind Rahway train station. From left, John J. Robertson, Chairman, Sally Hogan, Secretary, and Tom Lystash.

MLK Park Dedicated Bust Unveiled In Monday Ceremony

by Pat DiMaggio
A dream came true for many residents of Rahway when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park was dedicated on Monday. "I am ecstatic," said John J. Robertson, chairman of the Memorial Park Committee. "It is a job well done and we owe it all to the com-

mittee and the citizens of Rahway." The park, located behind Rahway's train station, is bordered by Broad, Cherry and Campbell Streets. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Committee has worked during the past year raising the funds necessary to commission artist Stanley

Sawyer's bronze bust of Dr. King. The bust sits upon a granite pillar designed by Thomas Drew of Drew Memorials, Colonia.

Monies were raised by contributions and through the committee's direct-mail campaign. "This is a fitting tribute to the memory of Dr.

King," noted Robertson. "And the park itself will serve as a focal point for conversation."

The dedication of the park ended a four-day-long celebration of Dr. King. On Friday, residents were invited to an admission-free concert at The Second Presbyterian Church, New

Brunswick Avenue. On Saturday, the Union County Arts Center hosted "Ain't Misbehavin'" and a free film show featuring a Dr. King documentary on Sunday.

The unveiling ceremony drew residents out into the bitter cold, but all were gratified to witness the

dedication of the memorial park. "It's a dream come true," said Robertson. "It is only now that we can walk by it and see it. People will see it every day."

Council Recognizes, Commends, Honors And Will Start Sooner

by Pat DiMaggio
Residents will have to leave home a little earlier in order to attend Rahway's Municipal Council meetings. At its regular meeting held last week, the council voted to begin its meetings a half-hour earlier. Regular action sessions are held on the second Monday of each month in council chambers located at City Hall. Starting on Feb. 10, all regular meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda-setting sessions held on the Tuesday preceding regular meetings will remain at 7:30. Also at last week's meeting, the council approved a resolution to organize and recognize an auxiliary police unit within the City. The unit will be named the "Rahway Police Auxiliary" and will act as a reserve police organization. Members of the auxiliary police may be authorized to be armed, sub-

ject to approval of the Chief of Police and prior qualifications in arms, in accordance with requirements of the New Jersey Police Training Commission.

The council also commended the National Council of Negro Women Inc., Rahway Section. February has been declared Black History Month to observe the many and varied contributions to the American way of life by African-Americans.

The National Council of Negro Women has sponsored many programs in conjunction with this period over the years, and the Rahway Section has endeavored again to contribute to this month by sponsoring a Gospel Revue, featuring guest artist Darleen Love, directed by Rahway's own Michael Boyd and produced by Helene McLeod.

The council commended the National Council of Negro Women's Rahway Section for its continued commitment to commemorating the many and varied contributions of African-Americans.

The Strike Merchants Bowling Club and the late Herman Holmes also were honored by the council. A 17-year employee of Supermarkets General and a member of the Strike Merchants Bowling Club, Holmes passed away in December 1988. A Herman Holmes Scholarship Fund has been established as a perpetual memorial to him by the club.

The reappointment of James Corey to the Municipal Board of Alcohol Beverage Control was opposed by the majority of council members. "During the past year, I asked ABC members numerous times

for support in helping to alleviate problems at the Triangle Inn," said Council President Michael Esposito in explaining his negative vote on the appointment. "I did not get any support, so I could not in all conscience reappoint Mr. Corey."

Corey has served on the ABC board for 20 years. Also voting against the appointment were Council members Chester Holmes, James Jones Jr., Sal Marone and Nancy Saliga.

The council also approved the following mayoral appointments: William Rack and James Ferrell to the Zoning Board, terms expiring Dec. 31, 1995; Mark McLeod as an alternate to the Zoning Board, term expiring Dec. 31, 1993; Elizabeth O'Brien to the Local Assistance Board, term expiring Dec. 31, 1995; James Jones to the Local Assistance Board, term expiring Dec. 31, 1992.

Councilman Dennis Hemenway was appointed to serve on the Geriatric Center Board for a term expiring on Dec. 31, 1992.



Jim Kennedy

Mayor Jim Kennedy has announced that the City of Rahway is officially inviting developers to submit proposals for development of an 11-acre parcel of land adjacent to City Hall.

Kennedy indicated that a Request For Proposal (RFP) packet has been completed, and is available at the Mayor's Office for interested developers. The packet can be obtained by calling 351-9000, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

While noting that he wants the land developed into "the highest and best use," the Mayor indicated that he has established a priority ranking system in order to ensure

the selection of the best proposal. Top priority will be given to proposals for development of a multi-family residential structure. Second priority will be given to a single-family residential structure. The third priority will be for commercial mixed-use development.

The site, easily accessible by auto and public transportation, is "the only waterfront property of the size available in the City of Rahway," Kennedy stated.

He stressed that "the resources of the city will be made available to ensure the rapid and successful development of this site."

Rahway Man Is Promoted

The Calvin Klein Cosmetics Co. is proud to announce that Jack Symon, lifelong resident of Rahway, has been named Director of Materials, Western Europe Operations & Materials Staff Administration.

In his new position, Symon will be responsible for the administration and effective execution of the planning, procurement, manufacturing and distribution process for the firm's Western Europe operations. Symon also will have a central staff administration duties, which will include MRP II system administration, configuration management, inventory management, MRO/Capital purchasing and vendor partnership planning. Previously, he has been a member of the Calvin Klein Cosmetics team for three years as Director of Planning. Prior to joining Calvin Klein, he was employed by Allied Signal and Purolator Products, formerly of Rahway.

Symon is a member of the National Association of Purchasing Managers (NAPM) and the American Production & Inventory Control Society (APICS), of which he is the current Vice President of Education. He is a certified practitioner (CFPM) in Materials Management, and a frequent lecturer for APICS and the Institute for Management & Technical Development.

Symon is a 1971 graduate

of Rahway High School. He has a BA in Business Administration from Rutgers and an MBA in Computer &

Information Science from Seton Hall. He is the son of the late Jack and Ann Symon of Rahway.



NEWBORN BARNES FIRST BORN OF 1992 ... First baby of New Year born at Rahway Hospital. Ted J. Barnes, has been named Johnnie's Baby of New Year. Ted J. was born to Majors and Jackson Barnes on Jan. 1 at 2 p.m. As a winner in Johnnie's Baby of New Year contest, little Ted J. will receive certificates and a certificate of Johnnie's baby parents. In addition, he will be entered in nationwide sweepstakes for \$1,000. Certificate of parentage to be used for identification. Showers have been planned for Ted J. at Rahway Hospital. Mother, Majors Barnes, and her husband, Ted J.



Rahway YMCA Offers Karate

The Rahway YMCA is pleased to announce that beginning on Saturday, Jan. 25, the Young Olympians will be here to teach self-defense and karate for boys and girls ages 5 to 15.

This program is designed to enhance self-esteem, self-discipline and confidence. Students are placed in classes according to age and ability. New students can progress to yellow belts, and returning students can go higher. A black belt instructor teaches beginning, intermediate and advanced techniques for self-defense purposes only. Self-discipline and defense, rather than aggressiveness, are promoted.

Students ages 5 to 8 orientation begins at 10 a.m. and 9 and above is at 11 a.m. A fee of \$4 is collected weekly, and a \$2 registration fee is charged at the first class. If you miss the first day, you can come the following week, up until week four. Perfect attendance is awarded, but missed lessons can be made up.



Widows Distribute Holiday Food Boxes ... Past Master David Brown announced that Craftsman Club of Mac Lodge 70 Prince Hall Masons, Rahway, prepared 25 holiday food boxes for area widows and needy in Rahway and surrounding areas. Annual distribution of holiday boxes was made possible with help of food and monetary contributions from brothers of Mac Lodge Craftsman Club and Rahway Community Action Organization. Showing from left, before they distribute holiday food boxes are: St. Martin Jerry Coleman, Master Mason Charles Brown Jr., Master James Caldwell and Worshipful Master Walter Williams Jr.