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Council OKs 4-Year Pact With Cops

21.5% Salary Hike In Contract

Audience Drowns Out Council

by Pat DiMaggio

At last week's meeting of Rahway's Municipal Council, activists heckled officials and members of the press with derogatory remarks and derisive comments.

Members of the Concerned Citizens of Union County displayed their anger with council members and the mayor over their handling of the siting of the mass-burn incinerator now under construction on Route 1. The activists directed their anger specifically against Mayor Jim Kennedy, Fourth Ward Councilman Chester Holmes and Council President Michael Esposito by calling them assorted names including "jerks," "idiots" and "traitors."

Local newspapers also were accused of "selling out" because of their policy of printing press releases from the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA).

During the public portion of the meeting, Marion Curry of Randolph Avenue presented the council with a petition signed by members of the East Hazelwood Avenue Tenants Association, protesting the planned realignment of Route 1 and the connection of Randolph Avenue to Route 1.

"We are outraged over the planned destruction of our health and minority-owned homes," said Curry. "The connection of Randolph Avenue and the realignment of Route 1 are racist acts, and we want them stopped." Curry accused the UCUA of deliberately siting the incinerator in a minority neighborhood. "We will become a ghetto and will lose our place in the Middle Class American dream," continued Curry. "We can't sell out for a few pieces of silver. You are undermining everything Rahway stands for."



Chester Holmes



Michael Esposito

Esposito reminded the activists that former Councilman and Freeholder James Fulcomer served as the first Chairman of the UCUA, and suggested that they ask him about the siting of the incinerator.

"The chair is in violation of City ordinances," shouted Fulcomer. "This is an abuse of power. You should resign as council president."

When Holmes made an attempt to speak to a resident of the Fourth Ward, his remarks were drowned out by the activists. When Esposito tried to speak to the audience, people left the room.

Members of the Concerned Citizens promised to continue objecting to the UCUA and the incinerator with protests and demonstrations.

by Pat DiMaggio

A labor contract between the City and PBA Local 31 was approved by Rahway's Municipal Council at its regular meeting held last week. The agreement includes a total increase of 21.5 percent over a four-year period.

Police Department rank-and-file members have been

working without a contract since June 30, 1991. At last month's council meeting, police officers and members of the community asked officials to continue to bargain "in good faith." Negotiations had stalled when Mayor Jim Kennedy stipulated a zero percent wage increase in the first year of any new contract.

The labor agreement offers 4.375 percent for the contract period of July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992, 5.375 percent from July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, 5.875 percent from July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994 and 5.875 percent from July 1, 1994, to June 30, 1995.

According to terms of the contract, the City will be authorized to hire civilian

dispatchers. The City also reserves the right to set the level of manpower, but it is the Administration's intention not to replace present police personnel with civilian dispatchers, according to contract language.

The physical fitness program will be suspended for years 1992-93 and 1993-94. The program will be reinstated during the last year of the contract, with a bonus amount to be capped at \$700 per year.

The City will pay any officer the overtime rate for attending a civil court proceeding if costs can be reim-

bursed from the party requesting the officer's attendance. If costs cannot be reimbursed, the City will have no obligation to reimburse the officer for time spent in civil court.

"The City was fortunate in working with a motivated group of PBA members," said Business Administrator Peter Pefessier. "And the mayor was instrumental in putting this agreement together. We all worked as a team. This contract leads itself to planning the economic future of this City for the next four years."

State-Of-Art Recycler To Serve County Needs

A recycling milestone was reached in New Jersey this week, as the state's first automated materials recovery facility which processes and recycles commingled construction debris and commercial waste officially opened in Union County on Tuesday.

To celebrate the official opening of J&J Recycling Co., a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour were held at the Elizabeth-based facility.

J&J's unique system has increased recycling percentages dramatically. Prior to automation, the facility was recycling 25 percent of its waste. J&J currently recycles 79 percent of its waste — more than double the state average.

"The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) is proud that this facility is in Union County," UCUA Chairman Angelo J. Bonanno said. "We commend J&J Recycling for their increased recycling efforts, which will save diminishing landfill space."

"It is through the creation of innovative facilities, such as this one, that Union County will meet its increased recycling goals," Bonanno added.

Aside from the environmental benefits that this facility will provide, in-

creased recycling also translates into financial savings.

"Given the skyrocketing costs of disposal, we felt it was important to design and build an efficient recycling facility which extends to customers a cost-effective method for processing their refuse," J&J Recycling President John B. DiMarco said.

DiMarco noted that the facility can accommodate and process materials in a more efficient manner. An application has been made to increase the processing capacity to 450 tons per day. That level will better accommodate the scope of the facility, labor and the various truckload capacities of DiMarco Disposal Services, Inc., the affiliated hauler.

The recyclable items retrieved from the wastestream include paper, wood, concrete, metals, plastic, asphalt roofing, tires, soil and glass.

DiMarco noted that the recycled products, which constitute about 90 percent of the wastestream handled by the facility, eventually are returned to the economy in the form of new products, rather than being discarded in increasingly expensive and already overburdened landfills.

FAHNER GRADUATES

Rosemary Fahner has recently completed requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education at Georgian Court College, Lakewood.

She is the daughter of Frank and Mary Fahner of Rahway.

In her Senior year, Rosemary was on the Dean's List. She received the Kingdon Gould Award for service to Georgian Court College. This award is voted on by the Senior class.

Rosemary was Secretary of the Student Government Association and President of the Residence Hall Association. She was Club Editor for the yearbook, a Resident Assistant and Student Ambassador for Georgian Court. She participated in the



Rosemary Fahner

Council for Exceptional Children.

Rosemary is a 1988 graduate of Rahway High School. She plans to pursue a career in Special Education.

—CONGRATULATIONS— TO ALL GRADUATES



PRINCIPAL RETIRES ... Roosevelt School PTA recognizes retirement of Principal Eugene Wargo, shown cutting cake at June meeting, and efforts of parent volunteers. Three of those volunteers, Ellen Sides, Juane Cannon and Judy Midesavage, took on

Store Closes For Summer

Mary Burton, Chairperson, has announced that the Deborah League of Colonial Second-Time-Around store, 34 E. Cherry St., Rahway, will officially close for the summer months on Tuesday, June 30.

The store will be closed during July and August, so all merchandise in stock at the present will be on sale with tremendous reductions in prices. The store will reopen with a new selection of clothing, etc. on Tuesday, Sept. 1.



Tenants Hold Pre-Prom Sip

The First Annual Pre-Prom Sip was hosted by the Tenants Association of the Glendinning/Kennedy/Ruby Scott Garden Apartments.

This special event was chaired by Sandy Washington, Treasurer of the Tenants Association. The gala affair was held in the Conference Room, elegantly decorated by Sharon Wilks. A scrumptious buffet was enjoyed by all.

Salena Caldwell narrated the video, supervised by J. Howard Funk, Director of Audio and Video.

Trophies were awarded to the Best Dressed Couple, Shelton Colbert and Darnila Graham, both of Rahway. Other couples in attendance were Gregory Jones and Eon Mayer, Shelton Colbert and Darnila Graham, George Scott and Shirelle Mays, Gerald Harris and Tanya Tate, Kwame Abdullah and Stacy Mayo, Kevin Baker and Nicole Boez, Harold Bradshaw and Sharon Hall, Samone Jones and Desmond Wilson, Ali Boyd and Aileen Diaz, and Bryan Amaker and Christina Esley.

Officials on hand were Lisa Howard, President, and Pamela Cooley, Recording Secretary, of the Tenants Association, and Beverly L. Wilson, associate of Y-MAD (Youth Making A Difference), a program sponsored by the Living Waters Church, Rahway.

For more information on any of the summer recreation programs, call 381-8000, Ext. 321, 322 or 467. The Rahway Recreation Department is located at the Claude Reed Center, 3670 Irving St., Rahway.

Correction

James Fulcomer was elected to his 18th consecutive year as Republican Municipal Chairman last week, not his 21st year as reported.

Merck Research VP Gets Career Award

The Drug Information Association (DIA) has presented Charles C. Leighton, M.D., with the 1992 DIA Distinguished Career Award for significant contributions to the pharmaceutical industry and for a record of excellence in expanding and improving the generation and use of drug information.

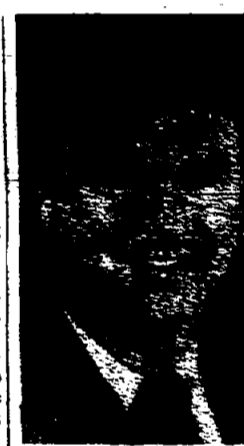
Leighton is Senior Vice President, Administration, Planning and Science Policy, in the Merck Research Laboratories. He was President of the DIA from 1973 to 1974 and a member of the DIA Board of Directors from 1971 to 1975.

The DIA Distinguished Career Award is given annually to an individual who has made a major impact on the pharmaceutical industry or drug development, and has increased access to and use of drug information.

In receiving the DIA Distinguished Career Award, Leighton said, "Over my 30-year career, the pharmaceutical industry has transformed medical therapeutics with a dazzling variety of new classes of drugs and vaccines that have greatly improved the health and quality of life for tens of millions of people around the world. I am proud to have worked with the DIA and others in the industry to increase access to information on these life-saving medical advances. I feel humbled that among the outstanding people who might be considered for this award, I was chosen."

The Drug Information Association was established in 1964 as a scientific association dedicated to the improvement of health care around the world through the exchange and dissemination of information on the discovery, development, evaluation and utilization of medicines and related health care technologies. Its over-10,000 members represent a worldwide constituency of health care companies, academic institutions and governmental regulatory agencies.

Merck & Co. Inc. is a worldwide research-intensive company that discovers, develops, produces and markets human and animal health products and specialty chemicals. The company has 37,000 employees and



Dr. Charles Leighton

manufacturing facilities in 17 countries. Merck was recently chosen — for the sixth consecutive year — as "America's Most Admired Corporation" in an annual Fortune magazine survey of 8,000 top executives, board members and industry analysts. Merck Research Laboratories, the research arm of the company, operates 17 research centers throughout the world, and in 1991, spent nearly \$1 billion on research and development.

Kennedy On Cable

Join Mayor Jim Kennedy on Surburban Cablevision's TV3 program, "Downtown," A Talk With Your Mayor, on Wednesday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m.

"Downtown," a live call-in show with host Rich Leonard, allows viewers to call in with their questions and gives Mayor Kennedy an opportunity to address issues of concern affecting residents of Rahway.

The call-in phone number is 636-5333.

This program will be repeated on TV3 Sunday, June 28, at 5 p.m.



Class Of 1947

The Rahway High School Class of 1947 will hold its 45th Class Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Members of the Reunion Committee need assistance in locating classmates. If you have not received notification of the Reunion or know of a classmate who has not, contact Edwin C. Boyle, 207 North Brook Drive, Milltown, NJ 08830.

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