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## County updates resource-recovery schedule

Union County officials have adopted a resolution amending the county's Solid Waste Management Plan. The amendments include the adoption of the 25 percent recycling goal advocated by the state of New Jersey, the investigation of all closed landfill sites in the county and the negotiation of agreements with the Hackensack Meadows Development Commission (HMDC) and Middlesex County to cover temporary landfill requirements until resource recovery is utilized.

Other items covered in the county's amended plan are the adoption of an updated schedule for implementation of the Railway resource-recovery facility, the investigation of possible ash-residue disposal sites and the preparation of a detailed financial plan concerning the resource-recovery project.

The resolution, passed by the Board of Freeholders on July 14, was sponsored by Freeholder Paul O'Keefe, a liaison to Union County's Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC). "By adopting these measures," stated Freeholder O'Keefe, "we have made a firm commitment toward meeting the county-specific goals outlined by the New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) as well as a substantial contribution toward resolving our statewide solid waste crisis."

In order to meet the state's recycling goal, Union County will encourage residents to use composted leaves as mulch, support the use of pavement-recycling techniques on all road resurfacing projects, encourage haulers to increase recycling levels at transfer stations and undertake educational programs to promote recycling.

Another amendment to the county's solid waste plan will require owners of all closed landfills within Union County to submit specific plans for the use and development of those sites.

## Merck earnings increase 8 percent

A spokeswoman for Merck & Co., Inc. of Rahway announced recently net income for the second quarter of 1985 was \$137,928,000, compared with \$131,373,000 for the second quarter of 1984. Earnings per share were \$1.92, up 8 percent from \$1.78 for the second quarter of 1984. Sales for the second quarter were \$877,372,000, a decrease of 2 percent from sales of \$891,200,000 for the second quarter of 1984. Net income for the first half of 1985 was \$269,450,000, compared with \$256,498,000 for the first half of 1984. Earnings per share were \$3.75, up 8 percent from \$3.47 for the first half of 1984. Sales for the first six months of 1985 were \$1,733,633,000, essentially unchanged from \$1,739,856,000 for the first half of 1984.

"Sales for the quarter and first half were affected by the previously announced divestment in the second quarter of two subsidiaries, Calgon Carbon Corp. and Baltimore Alroil Co., and by the continuing strength of the United States dollar," said Dr. P. Roy Vagelos, newly-elected president and chief executive officer of the health products firm.

"If the effects of these divestments and exchange were excluded, sales would show an increase of 9 percent in the quarter," Dr. Vagelos noted. "The negative impact on sales and income due to exchange was partly offset by an improved product mix and by the continuation of aggressive cost controls and productivity improvements," the president explained. He added the gain from the sale of Calgon Carbon and Baltimore Alroil did not have a significant effect on net income for the quarter. Earnings per share growth for the quarter benefited from the repurchase of company stock in 1984 and early 1985.

Dr. Vagelos noted unit sales gains during the quarter and first half were led by the newer products of the company's research, including levamisole, which has had outstanding acceptance for control of internal and external parasites in animals; and enalapril, an angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor recently introduced in several European countries for treatment of high blood pressure and congestive heart failure.

"Tonocard," discovery of AD Astra that Merck introduced in the United States in late 1984 for treating "heart arrhythmia (abnormal heartbeat), also made good sales progress, he said. Other products contributing to first-half unit sales growth were 'Mefoxin,' an injectable antibiotic; 'timoptic,' prescribed for control of glaucoma, a major cause of blindness; 'Heptavax-B,' a vaccine against hepatitis B; 'Noroxin,' an oral antibacterial for urinary tract infections; 'Dolobid,' a non-narcotic long-acting analgesic, and 'Modurelic,' a potassium-sparing diuretic for use in certain cases of high blood pressure.

Unit sales growth also benefited from the inclusion in consolidated results, since the fourth quarter of 1984, of Banyu Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. of Japan. Except for those already mentioned, unit sales of established in-line human health products as a group declined due to competition.

"Primaxin," a new injectable antibiotic shown to have an unparalleled breadth of antimicrobial activity, was introduced in Germany during the second quarter. It and 'Vasotec' (enalapril) are expected to be introduced in the United States by the end of the year, the spokeswoman noted.



**IN THE GOLD** ... Stacy Obedin of Clark excelled at the Third Annual Garden State Games Swimming Finals. The three-day meet was held July 19, 20 and 21 at the Rahway River Park Olympic Swim Complex. Representing Region No. 2, consisting of Union, Essex, and Hudson Counties, she won a gold medal by finishing first in the state in her age group in the 200-meter freestyle event. She also won a silver medal for placing second in the 400-meter freestyle and a bronze medal for finishing third in the state in the 50-meter freestyle. In addition Stacy won a bronze medal for anchoring the Region No. 2 200-meter freestyle relay team to a come-from-behind third-place finish. The swimmer, who will be a freshman this fall at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, swims year round for the Farwood-Scotch Plains Young Men's Christian Assn. Swim Team, coached by Tiny Condritto-Randazzo.

**HONOR AMERICA**  
**Patriot mail**  
now at Brewer  
The Clark Patriot makes mail pickups at the Clark Municipal Building on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Since the municipal government has moved its offices to the former Charles H. Brewer School on Westfield Ave. across the street from the former municipal building, a mail slot has been provided for the newspaper at that facility.

**STARTING TOMORROW THE THREE CLARK PATRIOT PICKUPS OF ANY MATERIALS TO GO INTO THE NEWSPAPER OR ANY COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE STAFF OF THE PAPER WILL BE MADE AT BREWER SCHOOL ONLY. THERE WILL BE NO MORE PICKUPS AT THE CLARK POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN THE FORMER MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

**YOU EARNED IT** ... Michael Dudek, left, a member of the Clark Board of Education, awards a certificate to Nicole Jacobs, third from left, for reading the most books in the sixth grade at the Carl H. Kumpf School during the school district's Reading Olympics for the Statue of Liberty. Looking on, left to right, are; Annetmarie Ricci, who earned the most money in the seventh grade at Kumpf; Joanne Goldberg, who read the most books in the eighth grade at Kumpf; and Mrs. Phyllis West, the librarian at Kumpf.

**HELP US CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY**  
Clark's own hometown newspaper, The Clark Patriot, is 20 years young this year and the paper plans to celebrate in real style. We are looking for stories, photographs, proclamations or historical pieces about the newspaper and the township and we are asking our readers to help make this a banner year for the only newspaper Clark can really call its own.

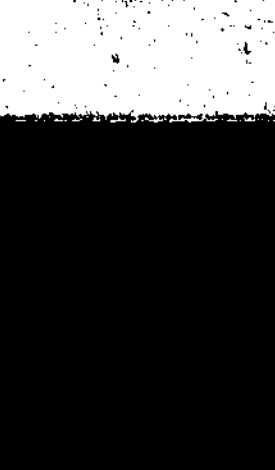
**Clark seniors delve into lunch plan**  
The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee of Clark, consisting of more than 15 members, met on July 11 at the senior citizens center in the former Charles H. Brewer School. Director Peter M. Campana, advised an investigation is in progress concerning the possibility of Clark obtaining a senior citizens subsidized lunch program. Mr. Campana stated a meeting was held at the center on June 27 with the members of existing senior citizen clubs in Clark to introduce them to the newly opened and furnished facilities at Brewer School. All existing senior citizen club members and any unattached seniors were invited to enjoy the facilities between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

**Township seeks oldest grandparents**  
WANTED — the names and addresses of the two oldest grandparents in Clark — a grandmother and a grandfather. They do not have to be related. These two people will be honorary grand marshals of the "Pride-In-Clark" Day parade to be held on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Sept. 8 is National Grandparents Day. Please telephone Joan Tese at 388-3600 with the name and address of the grandmother or grandfather. Please give her the date of birth.

**Rinaldo bill backs care for veterans**  
Families providing home care for veterans in need of health support services would be provided a tax break under legislation introduced in the House today by Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, whose district includes Clark.

The senior Republican on the House Select Committee on Aging, Rep. Rinaldo said his bill would provide older and chronically ill veterans with a credit against taxes for the expenses they and their families incur in providing home-based care. He said tax credits would be available on a sliding scale with the most needy families receiving the greatest relief. Families with an annual income of \$10,000 or less would receive a credit for 30 percent of their home health care expenses up to a maximum credit of \$1,050. The maximum amount of the credit would be gradually reduced based on income. Taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes above \$50,000 would not be eligible for the credit.



The measure is similar to a bill the legislator co-sponsored earlier in the session that would benefit many taxpayers caring for family members afflicted with Alzheimer's and other incapacitating diseases. "That bill" would extend the dependent-care tax credit for non-employed taxpayers to give them the same advantages now afforded employed taxpayers. Under current law wage earners are entitled to claim a tax credit up to \$4,800 for a couple and \$2,400 for a single person for expenses incurred for the care of a dependent who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care.