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Department heads back waste plant safety

In order to dispel misinformation in the community concerning the city's consideration of housing a resource recovery plant, Rahway's health officer, police chief, city attorney, city engineer and business administrator issued a joint statement today on various aspects of the proposal.

In response to statements the city should not rely on the state department of environmental protection for enforcement of air pollution regulations, Health Officer Anthony Deigo affirmed he and his department in addition to personnel from state and regional agencies, would have enforcement powers over environmental and health matters at any resource recovery facility.

"If for any reason such a facility was not meeting pollution control standards and was creating an environmental or health problem we would not have to wait for the state to take action, we could go in and shut it down ourselves," Mr. Deigo said.

The health officer pointed out any resource recovery facility would be equipped with monitors

that would measure the performance of the plant 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every hour of the year. In addition we could install our own measuring devices at or near the site if we determined it was necessary."

Rahway is also a member of the Middlesex County Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, Mr. Deigo explained. "Between our office and the regional agency, we could respond to any problem on a moment's notice."

"Without having to wait for the state to act, as far as enforcement ability goes, the people of Rahway have nothing to be concerned about."

In response to statements that people should be concerned about contracting cancer from dioxin or other emissions, Mr. Deigo explained, "responsible scientific information indicates this is untrue."

Papers set holiday deadline

The offices of The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will be closed for the Labor Day holiday, on Monday, Sept. 3. So that our members may enjoy the holiday all COPY FOR THE THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, EDITIONS OF

THE NEWSPAPERS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR, AT 219 CENTRAL AVE., RAHWAY, NJ LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

Merck labor dispute closer to solution

Bargaining committees for Merck and Co. Inc., which is headquartered in Rahway, and Local No. 8-575 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers met

three times last week in the pharmaceutical firm's continuing labor dispute and progress was reported, especially for workers in units at three sites, a company spok-

woman told The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot. According to Eleanor Paradowski, the company's manager of press relations, most of the progress has been made in discussions of the portions of the contract concerning workers in the Hawthorne plant, at the company's North Branch farm and at the Merck Institute in Rahway.

However, she added not much progress has been made in the talks concerned with the main unit in Rahway, which includes the rest of the unionized workers at Merck's Rahway plant.

Present at the talks last week was state mediator, Anthony Danisco. The talks were due to reconvene yesterday.

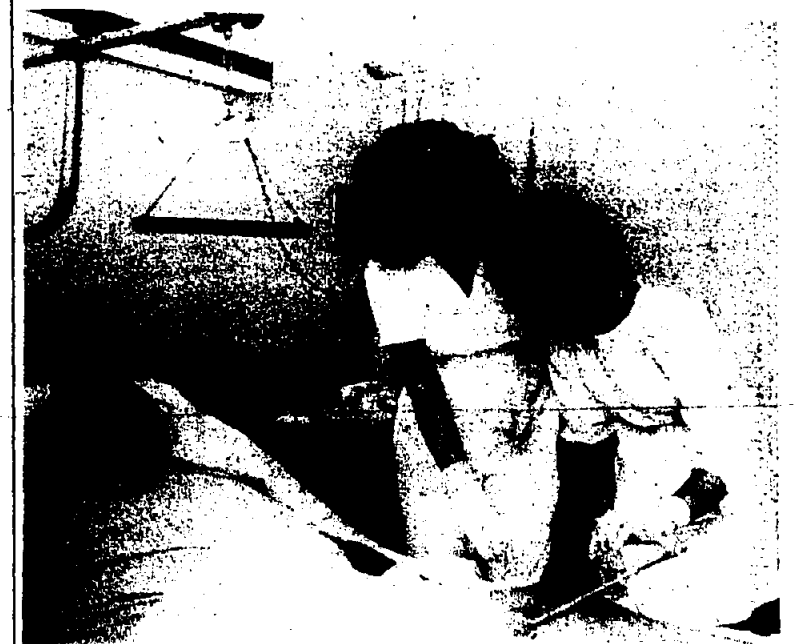
On Aug. 14 Byron Roe, Merck's chief negotiator on the local contract, responded to a letter from Local No. 8-575 that made an offer to return Rahway and Hawthorne employees to work under the terms of the contract, which expired on April 30 of this year.

In a letter Mr. Roe said, "Our offer of July 30 to end the work stoppage still stands. Merck is interested in bringing its people back to work on a basis that moves us ahead toward a new agreement satisfactory to both sides. One reason why the union's proposal is unacceptable is it would bring

back a set of inefficient, outmoded work rules which, despite negotiations from the beginning of 1984, were the main obstacle to reaching a new agreement to replace the expired contract. To put the same roadblock in the way again would not lead to successful negotiations," he noted.

"We told the union leaders two weeks ago while negotiations continue on a final contract the strikers are welcome to return to work. The terms they would be working under while negotiating include their average annual wages of \$35,000 and improvements in their \$8,000 worth of benefits. Returning to work will not prejudice the union's position in negotiating the final contract, nor does it imply acceptance by the union of the terms of employment, all of which will be subject to negotiation," Mr. Roe declared.

"When the union says it wants to return to work, it's asking to turn back the clock. We need to look to the future. We feel the more Merck people who come to work on a basis that realizes the best guarantee of job security for all of us is the ability to compete effectively, the closer we'll be to a reasonable settlement of this dispute," he concluded.



LEARNING BY DOING - Pat Ropis, a registered nurse, from Clark, center, watches as Rahway Hospital extern, Lisa Zmijewski, right, changes the dressing on the knee of William Yacobucci, left. Miss Zmijewski will be a senior at Trenton State College in Ewing Township this fall.

Hospital externs learn on job

Sixteen students who are entering their final year of nursing school recently completed a 10-week extern program at Rahway Hospital. Each student was assigned to work on a one-to-one basis with a registered nurse preceptor in order to get a feel for what nursing is really like.

Now in its fourth year, the extern program provides valuable experience for the students and also serves as a recruiting tool since each extern must agree to work at Rahway Hospital for a year following graduation, reports a spokeswoman.

The students work with their specific preceptor for the 10 weeks, but they also get a chance to rotate into specialty areas, such as radiology, hospice, maternity, intensive care and the operating room. The practical experience they get proves invaluable and helps ease the shock new graduates often feel when they finally start to work in a hospital environment, the spokeswoman added.

Kay MacVicar, a registered nurse with a bachelor of science degree, who is the nurse educator, and Debbie Wenson, who has a bachelor of science degree in nursing,



ON THE JOB - Linda Ann Godling, left, a Rahway Hospital extern who is attending Trenton State College in Ewing Township, pours a medication under the watchful eyes of Audrey Watkins, right, a registered nurse, from Rahway.

finally see myself as a nurse and not as an aide or a student." Rahway externs participating in the program this year were: Karen Brown of Trenton State College and Carolyn Ann Chalmers of Syracuse University.

Area preceptors participating in the program were: Diane Muffet, Caryn Reszko and Audrey Watkins, all of Rahway, and Pat Ropis of Clark.



TAKING TROPHIES - James J. Ladley, left, the general supervisor of the Rahway Recreation Dept. Summer Playground Program, presents the James J. Coffey Trophy, symbol of the championship playground at the Annual City Olympics recently held at Rahway's Veterans Memorial Field, to left to right, Randy Peterson, Sandra Murphy and Glen Beaton, the playground directors for victorious Showell Field.

READING CHAMPIONS - Some of the members of the winning team of the Rahway Public Library Children's Summer Reading Competition, showing the prizes they won on the final day of the program. Left to right, are: first row, Billy Tomlewicz, Mike Hammer, Kevin Homan, Tara Roszko, Karin Tomlewicz, Melissa Zupnik, and Patrick Stout; second row, Jimmy Zupnik, Laurie Milano, Andrea Parsz, Lorraine Homan, Jamie Sitzer, Jamie Steinhart, and Tommy Stout; third row, Andrew Homan, Tommy Smith, Erik Mynick, and Paul Barker, and

Tarja, Ryan Lopez, Nika Mamoz, Lew Erickson, Kevin Zupnik, Timothy Danisco, Robbie Helms and Deanne Torib; fourth row, Kerrie McGee, Jennifer Truppa, John Kolbas, Clare Savard, Tammy Kay Osmond, Jacqueline Garcia and Kristina Helms. Under the theme of "Go For The Gold" the 511 boys and girls of elementary school age who successfully participated each received a reading certificate and a "best" award. For younger children who had not yet learned to read, the Read-To-Me Summer Reading Club was available.

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Veterans reminded of education benefits

If you're a veteran planning to enroll in or return to school this fall under the GI Bill, the Veterans Administration has a check list to help you get the most out of your education benefits. Double check your choice of courses to be certain they will count toward your educational objective. Register early. The Veterans Administration and your school need time to process your registration so GI Bill check cash can be started early.

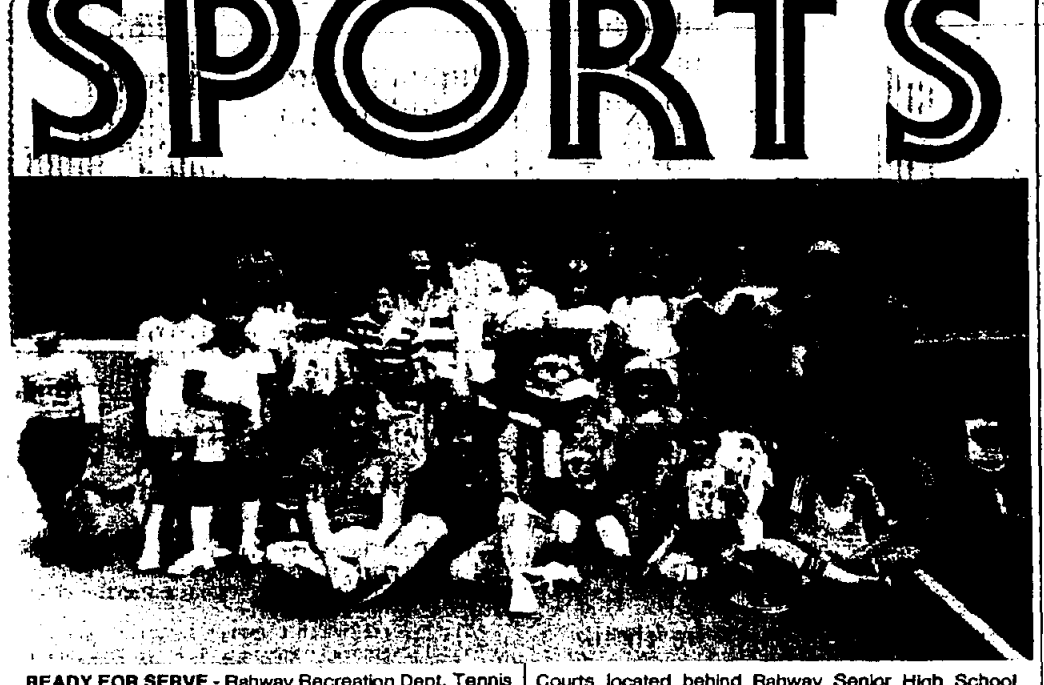
Report from Washington

Matt Rinaldo

7th District, New Jersey

New law to fight for child support

Deadbeat parents who think they can skip out on child support payments are in for a rude awakening under legislation recently approved by Congress and recently signed into law by the President. The measure, which I strongly support, will put the federal government on record as no longer tolerating a system that allows millions of women to be denied child support payments to which they are legally entitled.

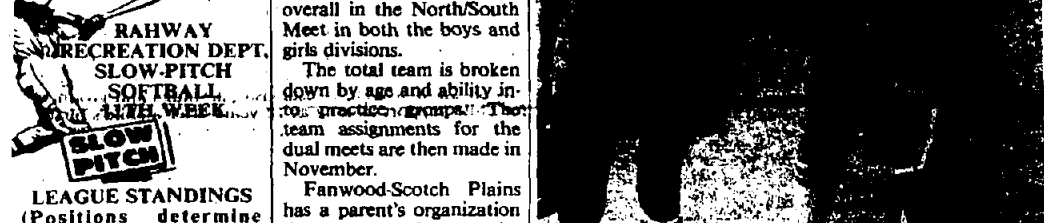


READY FOR SERVICE

Swim League participants are shown with instructors, Bill Cisek and Hilda Manhardt, at the Rahway Tennis Courts located behind Rahway Senior High School. This is a free clinic for those between the ages of six and 17.

YMCA swimmers to hold tryouts

The YMCA has approximately 160 swimmers who are divided into four teams. The team participate in dual meets in the New Jersey Regional High School in Berkeley Heights. The remainder of the games on the schedule, as reported by Head Coach Bert Linaberry, follow: All games will be at 3:45 p.m.



ARMY RESERVE BE ALL YOU CAN BE

Clark girl booters open at Heights

The 1984 season for the girls' varsity soccer team, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark, will begin on Friday, Sept. 14, at 3:45 p.m. at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

Johnson gymnasts open at Union

A home match against Union on Friday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m., will begin the 1984 season for the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark's Gymnastics Team.

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Letters to the Editor

Benny Alfano raps \$5 parking fine

It is time the mayor and the city of Rahway wake up and paid more attention to the downtown area. When that \$5 parking meter violation ticket came about it was stressed to be against the commuters.

Papers set news policies

In order to better serve our readers, the Rahway News-Record and the Clark Patriot feel it is necessary to outline our policies regarding all news copy releases and picture captions should be typed and triple-spaced.

Stamp show to be held in Clark

A monthly stamp and coin show, The Clark Show, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9. The event will take place at the Ramoza Inn on 34 Valley Rd., Clark.

Fulcomer wants Council to promise waste plant vote

Rejecting the siting of the facility in Rahway, Councilman James J. Fulcomer today expressed his "extreme unhappiness" that the Rahway City Council has taken action to prevent "any kind of referendum" on resource recovery.

Course gives you credit for life

Adults who plan to take the CLEP (College Level Examination) can now be granted by the college to those who score well on the examinations.

Immaculata to kick off Johnson season

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark Varsity Football team will begin its 1984 season on Friday, Sept. 21, with an 8 p.m. away game against Immaculata.

Ride to help health of horses

The Ride for Research will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Watching Stables in Summit. The 15-mile ride is sponsored by the Watching Riding and Driving Club.

Humane Society: Stop seal killing

The Humane Society of the United States has been working to get the fur seal acknowledged as a threatened species to the Pribilof Islands seal hunt will stop.

Charges set for articles on nuptials

The charge for the placement of wedding and engagement announcements in the Rahway News-Record and the Clark Patriot is \$5 without a picture and \$8 with a picture.

PICK-IT-NUMBERS

MONDAY, Aug. 13 PICK FOUR	6461 62 97 90 63 68 24
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WEDNESDAY, Aug. 15 PICK FOUR	6216 37 72 94 21 27 22
THURSDAY, Aug. 16 PICK FOUR	6461 62 97 90 63 68 24

TEXAS BOUND - Air Force Reserve Alumn Frank De Jesus, the son of Carmen Alonzo of 70 W. Cherry St., Rahway, was assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, after completing Air Force basic training. Alumn who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. The alumn will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field. He is a 1977 graduate of Colonia High School.

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NEAR THE TOP - Members of the Rahway Recreation Dept. Summer Playground Senior Softball League...

Mark Szolak and Coach Steve Wright, bottom row, Mike Whitman, Scott Durkin, Tim Cotte, Vince Sprowach...

Police to practice on firearms nightly
Rahway Police Chief Theodore E. Polunus reported during early September...

PUBLIC NOTICES "BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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NEWS Keen honors Dr. Israel

A Rahway resident, Dr. Michael Israel, an associate professor of political science at Kean College of New Jersey...

County issues beer warning

With the hot days of summer a spokesman for the Union County Dept. of Parks and Recreation...

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Legal panel taps Ravich
A Rahway attorney, David L. Ravich, was appointed a panelist of the Lawyer Referral Service...

Sue Marshall tosses for crown
The National Assn. of Trade and Technical Schools is an educational association representing over 700 private career schools...

Letter carriers donate \$1,593
The New Jersey branch of the National Assn. of Letter Carriers recently presented the March of Dimes with a check for \$1,593...

Heart Answers
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ROLLING ALONG - Those in the Rahway Recreation Dept. Playground Program took a trip to the United Skates of America Roller Skating Rink on July 28. Shown are some of the participants before they boarded the bus at the Claude H. Reed Recreational and Cultural Center.

Stamp dealers to conduct bourse

A spokeswoman for the New Jersey Stamp and Coin Dealers Assn. Inc. announced the group's next stamp bourse.

The bourse will be held at the Holiday Inn Sports Complex at the junction of Rte. Nos. 17 and 3 in Lyndhurst, on Sunday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission will be free.

The stamp dealer members of the association will offer selections of United States and foreign stamps and accessories for the beginner as well as the advanced collector.

Additional information regarding the bourse may be obtained from Jay Tanne, Box 34, Demarest, N. J. 07627.

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AT THE NET - The Rahway Recreation Dept. Tennis Clinic is part of the summer playground program.

Clark girl harriers at gun Sept. 18

An away meet against Roselle on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 3:45 p.m., will begin the 1984 girls cross country season at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark.

Remaining meets on the schedule, as reported by Head Coach Jack Malicos, follow. All meets will be at 3:45 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Friday, Sept. 21, Gov. Livingston, home.

Saturday, Sept. 22, Stewart Memorial, away, time to be announced.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, Roselle Catholic and Roselle Park, away.

Tuesday, Oct. 2, Hillside, away.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, Ridge, home.

Saturday, Oct. 13, Union county, away, time to be announced.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, Immaculata, away.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, Dayton Regional, home.

Thursday, Oct. 25, New Providence, home.

Tuesday, Oct. 30, Conference Championship, away, time to be announced.

Saturday, Nov. 3, N. J. S. I. A. A. Sectionals, away, time to be announced.

Saturday, Nov. 10, N. J. S. I. A. A. groups, away, time to be announced.

Staying Competitive: Second in a Series

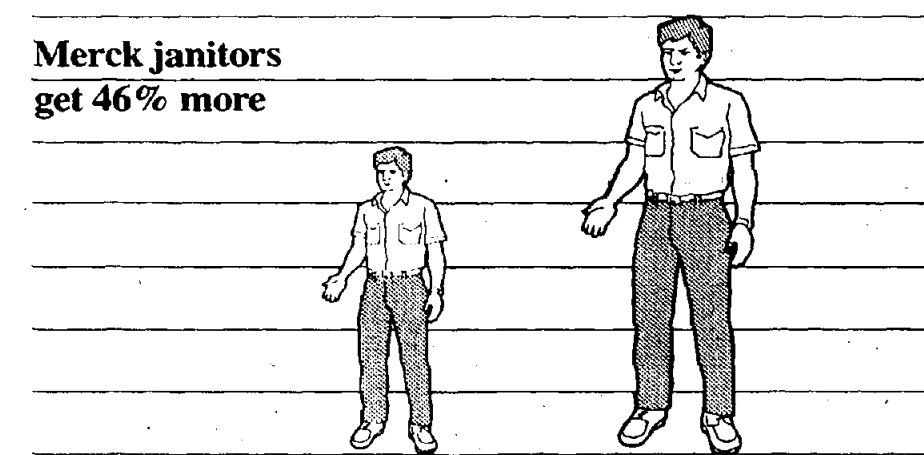
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It's a rule of business: to compete, *all* of your costs must be competitive. And \$43,000 is not competitive.

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As one example, basic wages of janitors at Merck were 46% higher than average rates of 11 other leading pharmaceutical companies:

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Even though we've offered the union increases, they say that's not enough. They have gone on strike.

The fact is that our competitive environment in the pharmaceutical industry is changing. As an innovator, Merck operates the largest research program in the industry. This holds our best hope for new drugs and vaccines to improve and prolong life. And because new medicines help reduce costs of surgery and other medical treatment, this research also holds our best hope for reducing the burdens of health care in the future.

With the increase in competition from imitators who do not bear the cost or offer the hope of such research progress, every aspect of our operations must become more efficient to insure continued success over the long-term. We've already made our non-union salaries competitive.

Now we must act to make our union wage rates more reasonable in the years ahead. Unless we act to bring them more in line with competition, our employees, neighbors and customers will suffer in the future.

In return, our workers will continue to get extremely generous wages and the job security that comes from working for a healthy, competitive company.

That's why we're holding a reasonable line in this strike.

Merck & Co., Inc.
To Serve We Must Compete

This message is one of a series designed to keep you informed on issues affecting Merck and the community. We welcome your comments. Write to: COMMUNITY, Merck & Co., Inc., Box 2000, Rahway, N.J. 07065.