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Tax reform could make waste plant too expensive

By R.R. Faszczewski
Although tax reforms proposed by the Reagan Administration and the United States Dept. of the Treasury will not definitely scrap plans by firms involved in proposals for a resource-recovery plant in Rahway, the financial consequences of the reforms could drive up the costs to such an extent where the project would not be economically feasible to pursue further.

That was the consensus of opinions from Union County solid waste coordinator, Joseph Kazar, and from spokesmen from three of the six firms bidding on the project, and an attorney involved in municipal bonding for all types of capital projects, all of whom were contacted last week by The Rahway News-Record.

The major effect of the administration's proposals, according to the experts, would be to restrict — even eliminate — the use of tax-exempt financing for government projects where more than 1 percent of the proceeds of a bond issue would benefit a private entity.

The financing described above has been used most often to provide industrial development bonds to finance such projects as resource-recovery plants not only in Rahway but in any other municipality or at any other level of government where the facilities are being considered.

According to Mr. Kazar, Congress has already put a "cap" on state-wide economic development authority bonding, although New Jersey has not been radically affected by that.

However, he said, the restrictions or elimination of industrial development bonds would have a detrimental effect on lower project costs which come from the current tax exemption and could increase the

costs of the project. The county official explained the county and state might pursue two options in bond issues, pointed out the reform proposals could also have two other detrimental effects — they would eliminate the investment tax credit which has given many private firms the incentive to get involved in governmental projects, and they would do away with the accelerated depreciation rules adopted in 1981 to encourage investment.

Mr. Kraft warned the Reagan proposals also could eliminate tax-exempt financing for non-profit hospitals, multi-family housing projects, all bonds or loans to individuals for housing and other purposes, most airport, dock and wharf facilities and even such things as schools and other public buildings where more than 1 percent of the floor space of the new building might be used by a private person, such as a cafeteria services operator.

He estimated in a recent article in "Garden State Report" that the 1 percent rule would eliminate two thirds to three quarters of all tax-exempt financing and, in the case of resource-recovery plants, increase tipping fees by 50 percent.

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Council amends referendum measure

By R.R. Faszczewski
In another of its now-famous marathon sessions the Rahway City Council Monday adopted a resolution changing the wording of the measure it passed last month to allow for a November referendum on the proposed resource-recovery facility which Union County wants to construct in Rahway.

The amended resolution, which was endorsed by a Council-administration committee studying the referendum since early this year, was passed by a 5-3 vote of the governing body members present, with Democratic First Ward Councilman Jerry Coleman joined by Republican Councilmen John Marsh of the Second Ward and George Wagoner of the Fifth Ward in opposing it.

Councilman-at-Large and Council President Walter McLeod was not present. The resolution deletes the words "waste-to-energy garbage incinerator" from the July version, takes out several paragraphs giving additional explanations for the resolution and amends the actual wording of the non-binding referendum to say: "Are you in favor of Rahway hosting a Union County resource recovery facility on Rte. No. 1 northbound under the following conditions? 1. That all truck routes are subject to control by the city of Rahway within the city limits; 2.

people of Rahway is whether or not they want an incinerator. He noted legally the city has no control over the truck routes and there are no environmental regulations, only the fact that the city could control truck routes — by making every community sending garbage into Rahway sign a contract it would use only designated routes or face penalties under the contract.

Councilman Coleman complained the amended resolution did not mention declines in property values, the fact garbage would come from 20 communities, the state could make Rahway a regional resource recovery center and Rahway would have no control over the hiring practices of the facility — this could not guarantee minority group members who live near the proposed facility would be given first preference.

City Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett noted many of the things Councilman Coleman talked about were issues which could be debated before the election, when the referendum will be on the ballot.

Mr. Smith pointed out in 1981 the reason given to study the then proposed resource recovery plant was it would improve the city's tax base.

He said that reason was no longer valid because the new hotel-office complex behind City Hall will considerably broaden the tax base.

He added, "We've been had by the county and we will fight this all the way." Sixth Ward Councilman James J. Fulcomer told the residents some of the minimum advantages of the facility — this is for from a resource recovery plant would be a \$1-per-ton fee, revenue from tipping fees and water rights.

Councilman Fulcomer, one of the members of the committee which drafted the referendum resolution, added no formal truck routes have been worked out yet.

3. Adherence to all environmental regulations; 4. That the facility and grounds maintain an attractive appearance." In the public portion of the meeting before the vote was taken on the amendment several residents spoke against changing the original version.

John Robertson of 1621 Columbus Pl. called the amended version "horrendous" and a "public relations stunt" and said the way it was worded it would lead a resident to vote for the plant when he wanted to vote against it.

Urging the councilmen not to put "only the pretty stuff" on the referendum, Terri Malone of 873 W. Inman Ave. asked the chairman of the committee which studied the referendum, Councilman-at-Large James J. Fulcomer, why the committee had decided to take out paragraphs in the original resolution on siting of the waste plant and on giving the residents a chance to vote on the measure.

Councilman Cadigan responded those things were already in the resolution and it was not necessary to repeat them.

Edward J. Robertson of 1253 Clark St. said the Council should not try to "gerrymander" the words in the original resolution and called the new measure a "smokescreen" to cover up something.

Mr. Robertson added municipalities such as Carteret and Metuchen are giving resource recovery a second look, while Rahway hasn't even talked about traffic patterns to and from the facility proposed in this city.

He added the changes would be denying the people the right to vote on the facility and he hoped the people would remember the action when they voted for candidates in November.

Another resident, Eddie Smith of 1280 Clark St., pointing out he was a lifelong Democrat, said the residents of the Fourth Ward, who had faithfully supported the Democratic Party in the city for so long had not been supported by the party when it came to major city issues.

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Papers set holiday deadline

The offices of The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot, at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 2.

Paper offers special edition

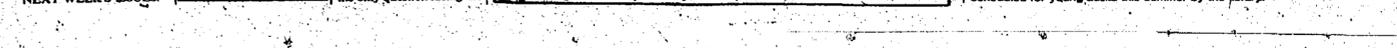
Additional copies of the 163rd anniversary issue of The Rahway News-Record are available at the newspaper's offices, at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Arts center offers 'Recognition Seat'

Rahway Landmarks calls it a "Seat of Recognition." Other arts centers have different names for it, but the objective is the same: GIVE CONTRIBUTORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID TO THE PROJECT WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, PERPETUATING THE MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE VIA AN INSCRIBED PLAQUE ON THE BACK OF AN AUDITORIUM CHAIR.

Rahway to conduct sports physicals

Physicals for fall sports will be held in the Rahway High School nurse's office at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 20 and 21.



STARS OF TOMORROW ... Kerrie Mione, left; Shannon Toney; Jennifer Casales; Tim Sutton; and Julie Kowczynski were performers in the lip synch contest held recently at the Rahway Public Library. Justine Danatos, not shown was the winner and Kerrie Mione won second place. In a trivia contest Christopher Hardy and Angie Henderson tied for first place. Both these activities as well as a reading club were among the events scheduled for young adults this summer by the library.

Rinaldo: Take Social Security from budget

The Democratic chairman and senior Republican member of the House Select Committee on Aging, California Rep. Edward R. Roybal and New Jersey Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, whose district includes Clark, respectively, recently praised President Ronald Reagan's decision to join them and other House leaders, like Ohio Democratic Rep. Mary Rose Oxak in their fight to remove Social Security from the unified budget.

Rep. Roybal and Rinaldo said, "There is already wide bipartisan support in the House of Representatives to remove Social Security from the budget. Currently there are at least 13 bills, introduced by six Democrats and seven Republicans."

Both Reps. Roybal and Rinaldo have introduced legislation to repeal the budgetary treatment of Social Security which, under current law, would be moved out of budget in fiscal year 1993.

Rep. Rinaldo's bill, H.R. 2164, was introduced last April for the sole purpose of immediately moving the trust funds off budget.

The two representatives noted they are sending a letter to every member of Congress, including House Speaker Tip O'Neill and minority leader, Bob Michel, urging the immediate adoption of H.R. 2164.

"Removing Social Security from the budget simply recognizes the reality that Social Security does not cause deficits," Reps. Roybal and Rinaldo said. "This is a time for a bipartisan effort to save Social Security from ill-conceived benefit cuts and unnecessary Social Security hospital fund will grow to more than \$80 billion."

"Using Social Security surpluses to make it appear these surpluses can be used to balance the budget is not fair to older Americans who depend on Social Security as their primary source of income and who have already sacrificed the most to keep the Social Security system solvent. Nor is it fair to younger workers whose Social Security tax rates are kept higher than they need to be," the lawmakers pointed out.

Rep. Roybal also called on the President to support bipartisan legislation to establish Social Security as an independent agency.

"Removing the Administration of Social Security from the budget," Rep. Roybal declared.

The California representative was instrumental in drafting H.R. 825, which has 62 co-sponsors and was introduced to Ways and Means chairman, Dan Rostenkowski.

"H.R. 825 would put the day-to-day administration of the nation's most important program back into the hands of a non-partisan professional administrator," Rep. Roybal concluded.

Knights of Columbus Hall, 80 W. Inman Ave.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30 - Chamber of Commerce, General Meeting, 7 p.m., Squire's Inn, 124 Rte. No. 27.

CLARK

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21 - Clark Taxpayers Coalition, 8 p.m., Library, Westfield Ave.

MONDAY, AUG. 26 - Board of Adjustment, Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

TUESDAY, AUG. 27 - Elementary Board of Education, Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., Administration Building, Schindler Rd. Planning Board, Regular Meeting, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30 - Township Council, Executive Meeting, 8 p.m., Conference Room, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 2 - All township schools open for all students.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 - Township Council, Executive Meeting, 8 p.m., Administration Building, Schindler Rd. Planning Board, Executive Meeting, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 - Board of Adjustment, Executive Meeting, 8 p.m., Conference Room, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 - Township Council, Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 - Board of Adjustment, Executive Meeting, 8 p.m., Conference Room, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 - Township Council, Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 - Township Council, Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23 - Elementary Board of Education, Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., Administration Building, Schindler Rd. Planning Board, Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 - Planning Board, Regular Meeting, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WRITER'S NOTE: In order for us to adequately prepare the Community Calendar, all events for the following week should be submitted by 5 p.m. on the WEDNESDAY before you would like them to appear.

RAHWAY

THURSDAY, AUG. 15 - Board of Education, Caucus, 8 p.m., Superintendent's Office, Rahway Junior High School, Retired Railroaders, Group No. 2, Annual Picnic, noon, Senior Citizens Center, Parking Lot, 1306 Esterbrook Ave.

MONDAY, AUG. 19 - Board of Education, Regular Meeting, 7:55 p.m., Roosevelt School auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21 - Rahway Italian-American Club, 8:30 p.m., club, New Brunswick Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3 - City Council, Pre-Meeting Conference, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, One City Hall Plaza, Citizens Youth Recreation Committee, Red, Planning Board, Executive Meeting, Municipal Building, Westfield Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 - All city schools open. Parking Authority, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, One City Hall Plaza, Rahway Italian-American Club, 8:30 p.m., club, New Brunswick Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 - Housing Authority 8 p.m., Housing Authority Meeting Room, 163 E. Grant Ave.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9 - City Council, Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, One City Hall Plaza.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 - Local Assistance Board, Welfare Dept., Second Floor, City Hall, One City Hall Plaza, Railway Historical Society, 8 p.m., Merchants & Drovers Tavern, St. George and Westfield Aves, Liberty Square.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 - Rahway Italian-American Club Women's Auxiliary, club, New Brunswick Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 - Board of Education, Caucus, 8 p.m., Superintendent's Office, Rahway Intermediate School.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 - Board of Education, Regular Meeting, 7:55 p.m., Roosevelt School auditorium.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17 - Board of Adjustment, Library Board of Trustees, 8 p.m., Library, 1175 St. George Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 - Municipal Board of Alcohol Beverage Control, 4 p.m., City Clerk's Office, City Hall, One City Hall Plaza, Rahway Italian-American Club, 8:30 p.m., club, New Brunswick Ave.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 - Planning Board, Fourth Degree Father John P. Washington Assembly No. 0656 of Linden-Rahway-Clark, Meeting, 8 p.m.,



Greater Rahway Music Fair in Davon, Pa. to boost McGuire Air Force Base's annual open house and air show on Sunday, Aug. 18. This year's event will feature the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Army Golden Knights Parachute Team. In addition, hundreds of displays, demonstrations and informative exhibits will be among the attractions during the 1985 event. The spectacular will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m., and the admission will be free.

GOP trio backs budgetary restraints

The very "detailed line item" budgetary format adopted this year in Union County government was endorsed today as "a much needed new tool to restrain spending and initiate long-term economic" by Republican freholder candidates, G. Richard Malgran of Plainfield; William H. Eldridge of Berkeley Heights, and James J. Fulcomer of Rahway.

Mr. Fulcomer, a three-term councilman, said the newly-adopted budgetary format, which creates separate line items for different job titles, is a most important step in bringing county governmental spending under control.

He noted it prevents department heads from creating unnecessary jobs. It also invites greater public and freholder scrutiny over requests to create any new jobs that may be needed.

"I am proud to be the first freholder board chairman to vote for the adoption of a detailed line-item budget in our county. This new format puts more control over spending in the hands of our elected representatives and will save the taxpayers many thousands of dollars over the years," said Freholder Chairman Malgran, a former councilman.

"As an office holder, whose full-time professional expertise is in budgeting, I consider the detailed line item budget established under Freholder Malgran's chairmanship as the most important step taken so far in my life to bring county spending under control. This budgetary format will be very helpful in our efforts to streamline our county government and to make it more efficient. It even has the bonus of making our county budget more easily understood by the average citizen," said Mr. Eldridge.

Beatrice Wolff exhibits in Scotch Plains

The Scotch Plains Public Library is featuring an exhibit by artist-photographer, Beatrice Wolff, during August.

A member of the Scotch Plains-Fairwood Arts Assn., the artist was Union County's first-place winner in the professional category in the 1985 New Jersey Senior Citizens Annual Joint Art Contest and Exhibition. Her winning oil painting, entitled "Mill Pond," is part of the exhibit being held at the State Museum in Trenton now to Friday, Sept. 6.

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Bill van Sant in 'Radio Hour'

The Metropolitan Musical Theatre, in association with the Summit Area Young Men's Christian Assn., will present "The 1940's Radio Hour" at the YMCA auditorium at 67 Maple St., Summit tomorrow, and Saturday, Aug. 17, and Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23 and 24, at 8:30 p.m. and on Sundays, Aug. 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. All seats will cost \$3 and \$4 for senior citizens.

Included in the big band musical will be Mark Shattman, Nenah Renee, Maria Westbrook, Gary Chapman, Bill van Sant, and Rahway Pat Calhouny, Parri Silverman, Bill Osman, Nick Pafino and Adam Goldman.

The production is being produced, directed and designed by Stephen March. Musical and vocal direction is by Bret Silverman. Tickets are on sale now. Reservations may be made by telephoning 273-3330 or 273-9191.



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Social Events

'Philemon' opens in Cranford

"Philemon," a musical with book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, the authors of "The Fantastical," is running for five weekends at The New Jersey Public Theatre in Cranford. It will close on Saturday, Sept. 7.

"Philemon" is set in the Roman city of Antioch in the year 287 A.D. A street entertainer, Cockian, is arrested, and when given the choice of death in the garison prison or collaboration and a comfortable escape, he chooses life. He impersonates Philemon, a Christian bishop from Egypt secretly killed under Roman torture. His goal is the discovery of Antioch's Christian leader and the uprooting of the religious underground. In the dungeons where Philemon is elevated as saint on earth Cockian succeeds in elevating his own life of past failure to a redemptive martyrdom.

"Philemon" is directed by Cary Cohen. The cast will feature David Christopher, Gary and Lisa Cohen, Tom Dewany, Angela Intilli, Paul Kaye, and Judi Laganga (formerly Judi Adams).

"Philemon" will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8 and \$7. Senior citizens, student and group discounts are available.

For further information or ticket reservations, please telephone the theatre at 272-5704.

Hospital dedicates orthopedic tools

Members of the Sara Sifer Orthopedic Relief, a non-profit organization which distributes orthopedic equipment to needy individuals, gathered recently at Memorial General Hospital in Union to dedicate two pieces of physical-therapy equipment in memory of Mollie Cohen, former president of the group.

The equipment was purchased through a donation of \$5,000 made by the Sara Sifer organization earlier in the year.

One of the items is a fluidotherapy unit which uses small particles of solid matter suspended in heated air in a unit in which the hand, wrist, elbow or foot can be immersed. The sensation felt by the patient is similar to that of a whirlpool, but the results are more effective.

Fluidotherapy is recommended for patients with strains, sprains, arthritis or healed fractures where the use of superficial heat is indicated, reports a hospital spokesman.

The other piece of equipment is called interferential current. It is a nerve and muscle stimulator which can reduce and relieve muscle spasms, alleviate pain by working on damaged nerves and help in muscle strengthening. Interferential current procedures produce less discomfort to the patient, making it superior to conventional electric muscle stimulators.

Victor J. Tevelone, president of the hospital, was on hand to formally dedicate the equipment.

Library sets second talk on finances

The Rahway Public Library will present the second of a two-part series of talks on "Total Financial Planning" on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Charles Quintas and Sebastian Messina, representatives from Prudential-Bache Securities, will speak. An opportunity for questions will be provided. Admission will be free.

Accessibility for the handicapped may be arranged if the library is contacted at least two days before each program. The adult department telephone number is 388-0761.

MAGIC STAR VIDEO

FINAL WEEKS... Magic Star Video is in the last two weeks of its grand opening celebration at 322 Inman Ave., Colonia (next to Channe). For a limited time a new membership will be only \$24.95 (regularly \$34.95). This also includes a free chance in the contest to win a VCR. Magic Star Video offers movie rentals to members at the rate of \$1.99 per day, and a Tuesday and Thursday special rental rate of one for one free. It is open seven days and the telephone number is 499-9025.

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The Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, offers tuition-free programs for adults interested in earning their diplomas.

Registration for programs will begin Monday, Aug. 19 at the district's adult learning center located at David Bradley Regional High School in Kenilworth. Registration is between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The center can earn either the Union County Regional High School diploma or the state-recognized high school diploma. Other available offerings include "English as a Second Language," Adult Basic Skills Remediation and "Career and Job Counseling."

"Individual and group instruction enable students to progress at their own rates. Each program lasts only as long as required for each individual to meet his or her educational goal," said Carole Beris, director of the center.

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Retired Men refurbish quarters

Members of the Retired Men's Club of Rahway have been busy during the summer months refurbishing the kitchen at the Rahway Senior Citizens Center at 1306 Esterbrook Ave.

The club, with the assistance of members of the American Assn. of Retired Persons, Golden Age, Retired Railroaders and Merck Retirees, put in a new floor and painted the kitchen interior.

Joe Wignard, chairman of the trustees of the various organizations, is to be complimented for his untiring efforts on this project, said a club spokesman.

Newly-elected president, Ed Cowles, has completed his date of commitment for the Retired Men's Club and will present it at the first meeting in September.

The city of Rahway could not afford the cost of the building by the hundreds of organizations using the premises.

We extend our thanks to the city fathers for their continued support and to the members of the Retired Men's Club who are living independently with support in the community.



HELP WITH TAXES

Client members of the Assn. for Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped (AAMH) recently were assisted with their income taxes by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Working at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center in Linden are, left to right, Linda Miller of the AAMH, Kim Schickowitz, co-ordinator of VITA, and Jim Gellinger, one of the volunteers. In the VITA Program senior citizens take a special course with the Internal Revenue Service and New Jersey state income tax laws to enable them to assist others in income tax preparation. With the help of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program the AAMH linked up with VITA. The AAMH, headquartered in Elizabeth, works with adult handicapped individuals who are living independently with support in the community.

Graduate

Tracy Roberts of Rahway was graduated from the Vail-Deane School in Mountainside. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roberts. Miss Roberts was named Most Valuable Player on the field hockey team and was named "Senior Athlete of the Year." She received the "Lillian Award" for having attended Vail-Deane from grade one to 12. She will be attending Lafayette College in the fall.

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'Evita' to close summer plays

The Plays-in-the-Park 1985 summer musical series will close with the recent Broadway hit, "Evita" on Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Roosevelt Park Amphitheatre on Rte. No. 1, Edison. This Tim Rice/Andrew Lloyd Webber opera recounts the life of Eva Peron, wife of the Argentinean dictator.

Playing the title role and singing "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" will be Susan Santoro. Playing opposite her, portraying Che, the revolutionary, will be Cary Tinfow. Peron will be played by Christopher John Williams, and Peron's Maestros will be Roger John Leach.

The people of Argentina will be played by Amy Rose Engelhardt, Patricia Reynolds, Joseph Edick, Terry Ann Sprauer, Chris Dehnm, Randi Altshuler, Phil Balascini, Michael Berg, Pan Bradley, Bridget Brown, Ann Conway, Laura Duggan, Dorinda Dercar, Paul Anthony Floek, Benn Fishner, Daniel Frederic Edick, S. Goldberg, Maury Herman, Judith Hill, Chris Hubbard, and... Jack Simko.

Also cast are Vernon Keller, Barbara Liddy, John Moon, Peter Newage, Clark, Allison Need, Florence O'Loughlin, Indy Panosco, Raquelina C. Perez, Michael J. Ryan, Art Smet, Patrick J. Stange, Meyer Trachtenberg, Eric Hagmuller, Linda Olaneski and Ralph J. Tozzi.

Jackie Simko is understudy Eva Peron, Benn Fishner is understudy Che and Amy Rose Engelhardt is understudy Roger John Leach. The children will be played by Tommy Dugger, Jennifer East, Amy Beth Ererich, Mary McCormack, Jennifer Subjuck and Lisa Richard. Magaldi will be played by Roger John Leach.

All performances begin at 8:40 p.m. There will be no performance on Sunday. Audiences must bring their own chairs for seating. Chairs cannot be placed until 6 p.m.

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The Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, offers tuition-free programs for adults interested in earning their diplomas.

Registration for programs will begin Monday, Aug. 19 at the district's adult learning center located at David Bradley Regional High School in Kenilworth. Registration is between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The center can earn either the Union County Regional High School diploma or the state-recognized high school diploma. Other available offerings include "English as a Second Language," Adult Basic Skills Remediation and "Career and Job Counseling."

"Individual and group instruction enable students to progress at their own rates. Each program lasts only as long as required for each individual to meet his or her educational goal," said Carole Beris, director of the center.

To find out more about the adult learning center please telephone 272-4480 or stop in to register between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor

Difrancesco to push rest area policing

The rest and service areas on the Garden State Parkway, the New Jersey Turnpike and our other major highways have become an embarrassment to this state. Originally designed for the comfort and convenience of the out-of-state tourist or the daily commuter, many of these rest stops have become meeting places for the open and blatant solicitation of sexual activity. The Madison Hill Rest Area at Exit No. 135 of the Parkway has become a particularly notorious spot for lewd and obscene behavior.

Under current New Jersey law it is often very difficult to prosecute a person guilty of the kind of activity that many unsuspecting motorists are often exposed to.

To help assist law enforcement personnel prevent certain level behavior in these public places I will be sponsoring legislation designed to amend the current lewdness statute. By closing some of the technical loopholes in the current statute we give the police more authority to prosecute persons guilty of offensive activity in these rest areas.

New Jersey should be proud of its many fine roadways. Now is the time to start cleaning up the rest areas that are frequented every day by children, tourists and so many others.

Donald T. Difrancesco
Senator-District No. 22
1906 Westfield Ave.
Scotch Plains

Drug abuse aide urges new focus

New Jersey needs more aggressive approaches to the problem of drug abuse, Dr. Miller Newton, president of KIDS of Bergen County, said at the governor's newly-formed Drug Abuse Advisory Council at its organization meeting in Trenton recently.

Dr. Newton is one of 30 individuals from the private and public sectors named to the council, which is charged with providing advice, counsel and direction on drug abuse to the state department of health.

The picture painted by the statistics of heroin addicts as the highest number of people in treatment in New Jersey — 63 percent — is misleading, according to Dr. Newton. He noted the treatment system here is aimed at heroin addiction and there are insufficient treatment facilities for adolescents and families who are affected by drug, alcohol and other behavioral problems.

Both the federal and state treatment systems separate drug abuse and alcohol, but Dr. Newton emphasized in his experience, teenagers who abuse alcohol and other substances.

"Our experience is the problem is really one of multiple drug use," Dr. Newton said. "In other states we've seen a five-to-one ratio of teenage and young adult users of multiple drugs to heroin addicts."

We need to look at a single approach to treatment for teenage users. While this age group is the dominant using group today, the existing medical center is geared to concentrate on other user segments.

Dr. Newton spoke of the need for New Jersey to adopt an involuntary commitment system similar to one that exists in Minnesota.

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How to build financial pyramid

Editor's Note: The following is the second in a series of columns on financial planning by Jennifer Hicks, a financial consultant with Shearson, Lehman/American Express, Inc. of East Brunswick.

With a little prodding most people would probably admit they need to organize their finances better.

They don't know if they have too little or too much life insurance — and what the best kind is for them. They're not sure they have made the right investments or are getting the highest possible return. Each time they hear about a new financial product or service they wonder if they ought to sign up. Frequently they do, so they end up with accounts here, there and everywhere.

In short, these people know they need to do some basic personal financial planning, but they don't know where to start. Actually, getting started is much easier than they — or you — might suspect. You can make use of a simple concept — which we call the "financial pyramid" — to help set your priorities and allocate your funds.

The financial pyramid is a way to picture the commonsense idea that you should first establish a relatively large foundation of secure, low-risk investments and then move up, tier by tier, to potentially more rewarding (and also riskier) growth-oriented and tax-advantaged investments.

The peak of the pyramid is reserved for the most speculative investments, which should be made only with "play" money. And, like a pyramid, as you progress to the risky pinnacle, the proportion of your total investment decreases.

Since each person's financial goals and needs, as well as attitude toward risk, are different, the stones in every pyramid are of different shapes and sizes. For example, a recent college graduate's pyramid would most likely consist of just a part of the bottom tier completed with savings in the form of cash equivalents such as bank accounts, money market funds or certificates of deposit and term insurance.

An executive in her early 30's who started financial planning early, however, would already have her pyramid half built. With her safe investment foundation already in place, she is now free to put more money into growth and tax-sheltered investments.

A younger executive might plan for growth stocks or aggressive growth-oriented mutual funds to be at the top of his pyramid. But another investor with similar assets and income might be more adventurous. She might be comfortable putting a small portion of her funds into options, gold and silver and financial futures.

Deciding how you will build your own financial pyramid is a step you can and, indeed, should begin to do on your own because it will help you clarify your objectives.

Once that first step is taken, you should consult an investment professional, such as a financial consultant, to help you.

With expert guidance you can make any necessary refinements in your priorities, properly allocate your funds among them and select the specific financial products that will meet your particular goals.

lives of heart patients," he said. "The growing recognition of Raritan Bay's value as a research center is extremely satisfying."

The research program is approved by the medical center's institutional review board. All patients sign a consent and only those patients on whom traditional drugs have proven ineffective are considered. There is no cost to the patient. In the case of the two investigational drugs, Merck, which parent company, Merck and Co., Inc., is headquartered in Rahway, underwrites the cost of the medications.

"It is hoped Lisinopril and Enalapril will strengthen a weak heart

a unique concept and will hopefully limit the extent of heart damage, thus avoiding further complications," said Dr. Salvatore Chiamarida, director of cardiac rehabilitation at the medical center, are overseeing the research, while Vickie Uhrin and Barbara Folan co-ordinate and report the date to the research center.

"I'm excited about being a part of three major studies which have the potential to improve the

in addition, Oxford University in England and the Harvard Medical Center have asked the medical center to test the effectiveness of combining IV-streptokinase, an already approved drug, with low dosages of aspirin to improve the survival rate of heart attack patients.

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TAKE MY WORD FOR IT

BY JO & JOHN JACOBSON

PHONEY

All that glitters is not gold. Phoney is a recent addition to American English. It first appeared on our shores around 1939. Many think this word evolved from the telephone, which in its infancy was not acoustically reliable. But, alas, that etymology is a phoney.

The word actually comes from the Irish word, "fainne," meaning a finger ring. The name moved on to England, where the British underworld used the term "fainne" to describe the effort of certain swindlers to pass off a gilt ring as one made out of pure gold.

The word was then imported to the United States and ultimately took on the present spelling, phoney, as well as its new pronunciation and a new definition: A person who is not sincere, or something that is fake or not genuine.

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PASSING ON GLORY

Two members of world-famous Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, perform a baton-pass maneuver while in freefall during winter training over Yuma, Ariz. The Golden Knights will perform at the open house at McGuire Air Force Base on Sunday, Aug. 18. Admission will be free and the gates will open at 9 a.m.

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Papers offer hit show discounts

As a reader service The Rahway News-Record and the Clark Patriot are participating in DiscTix, a theatre ticket discount program. It can save you almost half the regular price of admission to Broadway and Off-Broadway shows.

DiscTix

A number of Broadway and Off-Broadway Hit shows have made available a limited quantity of reserved seats at half the regular admission price plus \$2.00. Complete name and address and exchange this coupon at the box office for two tickets for the shows listed in less than 1 hour before performance (coupons must be used before midnight).

Some of the community agencies that are subcontractors with the county and administer and supervise the program include:

Mayor's Task Force on Youth of Plainfield, Union County Community Action Organization, serving Rahway, Linden, Roselle, Scotch Plains, and Township Community Action Organization, serving Union, Hillside, Clark, Kenilworth, Springfield and Winfield Park, and Westfield Community Center, serving Berkeley Heights, Summit, New Providence, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Cranford, Garwood and Westfield.

Career schools keep busy

Over two million students attend private career schools each year.

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SPORTS

Mrs. Mary Stueber sets retirement

Mrs. Mary Stueber will retire from the Rahway Recreation Dept. playgrounds program at the end of the 1985 season.

Mrs. Stueber has been with the recreation playgrounds since 1967. She was always very active with the recreation baton twirlers. Five daughters were in the Rahway program and her four sons were active in various recreation athletic programs.

She regrets leaving the active program the Rahway recreation department has today. Her children and now her grandchildren will have the advantage of so many varied recreational activities that superintendent of recreation, Richard Grischke, and sports director, Sue Baumann, run for the children in the city, she said.

Mrs. Stueber will be moving to Florida the end of this summer but says she will visit every year, since she will miss her craft teaching in the 11 playgrounds, which she has taught for the past 18 years.

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Hospital volunteers launch surgery waiting room

A new volunteer service, designed to enhance the wait for relatives of patients undergoing surgery, was inaugurated at Rahway Hospital at the end of June.

At one time or another most people have had the experience of waiting anxiously at a hospital for news of surgical progress on a loved one or friend. It can be a very tense time.

To help make this experience a more comfortable one and less tension-filled, the Rahway Hospital Volunteer Office, in cooperation with the nursing department, has set up a new surgical waiting room on the second floor of the hospital.

Staffed by in-service volunteers from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, the waiting room provides a cheerful, relaxing atmosphere where family members can wait in comfort, enjoy a cup of coffee, read a magazine and socialize.

According to Phyllis Andelman, volunteer services administrator, the idea for a surgical waiting room had been in the back of her mind for a while. However, it wasn't until some space became available on the second floor the idea was able to become a reality.

"The enthusiasm of the volunteers has been most gratifying," Mrs. Andelman said. "In order to become a surgery waiting room host or hostess they had to participate in a short training session. Most of them work one morning or afternoon each week."

While on duty the volunteer keeps two logbooks: one keeps track of the visitors and their whereabouts (in case they leave the waiting room) and the other is a diary of what transpires, such as calls to and from the operating and recovery rooms, calls from physicians and comments from visitors.

The comments from visitors have been highly favorable. One man, who was waiting for news on the progress of his mother's cataract operation, pointed out it takes the strain off of people who are waiting.

Another family was very glad to have the constant communication with the operating room because their son's surgery had been delayed. If they hadn't been informed of that they would have been worried the procedure was taking longer than expected.

Previous to the opening of this new area, family members had to wait in the main hospital lobby. This was often confusing, since there was no direct way for them to contact the operating room or physician.

"Many of them were reluctant to leave the immediate area, even to use the restrooms," Mrs. Andelman pointed out, "because they were afraid that they would miss a call or a visit from the doctor. This new system guarantees a smooth flow of information from the hospital to the family and really meets their needs."

In-service volunteers serving as hostesses for the new service include: From Rahway, Gladys Cook, Eleanor Hudzik, Clay Konop and Pat Cirone, a substitute, and from Clark, Harriet Cullinane and substitute, Catherine Bujaw; Pat Koczcon, and Dot Proc.

PAUSE THAT REFRESHES... Elizabeth Smith, a volunteer hostess in the new surgical waiting room at Rahway Hospital, urges Michael Babilya to have a cup of coffee while he waits for news of his mother's surgery progress.

Jerseyans host Lafayette frost

The Lafayette College Alumni Club of Central Jersey will hold a welcoming party for incoming area freshmen and their parents on Thursday evening, Aug. 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Bernardsville.

All Lafayette College students and their parents, alumni and other friends of the college may attend. The event will be an informal gathering and a picnic supper will be served.

Mr. Miller is a 1965 graduate of Lafayette.

For more information and directions to the Miller home please telephone the Millers at 221-9177 evenings.

Trade students work hard

Two-thirds of the occupational students in this country attend private career schools, and most complete their coursework.

Medic Alert protects health during travel

Jet lag, fatigue, overeating, loneliness in a strange city and even homesickness are frequent parts of the routine experiences of recreation and business travel. But the trip takes on a whole new dimension when one is faced with illness or a medical emergency while away from home. An illness or visit to an out-of-town hospital or physician is usually not part of the scheduled itinerary.

For either vacationers or business travelers getting sick can be extra stressful when traveling alone.

However, even when traveling with friends or relatives, people are sometimes unaware of each other's medical history, or simply have no records with them of prescriptions and other personal medical needs.

Fortunately, most hotels have established methods of assisting guests with medical problems. If there is no attending physician staff members are usually trained

to handle emergencies.

But in cases where an out-of-town traveler sees a local doctor the physician often must diagnose the condition and treat the patient without the benefit of a medical history, says Dr. Richard Wilbur, chairman of the board of directors of the non-profit Medic Alert Foundation International.

"In such instances, Medic Alert's comprehensive emergency medical identification service is invaluable to both the doctor and the patient because it will instantly provide needed medical records that can help prevent mistakes in treatment," he added.

Medic Alert's three-part life-protecting service consists of:

-An alerting emblem, worn as a bracelet or neckchain, which is individually engraved to show whatever medical conditions the wearer may have that are not immediately visible, such as allergies to drugs, heart problems,

diabetes or even that the person is wearing contact lenses.

-A 24-hour telephone service that provides access to additional computerized medical records within 30 seconds. Emergency care personnel can secure this vital information, toll-free, from anywhere in the world.

-A wallet identification card.

The cost of the Medic Alert bracelet or neckchain is \$15. This one-time fee for the emblem and a lifetime of service includes a membership in the Medic Alert Foundation.

Most experts say the best way to stay healthy while traveling is preventive measures and emergency preparedness. The Medic Alert service helps provide this needed preventive protection in emergency medical situations, according to Dr. Wilbur.

"Medic Alert is like insurance," he said. "You hope you'll never need it. But if an emergency should occur either on a trip, or in

your home community, it could help save your life."

Membership application forms and other information may be secured from: Medic Alert Foundation, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017. Telephone: 1-212-697-7470.

Alan Wisk gets degree

A Rahway resident, Alan Charles Wisk, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisk of Nicholas Pl., was graduated from Trenton State College in Lawrenceville with a bachelor of science degree in economics on Friday, May 24.

Mr. Wisk was also named to the dean's list for the spring, 1985, semester.

Trade schools ahead in polls

Two of every three people in the United States are aware of trade and technical schools, and four out of 10 of these people have someone in their household who attended a private career school (source: The Gallup Organization).

Rensselaer cites Ellen Schisler

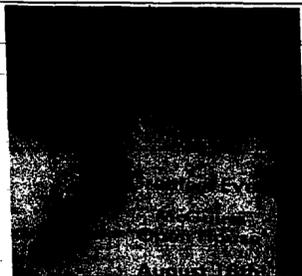
A Clark scholar, Ellen Leslie Schisler, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schisler of 192 Liberty St., received the Rensselaer Medal from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark junior was cited for outstanding achievements in mathematics and science.

HOW'S HE DOING?... Mrs. Arlene Oppenheimer of Rahway, standing, checks on her son Daniel's status after surgery with volunteer Elizabeth Smith, a hostess in the new surgical waiting room at Rahway Hospital.

HELP STOP HUNGER

A Gift to the MEMORIAL PROGRAM will help in the war against cancer.



SAMMY PLUGS OPEN HOUSE... Sammy Davis Jr., an Air Force booster for many years, recently took time from his rigid schedule at Harnett Marine in Atlantic City to boost McGuire's Air Force Base's annual open house and air show on Aug. 18. This year's event will feature the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Army Golden Knights Parachute Team. In addition, hundreds of displays, demonstrations and informative exhibits will be among the attractions during the 1985 event. The spectacular will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 6 p.m. and the admission will be free.

Fulcomer raps refusal to vote on initiative law

Rahway Sixth Ward Councilman James J. Fulcomer today criticized the New Jersey State Legislature for refusing even to vote on proposed legislation that would have permitted the people to decide on the 1985 November ballot whether or not to have the people granted the right of initiative and referendum in New Jersey.

The right of initiative and referendum, said Councilman Fulcomer, would allow the people through the signing of petitions to propose a law and, if the Legislature refused to adopt the law, to place the proposed law on the ballot for the adoption or rejection by the people.

"Legislation had been proposed that would permit the people to amend our state constitution in the November election to give the people the right of initiative and referendum. To be placed on the ballot this proposed legislation had to be approved by the Legislature by Aug. 5. The state Democratic leadership and the Democratic majority even refused to let our state legislators vote on the proposals," said the councilman.

"As a result of this, the people once again are denied the right to decide this question and the future of this question rides on the election of our state Assembly members this November and of our state

senators in 1987," noted the Sixth Ward representative. Councilman Fulcomer said the right of initiative and referendum would inspire more people to become involved in politics and give the people a most powerful weapon to overcome special interests that work against the best interests of most people.

He noted he will continue to promote the right of the people to adopt an initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution.

Councilman Fulcomer also urged the people to question Assembly candidates on this issue in the upcoming elections and to vote for the candidates who best represent their views on this very important right.

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Merck to purchase more of own stock

A spokeswoman for Merck & Co., Inc. of Rahway announced the company will make additional purchases of up to \$200 million under its program for purchasing shares of its stock for its treasury.

In the most recent phase of the program, completed in January, 1985, the com-

pany acquired 2.3 million shares on the open market. Merck currently has approximately 72 million shares outstanding.

Purchases of stock, financed with general corporate funds, will be made on the open market, in block transactions, and in privately-negotiated transactions. All purchases will be made through Goldman, Sachs & Co. as exclusive agent. Purchases will be suspended from time to time or discontinued.

Shares acquired will be available for use under the company's employee benefit programs and for other general corporate purposes, the spokeswoman concluded.

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